

CITY OF ORANGE
FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND RETIREMENT FUND
BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING

March 15, 2018

The Board of Trustees and Officers of the City of Orange Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund convened for its monthly board meeting on February 15, 2018, at the City Hall Conference room, Orange, Texas with the following members present:

Jody Cowart,	Chairman
John Bilbo,	Vice-Chairman
Cheryl Zeto,	Secretary/Treasurer
Sherry Jackson,	Trustee
Walter Riedel,	Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am.

A motion was made by Sherry Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 15, 2018. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Zeto. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion & action item:

A motion was made by Sherry Jackson to nominate and appoint Walter Riedel for another term as a Citizen Member trustee. The nomination was accepted by Walter Riedel and the Board members present. The motion was seconded by Jody Cowart. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Riedel's Oath of Office was renewed and notarized.

Nominations were taken for the vacant citizen member position on the Pension board. John Bilbo mentioned Brandon Fisher with First State Bank. Cheryl Zeto suggested talking to George Mortimer again. Sherry Jackson mentioned Chris Kovatch with Bridge City Bank. Walter Riedel suggested maybe Cindy Mims.

A motion was made by Sherry Jackson to maintain the current wire transfer amount from Morgan Stanley. The motion was seconded by Jody Cowart. All present are in favor. No one opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sherry Jackson to approve the monthly benefits for April, May and June 2018. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Zeto. All present are in favor. No one opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jody Cowart to approve payment to Foster & Foster for the special actuarial study dated Jan 10, 2018 and the revised FSRP letter dated Feb 12, 2018. The charge for the GASB 68 update dated 9/30/2017 was waived. The motion was seconded by John Bilbo. All present are in favor. No one opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jody Cowart to approve the 2017 TLFFRA Annual Report dated December 31, 2017 with a corrected email for Walter Riedel. The

motion was seconded by John Bilbo, All present are in favor. No one opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion /possible action items:

Discussion on the special study to amend the normal form of annuity payment at the time of retirement. This amendment would have the least amount of affect on the members with significant positive change to the Plan's health. The recommended amendment would increase the stability of the Fund for future retirees by reducing the cost to the Fund. The board has also enacted other changes to lower the amortization period by implementing investment strategy changes to increase the returns and reduce losses due to market volatility as recommended by the Investment consultant. A motion was made by Jody Cowart to table this item until the amendment can be further explained to the Union and put to a vote. Sherry Jackson requested that a copy of the minutes for said Union meeting be provided to the Fund for due diligence. The Board unanimously agrees that this amendment is necessary. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Zeto. All present are in favor. No one opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Review bi-annual TLFFRA Report: This report has lots of good comparative information from other Plans similar in size and structure to the Orange Pension Fund. There were no questions.

Reports from Trustees: It has been verified that according to the Plan Document, page 2 section 1.09. If a firefighter terminates employment and withdraws his/her contributions from the Fund, he/she will be treated in the same manner as a new employee if he/she is later reemployed. The years of service with the Plan will begin with the new date of rehire.

A motion was made by Jody Cowart to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am. The motion was seconded by John Bilbo. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.