

Minutes

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2023 ~ 8:15 AM
Richland City Hall ~ Parkway Conference Room
625 Swift Boulevard

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting No. 762

Finance Director Allen called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

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

Mayor Christensen, Mayor Pro Tem Richardson and Member Thomas were absent.

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

Mr. Thomas joined the meeting at 8:21 a.m.

Presentations

1. 2022 Year-End Claims Report

Police Pension Secretary Rogers presented the 2022 Year-End Report which captured year-end totals for all pensioners, individual summaries and average costs and totals by category. Total expenditures for 2022 totaled \$74,434.39.

Public Comments

None.

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2. Approval of the December 15, 2022 Police Pension Board Meeting Minutes

MR. MOORE MOVED AND MR. COUCH SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Financial Reports and Investments:

3. December 2022 Preliminary Financial Statements

Finance Director Allen provided an overview of the December 2022 Preliminary Financial

Statements. Finance Director Allen stated staff is still working to complete year-end tasks. Expenditures have been consistent and retirement salary adjustments have been factored in the first payroll in January. Finance Director Allen welcomed questions from the Board.

MR. MOORE MOVED AND MR. COUCH SECONDED THE MOTION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE DECEMBER 2022 PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Mr. Allen reported that a total of fifty-nine (59) forms were submitted in 2022. Of the fifty-nine (59) forms submitted, one (1) pensioner submitted twenty-six (26) forms, or 45%. The average number of claim forms submitted each month was 2-5 claim forms. Dental claims represent 25-30 percent of claims. There should be a significant reduction in dental claims as Cigna has increased the maximum dental benefit to \$4,000 per calendar year.

Mr. Allen engaged in a question-and-answer session with Board members regarding the number of claim forms submitted and types of claims submitted for payment or reimbursement.

Finance Director Allen recommended the Board update the Police Pension Board Policy in the near future to increase the \$1,200 dental benefit to \$2,000 to align with dental benefits offered to Fire Pensioners.

Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims

4. January 2023 Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims Report

Police Pension Secretary Rogers reviewed the claims for payment and reimbursement, adding the standard premium for Medicare Part B for majority of pensioners in 2022 was \$170.10/month, but has decreased to \$164.90/month in 2023. This is the first year-over-year decrease since 2012.

Mr. Allen reported that due to contract negotiations, Fred Myer has been removed from all Cigna commercial pharmacy networks effective January 1, 2023. Cigna should have notified any customers impacted by this change prior to the new year. Customers who choose to continue filling their prescriptions at Fred Myer on or after January 1, 2023 will not be covered at the in-network benefit level covered by Cigna. Pensioners should switch to an in-network pharmacy for continued coverage at the in-network benefit level.

Ms. Rogers engaged in a question-and-answer session with Board members regarding specific claims listed on the claims log.

MR. COUCH MOVED AND MR. MOORE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2023 MEDICAL/DENTAL/VISION/MEDICARE/OTHER CLAIMS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Business Items

5. P7 Reimbursement Request

Police Pension Board Secretary explained P7 submitted a reimbursement request for hearing aid repair expenses in the amount of \$69. Per Police Pension Board Policy, the Board may consider on an individual basis, requests for hearing aid repairs, contingent on documentation from a state certified audiologist stating reason for the hearing aid repair. P7 has submitted all necessary documents needed for the reimbursement request.

MR. COUCH MOVED AND MR. ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE P7'S REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR HEARING AID REPAIR EXPENSES. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Moore began by sharing he has met with numerous Mayors, City Managers, and staff over the years to discuss issues raised by pensioners. Mr. Moore cited several sections of the Revised Code of Washington as they relate to how Police Pension Board meetings are run, the procedure in which medical bills are processed, and the role of the police pension secretary.

Mr. Moore reiterated a number of issues previously discussed throughout the last couple of years and expressed an interest in reverting to previous practice.

Adjournment:

MR. MOORE MOVED AND MR. COUCH SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

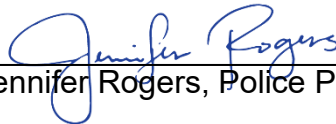
The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Pro Tem Richardson, Chair

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, Police Pension Secretary

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