

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JULY 31, 2000

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURES -- THREE (3) CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITIONS REGARDING THE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM RELATED TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD, COMPULSORY SERVICE RETIREMENT BASED ON AGE AND EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS ON RETIRED PERSONS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve and adopt the following:

- (1) **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA CALLING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000, FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THREE (3) CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITIONS RELATING TO THE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**
- (2) **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO AUTHORIZE AND ORDER THE CONSOLIDATION OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000, AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES.**
- (3) **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA REGARDING WRITTEN ARGUMENTS PERTAINING TO THREE (3) CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITIONS RELATING TO THE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO CAUSE TO BE PREPARED THE IMPARTIAL ANALYSES FOR SAID PROPOSITIONS.**

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MEETING OF 7/31/2000

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.C.1.

BACKGROUND.

The City of Pasadena Fire and Police Retirement Board ("Board"), responsible for management of the City's private retirement system for safety members, reviewed and discussed three sections of the Fire and Police Retirement System, with a view towards possible amendment. The Board wanted to remove archaic language and bring the City's private retirement system into alignment with certain provisions in the State of California Public Employees Retirement System. At the City Council meeting of July 24, 2000, the Board presented an agenda report, outlining the current charter provisions and explaining the bases for modifying those sections. The Board's recommendations emerged as a result of concerns brought forth by the Police Department, and the limited number of safety members eligible to serve on the Board.

Recommendations pertaining to the Fire and Police Retirement System require amendment of the City Charter, and, in that regard, three separate Charter amendment propositions have been prepared. The attached resolutions will implement the recommendations of the Board by placing the following three (3) Charter Amendment recommendations as propositions on the November 7, 2000 ballot:

CHARTER AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

The composition of the Fire and Police Retirement Board shall be changed to permit election to the Board of either an active or retired member of the retirement system.

Restrictions on employment of retired members shall be changed to permit retirees to work for the City on a temporary basis for up to 960 hours per calendar year, performing duties with which they are already familiar.

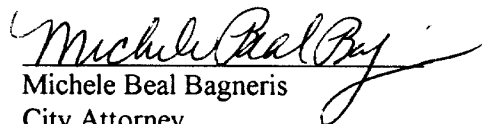
The compulsory service retirement age of 60 years shall be repealed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost to the retirement fund for the Charter amendments to be placed on the County ballot would be \$8,000 per measure, or a total of \$24,000 for the three proposed amendments. This cost is in addition to the school reform measures that will be placed on the ballot. If the City Council wants the Charter amendment text included in the supplemental voter information pamphlet, there would be an additional cost of \$2,400 per measure, or \$7,200 for the three. The maximum fiscal impact would be \$31,000 for three measures plus the cost of the text printed in the supplemental voter information pamphlet.

The three proposed amendments should have a limited impact on the retirement fund, based on information from the Board's Actuary, Buck Consultants.

Respectfully submitted,


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