



Agenda Report

March 13, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE PASADENA FIRE & POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD (FPRS) THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE DETERMINATIONS ON INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY RETIREMENTS FOR LOCAL SAFETY MEMBERS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the action proposed herein is not a "project" as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, is not subject to environmental review; and
2. Adopt the Resolution to delegate to the Pasadena Fire and Police Retirement System (FPRS) Board the authority to make determinations of disability, and whether such disability is industrial, for all safety employees.

BACKGROUND:

On March 21, 1978, the Pasadena City Council designated the Pasadena FPRS Board, on an interim basis, as the authority to determine the eligibility of local safety members for disability retirement with the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS). The Pasadena FPRS has made disability retirement determinations since that date.

In February 2017, CalPERS informed the City that it will no longer acknowledge the Pasadena FPRS Board's prior delegated authority, or process disability retirements for local safety members without a resolution from the City Council delegating to the Pasadena FPRS Board such authority. This resolution is required by Government Code 21173 for CalPERS to accept public safety disability retirements from City of Pasadena. Staff believes that the Pasadena FPRS Board has served the City well in this regard and recommends that the Board continue as the City's delegated authority.

As a result of recent CalPERS action, one industrial disability retirement application approved by the Pasadena FPRS Board on February 15, 2017 has been put on hold until a resolution is adopted. All prior disability retirements approved since 1978 remain unaffected.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Approval of staff's recommendation supports the City Council's strategic goals of maintaining fiscal responsibility and stability.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,



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