

CITY OF COSTA MESA
PENSION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
February 19, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Mr. Arthur.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. The Pension Oversight Committee is composed of nine (8) voting members. Committee members and staff members present were:

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Jeff Arthur, Chairperson
Mr. Ralph Taboada, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Timothy Sesler, Member
Mr. Gene Hutchins, Member
Mr. Gary Parkin, Member
Mr. Kent Mora, Member (arrived at 4:35)
Mr. Ron Robertson, Member

Committee Members Absent:

Mr. John Stephens, Member

Staff Member Present:

Mr. Steve Dunivent, Interim Finance Director
Mr. John Donlon, Committee Assistant
Mr. Ryan Thomas, HR Analyst

Staff Member Absent:

Mr. Lance Nakamoto, HR Director

Council Liaison Absent:

Mr. Jim Righeimer, Mayor
Mr. Stephen Mensinger, Mayor's Designee

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins and seconded by Mr. Sesler to approve the minutes of January 15, 2013 with a minor edit change. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mooney commented it was odd for the Pension Oversight Committee to be making recommendations to the Charter Committee. Another problem, the Charter Committee doesn't get to see the pro and cons debated in the Pension Committee.

**COMMITTEE
MEMBER COMMENT**

Mr. Taboada brought up a lawsuit made by the labor unions in Rhode Island over their pension reform. Mr. Dunivent referenced the CalPERS board meeting and the changes voted by the board. Mr. Arthur also mentioned the changes.

Mr. Stephens, who was absent, had a letter prepared, read by Mr. Donlon. He opposed in concept to the section being included in the Charter.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Arthur finished reviewing some documents he prepared for the prior meeting. Handouts were distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hutchins reviewed the committee's recommendations for the Charter Committee. After a lengthy discussion, the committee voted on the following provisions:

Provision 1: No increase in retirement benefits unless approved by voters.

Result: 6-1-0 – Approved

Provision 2: No “retroactive” application of increased retirement benefits unless approved by voters:

Result: 6-1-0 – Approved

Provision 3: A goal of the City is that Employee Compensation be comparable to Employment in the Private Sector.

Result: 0-5-2 – Not Approved

Provision 4: Retain POC as long as City Provides Defined Benefit Pensions:

Result: 5-2-0 – Approved

Provision 5: A goal of the City is to transition from defined benefit retirement plan to defined contribution plans.

Result: 4-1-2 – Approved

Provision 6: Any ballot initiative to require voter approval shall include the Financial impact noted on the ballot.

Result: 7-0-0 – Approved

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Arthur and seconded by Mr. Mora to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Jeff Arthur
Chairperson

Steve Dunivent
Interim Finance Director