# CITY OF COSTA MESA PENSION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING \*MINUTES\* July 24, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:46 p.m. by Mr. Taboada.

**ROLL CALL** 

Roll Call was taken. The Pension Oversight Committee is composed of nine (9) voting members. Committee members and staff members present were:

**Committee Members Present:** 

Mr. Ralph Taboada, Vice Chairperson

Mr. Kent Mora, Member

Mr. Ron Robertson, Member

Mr. Gary Parkin, Member

Mr. Timothy Sesler, Member (Arrived 4:56PM)

Mr. John Stephens, Member

Committee Members Absent:

Mr. Rick Kapko, Member

Mr. Jeff Arthur, Chairperson

Mr. Gene Hutchins, Member

**Staff Members Present:** 

Mr. Alex Warren, Committee Assistant

Mr. Ryan Thomas, HR Analyst

Mr. Bobby Young, Finance & I.T. Director (Arrived 4:55PM)

Staff Members Absent:

Mr. Lance Nakamoto, HR Director

Council Liaison Absent:

Mr. Stephen Mensinger, Mayor's Designee

Mr. Jim Righeimer, Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson and seconded by Mr. Sesler to approve the minutes of July 17, 2013. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Charles Mooney has contacted the city of Irvine regarding legal advice provided by Ms. Kim Barlow on the treatment of city assets within the CalPERS system. Mr. Young has been in contact with Ms. Barlow in the past and will reach out to her regarding committee concerns on CalPERS treatment of account contributions.

## COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

POC members commented extensively on the recent chapter nine filing by the city of Detroit. Of particular interest of the committee was the conflict between the Michigan constitution and federal bankruptcy law. The advisor petitioning for Detroit's bankruptcy intends to treat pension obligations at parity with unsecured debt, setting the stage for a federal case defining the location of pensions within a capital structure. POC members also discussed a lawsuit by the convicted ex city manager of Vernon to pay for pension benefits denied by CalPERS.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to working through questions and concerns members have regarding the expert question list. Committee members have worked through the final third of the expert question list and Mr. Mora will finish the deliverable for the August 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was addressed at the meeting.

### OPEN DISCUSSION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Revenue analysis scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> has been moved to the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Expert questions slated to be tackled by the committee will be distributed at the next meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Parkin and seconded by Mr. Mora to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Ralph Taboada	Bobby Young
Vice Chairperson	Finance & I.T. Director