

## RESOLUTION NO. 2013-162

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK AND MARK WALSH FOR INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to enter into an Employment Agreement with Mark Walsh to perform the duties of Interim Finance Director;

**WHEREAS**, Mark Walsh possesses the skills and expertise necessary to perform these services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park that the City Council authorizes and approves the Employment Agreement between the City of Rohnert Park and Mark Walsh for Interim Finance Director Services ("Interim Finance Director Agreement") attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Interim City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Interim Finance Director Agreement for and on behalf of the City of Rohnert Park.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

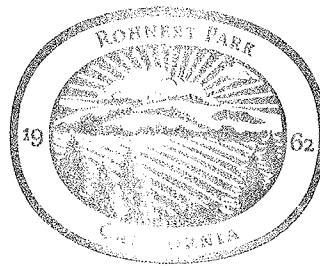
**CITY OF ROHNERT PARK**

Pam Stafford  
Pam Stafford, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

JoAnne Buergler  
JoAnne Buergler, City Clerk

Attachment: Exhibit A -- Agreement



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**EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**  
**Between**  
**CITY OF ROHNERT PARK AND MARK WALSH**

THIS AGREEMENT between the CITY OF ROHNERT PARK ("City") and Mark Walsh ("Employee") is dated for reference purposes this 2nd day of December, 2013 and is deemed effective as of that date.

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, City desires to retain the services of Employee to serve as the Interim Finance Director in consideration of and subject to the terms, conditions, and benefits set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, Employee desires to serve as Interim Finance Director of the City of Rohnert Park in consideration of and subject to the terms, conditions, and benefits set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, Employee has the necessary education, experience, skills and expertise to serve as the Interim Finance Director;

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as appointing power, and Employee desire to agree in writing to the terms and conditions of Employee's employment.

**AGREEMENT**

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. DUTIES.**

(a) City agrees to employ Employee as Interim Finance Director of the City of Rohnert Park to perform the functions and duties specified in the City of Rohnert Park Job Description for the Finance Director position attached hereto as Exhibit A, and to perform other legally permissible and proper duties and functions as City Manager may from time to time assign.

(b) Employee shall perform his duties to the best of his ability in accordance with the highest professional and ethical standards of the profession and shall comply with all general rules and regulations established by City.

(c) Employee shall not engage in any activity, which is or may become a conflict of interest, prohibited contract, or which may create an incompatibility of office as defined under California law. Prior to performing any services under this Agreement and annually thereafter, Employee must complete disclosure forms required by law.

## **2. TERM.**

(a) The term of this Agreement shall be from the December 2nd, 2013 through March 3rd, 2014 or until terminated by either party in accordance with the provisions set forth in Paragraph 3 or by the event of the death or permanent disability of Employee.

## **3. RESIGNATION AND TERMINATION.**

(a) Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent, limit or otherwise interfere with the right of Employee to resign at any time from his position as City's Interim Finance Director. Employee may terminate this Agreement by submitting written notice of his resignation to City. Employee shall give the City thirty (30) days written notice of his intention to resign.

(b) Employee is an "at will" employee who serves at the pleasure of the City Manager and nothing herein shall be taken to prevent, limit or otherwise interfere with the right of the City Manager to terminate the services of Employee as Interim Finance Director with or without cause at any time. There is no express or implied promise made to Employee for any form of continued employment. Further, nothing in this Agreement is intended to, or does, confer upon Employee any due process right to a hearing or other administrative process pertaining to termination, before or after a decision by the City to terminate his employment, unless Employee is entitled to a name clearing hearing under California or federal law. No terms of this Agreement may be altered without an express written document signed by the Employee and City Manager and approved by the City Council.

(c) In the event Employee is terminated, Employee shall be entitled to only the compensation earned and accrued and such other termination benefits and payments as may be required by law. Employee shall not be entitled to any severance benefits.

## **4. COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS.**

(a) City agrees to pay Employee for his services rendered pursuant hereto as Interim Finance Director an hourly rate of \$58.00 for hours worked up to forty hours per week payable in installments at the same time as other employees of the City are paid and subject to all applicable payroll taxes and withholdings. The position of Interim Finance Director is exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act and, therefore, no overtime pay will be paid to Employee based on hours worked.

(b) Employee shall be entitled to all benefits, rights, and privileges accorded to the non-public safety Management Unit except as otherwise provided in this Agreement. If there is any conflict between this Agreement and any resolution fixing compensation and benefits for non-public safety City Department Directors or other unclassified employees, this Agreement shall control.

Exhibit A

(c) The employee elects to provide proof of medical insurance coverage and to waive City-provided medical insurance coverage and receive the alternate health benefit amount of \$350.00 monthly in lieu of a medical insurance premium contribution made by the City.

(d) Employee shall be included in the City's Miscellaneous Plan with the California Public Employees' Retirement System ("CalPERS"); and enrolled in the appropriate tier subject to PEPRA, which is anticipated to be at the two percent (2.0 %) at age sixty-two (62), highest three year average program if he meets the definition of a "new employee" under PEPRA. Employee shall contribute fifty percent (50%) of the normal cost rate to CalPERS or eight percent (8%) of base pay whichever is greater.

