

July 10, 2012
Public Hearing
Administrative Rule, Part 7

Minutes of Public Hearing on 7-10-12 Administrative Rule, Part 7

Chairman Pinard opened the Public Hearing at 8:32 a.m.

Mr. Fleury reported that the proposed housekeeping amendments to Administrative Rule Part 7, Cost of Living Adjustments, had been posted to all city departments for the required, 30-day period, and that the Retirement System received one comment from Member, Michael Roche.

Mr. Fleury noted Mr. Roche expressed his concern with the language in section 7.6 which states that, no member will receive the benefit of a COLA until completion of one calendar year after the member's retirement date. Mr. Roche suggested alternate language and that perhaps that section should indicate 52 weeks, rather than one calendar year.

Mr. Fleury reported that he had a discussion with the Mr. Roche regarding his interpretation of the rule and explained to Mr. Roche that this has never been a problem since the implementation of the Rule and that when past COLA's had been granted, all members who had been retired for a 12 month period, were eligible to receive the approved COLA.

Trustee Sanders commented that the COLA amendment has been in effect for many years and he is not aware of any issue surrounding the amendment or misinterpretation of the rule.

Attorney Rich agreed with Trustee Sanders and stated that the wording, calendar year, has not changed since the prior version of the Administrative Rule.

There being no further public comment, Chairman Pinard officially closed the public hearing at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerard E. Fleury
Executive Director