

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

June 13, 2024

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

Officers Absent: Dale Foster - Secretary

Directors Present:

Gary Johnson; Jim Spence; Tim Miller; Joe Roberts; Ken Jacksteit

Directors Absent: Don Bartels.

Guests: None

31 members attended the in-person General Meeting.

7 members attended via Zoom.

General Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2024 – Action Taken

- **Minutes were 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 May 2024.

Reports from Committees – No Action Taken

Old Business – No Action Taken

New Business – Action Taken None

- Dick Santos has a press conference today at 11:30 am at McKee Rd and Jose Figueres, next to Regional Medical Hospital to save Trauma services. Dick wants retirees to be there to show their support. Walt was at the last press conference and there were only two retirees that showed up. Ken Heredia told Ray that over the years SJFD has donated one million dollars through different fundraisers to support Regional Medical Hospital.
- Ray and other board members had a meeting with Jennifer Schembri to discuss why the City wants to put forth a ballot measure this November to have more oversight of the two Retirement Boards. Ray did not ask any questions as he wanted to bring back that information to the Board and requested another Zoom meeting which was agreed upon. The City wants the Retirement Boards to use the city's attorneys instead of hiring private attorneys as a cost saving measure. The City wants more input in selecting the CEO of Retirement Services which is currently vacant. The cost of placing this ballot measure in November is approximately two million dollars. The deadline to place the ballot before the November election is mid-August. This ballot measure needs to be resolved prior to finding a new CEO. Councilmember Pam Foley was

scheduled to have an MOU meeting this past Monday to discuss this issue. Unknown at this time what the outcome was of that meeting.

- Jim Spence will be attending a Zoom meeting with a committee on June 25th to discuss medical options and how to lower the cost of our medical plans.
- Retired SJPd member Franco Vado is now the Chair of the P/F Retirement Board.
- John Shuman will contact Jim Tomaino for a recommendation for a caterer for the Folsom BBQ.
- Maria Wardall: First survivor's spouses meeting will be at the July meeting. She has spoken to 12 survivors so far and there was interest for this meeting.
- Jim McMahon suggested that our CD's do not go above \$250,000 due to FDIC or NCUA insurance caps. Larry states that our Credit Union have reserves that banks do not have. Premier One and FireFighters First are well-funded and members have very low risk on defaulting on loans.

Vice Presidents' Report – No Action Taken

- **Police –**
- We bought six tickets for the Bourbon and BBQ event hosted by the SJPOA which is a benefit for the Police Chaplains. The event is on Saturday July 13th.
- San Jose Police Foundation is hosting the annual Major Awards ceremony on September 12th at the Doubletree Hotel.
- POA Christmas open house won't overlap with our Christmas luncheon.
- Working on helping members who need assistance. More information to follow.
- **Fire –**
- Walter Bugna received six responses from candidates for city council. He will set up a date and time for the committee to interview them.
- Firefighter Amilio Gonzalez passed away. He retired in January of this year.

President's Report – No Action Taken

Adjournment: President Storms adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm.