MINUTES
Thursday, June 22, 2017

Police and Fire Department Headquarters – SPD Operations Conference Room
8401 E. Indian School Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT:    Jeff Burg, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
            Hugo Meraz, Citizen Member (telephonic)
            Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head
            Tommy Jensen, Elected Member

EXCUSED:    Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member

STAFF:      Alena Sampson
            Sue Sola
            Joyce Gilbride
            Anna Henthorn

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

Roll Call
Members present as indicated above.

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

BOARD MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MAY 25, 2017 PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER JENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA WAS ABSENT.

2. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Police Officers into PSPRS, if any

Ms. Sampson stated that James Gillespie is a returning inductee. He will be returning on May 30th, 2017. Chair Burg asked how it is that Mr. Gillespie’s hire date is May 30th and induction date is 5/25. It was clarified that Mr. Gillespie was hired on May 30th and will be inducted as of May 30th, once he is approved.

BOARD MEMBER JENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF RETURNING SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICER JAMES GILLESPIE INTO PSPRS WITH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF 5/30/17. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA WAS ABSENT.

3. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) termination and normal retirement application of Police Lieutenant Jamie Buckler

Ms. Sola noted that Lieutenant Jamie Buckler is retiring as of June 30, 2017. When he entered the DROP, he had 25.106 years of service. He has since worked five more years, bringing him to a total of 30.106 years. His monthly benefit will be $6,274.25. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF LIEUTENANT JAMIE BUCKLER. BOARD MEMBER JENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA WAS ABSENT.

Chair Burg thanked Lieutenant Buckler for his service and wished him well on his retirement.

4. Discussion of the Hall-Parker Suits

Joyce Gilbride introduced herself as the Accounting Director with the City Treasurer’s Office and introduced Accounting Manager, Anna Henthorn. Ms. 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 outlining 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. All the requested W-9 forms have been
received.

Board Member Jensen said that he has received only positive feedback for the way this issue
has been handled and explained.

5. **Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers**

There were no recently completed service transfers.

6. **Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items**

There were no suggestions made.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at
11:10 a.m.

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