

Minutes of the Trust Fund Commission meeting of June 17, 2022

Present: Chairman Paul Foley, Commissioner Seth Pitts, Treasurer Deanna Polli Foster

Chairman Foley called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to accept the minutes of the Trust Fund meeting of April 1, 2022. Commissioner Pitts made a Motion to Accept and Chairman Foley second. A recap of the Investment Policy discussion ensued as well as a discussion of the Draft Policy they hoped to have at a subsequent meeting for next month. Chairman Foley had questions about reinvestment and asked that Bartholomew and Company come to the next meeting. He had three points he wanted to discuss.

- 1. Identifying the existing Investment Policy statement.**
- 2. Changes in the future**
- 3. Draft policy**

Chairman Foley confirmed with the Treasurer that the policy being utilized was from 10/23/13. There were things missing in the language of that policy that he felt should be included such as benchmarks and the return rate, etc. Commissioner Pitts discussed the overall trust policy for the City versus the Trust Fund policy for the Board and the differences and reasons for those differences. Chairman Foley asked that the Treasurer discuss with Bartholomew and Company and the item be put on for next month. A discussion was had relative to the scholarships for the schools and how best to grow the money for the years ahead. This brought up Commissioner Pitts' thoughts on risk and returns and he explained in depth his thoughts on it and expressed that in order to change it; it must be understood. Chairman Foley agreed that these were questions to be asked of the Investment Manager. Commissioner Pitts reiterated that it could be something simple but needed to be concise not convoluted. Chairman Foley thanked Commissioner Pitts for his notes on the Draft Policy and Commissioner Pitts mentioned the points he feels should be discussed with the Investment Manager in terms of clarifying and simplifying the language so that a lay person could understand if he or she were a Commissioner. He felt it was a starting point and to use as a platform to work from. Chairman Foley asked about the benchmarks and Commissioner Pitts said they could be changed and it would not be difficult if there was a need to move funds but they would need to understand if liquidating could be a loss. He also discussed risk where the Commission is and where it wants to be and offered his thoughts on loss for example selling International versus holding on to see what happened in the future. The conversation then turned to Bonds and the historical gains the portfolio made in the last dozen years. Chairman Foley asked that a July meeting be scheduled with Bartholomew and moved to adjourn. Commissioner Pitts second. Meeting adjourned.