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Santa Rosa Pension Reform Task Force
Thursday, May 26, 2011
7:30 a.m.
Finley Community Center

Summary Minutes

Chair Scott Bartley called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

All Task Force members were in attendance.

Chair Bartley stated that the draft report captured the essence of the Task Force discussion and pension issues discussed and that with minor changes discussed at today's meeting, the report would be forwarded to the City Council for their review on June 28, 2011. Chair Barley added that currently, 17 bills have been introduced by the Legislature and one initiative is making its way through the process. He stated that the purpose of this report is to inform the public and Council about pension reform issues as these bills and initiative move through the process.

Chair Bartley requested feedback from the Task Force Members on the Options, Pros and Cons section of the draft report. The Task Force members identified information within the draft report that needed clarification, correction or additional information. It was agreed that the following information should be added to the draft report: additional and more detailed financial information from the actuarial presentation, more clear data on employee contributions to retirement, factual data related to extended retirement age and worker's compensation claims, retirement pay, and a note that binding arbitration related to mandatory compensation pay and benefits was discussed.

The Task Force members also discussed the narrative portion of the draft report and requested the executive summary be re-titled to Introduction and whether summaries of each meeting should be added to the body of the draft report or included as attachments. Additional information will be added to ensure clarity related to total compensation, employee off-sets to pension costs, and unfunded liability. It was also agreed that a paragraph would be added that articulates the collaborative efforts of the Council, management and unions to address the City's financial needs and that this process is dynamic and will not be resolved in the near term, but requires a complex, collaborative strategy.

Public comments

RG Williamson commented on the report and that services have been cut to the community

Rich Scheblik provided handouts to the Task Force Members.

Gary Wysocky thanked the Task Force Members for their work.

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The minutes from April 21, were approved, with the change that “the subject of mandatory compensation pay and benefit requirements for Police and Fire as stated in the City Charter and the impact on pension costs was discussed by Bob Andrews”. Vice Chair Pam Chanter made the motion, second by Mike Lavin.

City Manager Kathy Millison handed out 3x5 index cards and requested each Task Force Member write a comment to the City Council.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.