



**FINANCIAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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**5:30 P.M., Monday September 17, 2012  
Neutra House  
181 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M.

**Roll Call**

**Commissioners present:** Chair David Byrne, Vice Chair Donald Korn, Robin Dickson, Harold Guthart, Roger Sievers, Les Poltrack and Kevin Thompson.

**Commissioners absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Russell Morreale, Staff Liaison  
Marcia Somers, Los Altos City Manager  
J. Logan, HR Director/Assistant City Manager

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge to the Flag was conducted

**Public Comment**

A member of the public addressed the Commission on the topic of the ongoing subcommittees pension reform alternatives review referencing some of the materials included in the meeting packet of materials.

**Consent Items**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

With a first motion from Commissioner Guthart and a second from Commissioner Korn, the minutes of July 19, 2012 were approved with unanimous agreement.

**Discussion**

**2. Investment Portfolio Update**

Liaison Morreale and investment advisor Carlos Oblites of PFM provided the Committee with an update of the investment portfolio status report presented to Council on September 11, 2012 and reviewed investment activity in the subsequent period of reporting. Mr. Oblites discussed market trends and reviewed purchases made after June 30, 2012. Questions were entertained and answered.

### 3. Work Plan Special Project – Pension Reform Alternatives

Liaison Morreale and Assistant City Manager J. Logan provided the Commission with a review of the most recent Civil Grand Jury response on the topic of Pension Reform. Such Civil Grand Jury queries were distributed to all Santa Clara Cities as a basis for a regional County-wide grand jury study. This background was presented to assist the Commission, and their assigned subcommittee members, in the data gathering process as they begin to analyze pension reform alternatives for eventual City Council reporting.

Vice Chair Korn then provided an overview of the subcommittee status and guided a discussion of the review approach and scope. Mr. Korn presented a proposed draft of the top-level report outline and received comments from the Commission at large. With this information the subject subcommittee agreed to refine scope discussions and return this back to the Commission for final agreement and as a basis for proceeding forward.

#### **Commission Reports:**

Chair Byrne reported on his meeting with Los Altos Mayor Val Carpenter and provided clarification on the work plan noting that the most recent work-plan item, a review of the library cost sharing methodology, awaits the finalization of the City Managers reviews - a process that is ongoing at this time.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30P.M. with a first motion from Commissioner Korn and a second from Commissioner Poltrack

Respectfully Submitted,  
Russell J. Morreale  
Staff Liaison to the Financial Commission