



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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

**Police and Fire Department Headquarters - Operations Room
8401 E. Indian School Road**

PRESENT: Jeff Burg, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
James Butera, Elected Member
Hugo Meraz, Citizen Member
Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member
Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head

STAFF: Sue Sola
Chanda Washington

GUESTS: Hannah Auckland (telephonic)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Burg called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present as noted above.

Possible Executive Session

**1a. introduction of Chairperson/Mayoral Designee Jeff Burg to the PSPRS
Police Board**

Jeff Burg introduced himself as the new Chairperson/Mayoral Designee of the PSPRS Police Board.

1. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes - October 15, 2015

Ms. Sola noted that her name was spelled incorrectly in the attendance list, as was Lisa Angelini's name.

BOARD MEMBER MERAZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 15, 2015 PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING WITH THE CHANGES NOTED. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

2. Induction of new Scottsdale police officers into PSPRS, if any

There were no new inductees.

3. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) application of Police Sergeant Dean J. Perna

Ms. Washington noted that Police Sergeant Dean J. Perna is entering the DROP effective October 29, 2015 with 29.008 years of service. His monthly DROP benefit is calculated at \$4,456.76. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP APPLICATION OF POLICE SERGEANT DEAN J. PERNA. BOARD MEMBER BUTERA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

4. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) termination and normal retirement application of Police Sergeant Mark C. Brachtl

Ms. Washington noted that Police Sergeant Mark C. Brachtl is retiring from the DROP on November 30th with 25.104 years of service. His monthly benefit will be \$4,543.84. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER BUTERA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE SERGEANT MARK C. BRACHTL. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

Chair Burg thanked Sergeant Brachtl for his years of service.

5. Discussion and vote of Police Officer PSPRS membership effective date

Ms. Sola reported on the difference in cost to the City between continuing with the current practice of enrolling officers in the Academy in ASRS for the first 11 pay periods and transferring them into PSPRS upon graduation and entering officers into the PSPRS system upon entering the Academy. For the current fiscal year the City is contributing approximately \$11,659.91 per employee. The City is projecting 30 new hires next year to cover attrition. If new hires are entered into PSPRS the increased cost to the City would be approximately \$168,588.76 based on hiring at the beginning of the fiscal year at the minimum on the pay scale. In FY 2017/18 the estimate increases to \$170,052.93.

Ms. Washington explained that the City's contribution rate into PSPRS is 28 percent for police officers and ASRS is 11.35 percent, which means the member's contribution is higher. In addition, ASRS benefits are not as rich as PSPRS.

Board Member Brown reiterated that she confirmed it is up to the local Board whether or not to enroll new employees in the ASRS system or in PSPRS. She noted that the City Manager is interested in reviewing the financial information.

BOARD MEMBER MERAZ MOVED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION. CHAIR BUTERA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

Discussion ensued regarding the financial ramifications of moving new police officers from the ASRS system into PSPRS while in the Academy and the right of new police officers to have the same benefits as new firefighters. It was consensus of the Board to table the discussion until the December meeting and to invite the City Manager, the City Treasurer, and the Mayor to attend that meeting.

6. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers

Ms. Sola noted that Darren Szczepanski is transferring 2.8640 years of service from the City of Scottsdale to the Town of Gilbert Police Department.

Joseph Moore is transferring 1.874 years of service from the City of Scottsdale to Mesa Police Department.

McKay Lauritzen is transferring 2.622 years of service from the City of Scottsdale to Gilbert Police Department.

Kevin Watts is redeeming 3.246 years of prior military service, resulting in 23.698 years of service under PSPRS.

7. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

There were no suggestions for the upcoming agenda.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

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