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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 15, 2010

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF FIRE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS PENSION BOARD

ISSUE: Appointing a new Fire Representative to fill the position on the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan Board (the "Board") vacated by the retirement of Fire Representative Christopher Lockwood and appointing a new Fire Alternate.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council ratify the appointment of Patrick Evans as a Fire Representative and Michael Wimer as the Fire Alternate member to the Board.

BACKGROUND: The investments of the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan (the "Plan") are managed by the Board. The Board consists of two Participant Representatives and one Alternate elected by firefighters, two Participant Representatives and one Alternate elected by police officers, and four City Representatives and one Alternate appointed by the City Manager. Both the elected Participant Representatives and the City Manager-appointed City Representatives are subject to ratification by the City Council before they can take office. The Finance Department performs the daily administrative activities necessary for the Plan. Current members of the Pension Board are CFO Bruce Johnson, Deputy City Manager Michele Evans, Human Resources Director Cheryl Orr, Finance Director Laura Triggs (with alternate Morgan Routt), Police Captain Albert Tierney, Police Sergeant Ed Milner (with alternate Police Sergeant Shirl Mammarella), and Fire Captain Michael Cross.

As the result of the retirement of former Fire Representative Christopher Lockwood, there is a vacancy on the Board. Since there is less than one year left to the current term, the Plan allows for a replacement Representative to be appointed rather than elected. The Board recommends that Patrick Evans be appointed to fill the vacant position as Fire Representative. Mr. Evans has been Fire Alternate since the inception of the Plan in January 2004. He has been a firefighter since 2001.

The Board also recommends that Michael Wimer serve as Fire Alternate. Mr. Wimer has served with the Alexandria Fire Department as a firefighter for nine years. He came to work for the City after serving nine years with the Army Judge Advocate General Corps and two years in the Army Reserves. Mr. Wimer has a law degree and has work experience in estate planning. His educational background also includes Accounting, Tax, and Finance.

STAFF:

Bruce Johnson, Chief Financial Officer

Michele Evans, Deputy City Manager

Laura B. Triggs, Finance Director

Steven Bland, Retirement Administrator