

## Minutes of the Firefighter's Pension Board Meeting

Chairman Ronald Glass called the meeting to order on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 8:15 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Agenda Conference Room, City Hall at 400 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida. There was a quorum.

### **Members Present:**

Ronald Glass, Chairman  
John Miller, Vice-Chair  
Michael Droege, Secretary  
Mario A. Garcia, Trustee  
Rebecca W. Sutton, Trustee

### **Also Present:**

Donnie R. Jones, Executive Director  
Katrina Laudeman, Deputy Executive Director  
Amanda Green, Fire Department Advocate  
James B. Loper, Board Attorney  
Fire Chief James Reynolds  
Chris McCullion, Assistant Treasurer  
Katie Zuccarini, Employee Benefits  
James P. Brown, III, Disability Applicant  
Rochelle L. Burlon, Pension Coordinator

### **1. DISABILITY HEARING FOR JAMES P. BROWN, III**

Chairman R. Glass advised that this was the time set for the application for line of duty disability pension of James P. Brown, III. J. Loper went over the guidelines of the disability hearing. R. Glass informed all present that the hearing was being recorded and indicated that the applicant's package and the Board's IME would be accepted into evidence including all additions to the package and supplemental information filed. R. Glass recognized the Applicant J.P. Brown. J. P. Brown and Fire Chief James Reynolds were sworn in. Amanda Green, Department Advocate waived her opening statement. J.P. Brown testified. J.Loper asked questions of the applicant. R. Glass advised that the evidentiary phase of the hearing was closed. A. Green asked Chief Reynolds if there is a limited duty position without a reduction in pay or benefits within the Department. Chief Reynolds responded that there was no position available.

A MOTION THAT BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY PROVIDED THAT A PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY, AS DEFINED BY THE FIRE PENSION PLAN, DOES EXIST, was made by M. Droege and seconded by J. Miller; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION THAT BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY PROVIDED THAT THE DISABILITY INJURY OCCURRED IN THE LINE OF DUTY was made by M. Droege and seconded by J. Miller; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION THAT J.P. BROWN DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR COLA BENEFITS SINCE HE DOES NOT HAVE TWENTY OR MORE YEARS OF ACTUAL SERVICE AT THE TIME OF HIS DISABILITY RETIREMENT was made by J. Miller and seconded by R. Sutton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION THAT BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY PROVIDED OF THE EXISTENCE OF A PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY THAT THE DISABILITY PENSION IS GRANTED TO JAMES P. BROWN, III AND BENEFITS WILL COMMENCE ON JUNE 1, 2008, was made by J. Miller and seconded by R. Sutton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board took a ten minute break.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2008 was made by M. Droege and seconded by J. Miller; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

	<u>Retirement Date</u>
Deanna Ward #11387	April 1, 2008
\$4,559.67 monthly	

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA was made by R. Glass and seconded by R. Sutton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **PENDING**

a. **STATUS OF DISABILITY APPLICATIONS**

S. Burlon gave an update on the disability applicants:

Jason Ballard                      Waiting for IME appointment.

Christine Collyer                      Notebooks submitted on May 14, 2008

Geoffrey Foster                      IME report received.

Joe Miranda                      Department Advocate had additional questions for IME physician. Florida Hospital will obtain the answers in order to avoid a deposition being conducted.

