

Minutes

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 ~ 8:15 AM
Richland City Hall ~ Parkway Conference Room
625 Swift Boulevard

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting No. 776

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Attendance:

Mayor Richardson	Present
Finance Director Allen	Present
Police Representative Moore	Present
Police Representative Thomas	Present (telephonic)
Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers	Present

Presentations

None.

Public Comments

Police Pensioner Randy Carper shared his positive personal experience acquiring hearing aids through Amplifon Hearing Health Care.

Minutes

1. Approval of the February 20, 2024 Police Pension Board Regular Meeting Minutes

MR. MOORE MOVED AND FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Financial Reports and Investments

2. February 2024 Preliminary Financial Statements

Finance Director Allen reported that the February 2024 Preliminary Financial Statements were within expected parameters, and there were no unusual matters to present. There were no questions from the Board. Police Pension Member Moore provided further remarks on the process of obtaining hearing aids.

MR. MOORE MOVED AND FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE JANUARY 2024 PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims

3. March 2024 Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims Report

Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers stated seven (7) claims were submitted by two (2) pensioners and noted that there were no unusual matters to report. There were no questions from the Board.

MR. MOORE MOVED AND FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2024 MEDICAL/DENTAL/VISION/MEDICARE/OTHER CLAIMS REPORT AS PRESENTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,259.53. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Business Items

4. Hearing Aid Benefit

Finance Director Allen revisited discussions from previous meetings about hearing aid benefits, noting that no action has been taken to incorporate a \$5,000 benefit provided by Cigna every three (3) years. Mr. Moore clarified that the discussion on this item was deferred at the last meeting due to Finance Director Allen's absence and concurred that adjustments should be made to align the policy with the actual amount Cigna covers. Mr. Moore suggested that in instances where pensioners incur expenses on hearing aids beyond the \$5,000 benefit, the Board could consider the claims individually.

Upon the request of Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers, Finance Director Allen clarified on the specifics of how the hearing aid benefits would be implemented.

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN MOVED AND MR. MOORE SECONDED THE MOTION TO AMEND THE POLICE PENSION BOARD POLICIES TO REFLECT A \$5,000 BENEFIT FOR HEARING AIDS EVERY THREE YEARS, ALIGNING WITH THE BENEFITS OFFERED BY CIGNA. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

5. Police Pension Board Vacancy

Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers reported that Police Pension Board Member Larry Couch resigned from his position on February 20, 2024, with his term due to expire on June 30, 2024. Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers suggested that given the Board has been operating without Mr. Couch, the vacant position can remain unfilled until the election process begins in May. The individual elected will serve a full three-year term.

Mr. Moore shared his thoughts on how vacancies should be filled, detailing the election mechanism and the terms of service. In response, Finance Director Allen and Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers mentioned that the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 41.20 provides clear instructions on these matters. The Board agreed to leave the position vacant and proceed with the usual election process in May.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Moore reiterated his previous statements that both the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are required to attend the meetings. He emphasized the need to explore the reasons why the Mayor Pro Tem has been absent from meetings.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Richardson, Chair

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, Police Pension Board Secretary

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