

Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters

General Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2024

Meeting was in-person and via Zoom.

Called to order at 11:01am by President Ray Storms – Roll Call

Officers Present:

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

Officers Absent: none

Directors Present:

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

Directors Absent: none

Attendance:

28 members attended in-person

7 members attended via Zoom

General Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2024 –

- Minutes were uploaded to the Association website per direction of the Board of Directors.

Treasurer’s Report –

- Treasurer Samarron provided a report on Account Balances and Income/Expenditures for June 2024.

Reports from Committees – City Council Candidate Endorsements

- Meetings were held with City Council Candidates and the Board has decided on the following endorsements:

District 2 – Joe Lopez

District 6 – Olivia Navarro and Michael Mulcahy

District 8 – Domingo Candelas

District 10 – Arjun Batra

Old Business –

- The Board was given a briefing by the Dave Wilson, the POA’s CFO, on the status of the Ballot Measure initiative that was put forth by the city. The ballot measure if passed would have put Retirement Services under more control of the City. An MOU has been developed between the City and the Police, Fire and Non-sworn employee bargaining groups that resolved the issues the city had with the current operations of the Retirement Services Office. It is anticipated that it will be signed and go into effect shortly.

New Business –

- President Storms reminded everyone about the Association BBQ coming up on August 8th - 3:00pm at the Coyote Ranch. Signups can be done on the Association Website
- Catering for the Folsom BBQ is still being worked on
- Maria Wardall provided a status report on the Survivor's Spouses meeting that is being held after the Association meeting using the POA Hall. She gave more information on the group's efforts to provide support and the possibilities the group may develop into in the future.

Vice Presidents' Report –

Police –

- Retired SJPD and member Aneez Raghavan has a progressive disease called Progressive Supra-nuclear Palsy (PSP). Aneez is reaching out to us for assistance in getting to his medical appointments. Public transportation is not available where he lives in San Benito County. John Shuman will provide Aneez's contact information for any member who wishes to help.

Fire –

- Geno Delamajorie is having medical issues and Kenny Martin is on Hospice.

President's Report – No Action

- Active employees who are retiring are waiting too long to submit their application for a disability retirement. It used to be one had a year to apply, now the rules being enforced are that you have 30 days from when you retire to submit for a disability retirement. Some have been waiting years and are being denied. The Association will investigate when this time to apply changed and if more time can be allowed again.

President Storms adjourned the meeting at 12:02pm