Call to Order

Chair Burg called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. He recognized guests, Joyce Gilbride, Accounting Director and Anna Henthorn, Accounting Manager.
Roll Call

Members present as indicated above.

Possible Executive Session

1. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – May 25, 2017

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MAY 25, 2017 PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

2. Induction of new City of Scottsdale fire Fighters into PSPRS, if any

There were no new inductees.

3. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Patrick John Schuller

In response to a question from Board Member Springborn, Ms. Auckland confirmed that a confidentiality waiver was signed.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIREFIGHTER PATRICK JOHN SCHULLER. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

Chair Burg thanked Firefighter Schuller for his service. Firefighter Schuller also expressed his thanks to the Board.

4. Update on Dr. Seivert

Ms. Sampson said that a new contract was received from Dr. Seivert. The rates are the same. He billed $2,000; the remaining balance was an administrative fee billed by MCN. Going forward, Dr. Seivert will be billed directly for his service rather than billing through MCN, since he is no longer within the MCN network.

5. Discussion of the Hall-Parker Suits

Board Member Brown said that she asked for this to be on the agenda, because PSPRS has asked that the local boards and cities work hand in hand in regards to Hall-Parker and the logistics, including withdrawing checks and interest.

Joyce Gilbride provided an update on next steps for refund of the excess contributions. She was able to access the Public Safety website last week and retrieve the information, followed by a process of verification and reconciliation. Participants were able to access the site and obtain their estimates. A communication was sent out last week which outlined the steps. Those
wanting to enroll in the City’s deferred compensation plan or change their contributions must return the form by July 7th. Forms must be dated no later than June 30 in order to be effective.

The employee self-service site will be available July 13th through July 17th at 9 a.m. for individuals to change their state and federal withholding for purposes of the refund only. There is also a time frame to change these elections back for regular biweekly paychecks. The plan is to issue checks on July 27th to be distributed on the 28th by designated Public Safety staff. Signatures will be collected for anyone receiving a check. A letter was sent to retired Public Safety staff, informing them of the lawsuit and the requirements to supply tax information for refunds.

The last step in the process will be interest payments. This will not be in effect until completion of the issuance of excess contributions. This required collection of a W-9 forms from each impacted employee. As of May, all forms from active employees had been received. Future steps following disbursement includes notification to the Public Safety Retirement System that these amounts have been issued. Interest payment disbursements will be a separate payment and will go through the accounts payable system.

Board Member Springborn said that City staff has done a phenomenal job of keeping everyone informed throughout the process. He noted that IRS code requires that anyone wishing to transfer the payment to the Deferred Compensation Program must sign their document with a June date.

6. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers

There were no recent service transfers.

7. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Board Member Springborn noted that the contract has been completed with Dr. Seivert. However, with current members in treatment process, it is possible that a few more accidental cases could be brought forth. As a Board, he suggested they should determine whether they would like to continue with the current direction in using Dr. Seivert or whether they wish to make a change. Chair Burg noted that this should be added as an agenda item for next month.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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