

**CITY OF FORT PIERCE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEM
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
JULY 16, 2015**

Summarized Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Fort Pierce Retirement and Benefit System, July 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Present:

Commissioner Tom Perona, Chair
Stanley Fidge
Gloria J. Johnson
Rodney Nieves
Nina Hurtubise
Keith Stephens

City Commission Member, Chairman
General Member, Vice Chair
Secretary/Treasurer
Police Officer Member
U.A. Board Appointee
U.A. General Member

Attorney Jim Walker

Assistant City Attorney, Advisory

Absent:

Commissioner Reginald Sessions

City Commission Member

Recording:

Christina Luna

Retirement Clerk

ITEM NO. 1 & 2 ~ ROLL CALL

Chairperson, Commissioner Tom Perona called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., the first item on the agenda being the “*Roll Call*”. Absent was Commissioner Reginald Sessions.

ITEM NO. 3 ~ COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

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Dodi Spence wanted a copy of the policies for the Disability Review Committee.

ITEM NO. 4 ~ APPROVAL OF SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2015.

Comm. Perona, the next item was the approval of the summarized minutes of May 21, 2015. He asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Nina Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Stan Fidge to approve the summarized minutes of May 21, 2015.

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 thanked the board for allowing him to attend the NAPPA Conference and said he was preparing a note summarizing what was picked up. He also said at the last meeting there was the first reading of the amendment to Rule 16 regarding QDROs and the second reading should be today.

Comm. Perona asked for a motion to approve the second reading.

A motion was made by Ms. Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Fidge to approve the second reading of the Amendment to Rule 16, QDROs.

Comm. Perona asked for a roll call. **Gloria Johnson, yes; Rodney Nieves, yes; Keith Stephens, yes, Nina Hurtubise, yes; Stan Fidge, yes; Commissioner Perona, yes.** There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

Atty. Walker said did not have anything further.

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

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ITEM NO. 6 ~ PUBLIC HEARING ON BENEFITS APPLICATIONS

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

Comm. Perona opened the public hearings for anyone to comment on the request for retirement from Jared Somerson with 11 years and 8 months of service with the Fort Pierce 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 Mr. Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the request for retirement from Jared Somerson.** 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 the public hearings for anyone to comment on the request for retirement from Stephanie Smith with 25 years of service with the City of Fort Pierce, entering into the DROP program. 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 Mr. Fidge and seconded by Sgt. Nieves to approve the request for retirement from Stephanie Smith.** 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 the public hearings for anyone to comment on the request for retirement from Gerald Faison with 25 years of service with the City of Fort Pierce, entering into the DROP program. 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 Sgt. Nieves and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the request for retirement from Gerald Faison.** 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 the public hearings for anyone to comment on the request to defer retirement from Irene L. Dixon with 5 years and 6 months of service with the Fort Pierce 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 Mr. Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the request to defer retirement from Irene L. Dixon.** Comm. Perona

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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 the public hearings for anyone to comment on the request to defer retirement from Catherine Kane with 5 years and 6 months of service with the Fort Pierce 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 Mr. Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the request to defer retirement from Catherine Kane.** 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 the public hearings for anyone to comment on the request to defer retirement from Putnam Moreman, IV with 5 years and 11 months of service with the Fort Pierce 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 Mr. Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the request to defer retirement from Putnam Moreman, IV.** 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, the next item is Old Business. He asked for an update on the issue Sgt. Nieves had brought up, regarding locating retirees and updating information to make sure they are still the persons receiving the benefits.

Mrs. Johnson said we had updated the letter that is sent out, it now has to be notarized and returned. If they do not return the form we will stop the direct deposit and issue a check that they will have to come in and pick up. She asked if the board would like to review the letter.

Comm. Perona said it would nice to see it at the next meeting.

Ms. Hurtubise asked if it should be a part of the rules of procedure.

Atty. Walker said he would draft the allowance for such.

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Ms. Hurtubise asked if there was any news on to the negotiations relating to the changes to the retirement system.

Mrs. Johnson said they are in negotiations now. It has not been ratified and only 1 of 3 of the unions had agreed.

ITEM NO. 8 ~ NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Perona, the next item is New Business. He said he was planning on attending the FPPTA conference; please let him know when the spring conference date comes up.

Mr. Stephens said there was one coming up in October and he would be attending.

ITEM NO. 9 ~ CONSENT AGENDA

Comm. Perona, the next item is the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Ms. Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Fidge 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, the next item is Consideration of Absences.

A motion was made by Mr. Fidge and seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the absence of Commissioner Reginald Sessions.

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. 11 ~ BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Comm. Perona asked for comments from the board.

Mr. Stephens commented on The City of Vero Beach's retirement system being converted to a defined contribution plan.

Mr. Fidge said it happened because they were only 60% funded.

Mrs. Johnson commented that Disability Review Committee is meeting and will bring things before the board as needed.

There were no other board member comments.

ITEM NO. 12 ~ NEXT MEETING

Comm. Perona said the next meeting was scheduled for August 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

ITEM NO. 13 ~ ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further questions or comments, Comm. Perona adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m. He thanked everyone for their time and attendance.

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ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer

Chairperson

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