(e) Employee is subject to City Personnel Rules and Regulations as an Executive Management Employee and is exempt from specific rules and regulations as set forth in Section 1, subsection (C) of the Personnel Rules, as amended or supplemented from time to time. Employee is exempt from the City's Grievance Policy and Procedure as set forth in Resolution No. 79-22 and incorporated by reference into the Management Unit Outline and City Personnel Rules and Regulations.

## **5. INDEMNIFICATION.**

In accordance with the terms, conditions, and limitations of the Government claims Act (Gov't Code §§ 810 et seq.), City shall defend, save harmless, and indemnify Employee against any tort, professional liability claim or demand or other legal action, whether groundless or otherwise, arising out of an alleged act or omission occurring in the performance of Employee's duties as Interim Finance Director. Based on its sole discretion, the City will determine whether to compromise and settle any such claim or suit and the amount of any settlement or judgment rendered thereon. Said indemnification shall extend beyond termination of employment, and the otherwise expiration of this Agreement for any acts undertaken or his capacity as Interim Finance Director, regardless of whether the notice of filing of a lawsuit for such tort, claim, demand, or other legal action occurs during or following Employee's employment with City as Interim Finance Director.

## **6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROHIBITION.**

Employee represents and warrants to City that, to the best of his knowledge, he presently has no interest, and represents that he will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, financial or otherwise, which would conflict in any manner or interfere in any way with the performance of his duties under this Agreement.

**7. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.**

“Confidential Information” is all non-public information pertaining to the business of City (or any City affiliate), its employees, clients, consultants, or business associates, which was produced by any employee of City in the course of his/her employment or otherwise produced or acquired by or on behalf of City. Confidential Information shall include, without limitation, proprietary information such as trade secrets, confidential financial data and formulae, attorney client-privileged information, confidential licensing information, software and other computer programs, copyrightable material, and other information exempt from production under the California Public Records Act and/or the Freedom of Information Act. During his employment by City, Employee shall disclose Confidential Information only for the benefit of City and as may be necessary to perform his job responsibilities under this Agreement. Following termination, Employee shall not disclose any Confidential Information, except with the express written consent of City. Employee’s obligations under this Section shall survive the termination of his employment and the expiration of this Agreement.

**8. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT.**

The City Manager may fix any other terms and conditions of employment, as he or she may determine from time to time, relating to the performance of Employee, provided such terms and conditions are not inconsistent with provisions of this Agreement or law. Any changes to the terms and conditions of employment will not be effective without a writing signed by the City Manager and Employee, and approved by the City Council.

**9. GENERAL EXPENSES.**

City recognizes and agrees to pay and/or reimburse Employee for reasonable and necessary travel, subsistence and other business expenses incurred by Employee in the performance of his duties with prior approval by the City Manager.

**10. NOTICES.**

Any notices required by this Agreement shall be in writing and either given in person or by first class mail with postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

TO CITY:	City Manager City of Rohnert Park 130 Avram Avenue Rohnert Park, CA94928
TO EMPLOYEE:	Mark Walsh Home Address on File with Human Resources

**11. ATTORNEY'S FEES.**

In the event of any mediation, arbitration or litigation to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs.

**12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

This Agreement is the final expression of the complete agreement of the parties with respect to the matters specified herein and supersedes all prior oral or written understandings, and it may not be contradicted by evidence of any prior or contemporaneous statements or agreements. Except as prescribed herein, this Agreement cannot be modified except by written mutual agreement signed by both parties and approved by the City Council. To the extent that the practices, policies, or procedures of City, now or in the future, apply to Employee, and are inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

**13. ASSIGNMENT.**

This Agreement is not assignable by either City or Employee.

**14. SEVERABILITY.**

In the event that any provision of this Agreement is finally held or determined to be illegal or void by a court having jurisdiction over the parties, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless the parts found to be void are wholly inseparable from the remaining portion of the Agreement.

**15. PROVISIONS THAT SURVIVE TERMINATION.**

Many sections of this Agreement are intended by their terms to survive the Interim Finance Director's termination of employment with the City, including but not limited to Section 5. These sections, and the others so intended, shall survive termination of employment and termination of this Agreement.

**16. JURISDICTION AND VENUE.**

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and the Parties agree that venue shall be in Sonoma County, California.

**17. NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT.**

The failure of any party to enforce against another party any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of that party's right to enforce such a provision at a later time, and shall not serve to vary the terms of this Agreement.

**18. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Agreement shall be deemed effective on the 2nd day of December 2013.

**19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**

Employee acknowledges that he has had the opportunity to consult legal counsel in regard to this Agreement, that he read and understands this Agreement, that he is fully aware of its legal effect, and that he has entered into it freely and voluntarily and based on his judgment and not on any representations or promises other than those contained in this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused the Agreement to be signed and executed on its behalf by its City Manager. It has also been executed by Employee on the date first above written.

CITY OF ROHNERT PARK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Darrin Jenkins  
Interim City Manager

Per Resolution No. 2013-\_\_\_\_ adopted by  
the Rohnert Park City Council on

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JoAnne Buergler  
City Clerk

EMPLOYEE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Walsh

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Marchetta Kenyon  
City Attorney