



Pension Board
Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

917B E. Fifth Ave.
Knoxville, TN 37917
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Thursday, April 11, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Pension Board Conference Room

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tillett called to order the April 11, 2019 meeting of the City of Knoxville Pension Board at 9:01 a.m. in the Pension Board Conference Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
Mayor Rogero	Mayor	Absent	
Linda Gay Blanc	Mayoral Appointment	Present	
Mark Fortner	Police Representative	Present	
Jim York	Finance Director	Present	
Sam Bills	Mayoral Appointment	Present	
Stephen King	General Government Representative	Present	
Alex Neubert	General Government Representative	Present	
Stephanie Welch	City Council Representative	Present	
John Tillett	Fire Representative	Present	
Kathy Aslinger	Legal Counsel	Present	
Kristi Paczkowski	Executive Director	Present	

Others Present: Mr. Roger Byrd – Fire Department Uniformed Retired member; Ms. Savannah Maupin – City Recorder's Office; Mr. Douglas Gordon, Attorney – City Law Dept.; Mr. Charles Swanson, City Law Director.

3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 14, 2019.

Ms. Blanc made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting. Ms. Welch seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

4. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA – Exhibit 1

Mr. Bills made a motion to accept the Revised Agenda. Ms. Blanc seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: None

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Introduction of Amanda Bradley

Ms. Paczkowski introduced Mrs. Bradley, who is the new Pension Benefit Administrator, to the Board.

Candidate Pension Education

Ms. Paczkowski advised the Board she would be conducting informational meetings regarding the Pension System and its multiple Plans for the prospective Mayoral and Council members. These will be held at a later scheduled date.

7. CONTRACTS: None

8. ENROLLMENTS

The following General Government employees have filed applications to become members of the Plan H-GG pension system:

Nicholas Bailey
Eric Lett
Tyler Nutter
Laura Peck
Kent Shultz
Jonathan Smith
Robert Trentham

Motion: Ms. Blanc made a motion to approve these applications for enrollment in Plan H-GG of the pension system. Mr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

9. WITHDRAWALS

The following employees have filed applications to withdraw employee pension contributions plus interest and the supplemental retirement account as applicable to each participant's respective plan.

Parker Betschart, General Govt – Plan H
Christopher Godfrey, General Govt – Plan H
Bradley Heath, Police Dept – Plan HU
Andrew Huddleston, Police Dept – Plan HU
Shane Lester, Fire Dept – Plan HU
Brian Miller, General Govt - Plan H
Jeremy Mitchell, General Govt – Plan G1, vested
Joshua Ogle, General Govt – Plan H

Jacob Schettler, Police Dept – Plan HU
Logan Turbyfill, General Govt – Plan H
Dannielle Wilson, Police Dept – Plan HU

Motion: Mr. King made a motion to approve these applications for withdrawal of employee contributions. Mr. York seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

**10. APPLICATION FOR NORMAL RETIREMENT: PLAN C
CHARTER SECTION 1390.6**

Gary Holliday, Police Dept – Plan C

Option A-4
50% without reinstatement

51 years of age
Total credited service: 29 years 9 mos 16 days
\$5,924.21 pension effective April 1, 2019

Motion: Ms. Welch made a motion to approve this application for Normal retirement payable under Option A-4. Ms. Blanc seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

**11. APPLICATION FOR NORMAL RETIREMENT: PLAN G
CHARTER SECTION 1360.12**

David Bush, General Govt – Plan G2

Option A-4
50% without reinstatement

62 years of age
Total credited service: 18 years 3 mos 7 days
\$818.97 pension effective April 1, 2019.

Motion: Mr. King made a motion to approve this application for Normal retirement payable under Option A-4. Mr. Neubert seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Lisa D Chambers, General Govt – Plan G1

No Option

57 years of age
Total credited service: 28 years 6 mos 17 days
*\$1,526.65 pension effective April 1, 2019

*Defined benefit only – member chose to convert the value of the supplemental retirement account into an additional, lifetime monthly annuity pending the quarter ended 3/31/19 valuation.

