

Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters

General Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024

Meeting was in-person at POA and on Zoom

Called to order at 11:04 am 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; Don Bartels; Jim Spence; Tim Miller; Joe Roberts; Ken Jacksteit

Directors Absent: None

Guests: None

21 members and guests attended at POA and 7 attended by Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

General Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2024 – Minutes handed out and will be 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 February 2024.

Reports from Committees – Nothing to Report

Old Business – No Action

New Business – Updates and a Proposal

- Provided a brief explanation of the issues with Retirement Services regarding disability retirements granted after long delays and retirees being asked to payback unused sick leave payouts that were granted when they left. The Association is trying to assist those affected by working with the Retirement Services Board and Administration on their policies and procedures, in particular their efforts to maintain communication with retirees and that they be flexible if reimbursements are due to the city.
- Provided information on something that the Association is watching regarding the number of Tier 2 retirement system employees is starting to equal the number of Tier 1 retirement system employees (what we are all in). There are significant differences in the two systems in their benefits, etc. The concern for the Association is representing this new group of retirees in the future and trying to meet their expectations.
- Results of the City Council Primary Election (the runoffs for each district):
 - District 2 – Joe Lopez versus Pamela Campos
 - District 4 – David Cohen won outright
 - District 6 – Michael Mulcahy versus Olivia Navarro

- District 8 – Domingo Candelas versus Tam Troung
- District 10 – George Casey versus Arjun Batra
- Mayor Matt Mahan won
- POA endorsed Joe Lopez, David Cohen, Michael Mulcahy, Domingo Candelas and both Arjun Batra and George Casey. We will now be interviewing these city council candidates for our endorsement.
- BBQ dates will be Thursday August 8th at Coyote and September 14th at Folsom.
- Maria Wardall (survivor)brought up an idea at the meeting. She asked about starting a “Survivors Group” that could meet at the POA after the monthly General Membership Meeting to provide support to fellow survivors. She would provide some initial leadership. The general consensus at the meeting was that this would be a great idea. President Storms will be checking with the POA on their OK for the use of the building.

Vice Presidents’ Report – No Reports

President’s Report – Updates on Members

- Rich Saito had a bad accident and is currently in a coma after a brain injury occurred.
- Retired Fire Captain Ralph Padilla passed away earlier this month, a Celebration of His Life event will be held at the San Jose Fire Museum on March 30th at 11:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm