MINUTES

GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT COMMITTEE
AND
POLICE OFFICERS' & FIREFIGHTERS'
RETIREMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 11, 2008 - 9:00 AM

PRESENT

Sgt. Leo Socorro – Chair
Chief Linda Loizzo
Councilman DeRose
Councilman John Julien
Mayor Raymond Marin
Vic Espinal
Larry Gordon
Lori Helton

ABSENT

Councilman Chernoff
Off. Michael Pons

ALSO PRESENT

Charlie Mulfinger – Citi
Michael DeGenova - Citi
Pedro Herrera – Sugarman & Susskind
HGK-Dave Hauck & Michael Spillane
MacKay Shields-R. Rosen & James Farrell
Renaissance-Peter Beebe & Joe Bruening
Harding Loevner-Patrick Broderick
Davis Hamilton –J. Woods & G. Garcia
Sage – R. Williams & W. David McHane
Wasmer, Schroeder-M. Schroeder & J.Majoros
Howard Lenard – City Attorney
Martin Lebowitz – Pension Administrator

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Bill Dresback - Retired Firefighter

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Councilman John Julien and was followed by a roll call of Trustees.

I. INVESTMENT MANAGER PRESENTATIONS

The following firms made their presentation to provide Large Cap Value Investment Manager Services to the Police & Fire Plan:

- HGK - Dave Hauck & Michael Spillane
- MacKay Shields - Richard Rosen & James Farrell

Following discussion, motion by Sgt. Socorro, seconded by Chief Loizzo, to hire HGK Asset management for the Large Cap Value Investment Manager for the Police & Fire Retirement Plan.

Motion carried.

Pedro Herrera from Sugarman and Susskind discussed the law suit against Merrill Lynch. Pedro Herrera is asking the board for authorization to file a claim on behalf of the City of North Miami Beach Police & Fire and General Plans against Merrill Lynch. This is based on the SEC finding that Merrill Lynch was doing things such as excessive generation of fees through transition of accounts and trading, providing generic asset allocation models rather then specific models for their clients and undisclosed fees.
Sugarman and Susskind will join Robert Klausner's firm with the lawsuit against Merrill Lynch. There will be no legal fees for going forward with this lawsuit, since Sugarman and Susskind will be on a contingent basis fee. This lawsuit could take 2 – 3 years before it will be resolved.

Following discussion, motion by Larry Gordon, seconded by Vic Espinal, to hire Sugarman and Susskind and authorize the Chairman to act as the liaison to sign the claims letter and review the lawsuit and to go forward with the lawsuit against Merrill Lynch for the General Employees' Retirement Plan.

Motion carried.

Following discussion, motion by Chief Loizzo, seconded by Sgt. Socorro, to authorize the Chairman to act as the liaison to sign the claims letter and review the lawsuit and to go forward with the lawsuit against Merrill Lynch for the Police & Fire Retirement Plan

Motion carried.

Bill Dresback addressed the board concerning the overpayment to be paid over a three year period.

The following firms made their presentation to provide International Growth Investment Manager Services to the Plans:

- Renaissance Investment - Peter Beebe & Joe Bruening
- Harding Loevner - Patrick Broderick

Following discussion, motion by Larry Gordon, seconded by Vic Espinal, to hire Harding Loevner for the International Growth Manager for the General Employees' Retirement Plan.

Motion carried.

Following discussion, motion by Sgt. Socorro, seconded by Chief Loizzo, to hire Renaissance Investment for the International Growth Manager for the Police & Fire Retirement Plan Growth.

Motion carried.

The following firms made their presentation to provide Fixed Income Investment Manager Services to the Plan:

- Davis Hamilton Jackson - Gilbert Garcia & Janna Woods
- Sage Advisory Services - Richard Williams & W. David McShane
- Wasmer, Schroeder & Co. - Michael Schroeder & John Majoros

Following discussion, motion by Sgt. Socorro, seconded by Chief Loizzo, to hire Davis Hamilton Jackson for the Fixed Income Manager for the Police & Fire Retirement Plan.

Motion carried.

Following discussion, motion by Vic Espinal, seconded by Lori Helton, to fire PIMCO as our Fixed Income Manager for the General Employees' Retirement Plan.

Motion carried.

Following discussion, motion by Vic Espinal, seconded by Larry Gordon, to hire Davis Hamilton Jackson for the Fixed Income Manager for the General Employees' Retirement Plan.

Motion carried.

Charlie Mulfinger handed out the new Statement of Investment Policy to be approved by the committee.

Following discussion, motion by Sgt. Socorro, seconded by Chief Loizzo, to authorize Sugarman & Susskind to review the Statement of Investment Policy for the Police & Fire Retirement Plan.

Motion carried.

Following discussion, motion by Larry Gordon, seconded by Vic Espinal, to authorize Sugarman & Susskind to review the Statement of Investment Policy for the General Employees' Retirement Plan.

Motion Carried

II. PENSION ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYEE CONTRACT

Marty Lebowitz has requested the status of his employee contract that was discussed at the February 28, 2008 Retirement Committee Joint Meeting.
There are two open issues including Workman Compensation and Short-term Disability. The committee has requested that Marty Lebowitz prepare his Terms of Employment and review this with the legal department.

III. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Motion by Sgt Socorro, seconded by Chief Loizzo, to pay the following invoices for the Police & Fire Retirement Plan.

Motion carried.

Motion by Larry Gordon seconded by Lori Helton, to pay the following invoices for the General Employees' Retirement Plan.

Motion carried.

INVOICES:

Citi Institutional Consulting General Employees'– Consulting fees	$11,250.00
Citi Institutional Consulting Police & Fire– Consulting fees	$11,250.00
Sugarman & Susskind Police & Fire– Legal Fees	1,980.00
	$24,480.00

Police and Fire Retirement Committee presented Howard Lenard with a plaque for his dedicated service for over 30 years to City of North Miami Beach Pension Boards.

Meeting was adjourned for at 2:15 p.m.

Martin Lebowitz, Pension Administrator