Minutes

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 2021 - 8:15 AM
REMOTE ATTENDANCE ONLY
Public Telephone Access: (509) 942-7699

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting No. 741

Call to Order:

Mayor Lukson called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

Attendance:

Mayor Lukson, Administrative Services Director Koch, Police Representatives Couch, Moore and Thomas and Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers.

Also remotely present was City Attorney Kintzley.

Presentations

1. 2021 LEOFF COLA Adjustments

Administrative Services Director Koch announced that the annual COLA increase established by the state has been set at 1.9%. Information regarding the COLA adjustments were provided to the Board members in the agenda packet.

Mr. Couch moved and Mr. Moore seconded the motion to place on file the 2021 LEOFF COLA Adjustments. The motion carried 6-0.

Public Comments

None.

Minutes:

2. Approval of the March 18, 2021 Police Pension Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Moore moved and Mr. Couch seconded the motion to approve the March 18, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Financial Reports and Investments:

3. 2020 Income Expense Statements

Mr. Moore moved and Mr. Couch seconded the motion to approve the 2020 Income

Expense Statements as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims

4. March 2021 Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims Report - $11, 716.99

Upon Mayor Lukson's request, Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers provided an update to the outstanding reimbursement claims submitted by P8.

Mr. Moore moved and Mr. Couch seconded the motion to approve the claims with corrections. The motion carried 6-0.

Business Items:

5. Police Pension Board Process and Procedures Discussion

Police Pension Member Moore presented on a number of issues listed in the *Board Issues* document he previously provided to Board members. Mr. Moore then proposed amendments to the current procedures of processing claims.

City Attorney Kintzley provided a brief overview of how the Police and Fire Pension Secretary's procedural duties have evolved over the years into current practice how the decision to contract the Firefighters' Pension Board Secretary position transpired.

There was further discussion among the Board members and staff regarding the process in which claims were processed in the past versus present-day procedures.

Mr. Moore reported that most Police Pension retirees have voiced opposition to the following: current claims process procedures, mandatory use of a claim form, coordinating benefits and communicating with medical providers.

Administrative Services Director Koch provided additional information concerning difficulties associated with previous staff who served as secretary to both pension boards.

Administrative Services Director Koch also reported on how claims were processed prior to the implementation of the claim form and opposed returning to that practice based off of legal requirements. Mr. Moore responded to Ms. Koch's statements and offered additional statements regarding reimbursable claims with Cigna.

Mr. Couch suggested that this conversation be continued at a future meeting.

Board Member Comments:

Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers announced that Police Pension Board

Representative Couch's term on the Police Pension Board will expire on June 30, 2021. A Notice of an Election and Nomination document has been prepared and will be mailed to each police pensioner.

The nomination period to elect one (1) Police Pension Board Representative will be May 3, 2021 through May 14, 2021.

The 2021 Police Pension Board election dates will be June 9, 2021 through June 16, 2021.

Adjournment:

Mr. Couch moved and Mr. Moore seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

APPROVED: ATTEST:

Mayor Ryan Lukson, Chair Jennifer Rogers, Police Pension Board Secretary

DATE APPROVED: May 20, 2021

DATE PUBLISHED: May 21, 2021