

Minutes

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 21, 2023 ~ 8:15 AM
Richland City Hall ~ Parkway Conference Room
625 Swift Boulevard

Police Pension Board Special Meeting No. 773

Mayor Pro Tem Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

Attendance

Board Members: Mayor Pro Tem Richardson, Finance Director Allen, Police Representative Moore, and Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers.

Members Couch and Thomas were absent.

MR. MOORE MOVED AND FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS COUCH AND THOMAS. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Presentations

1. 2024 Salary Escalations for Police Guild, Commanders, and Unaffiliated Staff

Finance Director Allen provided an overview of the 2024 Salary Escalations.

- New pension allowances for retired Police Officers through Sergeants and joining Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Unit reflect a 4% wage increase, effective the first payroll period in 2024.
- New pension allowances for unaffiliated positions reflect a 2% increase, effective the first payroll period in 2024.

Following the salary escalations overview, Finance Director Allen responded to Mr. Moore's inquiry regarding salary escalations for lieutenants and captains.

Public Comments

None.

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2. Approval of the November 16, 2023 Police Pension Board Meeting Minutes

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN MOVED AND MR. MOORE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 16, 2023 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Financial Reports and Investments

3. November 2023 Preliminary Financial Statements

Finance Director Allen provided an overview of the November 2023 Preliminary Financial Statements. There were no questions from the Board. Mayor Pro Tem Richardson thanked Finance Director Allen for his work.

MR. MOORE MOVED AND FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE NOVEMBER 2023 PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims

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

Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers provided an overview of the five (5) claims submitted for payment/reimbursement by three (3) pensioners. There were no questions from the Board.

MR. MOORE MOVED AND FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2023 MEDICAL/DENTAL/VISION/MEDICARE/ OTHER CLAIMS REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Business Items

None.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Moore stated he was contacted by a pensioner who inquired if denture relining is a covered benefit. The Board briefly discussed this topic, and Mr. Moore questioned if dental relining would be a service covered under denture expenses or general dental services. Additionally, Mr. Moore suggested the pensioner obtain prior authorization from the Board by submitting a letter from the dentist, describing the reason for the service, along with cost estimations.

Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers offered to research this service and provide information at the next meeting.

Next, Mr. Moore explained that a second pensioner contacted him and recounted the difficulties he's had with locating a local state-licensed audiologist to repair his hearing aids. The Board discussed locating local state-licensed audiologists and the maximum hearing aid benefit. Mr. Moore inquired if the City has a list of state-licensed audiologists to distribute to pensioners.

Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers stated she would communicate with staff in the

Human Resources Department to confirm if such a list is available for distribution.

In conclusion, Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers announced that the 2024 Medicare Premium amount is \$174.70 for most pensioners. The updated premiums will be listed on the January claims log.

Adjournment:

MR. MOORE MOVED AND FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

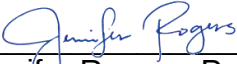
The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Pro Tem Richardson, Chair

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, Police Pension Board Secretary

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