



**PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CITY OF SURPRISE LOCAL BOARD – POLICE**
Minutes, Wednesday, November 16, 2022
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374

The following are the minutes from the City of Surprise Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police meeting held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2022. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Chambers Overflow Room.

A. Call To Order

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

B. Roll Call: Skip Hall, Chair – Present
James Conner, Appointed Member – Present
Kim Drayden, Appointed Member – Present
Severin Hall, Police Department – Present
Christopher Thomas, Police Department – Absent

In attendance: David Niederdeppe, Legal Counsel
Ariana Reyna, PSPRS Board Secretary

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Completed

D. Current Events Reports - None

E. Staff Reports – Review of FY 23 legal counsel fees. The Board requested for a column to be added to the chart to illustrate the budgeted amount to clearly identify expenditures and money left over from budgeted figure. James Conner inquired on the IME cost and asked for clarification on which member that belonged to.

F. Call to the Public – None

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Considerations and action pertaining to the review and approval of the September 14, 2022 Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police Executive Session Meeting Minutes – APPROVED**

Motion to Approve: James Conner
Second: Kim Drayden
Opposed: None



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2. Considerations and action pertaining to the review and approval of the September 14, 2022 Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

Motion to Approve: James Conner

Second: Kim Drayden

Opposed: None

Regular Agenda:

3. Consideration and possible action pertaining to the review of medical examinations and the acceptance of Police Officer Recruits: Mason A. Butler and Branden R. Kay into the PSPRS system pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-859. – APPROVED.

Ariana Reyna stated that both Police Officer Recruits Butler and Kay were hired on 09/06/2022 with the Surprise Police Dept. The employees were officially notified of the Board's review of their medical records today. Motion was made to approve Police employees into the PSPRS system as follows:

Mason A. Butler without preexisting conditions

Branden R. Kay without preexisting conditions

Motion to Approve: Kim Drayden

Second: Severin Hall

Opposed: None

4. Consideration and possible action pertaining to the review and approval of PSPRS retiree Kendall Moreland's alternate contribution rate (ACR) to the system pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-843.05 – APPROVED

Ariana Reyna stated that Kendall Moreland was hired as a Police Lieutenant with the Surprise Police Department effective July 25, 2022. He retired from the Phoenix Police Department. Motion was made with acknowledgement to approve the ACR payment from the City of Surprise to PSPRS for Kendall Moreland as his position of Lieutenant is a Public Safety eligible position, effective his hire date with the Police Department of July 25, 2022.



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Motion to Approve: Kim Drayden

Second: James Conner

Opposed: None

5. Consideration and possible action pertaining to the review and approval of PSPRS retiree Leah J. Ray's alternate contribution rate (ACR) to the system pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-843.05 – APPROVED

Ariana Reyna stated that Leah J. Ray was hired as a Police Commander with the Surprise Police Department effective October 31, 2022. She retired from the Phoenix Police Department. Motion was made with acknowledgement to approve the ACR payment from the City of Surprise to PSPRS for Leah J. Ray as her position of Commander is a Public Safety eligible position, effective her hire date with the Police Department of October 31, 2022.

Motion to Approve: James Conner

Second: Kim Drayden

Opposed: None

6. Discussion and possible action to enter Executive Session and review the rehearing request from former Police Officer Jonathan W. Huston who was denied an Accidental Disability retirement during the September 14, 2022 meeting.

Motion to ENTER Executive Session at 10:09 a.m.: James Conner

Second: Severin Hall

Opposed: None

DISCUSSION ENSUED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHICH TOOK PLACE FROM 10:09 AM – 10:17 AM

Severin Hall made a motion to deny Mr. Huston's request for a rehearing.

Motion to Approve: Severin Hall

Second: James Conner

Opposed: None

G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items- The Board Secretary received two (2) applications for the Local Board's consideration of medical disability retirements. Depending on how soon the medical information is received, the applicants will be placed on the agenda either for December or January. The



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December meeting will have to take place on Wednesday, December 7 due to a schedule conflict.

H. Executive Session – None

I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. – **APPROVED**

Motion: Severin Hall

Second: James Conner

Opposed: None

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Skip Hall, Chair
Public Safety Retirement Commission - Police

CERTIFICATION:

I, Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary and HR Business Partner for the City of Surprise, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are true and correct meeting minutes of the Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police Meeting of **Wednesday, November 16, 2022.**

Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary
Public Safety Retirement Commission - Police