

**THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH RESTATED EMPLOYEES'
DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
APRIL 27, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:35 P.M. by Craig Kahle in the City Hall (5th Floor) Conference Room 5.19, 401 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401.

Those Trustees present were:

Craig Kahle, Chair
Benny Rodgers, Secretary
Bill Swisher, Trustee
Patrick Cooney, Trustee
Robert Burd, Trustee
Lee Anna Claridge, Trustee

Also present were:

Audrey Ross, Administrator – Resource Centers
Vicky Barnard, City of West Palm Beach Employee
Brad Armstrong, Actuary – Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board discussed the election for Mr. Hurley. Ms. Ross stated that she sent out the notice a couple weeks ago, but has not received anything back. The Board thought that maybe we could extend the term for 3 years instead of having the new member finish out Mr. Hurley's term, which is set to expire in December of this year. The Board would ask Mr. Levinson his thoughts on this idea.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT – GABRIEL, ROEDER, SMITH & COMPANY (PRESENTED BY: BRAD ARMSTRONG)

Mr. Armstrong stated that the Plan's assets were up to \$21,769,380 at the end of the fiscal year, which gave the Fund a net gain of \$662,318. The employee contributions during the plan year were \$224,018 and the employer contributions were \$1,470,612. The required City dollar contribution for the 2010-2011 fiscal year was computed to be \$2,269,689, which has increased from last year. Mr. Armstrong noted that the City pays their contribution on October 1 of each year which gives them a break on interest. He stated that the investment return for the fiscal year was 3.6%, although they expected 8%. It was noted that if the City did not close out the Fund in 1997 then both the City and the Fund would have extra assets, in where the pension side could have bought more benefits.

Mr. Armstrong reported that at the end of the fiscal year there were 66 active members left in the plan, 137 retired members and 6 vested members. The benefit payments have increased due to more retirees, as well as the administration expenses and investment expenses that increased.

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Mr. Armstrong commented that the funded ratio slightly increased from 70% in 2008 to 71% in 2009.

The Trustees' asked if other City's are changing their assumption rate because of the market. Mr. Armstrong replied that they are not because then the City would have to put more money in to the Fund up front, but maybe in the long term they could benefit from it. Mr. Armstrong commented that he would recommend for the Board to wait for a better opportunity to lower their assumption rate if that is their intention.

A motion was made by Patrick Cooney to accept and approve the September 30, 2009 Actuarial Valuation Report as presented to the Board by the Actuary. The motion was seconded by Benny Rodgers and carried 6-0.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 23, 2010.

A motion was made by William Swisher to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 23, 2010. The motion was seconded by Benny Rodgers and carried 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – RESOURCE CENTERS (PRESENTED BY: AUDREY ROSS)

- **DISBURSEMENTS**

The Board reviewed the disbursement list presented for the months of March and April 2010.

They noted that most of the items that were reflected as a separate charge on the Klausner & Kaufman bills should have been included in the \$2,000 monthly retainer.

A motion was made by Benny Rodgers to approve all the disbursements for the months of March & April 2010; except for the Klausner & Kaufman invoices (3) will only pay \$2,000 per month for a total of \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Patrick Cooney and carried 6-0.

- **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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Ms. Ross presented the Board with the statement of income and expense and the balance sheet through the end of March 2010.

The Board received and filed the financial statements through the end of March 2010.

**ATTORNEY REPORT – KLAUSNER & KAUFMAN PA (PRESENTED BY:
ADAM LEVINSON)**

***Via teleconference**

Mr. Levinson updated the Board on the Florida Legislative session that is currently going on. He stated that there were more pension bills proposed this session than ever. All the bills regarding 175 and 185 plans have died, and the only ones that did pass are the ones relating to the FRS.

Mr. Levinson stated that the Trustees should be receiving their Form 1 disclosures any day now via mail and they are due July 1, 2010. He reminded the Trustees' that they have to file the form with the Supervisor of Elections in the County where they reside.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed the RFP process and agreed that they will not do an RFP for all their service providers at once, they will stagger them. The Board directed Ms. Ross to proceed in doing an RFP for the Auditor and Attorney at this time.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, and the next meeting having been scheduled for May 25, 2010 the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 PM.

Benny Rodgers, Secretary