

Pension Reform Task Force  
April 7, 2011  
7:30 am  
Finley Community Center

**Summary Minutes**

Handout: "Governor Brown Releases Twelve-Point Pension Reform Plan"

Chair Bartley called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

Greg Hurd was absent. All other task force members in attendance.

Chair Bartley asked the task force members if they had any questions of the options and handouts so far. Paul Carroll commented he thinks we are moving to options too soon without clearly identifying the problem.

City Manager Millison reminded them the task force's job is not to decide what to do, only to give Council options. She also handed out a graph, "City of Santa Rosa, General Operating Expenses vs. Pension Costs". Years FY 05/06 through FY 09/10 are actual expenses as reported in the annual financial audit. The FY 10/11 through FY 14/15 are projections only and no hires or salary cost of living increases are included, only contract increases for salary and benefits and salary merit increases are included.

Chair Bartley had the task force break into two groups again and assigned the remaining options for discussion and to list pros and cons of each.

After the groups came back together, City Manager Millison clarified the graph handed out earlier: This information only reflects about one-half of city employee expenses – general fund only; does not include employee expenses of enterprise funds.

Discussion of pros and cons of the remaining options – see attached.

Next Steps: Chair Bartley stated that we need to get a descriptive body of work to present to Council; a broader look with long term impacts. He hopes to have a draft to the task force by next week.

Next meeting is April 21, and Chair Bartley added one additional meeting, on May 5 – both at Finley.

**Public Comments:**

Rich Scheblik stated that he appreciates the hard work and tough decisions but wants the task force to realize the limited perspective – every decade has an economic "glitch". All factors have to be considered.

City Attorney Caroline Fowler brought up questions about pension actuary John Bartel's presentation regarding unfunded liability, and task force member Stan Lindsay clarified Mr. Bartel's statements and said the issue will be looked at by the State.

Chair Bartley adjourned the meeting at 9:23 am.