

**CITY OF FORT PIERCE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEM
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
JUNE 19, 2014**

Summarized Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Fort Pierce Retirement and Benefit System, June 19, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Present:

Commissioner Tom Perona, Chair
Stanley Fidge
Nina Hurtubise
William Conavay
Rodney Nieves

City Commission Member
General Member
U.A. Board Appointee
U.A. General Member
Police Officer Member

Attorney Jim Walker
Christina Luna

Assistant City Attorney, Advisory
Retirement Clerk

Absent:

Gloria J. Johnson
Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Secretary/Treasurer
City Commission Member

Recording:

Johnna Morris

Chief Accountant

ITEM NO. 1 & 2 ~ ROLL CALL

Chairperson, Commissioner Tom Perona called the meeting to order at 2:02p.m., the first item on the agenda being the “*Roll Call*”. Absent were Mrs. Gloria Johnson and Commissioner Reginald Sessions. He asked if we had received notice from both Ms. Johnson and Commissioner Sessions.

Mrs. Johnna Morris said Mrs. Johnson was away at a Conference and she had not received notice from Comm. Sessions.

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Comm. Perona asked for a motion to excuse Mrs. Johnson's absence.

A motion was made by Mr. Stan Fidge and seconded by Mr. Will Conaway to excuse the absence of Mrs. Gloria Johnson.

All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3 ~ COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Comm. Perona said the next item on the agenda was comments from the public. He asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public.

ITEM NO. 4 ~ APPROVAL OF SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2014.

Comm. Perona stated that the next item was the approval of the summarized minutes of May 15, 2014. Comm. Perona asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Nina Hurtubise said at the last meeting she had requested her comments regarding FPUA's concerns and wish that the Commission would consider allowing the employees to have the option of the 2.5 multiplier with the buy up to 3.0. She is asking for the minutes to be amended to include her comments

A motion was made by Mr. Stan Fidge and seconded by Mr. Rodney Nieves to approve the minutes with the correction.

All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5 ~ ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Jim Walker said he at the last meeting had included the proposed rule for the board's approval and adoption on handwritten notes. He said there needed to be a second reading on the

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adoption of this rule. He had included a proposed rule adopting a procedure governing continuances. The board currently has a very vague rule and this amendment mirrors that of the other City boards and provides the mechanism for the board to get out of the business of proving continuances. It is viewed as a very noncontroversial formality.

Comm. Perona said this exists on other boards and helps with the process, he was happy we would be adding this to the rules.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Stan Fidge to adopt Rule 9d as so presented.

All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

Atty. Walker said his third and final matter for the board is the memo he had provided discussing the scope of the Board's jurisdiction to hear the demand for a reconsideration of a decision that was made on the retirement application of Ms. Mazella Smith. The memorandum concludes that she has the right to petition the board, but the board's ability to act is limited to the extent of awarding benefits for earnings when they are paid.

Comm. Perona asked if there were any questions for Attorney Walker. There were none.

ITEM NO. 6 ~ PUBLIC HEARING ON BENEFITS APPLICATIONS

Comm. Perona stated that the next item on the agenda was Public Hearings on Benefit Applications.

Comm. Perona opened up the public hearings for anyone to comment on the request for retirement from Terry Keck with 26 years and 3 months of service with the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority entering into the DROP. He asked if there was any one here who would like to publicly comment on this request. Seeing none, Comm. Perona closed the public hearing. Comm. Perona opened up the matter for the Board. **A motion was made by Ms. Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Conaway to approve the request for retirement from Terry Keck.** Comm. Perona asked for any questions or comments on this request before the motion was called. **All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Comm. Perona opened up the public hearings for anyone to comment on the request for retirement from Roland Ruppert with 8 years and 1 month of service with the Fort Pierce

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Utilities Authority. He asked if there was any one here who would like to publicly comment on this request. Seeing none, Comm. Perona closed the public hearing. Comm. Perona opened up the matter for the Board. **A motion was made by Ms. Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Fidge to approve the request for retirement from Roland Ruppert .** Comm. Perona asked for any questions or comments on this request before the motion was called. **All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion was carried unanimously.**

ITEM NO. 7 ~ OLD BUSINESS

Comm. Perona stated that the next item is Old Business. He said the board had to have a second reading on the adoption of Section 15, Rule 1(d) into the code, regarding the disposition of board members handwritten notes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Stan Fidge to adopt Section 15, Rule 1(d) as so presented.

All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 8 ~ NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Perona stated that the next item is New Business, there was none.

ITEM NO. 9 ~ CONSENT AGENDA

Comm. Perona stated that the next item is the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Conavay and seconded by Mr. Nieves to approve the refund of member contributions.

All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

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ITEM NO. 10 ~ CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Comm. Perona said that the next item is Consideration of Absences. Ms. Johnson's absence was approved earlier and now that notification had been received from Commissioner Sessions his absence needed

A motion was made by Mrs. Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Fidge to approve the absence of Comm. Sessions.

All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 11 ~ NEXT MEETING

Comm. Perona said the next meeting was scheduled for July 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

ITEM NO. 12 ~ ADJOURNMENT

Seeing there were no further questions or comments, Comm. Perona adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m. He thanked everyone for their time and attendance.

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer

Chairperson

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