

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE
POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND
MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 2015
RICHARD “DICK” COHEE BOARD ROOM**

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NOTE: Any person requiring a special accommodation to participate in the meeting because of disability shall contact the Executive Director-Administrator at (904) 255-7373, at least five business days in advance of the meeting to make appropriate arrangements.

PRESENT

Lt. Ellis Burns, Chair
Chief Brady Rigdon, Fire Representative, Vice Chair
Sgt. Christopher Brown, Police Representative
James Holderfield, Police Representative
Lt. David McCall, Fire Representative

STAFF

John Keane, Executive Director - Administrator
Kevin Stork, Controller
Debbie Manning, Executive Assistant

GUESTS

Stephen Colvin
William Sheppard, Attorney for Stephen Colvin

EXCUSED

Capt. Sean Hatchett, Fire Representative
Rick Townsend, Retired Representative

CHAIRMAN ELLIS BURNS III CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00AM

A moment of silence was observed for the following deceased members:

Clarence Rodgers Jr., Retired Police Sergeant
Levi E. Starling Jr., Retired Fire Fighter

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 1-2)

1. **MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

Minutes of the meeting held January 14, 2015. Copy in the meeting file.

2. **APPLICATION FOR SURVIVOR BENEFITS**

1. **LOWSTUTER, Dorothy A.**, widow of Edward P. Lowstuter who passed away on December 18, 2014.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS BROWN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 1-2). SECONDED BY BRADY RIGDON. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION**

COLVIN, Stephen T., Firefighter Engineer, 11 yrs. of service, currently on temporary disability which expires on February 27, 2015. A letter was sent to Bill Sheppard, Colvin's Attorney, advising that benefits will cease on that date and asking for the latest Physicians report.

CHAIRMAN BURNS STATED THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE TEMPORARY DISABILITY APPLICATION FOR STEPHEN COLVIN. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED COLVIN'S ATTORNEY, WILLIAM SHEPPARD TO DISCUSS.

WILLIAM SHEPPARD STATED THAT HIS OFFICE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE CITY THAT ALL OF THE POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WERE COMBAT POSITIONS. NO LIGHT DUTY POSITIONS. SHEPPARD FEELS THEY MUST HAVE SOMETHING ELSE, SOME SUPPORT POSITIONS AVAILABLE.

ATTORNEY SHEPPARD HAS NOW GONE TO THE UNION, WORKING DILIGENTLY WITH RANDY WYSE. HE ASKED THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ANOTHER 30 DAY EXTENSION.

CHAIRMAN BURNS ASKED IF COLVIN HAD BEEN RE-EXAMINED BY A PHYSICIAN AND IF SO WHEN? DID THEY BRING ANY MEDICAL REPORTS TO THE ADVISORY MEETING TODAY AS THE PENSION OFFICE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY RECENTLY?

ATTORNEY SHEPPARD STATED THE CITY DOCTOR DID DO AN EXAMINATION AND REPORT. HE WILL GET US A COPY.

CHAIRMAN BURNS ASKED COLVIN ABOUT HIS MEDICAL CONDITION AND HOW THIS EVOLVED. COLVIN BRIEFLY EXPLAINED THE HISTORY AND HOW THINGS PROGRESSED. COLVIN SAID BOTH DOCTORS WHO SAW HIM, AND THE CITY

DOCTOR, SAID HE WAS TOTALLY DISABLED, BUT DR. BAKER, WHO HAS NEVER SEEN HIM, SAID HE WAS NOT DISABLED.

CHAIRMAN BURNS ASKED IF COLVIN THINKS HE CAN GO BACK TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. COLVIN DOESN'T FEEL HE CAN GO BACK.

AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH COLVIN AND ATTORNEY SHEPPARD, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FELT THAT THEY WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF A HEARING WITH JOHN KEANE, RANDY WYSE, COLVIN AND HIS ATTORNEY, WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FACTS.

ATTORNEY SHEPPARD SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH THE MEDICAL REPORT FOR FURTHER REVIEW.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAMES HOLDERFIELD TO CONFIRM THAT STEPHEN COLVIN'S TEMPORARY DISABILITY BENEFIT WILL EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2015 AS SCHEDULED UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION, IF ANY, IS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED. SECONDED BY DAVID McCALL. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

CHAIRMAN BURNS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:35AM.

**TO BE APPROVED AT NEXT ADVISORY
MEETING ON MARCH 11, 2015**

Ellis Burns III, Chairman