

Minutes

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 15, 2022 ~ 8:15 AM
Richland City Hall ~ Parkway Conference Room
625 Swift Boulevard

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting No. 761

Finance Director Allen called the meeting to order at 8:21 a.m.

Attendance: Finance Director Allen, Police Pension Representatives Couch and Moore, and Police Pension Secretary Rogers were present.

Mayor Alvarez, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, and Police Member Thomas were absent.

MS. ROGERS MOVED AND MR. MOORE SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE MAYOR ALVAREZ, MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN AND MEMBER THOMAS. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Also in attendance was police pensioner James DeMyer.

Presentations

1. 2023 Salary Escalator for Police Officers and Unaffiliated Staff

Finance Director referenced Police Guild Salary Escalator and Police Unaffiliated Staff Salary Escalator provided in the agenda packet during his presentation. The 2023 Salary Escalator reflects a 5% wage increase, which will be effective the first payroll period in 2023. Commanders and lieutenants will be represented by the Police Employment Relations Commission (PERS). Therefore, commanders, captains and lieutenants will be removed from the City's salary schedule and their salary will be determined by the agreed upon Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

Member Moore provided comments regarding the salary of a retired lieutenant. Finance Director Allen responded the salary for lieutenants will be determined by the agreed upon CBA.

Public Comments

None.

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2. Approval of the November 17, 2022 Police Pension Board Meeting Minutes

MR. MOORE MOVED AND MR. COUCH SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 17, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED

4-0.

Financial Reports and Investments:

3. November 2022 Preliminary Financial Statements

Finance Director Allen provided an overview of the December 2022 Preliminary Financial Statements. Finance Director Allen welcomed questions from the Board.

MR. COUCH MOVED AND MR. MOORE SECONDED THE MOTION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE NOVEMBER 2022 PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims

4. December 2022 Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims Report

MR. COUCH MOVED AND MR. MOORE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2022 MEDICAL/DENTAL/VISION/MEDICARE/OTHER CLAIMS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Business Items

5. P31 Payment Request

Police Pension Board Secretary explained that P31 submitted a payment request for dental services in the amount of \$183. Per Police Pension Board Policy, a \$1,200 maximum benefit per calendar year is provided for dental services. P31 has met the maximum benefit and is requesting the Board consider and approve the payment.

Member Couch asked whether P31 has met the maximum benefit of \$1,200. Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers replied in the affirmative. Member Moore inquired if there were any extenuating circumstances associated with the claim. Police Pension Board Secretary replied that there were none.

Finance Director Allen added that Cigna will add a \$2,000 dental benefit to the benefits package in 2023. The benefits will not be retroactive so claims incurred in 2022 will not be covered.

MR. MOORE MOVED AND MR. COUCHED SECONDED THE MOTION TO DENY THE PAYMENT REQUEST SUBMITTED BY P31. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Board Member Comments

Board Member Moore inquired about the possibility of receiving claim reimbursements via direct deposit. Finance Director Allen replied that checks are mailed to financial institutions and financial institutions deposit the check to the pensioner's account. The

City is currently in the process of upgrading their system and is looking for ways to make direct deposit available.

Board Member Moore then renewed previous statements regarding issues shared by fellow pensioners relating to secretarial duties, the desire to contract the secretarial duties and the requirement to complete a claim form to receive payment or reimbursements. Additionally, Mr. Moore provided historical background of pension board secretary duties and responsibilities then expressed a desire to revert to previous process. Mr. Moore cited several sections of the Revised Code of Washington as they relate to the issues referenced.

Finance Director Allen concluded by reminding the Board that in addition to the \$1,200 dental benefit authorized in the Police Pension Board Policy, Cigna will add a \$2,000 dental benefit starting in 2023. The dental benefit offered by Cigna will help reduce the number of claim forms for dental reimbursements.

There was a brief discussion surrounding the number of claim forms submitted to the Board by pensioners each month. Mr. Allen offered to provide the Board an estimate number of claim forms submitted by pensioners at a future meeting.

Adjournment:

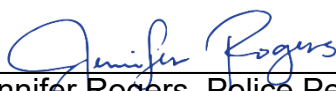
MR. MOORE MOVED AND MR. COUCH SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

APPROVED:


Mayor Terry Christensen, Chair

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, Police Pension Secretary

DATE APPROVED: January 19, 2023

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