

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2001 AT 1:30 PM.**

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**A. Employees' Retirement Board:**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Trustees present were Mayor Rodney Romano (Chairman), Chuck Powers Finance Director, John Charest, and Robert Lepa. Absent was Theresa White. Also present were Board Attorney Robert A. Sugarman and Recording Secretary Valerie Hurley, City Clerk's Office.

**B. Pertained to Police Retirement Board:**

**II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING:**

**A. Employees' Retirement Board:**

None.

**B. Pertained to Police Retirement Board:**

**C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:**

Reorder and combine New Business C-1 and C-3 to follow this item.

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Lepa to approve the agenda, as amended.

Vote: 4-Aye, Nay-None.

**(IV. NEW BUSINESS:)**

**(C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:)**

**(1.) Mr. Michael Callaway, Vice President, Merrill Lynch Consulting Services, to review fund valuation for quarter ending June 30, 2001**

As of June 30, 2001, the fund had a total market value of \$72,081,790 including accrued income. This represented an increase in value from the previous quarter of \$2,223,460 due to investment earnings. The fund earned \$2,223,445 and received \$15 in net contributions.

As of June 30, 2001, 56.3% of the total fund was invested in equities, 41.7% in bonds and 2.0% in cash and equivalents.

For the quarter, the fund earned a 3.2% return, which was ranked in the Bottom 49% of other public balanced funds.

**(IV. NEW BUSINESS:)**

**(C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:)**

- (3.) Consider e-mail dated June 13, 2001, from Michael Johnson, Lazard Asset Management, to Benjamin Ho, Merrill Lynch Citation Group, regarding withdrawal of commissions credited**

Michael Callaway, Vice President, Merrill Lynch Consulting Services, said that when Lazard was hired, they were sent account information telling them which account to use so that the fund would get credit for the trade. Lazard set-up another account by mistake. At that time, Merrill Lynch went in and reversed the transaction to give you credit for the trade.

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Employees' Retirement Board:**

None.

**B. Pertained to Police Retirement Board:**

**(IV. NEW BUSINESS:)**

**(B. Pertained to Police Retirement Board:)**

**C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:**

- 1. Consider amendment of Section 16 – 151 (c) (d) – Severance benefits, per Ordinance No. 90-4 and actuarial study for lowering age for vested termination benefit to normal retirement age or lowering normal retirement age to 55 or both**

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Lepa to table discussion for 30 days.

Vote: 4-Aye, Nay-None.

**2. Consider self-directed DROP program**

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Charest to table discussion at this time.

Vote: 3-Aye, Nay-None.

Mayor Romano (Chairman) relinquished chair to Vice Chair Charest.

**3. Consider proposed amendment to Pension Code allowing actuarial gains in excess of stated Consumer Price Index (CPI) to be carried forward for future COLAs**

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Lepa to direct the Board Attorney to forward ordinance amendment to the City Commission for formal approval.

Vote: 3-Aye, Nay-None.

**4. Consider renewal of Fiduciary Liability Insurance, expiring August 31, 2001**

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Lepa to approve renewal of Fiduciary Liability Insurance, which will expire August 31, 2004.

Vote: 3-Aye, Nay-None.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Employees' Retirement Board:**

**1. From Wanda C. Stafford, Library, requesting regular retirement based on the Rule of 75, effective September 22, 2001**

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Lepa to grant, with regret, the request of Wanda C. Stafford, Library, for regular retirement based on the Rule of 75, effective September 22, 2001.

Vote: 3-Aye, Nay-None.

- 2. From Eugene A. Nowak, Building & Zoning Department, requesting regular retirement based on the Rule of 75, effective September 29, 2001**

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Lepa to grant, with regret, the request of Eugene A. Nowak, Building & Zoning Department, for regular retirement based on the Rule of 75, effective September 29, 2001.

Vote: 3 Aye, Nay-None.

- 3. From Stephen T. Abel, Utilities Department, requesting regular retirement based on the Rule of 20-years and Out, effective September 30, 2001**

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Lepa to grant, with regret, the request of Stephen T. Abel, Utilities Department, for regular retirement based on the Rule of 20-years and Out, effective September 30, 2001.

Vote: 3-Aye, Nay-None.

**B. Pertained to Police Retirement Board:**

**C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:**

- 1. Mr. Michael Callaway, Vice President, Merrill Lynch Consulting Services, to review fund valuation for quarter ending June 30, 2001**

Discussed earlier in meeting.

**2. Consider blanket motion for FY 2001 – 2002 regarding attendance at Trustee Schools and Conferences**

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Lepa to approve blanket motion for FY 2001 – 2002 regarding attendance at Trustee Schools and Conferences.

Vote: 3-Aye, Nay-None.

**3. Consider e-mail dated June 13, 2001, from Michael Johnson, Lazard Asset Management, to Benjamin Ho, Merrill Lynch Citation Group, regarding withdrawal of commissions credited**

Discussed earlier in meeting.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Employees' Retirement Board:**

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Lepa to approve Consent Agenda (A), in its entirety:

**1. Authorize payment of invoice from Sugarman & Susskind, dated September 7, 2001, in amount of \$750.00 for retainer fee for month of September 2001**

Vote: 3-Aye, Nay-None.

**B. Pertained to Police Retirement Board:**

**C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:**

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Lepa to approve Consent Agenda (C), in its entirety:

**1. Ratify refunds of pension contributions as reported by Finance Department**

Checks Disbursed 8-23-01:

Charlie Higgins, Streets Department, 5 Months/16 Days, \$519.31, separated from service July 8, 2001.

Checks Disbursed 8-23-01:

Jonas Wright, Waste Removal, 3 Months/21 Days, \$427.36, separated from service August 6, 2001.

Checks Disbursed 9-6-01:

Jacqueline Murray, Utilities Administration, 6 Years/11 Months, 14 Days, \$13, 278.35, separated from service July 18, 2001.

Linwood Pratt, Waste Removal, 1 Year, 11 Months, 11 Days, \$2,845.76, separated from service August 31, 2001.

Lawrence Cardona, Line Department, 10 Months/1 Day, \$3,180.61, separated from service August 24, 2001.

Vote: 3-Aye, Nay-None.


**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

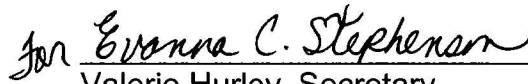
**A. Employees' Retirement Board:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

**B. Pertained to Police Retirement Board:**

**MINUTES APPROVED:** 8-27-03

  
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Mayor Rodney G. Romano, Chair  
Employees' Retirement Board

  
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Valerie Hurley, Secretary  
Employees' Retirement Board

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