

Minutes

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 - 8:15 AM
Richland City Hall - Parkway Conference Room
625 Swift Blvd.

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting No. 779

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

Call to Order

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

Presentations

1. 2024 Police Pension Board Election Results

Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers reported that the 2024 Election dates were June 3-13, 2024. Of the twenty-five (25) ballots mailed, sixteen (16) ballots were returned and were tabulated on June 17, 2024. As a result, Randy Carper was unanimously elected to a three (3) year term on the Police Pension Board. His term will commence on July 1, 2024 and will run through June 30, 2027.

Mayor Richardson congratulated Randy Carper on his election to the Police Pension Board.

Public Comments

None.

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2. Approval of the May 21, 2024 Police Pension Board Regular Meeting Minutes

MR. MOORE MOVED AND FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Financial Reports and Investments

3. May 2024 Preliminary Financial Statements

Finance Director Allen stated there was nothing out of the ordinary to report on as the expenses continue to remain consistent with previous months. There were no questions from the Board.

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

4. Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims

Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers reported that four (4) pensioners submitted seven (7) claims for reimbursement. Mr. Moore sought clarification on the Medicare payment for P9. Finance Director Allen provided a response.

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN MOVED AND MR. MOORE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2024 MEDICAL/DENTAL/VISION/MEDICARE/OTHER CLAIMS REPORT AS PRESENTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,062.94. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Business Items

5. P14 Reimbursement Request

Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers began the presentation by reporting that since March 28, 2024, P14 has been residing at Brookdale Senior Living, and is seeking reimbursement for \$12,124.24 for associated expenses. Of the total amount, a non-refundable \$4,100 Community Fee is charged to each resident upon agreeing to stay at Brookdale Senior Living. The Community fee covers non-medical expenses such as Homeowners' Association (HOA) charges, landscaping, and other similar costs.

The remaining \$8,024.24 of the reimbursement request corresponds to a couple of days in March, and the entire months of April and May. After discounts are applied, it is expected that P14 will be billed \$5,314.12 each month moving forward for his accommodations at Brookdale Senior Living. Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers stated that the Police Pension Board Policy states that the Board will utilize the most current Cost of Care Survey in the region the member resides as a guideline to determine the level of payment for Adult Care.

According to the 2023 Genworth Cost of Care Survey, the average monthly cost for a private, one bedroom in an Assisted Living Facility in the region is \$3,950. The Board thoroughly discussed the claim and engaged in a question-and-answer session with staff throughout the presentation.

MR. MOORE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FULL REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST OF \$12,124.24. THE MOTION FAILED DUE TO A LACK OF A SECOND MOTION.

The Board deliberated further on the \$4,100 Community Fee reimbursement request.

MR. MOORE MOVED AND FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE \$8,024.24 OF THE \$12,124.24 REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers requested clarification on the Board's decision to approve the \$8,024.24 for Basic Service Rate expenses and to deny the \$4,100 Community Fee. The Board confirmed Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers' summary of their actions.

Mayor Richardson asked if the future monthly payment of \$5,314.12 was correct. Based on information provided by Brookdale Senior Living, Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers confirmed that future monthly payments should be \$5,314.12.

Finance Director Allen suggested utilizing the Washington State average of \$6,138 as a guideline to determine payment for Adult Care since the regional average of \$3,950 listed by Genworth Cost of Care Survey is well below the state average. There was discussion about Finance Director Allen's suggestion as well as the procedure for processing this monthly reimbursement.

There was consensus among the Board members to approve a monthly payment of \$5,314.12 for P14's assisted living expenses. In the event there is an increase in the assisted living reimbursement request, the Board will review the claim and make a determination. The Genworth Cost of Care Survey for the region will be reviewed on an annual basis to determine payment adjustments.

Board Member Comments

None.

Adjournment:

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN MOVED AND MR. MOORE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

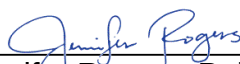
The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

APPROVED:



Theresa Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, Police Pension Board Secretary

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