

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

OCTOBER 22, 1997

The Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System meets this day at 9:30 o'clock A.M., in the Chamber of the Council Council, Third Floor, City Hall. (EDT)

PRESENT: Pasquale T. D'Amico, Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz, M.D.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben.

Also present are Edward Lynch, Pension Administrator, Retirement Office; Catherine Graziano, Assistant City Solicitor; Christine Krekorian, Solicitor's Office; Barbara A. Poirier, Second Deputy City Clerk and Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

On motion of Pasquale Grieco, seconded by Michael A. Baldassarre, it is voted to nominate Pasquale T. D'Amico as Chairman of the Retirement Board by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Pasquale T. D'Amico, Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

On motion of Pasquale Grieco, seconded by Michael M. Marcoccio, it is voted to nominate Betty J. Jackson as Vice-Chairwoman of the Retirement Board by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Pasquale T. D'Amico, Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

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ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON
MEDICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

On motion of Michael M. Marcoccio, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Jackson, it is voted to nominate Richard R. Longtin as Chairman of the Medical Sub-Committee by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chairman Pasquale T. D'Amico, Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON
MEDICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

On motion of Pasquale Grieco, seconded by Michael M. Marcoccio, it is voted to nominate Betty J. Jackson as Chairwoman of the Medical Sub-Committee by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chairman Pasquale T. D'Amico, Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

ONE FURTHER MEMBER
MEDICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

On motion of Richard R. Longtin, seconded by Pasquale Grieco, it is voted to nominate Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz as a member of the Medical Sub-Committee by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chairman Pasquale T. D'Amico, Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

On motion of Pasquale Grieco, seconded by Chairwoman Jackson, it is voted to nominate Michael A. Baldassarre as Chairman of the Legislative Committee by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chairman Pasquale T. D'Amico, Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, seconded by Michael M. Marcoccio, it is voted to nominate Pasquale Grieco as Vice-Chairman of the Legislative Committee by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chairman Pasquale T. D'Amico, Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

ONE FURTHER MEMBER
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Hershkowitz, it is voted to nominate Carla Dowben as a member of the Legislative Committee by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chairman Pasquale T. D'Amico, Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

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ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON
INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

On motion of Pasquale Grieco, seconded by Richard Longtin, it is voted to nominate Michael M. Marcoccio as Chairman of the Investment Sub-Committee by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chairman Pasquale T. D'Amico, Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON
INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, seconded by Michael M. Marcoccio, it is voted to nominate Michael A. Baldassarre as Vice-Chairman of the Investment Sub-Committee by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chairman Pasquale T. D'Amico, Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

THREE REMAINING APPOINTMENTS
INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, seconded by Richard R. Longtin, it is voted to nominate Pasquale Grieco as a member of the Investment Sub-Committee by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chairman Pasquale T. D'Amico, Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

On motion of Michael M. Marcoccio, seconded by Pasquale Grieco, it is voted to nominate Richard R. Longtin as a member of the Investment Sub-Committee by the following roll call vote:

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AYES: Chairman Pasquale T. D'Amico, Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, seconded by Pasquale Grieco, it is voted to nominate Joseph Chiodo as a member of the Investment Subcommittee by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chairman Pasquale T. D'Amico, Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson, Pasquale Grieco, Richard R. Longtin, Michael A. Baldassarre, Michael M. Marcoccio and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz - 7.

ABSENT: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Joseph Chiodo, Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan and Carla Dowben - 4.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

EDWARD LYNCH: There are no minutes to be approved at this meeting.

2. DISABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

EDWARD LYNCH: Mr. Mancini will be continued until next month.

3. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

EDWARD LYNCH: Approval of payment for Attorney Skolnik in the amount of \$26,928.65 and Attorney Skolnik has asked me to ask the Law Department for approval of payment.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Jackson, seconded by Pasquale Grieco, it is voted to approve payment for Attorney Skolnik.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those opposed.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: What are the amounts that you are paying?

