# Minutes of Meeting Board of Trustees Non-Uniformed Employees' Retirement Fund July 18, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in Room 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, City Hall, 6801 Delmar.

Members in attendance: Gordon Myers, Julianne Niemann, Diane Sher, Doris Johnson,

Lela Fitch

Members absent: Catherine Smith & Alison Markenson (both excused)

Others in attendance: Julie Feier, City Manager & Board Secretary

Willie Norfleet, Finance Director & Board Treasurer Yolanda Williams, Human Resources Director Jo Anna Spencer, Human Resources Assistant Larry Evans, Finance Dept. Chief Accountant

Councilmember Michael Glickert

#### Minutes

Member Fitch moved to approve the Board minutes of May 9, 2006 with the omission of Willie Norfleet as an attendee of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Johnson and carried.

#### Vouchers

The attached listing of vouchers was reviewed. Member Johnson moved to authorize payment of these vouchers. The motion was seconded by Member Niemann and carried.

### **Applications for Membership**

Eric Hussman—Public Works, Engineering Division Luther Thurmon III—Parks Leslie Eutz—Parks, Recreation Division Jo Anna Spencer—Human Resources James Herron—Public Works, Street Division John Bollam—Public Works, Street Division Asia Gross—Library Walter Wilkins—Public Works, Street Division

Member Niemann moved to accept the above applications. The motion was seconded by Member Johnson and carried.

The following employees retired during the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 and are entitled to the increased benefit factor of 1.5% effective January 1, 2006:

Name	Department	Date Retired	New Monthly Retirement Benefit
Kenneth McCullen	Parks	5-1-05	\$1,275.62
Willie Frank Jones	Planning	6-1-05	\$1,591.50
Kenneth Allen	Public Works	8-1-05	\$2,763.16
Manuel Clemons	Public Works	7-1-5	\$1,240.00
			\$967.52 (reduced benefit
			for spouse)

The following employees' retirement benefits were calculated at 1.5% to be changed to 1.6% effective July 1, 2007:

Name	Department	Retirement Date	Current Monthly Retirement Benefit	Monthly Retirement Benefit Effective July 1, 2007
Emmett Washington	Parks	2-1-06	\$1633.33 w/spouse reduction	\$1633.33 w/spouse reduction
Cleo Jones	Planning	4-1-06	\$1,106.57	Not available at this time
Doris Lowe	Public Works	4-1-06	\$1,504.71 w/spouse reduction	Not available at this time
Frank Ollendorff	Admin	8-1-06	\$4,529.06 w/spouse reduction	Not applicable

After review, Member Niemann moved to accept the above adjustments and applications for retirement. The motion was seconded by Member Johnson and carried.

There was discussion concerning adding a provision for the employee's spouse to sign off on the pension application to denote awareness of the spousal reduction option. Member Sher questioned if we were ERISA compliant in not having such provision in place. Mr. Norfleet, Treasurer, will check into this and report back to the board at the next meeting.

## **Fiduciary Asset Management Report**

Member Niemann commented that the funds are still doing ok relative to the market.

## **Investment Strategies**

Member Niemann reported that she contacted Fiduciary Asset Management and they do not have International funds and she does not recommend indexing. However, she does recommend moving forward with diversification to include International funds.

Member Sher provided the board annual total returns by asset classes for the 25-year period 1981-2005 to illustrate the rewards of diversification.

The Board agreed to re-examine asset allocations and to take a look at good managers during the next meeting. The Board also agreed that 10%-30% of the equity allocation should be considered for International investments.

### **Next Meeting Dates**

The Board affirmed the next meeting date will be October 17, 2006.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Feier Secretary