Motion: Ms. Welch made a motion to approve this application for Normal retirement. Mr. Neubert seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Alan Spears, General Govt – Plan G2

No Option

63 years of age
Total credited service: 27 years 3 mos 3 days

\$2,039.46 pension effective April 1, 2019

Motion: Ms. Welch made a motion to approve this application for Normal retirement. Mr. Neubert seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

12. APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DELAYED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM (DROP): PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1390.22 – PLAN C.

The following employees have chosen a Delayed Retirement Option and will receive a one-time payment of the accumulated monthly benefits on termination of employment with the City of Knoxville.

James Quick, Jr, Police Dept. - Uniformed
50 years of age
Total credited service: 25 years 2 mos 8 days
\$3,173.01 pension effective April 1, 2019
DROP complete March 31, 2021. No Option

Motion: Ms. Welch made a motion to approve this application for Drop retirement. Mr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

13. APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DELAYED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM (DROP): PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1371.8 – PLAN G.

The following employees have chosen a Delayed Retirement Option and will receive a one-time payment of the accumulated monthly benefits on termination of employment with the City of Knoxville.

Kevin Hoffman, General Government – Plan G2
55 years of age
Total credited service: 24 years 5 mos 15 days
\$1,645.36 pension effective April 1, 2019.
DROP complete March 31, 2021. Option B-11
10 Yr Certain & Life

Motion: Mr. Neubert made a motion to approve this application for Drop retirement payable under Option B-11. Mr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

14. APPROVAL OF INVOICES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

	Inv. Amount	FYTD
Findley – Actuary (Feb)	11,499	59,160

Kennerly, Montgomery & Finley – Attorney (General – Mar)	2,829	29,479
AndCo – Inv. Consultant (1 st Qtr 2019)	40,000	73,333
Marquette – Inv. Consultant (2 nd Qtr 2019)	43,750	43,750
Northern Trust – Money Manager (1 st Qtr 2019)	3,809	23,662
		196,051

Ms. Paczkowski, Executive Director, has reviewed the bills and certifies that they are consistent with services provided and are within the budgeted figures of the system's financial plan.

Motion: Ms. Blanc made a motion to pay the invoices as presented. Ms. Welch seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

15. INVESTMENT MATTERS: None

16. OTHER: None

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

18. ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

City Request for John Harold determination – Exhibit 2

Mr. Gordon, Attorney – City Law Department, addressed the Board and asked the Board to make specific factual findings that Mr. John Harold, previous City of Knoxville General Government employee, (1) embezzled over \$50,000 from the City of Knoxville and committed a felony in the process; (2) was terminated from the City of Knoxville because he embezzled funds of the City of Knoxville; (3) was ordered to make restitution to the City of Knoxville of the embezzled funds; and (4) forfeited his pension benefits when he embezzled and committed a felony. In support of his request, Mr. Gordon provided the Board with copies of Mr. Harold's Indictment and Judgment of Conviction in the United States District Court, Eastern Division of Tennessee, for embezzlement of funds from the City of Knoxville, including the Order to pay restitution to the City of Knoxville in the amount of \$47,293.86.

Attorney Aslinger reviewed with the Board Charter §§ 1360.7(B) and § 1371.7, which provide for a forfeiture of pension benefits when a Plan G Member's employment is terminated with "prejudice." "Prejudice" under the Charter means the termination of employment as a result of a conviction of embezzlement or larceny of public funds or properties or malfeasance in office, or the forcing of a Member to make restitution of any funds or properties taken by the Member which resulted in his or her termination of employment. The forfeiture does not apply to a Member's employee contributions.

Motion: Ms. Welch made a motion to accept the factual findings as outlined in Attorney Gordon's letter dated April 11, 2019 and as presented to the Board. Mr. York seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Motion: Ms. Welch made a motion that the Board specifically find that John Harold was terminated with prejudice pursuant to Charter § 1360.7(B) based on the facts laid out in Attorney Gordon's letter dated April 11, 2019 and presented to the Board, and that Mr. Harold

forfeited his pension benefits as a result. Mr. Bills seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

19. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Tillett at 9:36 a.m.

Chair

Date