
MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor Walker and Councilors
FROM: M McPherson, City Administrator
SUBJECT: **Presentation from Fire Relief Committee and
Discuss Draft Fire Relief Police (Items 3 and 3.1)**
DATE: November 2, 2021

Background:

The City Council, at its September 9 meeting, received information from Sharyn North, Principal Accounting Officer, PERA regarding the Fire Relief Fund's status for the City. At that time, there was discussion regarding setting a policy regarding benefit levels.

The Fire Relief Committee has been meeting and has requested information from Ms. North regarding various benefit levels and their impact on the fund. Her analyses are attached. The Fire Department is meeting November 2 to agree to a benefit level request in preparation of a presentation at the Study Session. Additional information may be uploaded to OnBoard regarding this topic from the Fire Department.

Analysis:

Staff drafted the following policy language for the Council's consideration:

The City Council shall, annually, review the PERA Fire Relief Fund to determine if an increase in the benefit level may be made. The surplus will be divided, at a minimum, equally between the Fund and the benefit level increase except when the funding ratio drops below 115%. In those cases, the division of the surplus shall occur in a manner that the funding ratio is maintained at 115%. The final determination of the benefit level shall be made by December 1 of each calendar year.

Request:

Staff requests that the Council:

1. Receive the presentation from the Fire Relief Committee,
2. Review the proposed policy language, and
3. Provide direction to staff regarding the policy language and any change in the benefit level the Council desires. A resolution implementing the benefit level will be presented for approval at a later date.