

ABAG FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Summary Minutes

March 20, 2014

Members Present

Mayor Bill Harrison, Chair
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff
Supervisor David Rabbitt
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff
Councilmember Desley Brooks
Councilmember Ronit Bryant
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Councilmember Julie Pierce
Supervisor John Gioia
Supervisor Mark Luce
Supervisor David Cortese

Jurisdiction

City of Fremont
County of Contra Costa
County of Sonoma
County of Contra Costa
City of Oakland
City of Mountain View
County of Alameda
City of Clayton
County of Contra Costa
County of Napa
County of Santa Clara

Members Absent

Supervisor Dave Pine

County of San Mateo

Officers and Staff Present

Ezra Rapport, Executive Director
Kenneth Moy, Legal Counsel
Herbert Pike, Finance Director
Brian Kirking, HR/IT Director
Susan Hsieh, Asst. Finance Director

Guests

Mayor Pat Eklund
Ken Bukowski

City of Novato

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Harrison, Committee Chair, at 5:00 pm.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Summary Minutes of the January 16, 2014 meeting were approved.
/M/Mitchoff/S/Bryant/C/approved unanimously.

4. Pike provided an overview of the selection process for a new contract for an independent auditor, a contract for three years and an option for two one-year extensions. After providing the factors noted, staff made the recommendation to contract anew with Maze and Associates, with the condition that a new audit supervisor should be used at least every three years.
/M/Luce/S/Haggerty/approved staff recommendation unanimously.
5. Pike presented the financial reports for December 2013 and January 2014. The Committee reviewed the reports and suggested staff consider reformatting the reports to make them more concise and to the point. Staff committed to review a revised format with the Committee and utilize it at the May 15th meeting.
/M/Haggerty/S/Luce/C/acceptance of the report unanimously.
6. Pike presented a proposed resolution to formally advise CalPERS of the second tier of OPEB coverage authorized by the Board in approving the labor contract MOU with SEIU Local 1021 for calendar year 2009. No one in the new tier has to-date retired, so there was no fiscal impact incurred by the delayed notification. The benefits of the new tier were already reflected in the actuarial update on retiree health care costs of two years ago.
/M/Haggerty/C/to recommend approval of the resolution by the Executive Board.
7. Pike presented an information only report on the most recent CalPERS actualial evaluation and proposed rates, the changes approved by the CalPERS Board at their February meeting and their prospective impacts, and other issues that may impact pension rates over the next three- to five-years.
8. Pike presented an oral report on efforts staff was undertaking to identify how to identify the diversity of firms with whom ABAG contracts and how to validate their diversity status. Staff was requested to return with a written report at the next meeting on May 15.
9. The Committee went into Closed Session and had no action to report out.
10. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Submitted: Herbert Pike, Finance Director

Date: May 7, 2014