DR. MELVIN HERSHKOWITZ: I didn't know whether this is the time since the bill was submitted or the amount of work he did during this time. So he has submitted an itemized bill.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: Right.

DR. MELVIN HERSHKOWITZ: Does Mr. Skolnik have an agreed hourly rate that he is paying and how much is that?

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: \$125.00 an hour.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: I would like to make a motion that these be handed out prior to the meeting.

EDWARD LYNCH: Normally we would but I didn't receive the bill until yesterday and he did call me on Friday to tell me that his secretary had been ill and that the bill would have been out earlier.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: This bill goes back a long time anyway.

EDWARD LYNCH: It is an outstanding bill.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: I understand that but I have not had a chance to look at it to see what he has done and to check to see if it is correct. You spend \$27,000.00 without looking at it, that is not fiscally responsible in my eyes. So I make a motion to table it until the next meeting so we can have a change to look at it.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: Well, there is a motion on the table already and I am going to call for the vote.

DR. MELVIN HERSHKOWTIZ: Would he object to wait one more month to be paid.

EDWARD LYNCH: He has been waiting for payment and he ask me to ask the Law Department why he is not getting paid and there was a court decision on certain cases that should be paid.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: Did they ever come up with a decision why he is not being paid?

EDWARD LYNCH: To me they haven't?

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: Why, I mean this is almost like a year old and the Law Department keeps saying they are not going to pay it but why if he did legitimate work and every meeting they just come and sit and we don't get an answer.

CATHERINE GRAZIANO: I am not familiar with this, it has been in the hands of Mr. Charles Mansolillo.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask if you would disavow the motion that was previously made and table it until next month but also ask that Attorney Mansolillo's Office give us a response as to why they are not paying. I think we do deserve that, I mean you get a bill and they say well we are not paying. If I said that to my doctor he would want to know why I am not paying.

RICHARD LONGTIN: I am not questioning legitimacy of the bill it is just that if he has waited a year I sure he can wait one more month.

On motion of Richard R. Longtin, seconded by Michael M. Marcoccio, it is voted to table this until next month.

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CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those opposed.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, while we are on that issue of receiving and nothing against Ed because I know normally we do have all the bills that need to be paid. The only thing I will say is that in the past we have received communication from the City Solicitor's Office and I have asked before that we receive that communication prior to our meetings because they are well aware of the things that are going on and we continue to receive the things at the meeting where we don't have time to look at it. I have said this over and over again I work in the school system with children and we do not give our children a test two minutes before they are going to take it, it is not fair. So I will ask again that all communications directed to this board that is in regards to something that we have to do that we receive it at least three days ahead of time.

CATHERINE GRAZIANO: I just want to respond to that and say that the materials regarding this months applicant were provided to us on Thursday and this is the amount of time it took to have those reports reviewed by the Medical Board and we received testimony a few days ago.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: It is directed to all the parties that are involved. It is not fair and I myself would not give you something today and ask that you act upon it when I have never even seen it.

CATHERINE GRAZIANO: We will have to ask the board at some point to entertain an amendment to the bylaws that will designate if the members don't have the information ten days before the meeting that that matter automatically be put on for the following month and that will give substantial time for everybody.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: But sometimes matters may need to be acted upon right away and if you get them late that prolongs situations and I just keep verbally venting that all the time.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: Kathy, you are suggesting that they change the five day notice before the meeting and you get it prior to that in the bylaws. The packet has to be sent five days prior to the meeting.

CATHERINE GRAZIANO: I would make that suggestion.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: It is five days already so you would want ten?

CATHERINE GRAZIANO: I think ten would be more sufficient.

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4. LOANS IMPROVED

EDWARD LYNCH: Total number of loans since the last board meeting is 158, in the amount of \$460,180.00.

On motion of Michael M. Marcoccio, seconded by Pasquale Grieco, it is voted to approve the loans.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those opposed.

