

KNOX COUNTY RETIREMENT AND PENSION BOARD

DECEMBER 5, 2017

The Knox County Retirement and Pension Board met in a special session on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. in the Small Assembly Room, City-County Building, Knoxville, Tennessee for an administrative de novo hearing for Sgt. Greg Gass' appeal of his retirement calculation under the Uniformed Officers Pension Plan.

The following members were present: Mr. Chris Caldwell, Proxy for Mayor Burchett, Chairman, Commissioner Hugh Nystrom, Vice Chairman, Ms. Tracy Foster, Secretary, Commissioner Ed Brantley, Commissioner John Schoonmaker, Commissioner Bob Thomas, Ms. Jennifer Hemmelgarn, Mr. Garrett Raiden and Mr. Zack Webb

Also present at the meeting were:

Legal Counsel: Mr. Charles Burks

Law Director's Office: Mr. David Wigler

Nationwide: Mr. Wayne Sellers

Attorney: Mr. Al Holifield, Mr. Keith Burroughs, Mr. John Reed

Retirement Staff: Ms. Kim Bennett, Ms. Terri Chase, Ms. Savannah Russell

Court Reporter: Ms. Dana Holloway

Retiree: Sgt. Greg Gass, Mr. Richard Trott

Knox County: Mr. Mike Ruble, Chief Rodney Bivens, Sheriff JJ Jones, Mr. Lee Tramel, Mr. Tim Laycock, Ms. Lisa Jarrell, Mr. Brandon Workman

Others: Ms. Stephanie Catlett

Chairman Caldwell presided and called the meeting to order. Chairman Caldwell stated that anyone who speaks to the Board shall go to the podium and identify themselves for the minutes.


Chairman Caldwell stated that a letter dated September 15, 2017 by Attorney Holifield is before the Board and asked Mr. Holifield if this is the request to be heard today? Mr. Holifield replied "yes". Chairman Caldwell requested a motion to proceed with the hearing as stated in the letter from Mr. Holifield. A motion to start the hearing for Sergeant Gass' appeal was made by Ms. Foster. Mr. Webb seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The board held a hearing at the request of Sergeant Gass. During the hearing the following people spoke: Chairman Caldwell, Mr. Holifield, Commissioner Brantley, Commissioner Nystrom, Ms. Hemmelgarn, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Burks, Mr. Gass, Commissioner Thomas, Mr. Webb, Commissioner Schoonmaker, Mr. Ruble, Mr. Trott, Ms. Foster, Mr. Burroughs, and Mr. Raiden.

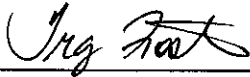
Court Reporter Ms. Dana Holloway was present, recorded and transcribed the hearing. To receive a certified copy of the transcription and exhibits entered into the record, please contact Ms. Holloway at 865-226-9801.

At the conclusion of the hearing a motion was made by Mr. Webb to deny Sergeant Gass' request of any vacation days in excess of 73 for the purposes of his retirement calculation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Foster. After discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Caldwell adjourned the hearing.


for

MAYOR TIM BURCHETT, CHAIRMAN
BY PROXY, CHRIS CALDWELL



MS. TRACY FOSTER, SECRETARY