#### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

MAY 25, 2007

TO

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT:

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF

ALEXANDRIA SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLAN TO REQUIRE A

MANDATORY LUMP SUM PAYMENT TO A TERMINATING

PARTICIPANT WITH A VESTED BENEFIT PRESENT VALUE OF \$1,000

OR LESS

<u>ISSUE</u>: Consideration of a proposed change to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Plan (the "Plan").

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1) amending the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Plan to comply with federal law. The threshold allowing a plan to provide a lump sum payment to a terminated participant with a vested accrued benefit valued at \$5,000 or less is changed to \$1,000 or less.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: The Supplemental Retirement Plan became effective August 1, 1970, and includes general city employees, sheriff's deputies and paramedics. The Plan currently requires that a single lump sum payment be made to a terminating participant if the present value of the participant's vested accrued pension benefit is \$5,000 or less. The value of the vested accrued pension benefit needs to change for the plan to comply with the federal Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA). EGTTRA allows a plan to have a mandatory distribution provision if the present value of the vested accrued benefit is valued at \$1,000 or less.

As required by the Plan document, participants were provided with written notice of these proposed changes, a 60-day comment period and the opportunity to participate in several public meetings.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This change should have no fiscal impact.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution to Amend City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Plan

#### **STAFF**:

Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager Michele Evans, Deputy City Manager Laura B. Triggs, Acting Director of Finance Steven Bland, Retirement Administrator

Attachment

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused this Fourth Amendment to
be executed by its City Manager on this day of, 2007.
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
By: James K. Hartmann, City Manager

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2232

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ADOPTED: June 12, 2007

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC

City Clerk