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**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
JANUARY 17, 2008**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in Conference Room 870, 20 East Main, 8th Floor, on January 17, 2008 at 11:06 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marty Whalen, Chairman
Charlie Cluff (Fire)
Kathy Pace (Citizen Member)
Ty Perkins (Fire)
Floyd Smith (Police)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Brady, City Manager
Joe Shelley (Police)

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Crocker, Board Secretary
Bonnie Andersen, City Clerk Assistant
Lisa Angiano, Senior HR Specialist
Donna Salemi, Assistant HR Director
Christine Stutz, Assistant City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Henry Collins, Applicant (Police)

Chairman Whalen excused Boardmembers Brady and Shelley from the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of December 20, 2007.

It was moved by Boardmember Pace, seconded by Boardmember Smith, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of December 20, 2007 be approved.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

LOCAL FIRE PENSION BOARD

2. Discuss and consider the election of Firefighter John Heinrick to terminate his participation in the DROP program and apply for Normal Retirement.

It was moved by Boardmember Cluff, seconded by Boardmember Perkins, that the election of Firefighter John Heinrick to terminate his participation in the DROP Program and apply for Normal Retirement be approved.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:08 a.m., and Boardmembers Cluff and Perkins were excused.

LOCAL POLICE PENSION BOARD

3. Certification of full-time Law Enforcement Officers pursuant to A.R.S. §§38-842.14(A) and 38-847(D)1.

Ms. Salemi noted that a supplementary report was received for Daniel Bircher, and that the resubmittal for Donald Martin includes additional information. She stated that both applicants meet the standards for certification.

Subsequent to a review of all medical reports, Local Boardmembers requested that the record reflect that the following applicants have pre-existing medical conditions: Daniel Bircher, Monique Cervantes, Nathan Chisler, Heidi Gaupel, James Gorman, Stephen Hatcher, Francesco Iacono, Austin Lanter, Donald Martin, and Angel Rea.

It was moved by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Pace, that the following ten (10) law enforcement officer applicants, Daniel Bircher, Monique Cervantes, Nathan Chisler, Heidi Gaupel, James Gorman, Stephen Hatcher, Francesco Iacono, Austin Lanter, Donald Martin, and Angel Rea, be certified pursuant to A.R.S. §§38-842.14(A) and 38-847(D)1.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Discuss and consider the normal retirement application of Police Officer Mark Gardner.

It was moved by Boardmember Pace, seconded by Boardmember Smith, that the normal retirement application of Police Officer Mark Gardner be approved.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Discuss and consider the election of Police Officer Timothy Miller to terminate his participation in the DROP program and apply for Normal Retirement.

Chairman Whalen noted that the applicant has requested a delay in his election to terminate his participation in the DROP Program and apply for Normal Retirement.

Ms. Salemi advised that Officer Miller has applied for a civilian position with the State of Arizona and would like the opportunity to withdraw his election in the event he does not secure the position. She noted that Officer Miller verbally requested that the effective date be changed from January 25, 2008 to January 28, 2008 in a telephone conversation with Senior Program Assistant DeeAnn Mickelsen.

Discussion ensued relative to the City Personnel Rules.

Assistant City Attorney Christine Stutz stated that she was not aware of any legal restrictions that would prevent the Board from approving Officer Miller's request.

It was moved by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Pace, that the election of Police Officer Timothy Miller to terminate his participation in the DROP Program and apply for Normal Retirement be approved with an effective date for the approval being the close of business on January 28, 2008.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Board Secretary Linda Crocker stated that if Officer Miller decides to withdraw his election, he would be asked to submit a written request, a copy of which would be provided to the Board.

6. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Henry Collins.

(The Board recessed at 11:16 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting at 11:20 a.m.)

Chairman Whalen welcomed Police Officer Henry Collins to the meeting.

Chairman Whalen advised that the Board has reviewed the independent medical examination, which indicates that the applicant is unable to perform the job requirements of a police officer.

It was moved by Boardmember Pace, seconded by Boardmember Smith, that the accidental disability retirement application of Police Officer Henry Collins be approved, based on the fact that Officer Collins has a physical condition which totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his job classification of Police Officer and which was incurred during the performance of his duties.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Ms. Salemi provided an explanation to Officer Collins regarding the extended approval process for his Accidental Disability Retirement application, and she advised that a representative of the Employee Benefits Office would be contacting him regarding his benefits.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 17th day of January 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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