

The City of Mobile, Alabama
Police and Firefighters Retirement Plan
Regular Meeting
August 27, 2008

The Board of Trustees for The City of Mobile, Alabama Police and Firefighters Retirement Plan met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 in the City Council Pre-Conference room on the first floor of the south tower of Government Plaza.

Present:

Fire Service Captain Bryan Lee, Chairman
Police Lieutenant Mike Morgan, Vice Chairman
Retired Fire Service Captain Terry Lilley
Fire Service Captain James Connick
Mr. Michael Druhan
Retired Police Sergeant Joe Connick
Ms. Barbara Malkove
Ms. Wanda Cochran, Counsel
Ms. Mary Berg, Secretary
Ms. Debbie Blackburn, Office Assistant III

Absent:

Police Deputy Chief James Barber

Guests:

Mr. William Broadus, Retired Firefighter
Mr. Jerry Hughes, Retired Firefighter
Ms. Gwelda Swilley-Burke, Consultant
Fire Service Captain Paul Cumbaa, Mobile Fire Department
Assistant Fire Service Marshall Sam Stephens, Mobile Fire Department
Police Captain Amelia Brown, Mobile Police Department
Fire Service Inspector Howard Ollhoft, Jr., Mobile Fire Department

The chairman, Captain Bryan Lee, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

The chairman presented the **minutes of the regular Board meetings of May 28, 2008 and June 25, 2008**. *Mr. Joe Connick pointed out a typographical error on the minutes of May 28, 2008. Ms. Berg stated that it would be corrected. On a motion by Captain Connick, seconded by Lt. Morgan, the minutes were approved with the correction and distributed.*

The chairman presented the **financial statements for the month of June, 2008**. *Captain Connick moved for approval, the motion was seconded by Ms. Malkove, and the motion carried.*

The chairman presented a Personnel Action Notice of DROP retirement effective September 1, 2008 submitted by **Fire Service Captain Charles D. Wallace, Jr.**, Mobile Fire Department. As of August 31, 2008 Captain Wallace will be 51 years of age and will have served 30.02 years. He has elected the 100% joint and survivor annuity option with the "pop-up" feature. *Ms. Malkove moved for approval, the motion was seconded by Mr. Druhan and the motion carried.*

The chairman presented items 5 through 9 on the agenda for approval. *On a motion by Ms. Malkove, seconded by Mr. Druhan, the Board approved the following:*

Payment of Invoice No. 003782 dated July 31, 2008 in the amount of \$5,000.00 submitted by Gray & Company for investment performance analysis ending July 31, 2008;

Payment in the amount of \$30,000.00 to Levine Leichtman Capital Partners, Inc. for call requested for current investment;

Payment of Invoice No. SSgABA589026 dated August 11, 2008 in the amount of \$1,860.31 submitted by State Street Global Advisors for professional index investment management services for the quarter ending June 30, 2008;

Payment of Invoice dated July 21, 2008 in the amount of \$12,216.33 submitted by The Bank of New York, for professional custodial services for the quarter ending June 30, 2008; and

Payment in the amount of \$7,184.07 to Orleans Capital Management, for professional fixed income investment services for the quarter ending June 30, 2008.

The chairman presented items 10 and 11 on the agenda for approval. *On a motion by Mr. Druhan, seconded by Ms. Malkove, the Board approved the following:*

Request of Ms. Blackburn in the amount of \$117.86 for reimbursement of expenses incurred while attending the Certified Governmental Accounting Technician Program in Tuscaloosa, AL August 13, 2008; and

Request of Ms. Blackburn in the amount of \$150.00 for registration fees to attend a class for the Certified Governmental Accounting Technician Program in Tuscaloosa, AL November 5, 2008.

The secretary provided each Board member with a list of the **requests for refund.** *On a motion by Captain Connick, seconded by Lt. Morgan, the Board approved refunds totaling \$112,307.70 as follows:*

<i>Kareem O. Davis</i>	<i>\$1,075.20</i>
<i>Gregory T. Enfinger</i>	<i>11,448.55</i>
<i>Eric P. Gallichant</i>	<i>22,225.91</i>
<i>Norris M. Marshall, II</i>	<i>23,058.45</i>
<i>Timothy W. McCall, Jr.</i>	<i>2,742.48</i>
<i>Mario J. Mendiola</i>	<i>5,442.55</i>
<i>Christopher J. Sneath</i>	<i>7,860.24</i>
<i>William J. Schmierer</i>	<i>4,645.29</i>
<i>Leon M. Torbert</i>	<i>33,809.03</i>
<i>Total Refunds</i>	<i>\$112,307.70</i>

The chairman acknowledged the consultant, Ms. Gwelda Swilley-Burke, and turned the meeting over to her. Along with a comprehensive performance review of the Fund, Ms. Swilley-Burke gave a somewhat sobering overview of the current economic climate. However, she also explained that the Fund's asset allocation policy, though sometimes offers a more moderate return on investments, acts as a buffer against extreme losses during uncertain economic times.

Unfinished business:

- Police Captain Amelia Brown addressed the Board regarding her being allowed to buy the time during which she was not a participant of the Plan. This would require a change in the Law. Ms. Cochran will discuss this with Mr. Carr and bring back to the next meeting.
- Ms. Berg reported that instead of a Cost Of Living Adjustment being put in the City's budget for fiscal year 2009, a one time lump sum payment of \$12 per year of service was included. This payment if approved by the City Council will be paid around December 15th. On behalf of the retirees, Mr. Lilley and Mr. Broadus expressed both disappointment and displeasure.

New business:

- Captain Connick reported on a meeting he and other Fire Department employees had with Mayor Jones concerning the 3 items that need to be addressed with the Plan. The Mayor "challenged" the Board to find three alternative funding sources to repair the Plan. *Captain Connick motioned that the Board accept the Mayor's "challenge", the motion was seconded by Ms. Malkove, and it carried.*

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Captain Connick, and seconded by Mr. Lilley, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Bryan T. Lee, Chairman

Mary A. Berg, Secretary