

Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters

General Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020

Meeting was a teleconference using Zoom

Called to order at 11:05am by President Ray Storms – Roll Call

Officers Present:

Ray Storms – President; John Shuman – VP Police; Larry Samarron – Treasurer;
Dale Foster – Secretary

Officers Absent:

Walter Bugna – VP Fire

Directors Present:

Don Bartels; Ken Jacksteit; Gary Johnson

Directors Absent:

Mike Moffett; Tim I. Miller

Guests:

Dustin DeRollo

18 members attended the General Meeting

Submittal of General Meeting Minutes – No Action Taken

- No minutes reviewed

Treasurer's Report – No Action Taken

- Treasurer Samarron provided a report on Account Balances and Income/ Expenditures for October 2020. His financial report was shared via Zoom.

Reports from Committees – No Action Taken

- Council Candidate Interviews for Endorsement – David Cohen, who we endorsed and sent financial support, was elected.

Old Business – No Action Taken

- The Retirement Solutions Working Group had a meeting on November 9, 2020. The main topic of discussion at this meeting was the Grand Jury Report on the City's Retirement System that had come out some time ago. One of the suggestions from the report was to combine the administration of the Police and Fire Plan and the Federated Employees Plan. The input from stake holders at the meeting was that the plan's administration couldn't be combined. Other ideas on reducing the city's cost for retirement coverage will continue to be discussed. The next meeting of the group is schedule for 12/7/20. The goal of the group is to provide findings to the City Council in February 2021.
- The Benefits Review Forum meeting in October was attended by Jim Spence. In addition, he stated that he reviewed the upcoming medical insurance benefit options and found that Anthem Medicare coverage had two options; the California Plan and the Nationwide Plan. Both plans were no monthly cost for retirees but the Nationwide Plan didn't have co-pays or deductibles whereas the California Plan has co-pays. He wanted to share this comparison information with the membership.
- Association action regarding City and POA excluding some retired officers from an overtime pay settlement – After meeting with the POA attorney, Greg Adams, it was determined by Mr. Platten, Ray Storms and Dustin DeRollo that the time left to make the claim for a small number of clients and the small amount in dispute that it didn't make sense to continue to pursue the issue. So, the Association's involvement in this matter has been dropped.

New Business – Action Taken

- President Storms shared that the Board would be contacting City Council Members to see how we can assist them and share who we are as an organization.
- It was decided to continue to mail coffee shop gift cards to all that attended the General Membership Zoom meeting.
- It was reported that the Police Representative on the Retirement Board, Nick Muyo, will be leaving the Board at the end of the year. A new police representative needs to be found.
- It was recommended by the Board that the General Membership support various Community Organizations that assist those in need, the following actions were taken:
 - *Motion by Una Dia/Toledo to donate \$2,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank – Passed*
 - *Motion by Toledo/Saito to donate \$1,000 to the Boulder Creek Volunteer Fire Department to assist them after the bad fires there this summer – Passed*
 - *Motion by Toledo/Saito to donate \$2,000 to the Police Chaplaincy Program - Passed*

- It was shared that the Board decided to re-look at what the survey said the membership was interested in and develop a plan to provide it. News related to the status of the Retirement Plan was #1 on the list. Retirement Board Member Dick Santos agreed to work on providing a more “user friendly” version of updates that could be provided to our Association members.

Vice Presidents’ Report – No Action Taken

- VP Bugna stated that Local 230 primarily discussed nominations for their Board of Directors at their last meeting.
- VP Shuman reported that essentially the current POA Board has been re-elected with the exception of one new member joining it.

Presidents Report – No Action Taken

- President Storms attended the most recent City Disability Hearing. He stated he was very impressed with the assistance that the Fire Representative from the Retirement Board (Dick Santos) provided in supporting the disability claims brought by the employees.
- President Storms will be having a meeting with Drew Lanza and Andrew Gardener, who are on the Police and Fire Retirement Board, to discuss how to prevent issues with FLSA and other pay from being inaccurately determined by the City as soon as it is possible to meet.

Good and Welfare – Information

- It was reported that Police Retiree Bob Gisborne lost his home in the Santa Cruz mountain fires this summer so President Storms will check on this for the Association.
- Retired Deputy Chief Richard Wattenbarger is not doing well and calls to him would be appreciated.
- Rich Saito provided information on the medical condition of Pierre Vida. Pierre had a stroke in the Philippines but is back now in the US recuperating and rehabilitating. He is at the Manor Care Health Services, 1150 Tilton Drive in Sunnyvale, Room 123. He would like visitors but they must remain outside and visit through his opened room window. Facility staff should be contacted at 408-735-7200 to arrange for a visit. He can also be contacted via email at pierrevida1973@gmail.com or by phone at 808-797-8012.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15