

ACRE
General Membership Meeting
June 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Mike Lee

The **opening prayer** was given by Richard McBryde, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurers Report. The Treasurer's Report for May was presented by Tim Cook, in the absence of Jim Nichols. A copy of his report will be on file and available for review by ACRE members.

IT / Public Relations Report. Tim Cook

Mr. Cook presented the IT and public relations report. A copy of his report will be made a part of the minutes of this board meeting.

Pension Oversight Committee, Dan Melancon.

The last meeting of the pension board was May 28th. For the month of April there was a balance of \$2,235,314,000 in the pension fund. The pension fund is 88.3% funded. The next meeting is scheduled for June 28th.

Healthcare Oversight Committee, Francis Bradley.

Mr. Bradley presented the following reminders at the membership meeting.

- The deadline for enrolling in the stop smoking program is June 30. The course must be completed by August 31. Successful completion of the course will result in a refund of all smoking surcharges since Jan 1, 2015. This is required by the Federal Government, not the city.
- The BMI audit deadline has been extended to June 30th.
- If a member decides to enroll in an insurance program outside of what the city offers, you are no longer eligible for the \$3,000 IRS deduction for public safety officers.

President's Report. Mike Lee

He shared an email from Mary Overton who is really having some health issues, as well as many others in the pre-65 retiree category.

He shared the Kemp Conrad / Justin Wilson / Brian Collins email of June 15th to Justin Wilson, comptroller for the state, asking for his opinion on continuing to fund the pre-65 retirees. A copy of the email will become a part of the record.

He presented a general overview of the City Council meeting of June 16th. The city council meets on Tuesday, June 23rd at 8:30 am to vote on the mayor's budget. If they approved the budget, as it is, the pre-65 retirees will have access only to the city's healthcare insurance at 100% of the premium on January 1, 2016.

Mike spent some time commenting on the actions of the city council on Tuesday, June 16, as it pertains to the pre-65 retirees. Several questions were asked by the audience and addressed by the president and

other board members. The bottom line is that if the council votes to approved the mayor's budget on Tuesday, June 23rd, the pre-65 retirees that have not been grandfathered in will be allowed to stay in the city's insurance plan provided they pay 100% of the premium.

The members were informed that the credit union will provide lunch at the July general membership meeting. The membership meeting starts at 10 am and the lunch begins at 11:00 am. Mike Lee asked the members to help clean up after lunch.

Tim Cook asked for the members support in his bid for election to the city council. It was explained that the board is preparing a questionnaire for those running for city council and the mayor's position. The results of the questionnaire will be posted on the ACRE webpage.

It should be noted that there were no motions made at the membership meeting.

The closing prayer was offered by John Johnson.

Respectfully,
John M. Johnson, Secretary