5. PURCHASE OF SERVICE (handout)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Lisa Ruggiero	Cont. Temporary	1 yr. 7 mos. 22 days	\$ 3,860.45
Michael Cataldo	Cont. Temporary	5 yrs. 4 mos. 11 days	\$11,692.12

EDWARD LYNCH: It has been passed out for informational purposes and it has been computed in accordance with the new Ordinance Purchase of Service.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: Is everything in order Eddy?

EDWARD LYNCH: Yes.

On motion of Michael M. Marcoccio, seconded by Pasquale Grieco, it is voted to approve the purchase of service.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those opposed.

6. SERVICE RETIREMENT

EDWARD LYNCH: Option IV - Ralph M. Briggs.

On motion of Pasquale Grieco, seconded by Betty Jackson, it is voted to approve the service retirement.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those opposed.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: What are we actually voting on Option IV. He is going for retirement and he is taking the option to take his money out.

EDWARD LYNCH: That is correct and his paper work will be sent to the Clerk's Office to be certified and he is the person that is going on the pension payroll for this month.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: Okay, but he is going on a regular pension and he is a city worker?

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CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: Yes.

EDWARD LYNCH: Option IV is a withdrawal with contributions plus interest with a monthly benefit.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: If that is his option, we can't prevent him from doing this anyway.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: Actually, the only options that I read that imply are the maximum and four if I am correct.

EDWARD LYNCH: That is Class B.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: But Class A has the option of all four for 50% to 100%?

EDWARD LYNCH: Class A like some as myself have to take a reduced pension in order to allow something for a spouse so that would be under Option II and III.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: So all three options apply to Class A and Class B has got maximum and Option IV.

EDWARD LYNCH: And Option I as well. There is Option I maximum and then there is Option I where it is slightly reduced from a maximum whereby I advise somebody who had a life threatening disease who is going to pass away shortly and they pretty much figure out if they get pension money and you can even get a beneficiary to leave it to.

7. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

8. NEW BUSINESS

c. Printing of Retirement Booklet - Pasquale T. D'Amico

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: Continue that Ed.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: I have a question on that. The pension booklet and the annuity statements that haven't been sent out this year, I understand that they are ready.

EDWARD LYNCH: The annuity statements will probably be going out by the end of this week.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: Because my members have been asking about the annuity statements. What is the normal time frame for that, when do they usually come out?

EDWARD LYNCH: Depending on Clinton, we usually try to have them sometime during the summer but they will be going out.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: They weren't delayed were they?

EDWARD LYNCH: Yes, some were delayed.

PASQUALE GRIECO: They will be forthcoming.

EDWARD LYNCH: Yes, more than likely by the end of this week.

d. Matters pertaining to the Retirement Board-Pasquale T. D'Amico

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: Continue.

e. Update on Pending Legal Matters - Richard Skolnik

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: Continue.

f. Legal opinion from Law Department regarding Lynne Etchells

CHRISTINE KREKORIAN: That matter right now is being worked on.

The Law Department has met with Blue Cross to see if Lynne Etchells can get an individual policy with a million dollar maximum because he has a \$30,000.00 life time right now and he has exhausted that so therefore, his wife is asking that we pay the difference on his medical bills right now. So instead of paying the medical bills what we have done is we meet with the Blue Cross representative to see if we can pick up a whole new policy for him in place of the one that he has in existence. We have not got a response from Blue Cross but they are pretty positive that it can happen, it looks favorable.

MICHAEL M. MARCOCCIO: What is the problem I am not familiar with it.

CATHERINE GRAZIANO: This is an individual who retired on a disability retirement and he has exceeded the amount of his medical policy in medical bills and the question is whether the city is going to cover the remaining bills which it has been determined that we will. Now the second question is how are we going to do that, are we going to pay them individually or are we purchasing a new policy to cover the remainder of those bills. So we thought it was better to purchase a new policy that will last throughout his life time and that is what we are looking into.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: So you want to continue this until next month.

CATHERINE GRAZIANO: Yes.

