



The following are the minutes from the PSPRS City of Surprise Local Board – Fire Meeting held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 10, 2019. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Overflow Conference Room.

Call To Order:

Chair Gwaltney called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

- A. Roll Call:** Scott Gwaltney, Chairperson & Citizen Board Member – Present
Don Jeffrey, Citizen Board Member – Present
Jim Conner, Citizen Board Member – Present
Rick Valdez, Vice-Chair & Employee Board Member – Absent
Excused
Christopher Preest, Employee Board Member – Present

In attendance: Chanda Washington, Board Administrator
David Niederdeppe, Board Attorney
Cindy Kelley, Board Attorney
Donna Meuse, Human Resources

B. Pledge of Allegiance: None

C. Current Events and Reports: None

D. Staff Reports: None

Call to the Public: None

Consent Agenda:

- #1.** Discussion and action pertaining to the approval of PSPRS Local Board – Fire June 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes. **-Approved**

Motion: Preest
Second: Jeffrey
Opposed: None

Scott Gwaltney- voted yes
Don Jeffrey- voted yes
Jim Conner- voted yes
Rick Valdez- absent
Christopher Preest- voted yes

Regular Agenda:

- #2.** Consideration and action pertaining to the acceptance of one (1) new Firefighter into the PSPRS System as follows:

Ryan Cameron, effective 7/15/2019 without pre-existing condition – **Approved**

Ms. Washington explained to the board that Mr. Cameron worked for another PSPRS employer prior to working for the City of Surprise and made his election to be part of the Tier 3 defined benefit plan. Therefore, he did not have to wait 90 days to make his election for the retirement plan under PSPRS and his effective date of membership with the City of Surprise is the same as his hire date.

Motion: Preest
Second: Conner
Opposed: None

Scott Gwaltney- voted yes
Don Jeffrey- voted yes
Jim Conner- voted yes
Rick Valdez- absent
Christopher Preest- voted yes

#3. Consideration and action pertaining to the acceptance of Gary Quinones into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) effective August 25, 2019- **Approved**

Motion: Preest
Second: Conner
Opposed: None

Scott Gwaltney- voted yes
Don Jeffrey- voted yes
Jim Conner- voted yes
Rick Valdez- absent
Christopher Preest- voted yes

#4. Discussion, review and action pertaining to annual review of accidental and/or ordinary disability retirement cases. - **Approved**

Mr. Preest explained a subcommittee was established by the board at the last meeting which consisted of him and Rick Valdez. The subcommittee was instructed to look at the disability retirements for retirees who had less than 20 years of service. The subcommittee reviewed one retiree, Joseph Spector.

Mr. Preest made a motion that the subcommittee agreed to move forward and that no further action should be taken regarding Mr. Spector.

Ms. Washington explained the board was given all of the information that Mr. Spector provided the subcommittee prior to the meeting in order for the board to see why the

subcommittee made their recommendation. Mr. Preest explained that if the board wanted to go into more specifics he could discuss this further with the board.

Ms. Washington advised the board that they would need to go into executive session to discuss any medical information.

Mr. Conner commented that board asked the subcommittee based upon their experience and proximity to the review the information and make a recommendation and suggests the board follow the recommendation.

Motion: Preest
Second: Jeffrey
Opposed: None

Scott Gwaltney- voted yes
Don Jeffrey- voted yes
Jim Conner- voted yes
Rick Valdez- absent
Christopher Preest- voted yes

#5. Other Business and Future Agenda Items – None

#6. Executive Session- the board did not go into executive session at this meeting

Adjournment:

Chair Gwaltney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m. – **Approved**

Motion: Conner
Second: Jeffrey
Opposed: None

Scott Gwaltney- voted yes
Don Jeffrey- voted yes
Jim Conner- voted yes
Rick Valdez- absent
Christopher Preest- voted yes

Scott Gwaltney, Chairperson, Board Member – Citizen

Donald Jeffery, Board Member – Citizen

Jim Conner, Board Member – Citizen



Rick Valdez, Vice-Chairperson, Board Member – Fire Dept.

Christopher Preest, Board Member – Fire Dept.

Chanda Washington, Board Secretary

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