

**MINUTES OF A JOINT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD AND  
POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING HELD  
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL  
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2004,  
AT 1:15 P.M.**

**I. ROLL CALL: ..... 1:15 PM**

**A. Employees' Retirement Board:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

Trustees present from the Employees' Retirement Board were Mayor Rodney Romano (Chair), Valerie Hurley (Vice Chair) (arrived at 1:25 p.m.), Finance Director Anne Costello, Robert Lepa, and Theresa White. Also present was Recording Secretary Evanna Stephenson, City Clerk's Office.

**B. Police Retirement Board:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

Trustees present from the Police Retirement Board were Mayor Rodney Romano (Chair), Lt. Kenneth White (Vice Chair), Finance Director Anne Costello, Officer Mark Bouchard, and David Vespo. Also present was Recording Secretary Evanna Stephenson, City Clerk's Office.

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

**A. Accept the results of the election**

**or**

**Declare election null and void and reschedule election dates**

Mayor Romano said the sole purpose of the meeting was to discuss discrepancies with both elections and take appropriate action.

He said the Police election had discrepancies regarding proxy votes, which are not allowed and recommended accepting the results of the election. He explained there were only a few proxy votes and the outcome of the election would not have changed.

Action: Motion made by Mr. Vespo and seconded by Ms. Costello, to accept the results of the Police Election, declare Lt. Kenneth White the winner, and seat him accordingly.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Romano, Ms. Costello, Lt. White, Officer Bouchard, and Mr. Vespo. NAYS: None.

Mayor Romano said the Employees' election had a few discrepancies, which the Board Secretary had witnessed. He said ballots had been left out on ballot boxes, employee names had not been crossed off lists, and that it was possible that some employees could have cast more than one vote.

Ms. Hurley arrived at 1:25 p.m.

Ms. Hurley said she had received a phone call from someone at the Power Plant saying that someone from there wanted to run, but never received a memo regarding the election.

Mayor Romano said a memo should be sent to the City Manager explaining that an employee had not followed procedure, which caused the results of the election to be declared invalid and recommended the Board set dates for a new election.

Action: Motion made by Ms. Hurley and seconded by Mr. Lepa, to declare the results of the Employees' Election invalid, reschedule the election, and forward a letter to the City Manager regarding the election.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Romano, Ms. Costello, Ms. Hurley, Mr. Lepa, and Ms. White. NAYS: None.

Ms. Hurley asked if the dates need to be set now for the new election and recommended scheduling the election for August 2-5, 2004, with votes being counted and certified on August 6, 2004, by the same Canvassing Committee.

Action: Motion made by Ms. Hurley and seconded by Mr. Lepa, to schedule an election to be held on August 2-5, 2004, with votes being counted and certified on August 6, 2004, by the same Canvassing Committee.

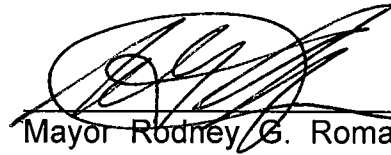
Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Romano, Ms. Costello, Ms. Hurley, Mr. Lepa, and Ms. White. NAYS: None.

Robert Kahant, Power Plant, said the Power Plant and Water Plant never received any notice regarding the election.

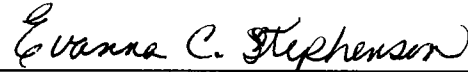
VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: 7-27-04



Mayor Rodney G. Romano, Chairman  
Employees' & Police Retirement Boards



Evanna Stephenson, Recording Secretary  
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