

Minutes

Firefighters' Pension Board Special Meeting
Monday August 14, 2023 - 9:00 AM
Richland City Hall - Parkway Conference Room
625 Swift Boulevard

Firefighters' Pension Board Meeting No. 837

Mayor Pro Tem Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.

Attendance

Mayor Pro Tem Richardson, Firefighters' Pension Board Representative Downs, Finance Director Allen, Brandon Suchy and Firefighters' Pension Board Secretary Smith were present.

Alternate Firefighters' Pension Board Representative Myers also in attendance and sitting in for Mr. Thall in his absence.

Presentations

Public Comments

None.

Minutes

1. Approval of the July 20, 2023 Firefighters' Pension Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Downs moved, and Finance Director Allen seconded the motion to approve the July 20, 2023, meeting minutes with an amendment to revise item number three to read, "to approve the July CPI Increases". The motion carried.

Financial Reports and Investments

2. July 2023 Preliminary Financial Statements

Finance Director Allen presented the Financial Statements and welcomed questions from the Board.

Mr. Downs moved and Mr. Myers seconded the motion to receive and file the Preliminary July 2023 Financial Statements as presented. The motion carried.

3. LEOFF Cola Changes

Finance Director Allen presented the LEOFF Cola Changes Increases and welcomed questions from the Board. Mr. Allen will follow up on the COLA increases for July retirement and widow's benefits.

Medical/Dental/Vision/Other Claims

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

Secretary Smith presented the August 2023 Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims Report.

Went into closed session at 9:07a.m. to discuss F30 and F34 claims.

Came out of closed session at 9:11 a.m. where discussion was held regarding those in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Downs raised concerns in this regard to Mr. Suki and his role moving forward with the Pension Board. Mr. Suki explained his position with the City of Richland and Mr. Downs expressed concern. Mr. Allen will be following up with the City Attorney to clarify the role of the Comptroller when pertaining to the City of Richland Firefighters' Pension Board.

Went back into closed session at 9:26 a.m. to complete discussion regarding F30 and F34 claims.

Came out of closed session at 9:34 a.m.

Mr. Downs moved and Mr. Myers seconded the motion to approve the Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims Report as distributed. The motion carried.

Business Items:

5. Laptop purchase for Board Secretary – Not covered by the City of Richland's contract with Smith Consulting.

Mr. Downs brought Washington State Legislature RCW 41.16.040 and RCW 41.18.020 for review. He feels it is well within the Boards authority to purchase a laptop. Discussion was held regarding the previous approval of said laptop purchase at the July 20, 2023 Fifeffighters' Pension Board meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Richardson would like some clarification with the City Attorney.

Finance Director Allen moved and Mayor Pro Tem Richardson seconded the motion to reconsider the laptop purchase. The motion carried.

Mr. Downs moved and Mr. Myers seconded the motion to table the laptop purchase. The motion carried.

Board Member Comments:

Adjournment:

Mr. Myers moved and Mr. Downs seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

APPROVED:

Theresa Richardson

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ATTEST:

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Mayor Pro Tem Richardson, Chair

Kristi Smith, Firefighters' Pension Board Secretary

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