

September 19, 2012
Regular Meeting Board of Fire Commissioners

President Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: President S. Rosenberg, Commissioners J. Klein, M. Lee, J. Meszoros,
Fire Chief B. Rooney

Absent: A. Garcia, D. Garcia

Commissioner Klein motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the previous meeting; Commissioner Lee seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

President Rosenberg announced that Vice President Ana Garcia has resigned. Chief Rooney to send a thank you letter to her. Since there hasn't been an election of officers for quite a while and with Vice President Ana Garcia's resignation there is a need to have an election. Also request to have an election for President.

Motion to add an election for President and Vice President to the agenda by Commissioner Meszoros, Commissioner Lee seconded; all in favor.

Commissioner Klein nominated President Rosenberg for the position of President; Commissioner Meszoros seconded; passed unanimously.

Commissioner Meszoros nominated Commissioner Klein as Vice President; Commissioner Lee seconded; passed unanimously.

President Rosenberg stated a concern on voting on Pension Plan A. This board has not received any reports on Pension Plan A in probably 20 years. If this board is going to have responsibility and vote on something for Pension Plan A they need to know the information involved before they vote.

1. Copy of the trust agreement
2. RFP for new pension plan administrator

City has handled for the past 25 years. The only thing the Commissioners do is vote on payments. Pension Plan A includes both Police and Fire Departments. John Mitola to look into this.

Old Business:

1. Local 834-Grievance 2011-24; LT Marc Strickland, Retirement Benefits.

Robert Whitbread spoke to Labor Relations Officer, Phil White regarding this. There are 3 issues that need attention. Commissioner Meszoros made a motion to table to October; Commissioner Klein seconded; Board passed it unanimously.

Phil White stated that the final language in the contract needs to be finalized and there are a few points that need clarification; then to be printed and signed. A few more steps, but no road blocks. Mr. Whitbread to talk to the City about status.

Attorney Mitola suggested taking it off the agenda, but Commissioner Klein stated concern about losing track of it.

2. Entertain a motion to change of status of Kathryn Serca's Widow's Pension to a Line of Duty Disability Widow's Pension, effective August 20, 2010, and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Attorney Mitola had sent letter to Mrs. Serca on August 15, 2012 and has not had a response yet. Suggests that this be tabled one more month. If there is no response by then, Attorney Mitola suggests that it be denied at that time.

Commissioner Klein motioned to table until October; Commissioner Lee seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

3. Entertain a motion to grant a Widow's Line of Duty Disability Pension Request to Joan McCullough, effective July 13, 2011 and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Attorney Mitola stated that Mrs. McCullough retained Attorney Joyce Riccio. Attorney Mitola believes that they called D/C Petrucelli and asked to table one more month because she couldn't attend this evening's meeting. Attorney Mitola to bring his opinion letter to October meeting.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Klein motioned to table until October; Commissioner Lee seconded and the Board passed in unanimously.

New Business:

1. Communications:
 - a. Retirement Letter from FF Luis Mazza. (D/C Petrucelli read letter)

Motion to accept resignation letter by Commissioner Klein; Commissioner Lee seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.
2. Entertain a motion to remove Retired FF Robert W. Yale, deceased September 9, 2012, from the Firefighter's Pension list and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Commissioner Klein motioned to grant this request; Commissioner Lee seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

3. Executive Session for attendance review of the following individuals:

- a. CAPT Paul Cocca (B) – tabled until November.
- b. FF John Herring (B) – back to duty 9/14/12.
- c. AC Manuel Firpi (A) – back to duty 9/10/12.

4. Entertain a motion to accept the Report of the Sick and Injury.

Commissioner Meszoros motioned to accept this motion; Commissioner Klein seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

5. Entertain a motion to accept the Payroll Register.

Commissioner Lee motioned to accept the payroll as written; Commissioner Meszoros seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

6. Policy and Procedure review.

None.

Robert Whitbread questioned what is holding up Girardi's pension request - Attorney Mitola to check with Attorney Bohannon.

There being nothing further to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Klein; Commissioner Meszoros seconded and the Board agreed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.