

Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters General Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2022

Meeting was in-person and via Zoom

Called to order at 11:30 am by President Ray Storms – Roll Call

Officers Present:

Ray Storms – President; John Shuman – VP Police; Walter Bugna – VP Fire;
Larry Samarron -Treasurer; Ken Jacksteit – Secretary

Officers Absent: None

Directors Present:

Don Bartels; Gary Johnson; Jim Spence

Directors Absent:

Mike Moffett; Tim I. Miller.

Guests:

None.

16 members attended the General Meeting in-person.

8 members attended via Zoom.

General Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2022 – Action Taken

- **Minutes will be uploaded to the Association website per direction of the Board of Directors.**

Treasurer's Report – No Action Taken

- Treasurer Samarron provided a report on Account Balances and Income/Expenditures for February 2022.

Reports from Committees – No Action Taken

- We will start interviewing mayoral and council candidates in the next couple of months via Zoom.
- We have interviewed 8 council members regarding EAP. Two more council members and the mayor have yet to be consulted.

Old Business – No Action Taken

- None.

New Business – Action Taken

- Jim Spence will be running for mayor of San Jose.

Vice Presidents' Report – No Action Taken

- Police – John Shuman: None

- Fire – Walter Bugna: He attended the Local 230 meeting on February 21, 2022. There is a large contingency of firefighters that have not been vaccinated against COVID and are not allowed in the firehouses. Deadline to be vaccinated was February 25th.
- SJFD are short on paramedics. Some are getting burned out and want to be engineers or work in the bureau. The city is still pursuing 3-person engine companies. Lawsuits are continuing regarding the safety of wearing the fire suits. Recently two Porterville, CA firefighters died fighting a library fire while wearing their self-contained breathing apparatus, (SCBA). All these issues should be questions for the council and mayor candidates when we interview them.

President's Report – No Action Taken

- Need to send out letters to council members who did not respond to schedule a meeting regarding EAP. COVID leads to PTSD suicide. EAP must be nationwide due to many retirees living out of state.
- Retirement benefits have been extended to 2030. Tier 1 employees are diminishing. Tier 2 employees get benefits after they retire and under that contract at that time. They do not get medical benefits when they retire.
- Retirement Board looking at due process to terminate a person's pension with a felony conviction. POA says it's a meet and confer issue. The Retirement Board currently has sole discretion.
- Station 20 is moving across the tarmac next to the Jet Center at San Jose International Airport.

President Storms adjourned the meeting at 11:56 am.