



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
POLICE LOCAL BOARD OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)**

MINUTES

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Meeting Held Electronically

- PRESENT:** Hugo Meraz, Citizen Member
Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head
Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member
Matt Heeren, Elected Member
- ABSENT:** Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head
- STAFF:** Sue Sola, Senior Human Resources Analyst
Darlene Ganger, Senior HR Benefits Analyst
- GUESTS:** Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney
Jeff Burg, former Chairperson/Mayoral Designee

Call to Order

Board Member Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Possible Executive Session

- 1. Discussion and vote on the appointment of Hugo Meraz as chairperson of this meeting**

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPOINT HUGO MERAZ AS CHAIRPERSON FOR THE DURATION OF THIS MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE

MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Jeff Burg, former Chairperson/Mayoral Designee of the PSPRS Police Local Board, announced that the legal department informed him that because he has moved outside of the City of Scottsdale, he is no longer able to serve in his capacity on the Board,. He briefly spoke about his years on the Board and thanked staff and Board members.

Board Member Meraz thanked him for his service to the City and commitment to the boards.

2. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – December 17, 2020

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 17, 2021 PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Police officers into PSPRS, if any

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICER RECRUITS BRYAN CLARK, DANNY DONOVAN, AND ELLIOT JOHNSON, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF DECEMBER 7, 2020. EACH WILL BE INDUCTED WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. Discussion and vote on the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) termination and Normal Retirement application of Police Officer Brian Amrine

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Officer Brian Amrine will retire on February 2, 2021 with 20.007 years of service. His monthly benefit will be \$3,830.00. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER BRIAN AMRINE. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Board Member Meraz thanked Officer Amrine for his years of service.

5. Discussion and vote on the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) termination and Normal Retirement application of Police Sergeant John F Ghiglia

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Sergeant John F. Ghiglia retired January 7, 2021 with 20.033 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$5,396.60. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE SERGEANT JOHN F. GHIGLIA. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Board Member Meraz thanked Sergeant Ghiglia for his years of service.

6. Discussion and vote on the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) termination and Normal Retirement application of Police Sergeant Tommy W. Jensen

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Sergeant Tommy W. Jensen will retire January 28, 2021 with 21.500 years of service. His monthly benefit will be \$5,069.33. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE SERGEANT TOMMY W. JENSEN. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Board Member Meraz thanked Sergeant Jensen for his years of service to the Community and on the PSPRS Board.

7. Discussion and vote on the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) termination and Normal Retirement application of Police Lieutenant Eric D. Rasmussen

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Lieutenant Eric D. Rasmussen will retire January 28, 2021 with 22.030 years of service. His monthly benefit will be \$5,270.40. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT ERIC D. RASMUSSEN. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Board Member Meraz thanked Lieutenant Rasmussen for his years of service.

8. Discussion and vote on the Normal Retirement application of Police Sergeant Amii Ruscitti

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Sergeant Amii Ruscitti will retire January 29, 2021 with 22.541 years of service. His monthly benefit will be \$5,606.89. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE SERGEANT AMII RUSCITTI. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Board Member Meraz thanked Sergeant Ruscitti for his years of service.

9. Discussion and vote on the recently prepared PSPRS Police Local Board 2020 Annual Report

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD 2020 ANNUAL REPORT. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

10. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers

There were no recently completed service transfers

11. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Board Member Meraz commented noted that the joint Board bylaws review is still a future agenda item, but will be tabled until Mayor Ortega has appointed a new chair to the Board.

Ms. Sampson said she anticipates new hires and a retirement for next month's agenda.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

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