

City of Miramar Firefighters' Retirement Plan

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD

January 29, 2008

Alan Park called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM in the Conference Room of Fire Station 100 located at 2800 SW 184th Avenue, Miramar, FL. Those persons present were:

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Alan Park, Chairman
Jay Gillette, Secretary
S. Robert Rubin
Noel Marti
Frank Espinosa

OTHERS PRESENT

Bonni Jensen; Hanson, Perry & Jensen; Counsel
Denise McNeill; Resource Center; Administrator
Don Dulaney; Dulaney & Company; Actuary

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Susan Finn; Advisory Board
James Estep; Advisory Board
Steven Wells; Advisory Board
Leo Nunez; Advisory Board

INVESTMENT MONITOR DISCUSSION

The Trustees discussed their investment monitor, Merrill Lynch, and the pending Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issues related to that firm. They expressed concern that the matter was still unresolved as the Trustees have a fiduciary responsibility to protect the Pension Fund. Mrs. Jensen reviewed the historical investment monitor process and explained that SEC regulations have changed for monitors in recent years resulting in an increased number of independent consultants in the industry who have no broker-dealer affiliation. She believes the existing model of brokerage firms will change. The Trustees discussed the fact that Merrill Lynch has been their monitoring firm since 1986 and although the Pension Fund briefly utilized a different monitor in that period, the Trustees have always felt comfortable with the performance, level of service and user friendly reports received from Merrill Lynch. Mrs. Jensen explained that it appears the SEC claims are much smaller than the original accusations of "Pay to Play" which created the investigation. She further explained that such accusations, had they been found to have been true, did not have an effect on this Pension Fund as all of their investments were indexed until 2006. Discussion followed regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to review other monitors.

- Bob Rubin made a motion for the attorney to process a Request for Proposal for monitoring services. The motion received a second by Noel Marti and was approved by the Trustees 5-0.

Mrs. Jensen will provide a list of monitoring firms for review by the Trustees at the next meeting. Mr. Park explained that he would contact Dan Johnson of Merrill Lynch to advise of the Board's decision to review other monitors.

PENSION BENEFITS – UNION NEGOTIATIONS

The special meeting had been called at the request of the Union to discuss benefits, unfortunately it did not appear that a Union representative would be in attendance. Jay Gillette explained that he had recently attended a Union meeting along with the Plan's actuary, Don Dulaney, to discuss the matter. Mr. Dulaney explained that the conversation had covered multiple requests of benefits to value and Mr. Dulaney was hoping that Mr. Nunez would be in attendance at this meeting to further discuss and clarify the Union's direction. Mrs. Jensen asked if the Board wished to be intimately involved in the process or if they wished to set parameters on the Union's requests of Mr. Dulaney. She reminded the Trustees that Mr. Dulaney works for the Board and the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the Pension Fund. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the matter and the fact that the best place for the Union to acquire such information is through the Pension Fund. The Board discussed the cost of such calculations with Mr. Dulaney. Mr. Dulaney explained that he felt he could provide the requested cost information as well as calculate a Back-Drop for under \$7,500; however he still needs to clarify the Union's requests.

- Bob Rubin made a motion to allow the Union to communicate directly with the actuary regarding the requested cost study and for costs not to exceed \$7,500. The motion received a second by Noel Marti and was approved by the Trustees 5-0.

Bonni Jensen reported that the Ordinance change is on the City's agenda, however there were two typos in the document therefore a revised document would be sent over to the City this afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business,

- Noel Marti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 A.M. The motion received a second by Jay Gillette and was approved by the Trustees 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Gillette, Secretary