On motion of Pasquale Grieco, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Jackson, it is voted to continue the legal opinion from the Law Department regarding Lynne Etchells.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those opposed.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, I have one other matter that is not on the agenda. This is from John Rollins, he wishes to transfer his

funds and he has requested to transfer of his excess contributions to purchase service.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: You have to take a vote to put that on the agenda.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Jackson, seconded by Pasquale Grieco, it is voted to put this matter on the next agenda.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those opposed.

COMMITTEE: We don't understand that.

EDWARD LYNCH: Once you are over 55 you don't have to contribute to the retirement system anymore and it is up to you guys to whether you decide to stop or continue to contribute and over 55 is considered to be excess contributions and in the past the board has always allowed either to take that money and apply it to purchase of service or for various other reasons.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: I am going to ask that we continue this.

On motion of Pasquale Grieco, seconded by Michael M. Marcoccio, it is voted to continue this matter until next month.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those opposed.

DR. MELVIN HERSHKOWITZ: What does purchase of service mean?

EDWARD LYNCH: There is an Ordinance which allows you to buy prior city service.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: I have some other issues and it is on the Mike Blackburn issue. The board recommended that he see another doctor in March of 1997 and we just recently received that doctors appointment on the 14th of this month. What I am looking for is the letter that he received from the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Institute in Boston wanted him to bring his Blue Cross cards as if he was going in as a private patient. It was probably a form letter that they sent him but what I am looking for from the board is a letter from the Retirement Board stating that the Retirement Board will pay for the whole thing.

EDWARD LYNCH: That is explained in the letter and I spoke to the secretary and there doesn't seem to be any problem.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: Well, the letter he got doesn't reflect that and I can show you the letter that he got from the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Institute.

He can take the letter with him stating that the Retirement Board will in fact pay for this appointment is something I am looking for.

EDWARD LYNCH: I will call his secretary and I have spoken to the doctors office and the form letter does explain the type of payment that the city will pay.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: Okay, the other issue is Joe Chiodo the City Controller sent the board a memorandum of the pension contributions for the city Retirement System from years ending June 30, 1993 through 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998. I just want to confirm that these numbers are correct.

EDWARD LYNCH: You will have to speak to Joe Chiodo, I asked for a copy and I have not received a copy of it.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: Do you want to continue that until the next meeting?

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: Well, if we can continue it I think it is necessary to call Joe and make sure Joe is here to explain this.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: He usually attends the meetings.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: He said he doesn't have a copy, I have a copy.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: I think everybody should have a copy it was sent to their house but the thing is I want to put it on the agenda for next month as far as the contributions and also include the actual fiscal value and what the pension system is worth as of when we took over so we can judge how we are doing.

DR. MELVIN HERSHKOWITZ: I have an administrative question. Does the board meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month or the last Wednesday of the month.

EDWARD LYNCH: Normally it is the fourth Wednesday but in November and December with Thanksgiving and Christmas sometimes we have accommodations for the schedule. We hope to have it the day before Thanksgiving.

MR. MELVIN HERSHKOWITZ: Do we know when the next meeting is?

EDWARD LYNCH: Usually someone makes a motion for that.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: Does anyone have a problem meeting the day before Thanksgiving?

COMMITTEE: No.

MICHAEL A. BALDASARRE: Mr. Chairman, Richard said that we are going to get a financial statement of exactly what the pension is worth so we know where we stand on our first meeting.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: You will get that at the next meeting.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: If it is possible I would like to make a motion that Joe Chiodo be here at the next meeting so we can discuss this.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: Joe Chiodo is a member of this board.

MICHAEL M. MARCOCCIO: Mr. Chairman, I have one matter I would like to discuss which is the Walter Bruckshaw matter. The Law Department I guess would like to see him be sent to doctors and I don't know if it requires a motion because I am not quite sure being new on this board if that is the proper way to go about it or is it just automatically done. Cathy Graziano sent a letter saying that a police officer suffered a heart attack in June of 1996 after having retired in April of 1995 now requesting that his status be converted from service to accidental disability. Information provided with his request is not sufficient to render a legal opinion, therefore, additional medical examinations must be conducted in compliance with Section 17-189-5 of the Code of Ordinances prior to any further board actions. So at this point I would like to make a motion that we send him to doctors.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: I think I want to continue that until next month.

