MINUTES
HAMDEN EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 17, 2020 @ 1:00 PM

Electronic Meeting pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Executive Order 7B.
This was a 100% Electronic Meeting.
Public Questions were emailed to rmorgan@hamden.com
Panelists and attendees used the link below to join the meeting:

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Minutes of the Hamden Employees Retirement Board special meeting held
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DECISION OF THE HAMDEN EMPLOYEES
RETIREMENT BOARD, MINUTES WILL REFLECT INDIVIDUALS
IN ATTENDANCE, MOTIONS MADE AND VOTES TAKEN.

Chairperson Mayor Leng called the meeting to order at 1:13 PM with Board members Benefits Clerk/BOE Kathleen Kordek, Fire Captain Gregory Bannon, Police Detective William Onofrio, Superintendent Joseph Colello, Fire Chief Gary Merwede and Public members Henry Dove, Attorney Carl Porto and Robert Freeman in attendance. Also in attendance were Board Attorney Marc Wallman, Personnel Director Ken Kelley, Administrative Secretary Renee Palumbo-Morgan, Henry Nearing and Deborah Brigham of Segal Consulting. Retired attendees were Robert Mordecai, David Johnson, Arthur Cohen, Lewis Perry, William Marak, Robert Mulhern, James Leddy, Robert Slater, Michael Luzzi, David Ciarello, Fred Manware, Helen Gilbert, William Coppola, Keith Benway, Donald LaBanca, David Strawhine, Richard Reutenauer, Edward Badamo, Thomas Regan, Raymond Dobbs, Joseph Ruggiero, Greg Nutter, Brian Anderson, and Harold Mangler. Sam Gurwitt from the New Haven Independent and Attorney Bill Ward also attended. Finance Director Curtis Eatman joined the meeting a few minutes late.

Item 1.A. under Administrative was a presentation of the Segal COLA Analysis report made by Actuary Deborah Brigham. Ms. Brigham explained to the Board the means by which the figures were compiled and suggested several ways that the COLA overpayment might be recouped. On a motion by Board member Porto, seconded by Board member Colello, it was the unanimous decision of the Board to go into Executive Session at 2:14 PM to review and discuss Board Attorney Wallman’s written legal opinion regarding the Retirement Board’s fiduciary responsibilities to the plan. On a motion by Board member Porto, seconded by Board member Bannon, it was the unanimous decision of the Board to come out of Executive session and to return to regular session at 3:45 PM.

On a motion by Board member Bannon, seconded by Board member Dove, it was the unanimous decision of the Board to Adjourn at 3:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth S. Kelley
Personnel Director