

City of Gulfport Firefighters' Retirement Pension Fund

Minutes: Meeting of October 18, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Brian Campbell called a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Firefighters' Retirement Pension Fund to order at 4:00 PM. Those persons present included:

TRUSTEES

Brian Campbell, Chair
Don Howard
Chief James Marenkovic
Michael O'Toole

OTHERS

Audrey Ross & Scott Baur, Resource Centers
Jack Evatt and Jennifer Gainfort, AndCo. Consulting
Scott Christiansen, Christiansen & Dehner

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public had any comment.

3. MINUTES

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the July 19, 2018 meeting.

Chief Marenkovic made a motion to approve the July 19, 2018 minutes. Michael O'Toole seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 4-0.

4. REPORTS

Investment Consultant (Jack Evatt and Jennifer Gainfort, AndCo Consulting)

Jennifer Gainfort provided an overview of the market for the quarter ending September 30, 2018, which included increasing volatility with interest rate increases and trade tensions with China. She reviewed the returns for various market sectors and indices for the period, both domestic and internationally. She stated that growth issues out performed value stocks for both the quarter and the year ending September 30. For all market segments, domestic equities had the largest gains.

For the quarter year ending September 30, 2018, the plan assets gained 3.1% gross and 3.04% net of fees compared to a gain of 3.26% for the benchmark. For the fiscal year, the portfolio gained 7.47% gross and 7.35% net of fees compared to 7.54% for the Policy benchmark. The fiscal year return finished ahead of the 7.25% actuarial assumed rate of return adopted by the Board. The Pension Fund had total assets of \$4,678,184 as of September 30, 2018. Jennifer Gainfort reviewed performance for each manager, reporting that Dana trailed the benchmark slightly by not owning the most expensive growth names in the portfolio such as Amazon. She reported that the overall asset allocation remained within the guideline ranges established by the Investment Policy.

Attorney Report (Scott Christiansen, Christiansen & Dehner)

Scott Christiansen reported that his office already sent the proposed ordinance for the DROP and the Internal Revenue Code compliance changes to the City Manager along with the letter of no impact. Mr. O'Reilly will address the proposed DROP plan with the bargaining unit in negotiations.

The General Employees and the Police Officers also proposed to the City adding DROP Plans to their respective pension benefits.

Scott Christiansen advised that the Administrator should now send the annual report by the Board to the City Council.

The Trustees considered the proposed meeting dates for 2019. The Board agreed to switch the starting time of the meetings with Police to begin at 2:30 PM.

Don Howard made a motion to approve the proposed quarterly meeting dates for 2019, changing the starting time for the meetings to 2:30 PM. Michael O'Toole seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 4-0.

Administrator Report (Audrey Ross and Scott Baur, Resource Centers)

Audrey Ross reported that the Actuary will present the annual valuation at the next quarterly meeting. The Board also received \$83,431.44 for the regular 2017 Chapter 175 premium tax distribution and \$1,305.30 for the supplemental premium tax distribution from Florida, up from \$82,681.53 total in 2016.

5. PLAN FINANCIALS

The Trustees then reviewed the disbursements for payment of invoices contained on the Warrant dated October 18, 2018

Michael O'Toole made a motion to approve the Warrant dated October 18, 2018 for payment of invoices. Don Howard seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 4-0.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Ross reported that the City refunded the excess member contributions. Foster sent a letter to the City to true up the fiscal year contribution. The Board briefly discussed a possible purchase of prior fire service credit by a member previously covered by FRS for a short period.

7. NEXT MEETING

The Trustees previously scheduled their next regular quarterly meeting for Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 2:30 PM.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Don Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 PM, seconded by Chief Marenkovic, and passed by the Board 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Howard, Secretary