



CITY OF FRESNO RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD

MINUTES

March 8, 2017

The Fire and Police Retirement Board held a meeting in Retirement Office, 2828 Fresno St., 2nd Fl., Board Chamber, Room 202, Fresno, California at the hour of 1:00 PM on the day above written.

ROLL CALL AT 1:08 PM

Board Members Present: Michael Reid, David, Newton, Jonathan Lusk, Ted Semonious

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Russ Richeda, Legal Counsel, Robert Theller, Retirement Administrator, Kathleen Riley, Asst Retirement Administrator, Yvonne Timberlake, Retirement Benefits Manager, Pattie Laygo, Executive Assistant

APPROVE MINUTES

Approve minutes of February 28, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Fire and Police Retirement Board.

ACTION: Laid Over

AGENDA ITEMS

Approve agenda of March 8, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Fire and Police Retirement Board.

ACTION: Approved/Adopted

ON MOTION by Member Newton seconded by Member Lusk to approve the agenda of March 8, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Fire and Police Retirement Board, DULY CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Reid, Newton, Lusk, Semonious

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

TIMED SCHEDULED HEARINGS AND MATTERS

None

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve date and time of the next Regular Meeting of the Fire and Police Retirement Board scheduled on Tuesday, March, 28, 2017.

ACTION: Approved/Adopted

2. Approve application to convert service retirement to a service connected disability retirement filed by Christine Gray, a retired City of Fresno Police Officer.

ACTION: Approved/Adopted

Ms. Gray was present and thanked for her service.

3. Approve applications for service retirement:

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE
Don McKenzie	11/05/2016
David Woodard	02/08/2017

ACTION: Approved/Adopted

4. Approve application(s) from the following employee(s) with over five years of service who have elected to allow their contributions to remain in the Fire & Police Retirement System in accordance to with the Fresno Municipal Code:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TERM EFFECTIVE DATE
Yvonne Gordon-Huffenberger	Police	10/23/2016

ACTION: Approved/Adopted

5. Approve report of Retirement Contributions refunded: Total Sum of Refunds= \$88,342.87

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Lorraine Bruce	02/28/2017	N/A
Anthony Pellouso	11/20/2016	2.028

ACTION: Approved/Adopted

6. The following employees have elected to change their beneficiary:

Lorraine Bruce
Yvonne Gordon-Huffenberger
Janel Iskenderian
Robin O'Gorman
James Stanfill

ACTION: Approved/Adopted

ON MOTION by Member Lusk seconded by Member Newton to approve the consent calendar, DULY CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Reid, Newton, Lusk, Semonious
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

B. DISABILITY HEARING

1. Consider Hearing Officer's Proposed Findings and Conclusions regarding the application for a service connected disability retirement filed by Kyle Hormel.

ACTION: Laid Over

The Board discussed and received summary of options provided by Legal Counsel. Mr. Tom

Tusan spoke on behalf of Mr. Hormel who was present. Mr. Tusan requested that evidence be reviewed again by Hearing Officer. Staff and legal counsel will draft request to hearing officer.

ON MOTION BY Member Newton seconded by Member Lusk to refer back to hearing officer for opportunity to revisit medical evidence and for further evaluation, DULY CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Reid, Newton, Lusk, Semonious
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

2. Consider Hearing Officer's Proposed Findings and Conclusions regarding the application to convert service retirement to a service-connected disability retirement filed by Lori Law.

The Board received update by Legal Counsel that Mr. Sharpe, Ms. Law's legal counsel, was unable to attend Board meeting. The Board reviewed and considered conclusions and recommendations presented by Legal Counsel.

ON MOTION BY Member Lusk seconded by Member Semonious to refer back to hearing officer for clarification of reasoning and that hearing officer be requested to answer specific questions presented by Counsel, DULY CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Reid, Newton, Lusk, Semonious
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

C. EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL ISSUES

None

D. STAFF INITIATED ITEMS

None

E. BOARD INITIATED ITEMS

1. Adopt Resolution determining the annual cost of living for the Second Tier of the Fire and Police Retirement System, effective January 1, 2018.

The Boards received summary of recommendation by Administrator Theller.

ON MOTION BY Member Newton seconded by Member Lusk to approve RESOLUTION increasing the Fire and Police Second Tier retirement allowances by 1.99 percent effective January 1, 2018, DULY CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Reid, Newton, Lusk, Semonious
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

2. Selection of finalists for outside board member and schedule interviews.

The Boards reviewed applications and discussed recruitment options. Direction is made to staff to reopen application period and to extend the timeline and advertisement to possibly increase the pool of applicants for the Boards consideration. Various advertisement resources were discussed with staff for consideration.

F. GENERAL DISCUSSION

None

G. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

1. Status of Workers' Compensation ADR Savings Stipend as Pensionable Compensation under the First and Second Tiers of the Fire and Police Retirement System.

ACTION: Approved/Adopted

The Boards reviewed memorandum and conclusions presented by legal counsel.

ON MOTION BY Member Semonious seconded by Member Lusk to accept memorandum by Legal Counsel regarding the status of Workers Compensation ADR Savings Stipend as Pensionable Compensation under the First and non-pensionable under the Second Tier of the Fire and Police Retirement System, DULY CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Reid, Newton, Lusk, Semonious

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

H. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

None

I. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

K. ADJOURNMENT

2:01 pm

Fire and Police Retirement Board

Pattie Laygo
Retirement Board Secretary/Deputy