



#### Department of Retirement Services

FEDERATED CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT PLAN

# Board of Administration Federated City Employee's Retirement System/ Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan

### TAX QUALIFICATION REVIEW – JOINT SPECIAL MEETING

Department of Retirement Services 1737 N. First Street 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Conference Room San Jose, CA 95112

WEDNESDAY

**OCTOBER 20, 2010** 

9:00 A.M.

#### **MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** 

The Board of Administration of the Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan and Federated City Employees' Retirement System met at 9:07 a.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, in special session at Department of Retirement Services, 1737 North First Street, Suite 600-San Jose CA 95112

<u>PRESENT:</u> Police and Fire		<u>PRESENT</u> : Federated		PRESENT: City of San Jose
David Bacigalupi (conference call) Conrad Taylor Rose Herrera. Sam Liceardo (arrived 9:36 a.m.)	Chair/Trustee Vice Chair/Trustee Trustee Trustee Trustee	Matt Loesch Ed Overton Pete Constant Ash Kalra Arn Andrews Jeffrey Perkins	Chair/Trustee Vice Chair/Trustee Trustee Trustee – absent Trustee Trustee	Russell Crosby -Director Retirement Services
Scott Johnson (arrived-9:08 a.m.)	Trustee	Sean Kaldor	Trustee - absent	

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Gerry Chappuis	MEF	Dan Rodriguez	IBEW
Mary Beth Braitman	Ice Miller LLP	Cay Denise	CAMP/IFPTE Local 21
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Molly Dent	City Attorney	Russ Richeda	Attorney
Bill Pope	OE 3	Franco Vado	POA
Joe Pomeroy	AMSP	Frank Crusco	I.B.E.W./G.S.
Christopher Platten	Counsel IAFF 230	Joe Rois	City Auditor's Office

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ALSO PRESENT, (cont.)

Yolanda Cruz AFS CME-MEF
Alex Garza Employee Relations
Roger Storz AEA/IFPTE Local 21
Ron Kumar Retirement Services

Aracely Rodriguez Donna Busse Mike Moehle Sonia Morales Employee Relations Retirement Services Retirement Services Retirement Services

Mary Dariano

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#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mary Beth Braitman, Ice Miller LLP, outside tax counsel, welcomed the attendees and introduced herself. She informed the group that information and recommendations would be given about federal tax qualification process for the San Jose Police and Fire Department and the San Jose Federated Employees Retirement System.

I Top Substantive Issues for Tax Qualification of Governmental Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ms. Braitman stated that IRS qualification requirements are derived from the Pension Protection Act of 2006, Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Act of 2008, Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008, Treasury Regulations, IRS revenue rulings, other public notifications, and various federal laws regarding age and disability discrimination and reemployment rights.

II Internal Revenue Service Preferred Technical Language in Governmental Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Optional Provisions

Ms. Braitman reported that IRS compliant language recommendations have been made by Ice Miller for the following sections of each plan: Exclusive Benefit Rule, Prohibited Transactions, Vesting, Limits on Contributions, Limits on Benefits, Limits on Compensation, Required Benefits payments, Roll Overs, Group Trust, Military Service, and Qualified Domestic Relations Orders.

III Tax Determination Letter Process and Voluntary Compliance Program including:
Pros and Cons
Next Steps

Ms. Braitman summarized and noted that the IRS issues determination letters confirming qualified status or indicating compliance failures.

Ms. Braitman stated that the most difficult compliance issues for each Plan will be to provide rollover options for separated employees and give appropriate notices, and implement a change to the handling of service purchases. Traditionally, City of San Jose employees, who have not chosen the option to rollover their retirement funds, have received a check for the balance of their account. Both Plans will require an operational change if no rollover option is chosen by the participant: the Plan Trustees must select an IRA vehicle for the rollover.

Service contract purchases are limited to 100% of employee compensation or \$49K whichever amount is lower. Language reflecting this exists in the Police and Fire Plan and will be added to the Federated Employees Plan. Operational change for the City Plans is that participants who elect to pay for their service purchase contract through payroll deductions will not be allowed to do soon a pre-tax basis. More education will need to be provided to participants on the pros and cons of the different service purchase payment options.

Ms. Braitman presented Ice Miller's recommendation that the Plan request a tax determination letter from the IRS and apply to the IRS Voluntary Compliance Program for correction of failures to adopt timely amendments to the Retirement Plan as required under federal tax law and to define the establishment date of the Plan's IRC 401(h) account.

IV Concluding remarks were given.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

## Approval meeting summary Tax Qualification Special Meeting of 11/19/10

DAVID A. BACIGALUPI, CHAIR BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

MATT LOESCH, CHAIR BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

ATTESTS:

RUSSELL U. CROSBY, SECRETARY BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION