

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2003, AT 1:30 PM

I. ROLL CALL:

B. Police Retirement Board:

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Employees' Retirement System Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM.

Trustees present were Finance Director Chuck Powers, Lt. Kenneth White, David Vespo, and Deputy Chief Patrick Hampshire (Vice Chairman) arriving at 1:56 PM. Mayor Rodney Romano (Chairman) was absent. Also present were Kenneth Harrison, Esquire, sitting in for Board Attorney Robert Sugarman and Deputy City Clerk Valerie Hurley, City Clerk's Office.

II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING:

A. Pertained to Employees' Retirement Board:

B. Police Retirement Board:

None.

C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:

None.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Pertained to Employees' Retirement Board:

B. Police Retirement Board:

None.

C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Pertained to Employees' Retirement Board:

B. Police Retirement Board:

1. Consider allowing purchase of prior police employment

Mr. Harrison explained that provision was very common and was specifically provided for in Chapter 185. It was similar to purchasing prior military time. If an employee had prior service with no entitlements, he/she could purchase that time for the full actuarial cost. He said the total amount allowed between military and prior service was normally four years. Per IRS rules, PEBSCO funds could be used to pay for the prior service.

Mr. Powers said the cost to purchase prior service/military time was cheapest when an employee was first hired, and the more years an employee had worked, the higher the cost.

Mr. Harrison said the Board could offer a window of availability for existing employees, and the provision could be tied to vesting if the Board desired.

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Vespo to direct Lt. White to confer with Mr. Harrison and submit a proposal at the next meeting.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mr. Powers, Lt. White, and Mr. Vespo. NAYS: None.

C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Pertained to Employees' Retirement Board:

B. Police Retirement Board:

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Vespo to approve Consent Agenda (B), in its entirety, as follows:

- 1. Approve minutes of January 22, 2003, regular meeting, as submitted**
- 2. Authorize payment of invoice from Sugarman & Susskind, dated February 4, 2003, in amount of \$1,350.00 for retainer fee for month of February 2003**
- 3. Authorize payment of invoice from Davis Hamilton Jackson & Associates, dated January 22, 2003, in amount of \$3,822.96 for management fees for quarter ending December 31, 2002**

4. **Authorize payment of invoice from Lazard Asset Management, dated January 22, 2003, in the amount of \$3,853.84 for management fees for quarter ending December 31, 2002**

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mr. Powers, Lt. White, and Mr. Vespo. NAYS: None.

C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:

Action: Motion made by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Vespo to approve Consent Agenda (B), in its entirety, as follows:

1. **Ratify refunds of pension contributions for February 2003 as reported by Finance Department**

Checks Disbursed 1/23/03:

Todd H. Grossman, 3 Years/27 Days, \$6,582.77, separated from service January 8, 2003.

Louis Schwartz, 1 Year/8 Months/11 Days, \$3,936.67, separated from service January 18, 2003.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mr. Powers, Lt. White, and Mr. Vespo. NAYS: None.

Mr. Harrison explained the Attorney General's new opinion dealing with telephonic attendance to meetings. He clarified that a physical quorum in the room was needed.

Mr. Harrison also encouraged members to review President Bush's proposed savings plan. He said it would have an impact on retirement accounts, including IRAs, 457s, 401Ks, etc. If the plan was passed, any contributions would go into the new accounts and funds could be rolled over through January 1, 2004.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:


B. Police Retirement Board:

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

MINUTES APPROVED: 3-26-03



Mayor Rodney G. Romano, Chair
Police Retirement Board



Evanna C. Stephenson
Police Retirement Board

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