

**MINUTES
PENSION TRUST COMMISSION
NEW CITY HALL 3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
AUGUST 26, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Bayones called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Third Floor Conference Room. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: James Apple; Teri Bayones; Paul Ellwanger; Christine James; Andy Hill; Ed Petersen; Billie Whipp.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Timothy Wilson, City Attorney's Office; Tammy Anderson, City Clerk's Office; Dewayne Burk, Deputy City Manager; Craig Akard, Human Resources Department; John Papahronis, Pension Attorney (By phone)

II. Introduction of Visitors

No Visitors.

III. Executive Session

Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the status of an ongoing investigation concerning pension calculations, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Motion by Apple, Second by Ellwanger, to move into executive session. **AYE:** Bayones, Ellwanger, Hill, Petersen, Whipp, James, Apple. **NAY:** None. ***Motion Passed.***

Motion by Hill, Second by Apple, to come out of executive session. **AYE:** Ellwanger, Hill, Petersen, James, Whipp, Apple, Bayones. **NAY:** None. ***Motion Passed.***

Motion by Petersen, Second by James, to move forward with Option D, which would grandfather in the overpayments, catch up the underpayments, and allow for staff to file with the IRS accordingly, as outlined in the handout provided by Akard. **AYE:** Hill, Petersen, Whipp, James, Bayones, Ellwanger **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Apple. ***Motion Passed.***

Bayones said she understands the pension plan will take a hit with Option D, but it's the best option for the retirees at this point.

Wilson said the recommendation made by this body will be presented to City Council for approval.

Wilson said staff will have Chuck update the list for people who have retired.

Burk said it's his understanding the report that was presented today does not include any associated interest charges.

Akard said he believes the figures provided include interest, but he will ask for clarification.

Ellwanger asked if the City has had any discussions of outsourcing the retirement plan moving forward.

Burk said the OKMRF has expressed interest in taking over the legacy plan, but they will not take on this plan until the City has a clean bill of health. Burk said the plan would have to be properly funded as well. Burk said there will also need to be some increases in contributions.

Burk said the City's current DC plan (since 2017) is negatively affecting the City's recruitment. This plan includes a 3.5% contribution from both the employee and the employer. Burk said staff has worked with the OKMRF to develop a plan that would supplement the City's DC plan, but nothing has been finalized at this point.

Wilson said the Board's responsibility right now is the defined benefit plan.

Akard noted that Option D would require a 24.08% employer contribution for a 30-year amortization. Akard said he spoke with Chuck Dean, and their software now has the capacity to calculate all future retirements once the City provides them with figures.

IV. Comments

None.

V. Audience Participation

None.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Motion by Apple, **Second** by Ellwanger, to adjourn. **AYE:** Hill, Petersen, Whipp, Apple, Bayones, James, Ellwanger. **NAY:** None. ***Motion Passed.***