CITY OF FORT PIERCE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEM
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
JANUARY 15, 2015

Summarized Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Fort Pierce Retirement and Benefit System, January 15, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Present:

Commissioner Tom Perona, Chair	City Commission Member, Chairman
Gloria J. Johnson	Secretary/Treasurer
Commissioner Reginald Sessions	City Commission Member
Rodney Nieves	Police Officer Member
Nina Hurtubise	U.A. Board Appointee
Keith Stephens	U.A. General Member
Attorney Jim Walker	City Attorney, Advisory
Christina Luna	Retirement Clerk

Absent:

Stanley Fidge	General Member, Vice-Chair

Recording:

Johnna Morris	Chief Accountant

ITEM NO. 1 & 2 ~ ROLL CALL

Chairperson, Commissioner Tom Perona called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. with the first item on the agenda being the "*Roll Call*". All were present except Mr. Stanley Fidge.

ITEM NO. 3 ~ COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Comm. Perona stated that the next item on the agenda was comments from the public. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. William Platz was present and asked for an update on an information request he had made a a previous meeting.

Mrs. Gloria Johnson asked him to email the request to her and she would see that he received the information.

ITEM NO. 4 ~ APPROVAL OF SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2014 AND DECEMBER 18, 2014.

Comm. Perona stated that the next item was the approval of the summarized minutes of November 20, 2014 and December 18, 2014. Comm. Perona asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Nina Hurtubise and seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve the summarized minutes of November 20, 2014.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Nina Hurtubise and seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve the summarized minutes December 18, 2014.

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 at last month's meeting the board had comments regarding the the notice by email to petitioners; asking if it was legal He had provided a document from the Judicial Administration Rule allowing for such. He suggested that the board update the current

forms to include for an email address, if the petitioner desired to receive notifiactin by this means. He would have the rule amendment before the board at the next meeting.

Comm. Perona asked if there were any questions or comments for Atty. Walker. There were none.

ITEM NO. 6 ~ PUBLIC HEARING ON BENFITS 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 to defer retirement from Peter R. Haupt with 5 years and 11 months of service with the City of Fort Pierce. He asked if there was any one here who would like to publicly comment on this request. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing and opened the matter for the Board. **A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Nina Hurtubise to approve the request to defer retirement from Peter R. Haupt.** 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, with the second reading of the amendment to Code Rule 12

Atty. Walker briefly explained this was an amendment to Section 13-172 regarding reconsiderations by petitioners. He said 12© was being created.

Mrs. Johnson said that progress was being made but we are there but had a few technical issues that MIS was still trying to iron out. We should be ready at the next month's meeting.

Comm. Perona asked for a motion to accept**.**

A motion was made by Ms. Hurtubise and seconded by Comm. Sessions to approve the amendment to Code Rule 12. 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 asked if there was any other old business. There was none.

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 Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Comm. Sessions 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.

ITEM NO. 10 ~ CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Comm. Perona said that the next item is Consideration of Absences.

Mrs. Johnson informed that board that at the last meeting she said she had not received notice that Comm. Sessions would not be attending the meeting. She later found out that someone had called and left a voice message that she retrieved after the fact. She suggested that he be excused from that meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Hurtubise to excuse Comm. Sessions from December's meeting and Mr. Stan Fidge from this meeting. All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 11 ~ COMMENTS FROM BAORD MEMBERS

Comm. Perona asked if any members had any comments.

Ms. Hurtubise asked for the status on the bargaining units regarding the changes to the retirement system.

Mrs. Johnson answered that negotiations had just began and there is no status at this time, other than that. She informed the board that the Disability Review Committee Ordinance was going before the Commission at the next meeting and also, at the last meeting a question arose regarding the November financials, they were correct as presented.

ITEM NO. 12 ~ NEXT MEETING

Comm. Perona said that the next item was next month's meeting. He noted that the next meeting was scheduled for February 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

ITEM NO. 13 ~ ADJOURNMENT

Seeing that there were no further questions or comments, Comm. Perona adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. He thanked everyone for their time and attendance.

ATTEST:

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Secretary/Treasurer Chairperson

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