MICHAEL M. MARCOCCIO: Continue if for what reason, I mean wouldn't it be to get him started?

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: I have not seen the opinion on that.

CATHERINE GRAZIANO: This is a gentleman who was previously out on regular disability and now wants to convert that to a service disability. We did render an opinion that before the board could act on it there would have to be three medical opinions but I don't believe the board ever acted to vote to accept the application for accidental disability and I think that would have to be entertained first.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: The board voted not to act on that.

MICHAEL M. MARCOCCIO: If I remember correctly I was here on his behalf some time ago and I thought it was tabled but I might be mistaken so if you want to table it I will do my research and we will continue it until next month and I will find out exactly what happened to it and then bring it out that point.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: I think the board choose not to act on that because we had prior cases come in of persons retiring and then coming back

and requesting a change in disability and they were all disallowed and we said no we were not going to act on that.

MICHAEL M. MARCOCCIO: Can I get those minutes?

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: I don't know what month it was.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: I believe I have those minutes.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: We voted not to because we have had people like teacher assistants and employees who have retired and then they want to change.

MICHAEL M. MARCOCCIO: Well, in the case of Walter Bruckshaw in the contract the collective bargaining agreement with the City of Providence it is a presumption, it is presumed that a heart attack is a result of his employ of the Police Department. This is a gentleman that who was a police officer for close to thirty years, very healthy, non-smoker, had some problems and there is documentation of these problems he had while still with the city and leaves the city and then eight months after retiring has a massive heart attack and has to have bypass surgery. He plays hockey twice a week, I mean he is physically fit but there were some questions about his blood pressure, again a presumption with the police contract. So I think it could use more looking into.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: The minutes of the meeting relating to Walter Bruckshaw state that it was suppose to be sent back to the Legal Department for determination, I mean that was back in January.

CATHERINE GRAZIANO: One of the questions that was raised and that we were asked to look into is whether or not there were any other applicants that this has happened to that were granted the disability pension. We were given several names and we researched them with the Retirement Office and none of those individuals had obtained a disability pension.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: I think what happened is maybe it was an option but it was in a short period of time before they even got a check.

MICHAEL M. MARCOCCIO: Well, it was voted here to postpone the matter and refer it to the Legal Department for investigation. So where does it stand, is that your report or can we table it again so we can get something official?

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: Did they send anything that was official?

CATHERINE GRAZIANO: I don't think we prepared anything in writing we just researched those names that were given to us.

MICHAEL M. MARCOCCIO: Well, I have a few other names so if I give you a few names in the meantime and we table this I can bring it up at the next meeting.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: So this is going to be continued until next month.

On motion of Richard R. Longtin, seconded by Pasquale Grieco, it is voted to continue the Water Bruckshaw matter until next month.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN D'AMICO: All those opposed.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACKSON: I would just like to ask that prior to the next meeting is that all materials that we need for the next meeting be adequately prepared and given well in advance so that everyone can have timely and due notice to read it.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: One more thing is Dr. Guy Geffroy's contract expired in July of 1997 I believe, is anyone aware of that?

EDWARD LYNCH: We did submit it to the Board of Contract and Supply.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: Do you know if it came back?

EDWARD LYNCH: I believe it did.

RICHARD R. LONGTIN: Well, I would like to put that on the agenda for next month.

EDWARD LYNCH: Also, the Fiduciary Liability Insurance expires November 4th and we have submitted a list of all the new board members and staff members to Boyce Spinelli, he wasn't in yesterday but I did receive a call from the insurance company that time is running out so I will follow through with him on that.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Pasquale Grieco, seconded by Michael A. Baldassarre, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 o'clock A.M.


SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK


Assistant Clerk

