

Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters

General Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2020

Meeting was a teleconference using Zoom

Called to order at 11:05am 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

Directors Present:

Don Bartels
Ken Jacksteit
Tim I. Miller

Directors Absent:

Mike Moffett

Guests:

Jim Spence and Dustin DeRollo

11 members attended the General Meeting along with 7 Board Members

Submittal of General Meeting Minutes – No Action Taken

- No minutes reviewed

Treasurer's Report – No Action Taken

- Treasurer Samarron provided a report on Account Balances and Income/ Expenditures for July 2020.

Reports from Committees – No Action Taken

- Council Candidate Interviews for Endorsement – Council Candidates Jake Tonkel (District #6) and David Cohen (District #4) interviewed by Storms, Bugna and Miller. Dustin to provide input on any potential issues with supporting them. There is time to make an endorsement before the election.

Old Business – No Action Taken

- The Retirement Solutions Working Group meeting scheduled for July was canceled due to the Social Distancing Requirements.

- The Benefits Review Forum meeting for July was cancelled.
- Association action regarding City and POA excluding some retired officers from overtime pay settlement – Mr. Platten provided a report on possible actions to assist retired police officers excluded from the overtime payout settlement. He is going to meet with the POA legal counsel to see if anything can be worked out.
- Association Website Updating – President Storms shared that the Association website updating and overhauling is complete and the new website is operational. The old website domain name was purchased so users will seamlessly be shifted over to the new website.

New Business – No Action Taken

- The Association Face Book page is going into “unpublish” status for the time being and will be reviewed for content, etc. The Face Book page was reviewed by Director Jacksteit and the content was found to be OK so the page was re-activated.

Vice Presidents’ Report – Action Taken

- No Vice President Reports

Presidents Report – No Action Taken

- There was a City Disability Hearing on August 10th. 5 retirees had their hearings with the Board.
- President Storms will be having a meeting with Drew Lanza and Andrew Gardener, who are on the Police and Fire Retirement Board, to discuss how to prevent issues with FLSA and other pay from being inaccurately determined by the City as soon as it is possible to meet.
- More of the Estate Preparation Planning Guide Books will be ordered and are still available by contacting Walter Bugna.
- Randy Sekany provided information to the Association that if you were trying to get authorization from Social Security/Medicare so you could notify Retirement Services for your insurance adjustment there was a problem getting the information out due to COVID 19. He let us know that a letter from Social Security/Medicare was sufficient to get the changes made with the city while retirees wait for their Medicare cards.

Good of the Order – No Action Taken

Jim McClure stated that he has been dealing with cancer since his retirement and has joined the Firefighters with Cancer group for support and suggested other retiree’s dealing with cancer join the group as well.

Jim Carter shared that Sam Seibert is turning 101 years old on August 26th and the Fire Museum is setting up a “Drive-By Celebration” for him. Sam will be in front of Old Fire Station #1 on Saturday, August 29th from 12 to 2 for people to drive by and tell him Happy Birthday. He is believed to be the oldest living retired firefighter in California.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40