

MINUTES

POLICE OFFICERS' & FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY - MAY 3, 2016 - 11:00 AM

PRESENT

Sgt. Leo Socorro – Chair
(Ret) Chief Linda Loizzo
Capt. Mo Asim

ALSO PRESENT

Bob Sugarman – Sugarman & Susskind
Martin Lebowitz – Pension Administrator
Renaldo Gayle – Asst. Pension Admin.

ABSENT

Mayor George Vallejo
Councilwoman Beth Spiegel

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m. by Trustee Leo Socorro, followed by a roll call of the Trustees by Martin Lebowitz. A quorum was established.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT - CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH VERSUS POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

Bob Sugarman started off by stating that the special meeting is being held because they are trying to get the settlement done quickly. He presented a settlement offer to the board and recommended that they accept the offer because it means the City will drop the lawsuit against the board. He added that the decision is an up or down vote and the trustees can ask questions about the settlement but if they do not want it or require something more from it, they cannot discuss it in this meeting. A Shade Meeting will be required if they want something more or do not agree with the settlement.

Trustee Linda Loizzo asked why a decision is being made about the settlement prior to the members settling and accepting the terms of the new agreement. She added that she felt that she is being placed in an unfair position because she cannot ask questions without a Shade Meeting. Mr. Sugarman clarified by stating that she can ask questions but if there is something more that she wants other than what is being offered in the settlement, she should request the Shade Meeting to discuss. Trustee Loizzo said that she could only accept a conditional agreement.

Mr. Sugarman provided a summary of the lawsuit. He explained that all parties involved, including the intervenors, have to sign the agreement themselves. He went on to explain that

the Union and the City have agreed to a tentative bargaining agreement. The bargaining agreement is a complete repeal of Ordinance 2013-20, the reason for the lawsuit. The City and the Union have agreed upon other changes to the plan. The board does not have a say on what those changes are because they do not have a place at the collective bargaining table. The settlement has been approved by the insurance company.

Trustee Leo Socorro asked about the possibility of one of the intervenors refusing to sign or delaying the process and if there is a way around it. Mr. Sugarman's response was that City is insisting that they all sign. However, it is the decision of the City to take less.

After discussion, motion by Trustee Mo Asim, seconded by Leo Socorro to approve the settlement conditioned upon all other parties agreeing and authorizing the chairman to sign the agreement based upon the recommendation of Mr. Bob Sugarman.

Motion carried unanimously

IV. SHADE MEETING REQUEST (IF SETTLEMENT NOT APPROVED)

There was no need for a Shade Meeting request.

The next scheduled meeting is on June 2, 2016. Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Renaldo Gayle, Asst. Pension Administrator