



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
July 20, 2017**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in Conference Room 170 W., 20 E. Main Street, 1st Floor, on July 20, 2017 at 11:06 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Jones, Citizen Member
Stephen Lentz (Police)(via phone)
Ryan A. Russell (Police)
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)
Chris Tiller (Fire)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bryan Raines, Chairman
Chris Brady, City Manager

STAFF PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, City Clerk
Vanessa Wisneski, Sr. Program Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kim Call
Ryan Call (Applicant)
Billy Cooper
Mike Dunn
Nitra Hawkins
Cynthia Kelley
Michael Kennington
Gary Manning
Holly Nelson
Teri Overbey
Tina Rogers
Christy Trevino

Acting Chairman Jones excused Boardmembers Raines and Brady from the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of May 18, 2017.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of May 18, 2017 be approved.

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Discuss and consider information related to PSPRS refund of excess contributions.

Acting Chairman Jones welcomed Chief Financial Officer Michael Kennington to the meeting.

Mr. Kennington presented information to the Board regarding excess contribution refunds to tier one PSPRS members due to the decision in the Hall and Parker cases. He explained that on June 28, 2017, the judgement was made that the contribution rate of 7.65% was unconstitutional and it was ordered that those contributions be refunded. He stated that PSPRS provided Payroll with the amounts to be refunded to the members and Payroll drafted a letter to those members explaining the situation. He informed the Board that PSPRS will provide contribution credits to the City of Mesa for the returned excess contributions and the pre-judgement interest, but not for post-judgement interest.

Acting Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Kennington for the presentation.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

3. Discuss and consider the DROP application of Assistant Fire Chief Mike Dunn.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Tiller that the DROP application of Assistant Fire Chief Mike Dunn be approved.

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Discuss and consider the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Gregory Laswell.

Acting Chairman Jones welcomed Assistant Fire Chief Mike Dunn to the meeting.

Mr. Dunn explained the open and competitive recruitment process used to fill the temporary position of Mail and Delivery Worker for the Fire Department, which is a 6-month assignment. He stated that a temporary agency was contacted for resumes, from those resumes 4 applicants were chosen to be evaluated, and from those 4 evaluations Greg Laswell was recommended for re-hire. He added that the Fire Department received a letter from Mr. Laswell's doctor indicating that he can perform the duties of the position for which he applied.

Acting Chairman Jones stated that the Board has reviewed the job description and found it to be substantially different from the position which Mr. Laswell retired.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Tiller that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Gregory Laswell be approved as within the statute requirements. (Effective 7/24/2017)

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

5. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of June 15, 2017.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of June 15, 2017 be approved.

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Discuss and consider hiring retired PSPRS member Ramon Batista.

Discussion ensued relative to the selection of Ramon Batista, retired Assistant Police Chief for Tucson, as the new Police Chief for the City of Mesa.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the hire of retired PSPRS member Ramon Batista be approved and that an alternate contribution rate will be paid. (Effective 7/31/2017)

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Discuss and consider the DROP applications of Police Lieutenant Frank Bryner, Police Officer Carol Gomez, Police Officer David Griebeler, and Police Officer William 'Chip' Jones.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the DROP applications of Police Lieutenant Frank Bryner, Police Officer Carol Gomez, Police Officer David Griebeler, and Police Officer William 'Chip' Jones be approved.

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

8. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Police Officer Steven Johnson and Police Sergeant Warren Solomon.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Police Officer Steven Johnson and Police Sergeant Warren Solomon be approved.

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

9. Discuss and consider the Normal Retirement applications of Police Sergeant Christopher Arvayo, Police Officer Jay Fawcett, and Police Officer Matthew Slaughter.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the Normal Retirement applications of Police Sergeant Christopher Arvayo, Police Officer Jay Fawcett, and Police Officer Matthew Slaughter be approved.

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

10. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Ryan Call.

Acting Chairman Jones welcomed Police Officer Ryan Call to the meeting. She advised Officer Call that the members of the Local Board have reviewed his application and medical records. She outlined the process that would be followed by the Board and encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Call's pending Accidental Disability application.

Discussion ensued relative to Officer Call's disabling injury and subsequent treatments.

Acting Chairman Jones stated that in view of the absence of further questions from the Board, she would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Officer Ryan Call, be referred to local board physicians for independent medical evaluations.

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

11. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:30 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 20th day of July, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK