

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48

A resolution by Supervisors Lipscomb, Sr., and Sartori, requesting the Milwaukee County (the County) Pension Board hold its meetings in the County Courthouse to allow live video streaming and archiving of matters related to the governance of the Employees' Retirement System, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chapter 201 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, "County Employees' Retirement System" (ERS) delegates responsibility to a Pension Board for "(t)he general administration and responsibility for the proper operation of the retirement system and for making effective the provisions of this ordinance.."; and

WHEREAS, the ERS provides a valuable retirement benefit to eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) taxpayers and employees contribute significantly to ERS; in 2016, the County contributed nearly \$60 million to the pension fund and paid approximately \$33.1 million towards debt service on previously-issued pension obligation bonds, while employees contributed more than \$13.1 million towards the cost of their retirement benefit; and

WHEREAS, the County Pension Board (Pension Board) is an independent body that holds its general monthly meetings at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, while some subcommittees meet in County Courthouse meeting rooms; and

WHEREAS, one of the advantages of holding the general monthly meetings in the County Courthouse is the ability to live video stream for the benefit of those who wish to watch open session proceedings or review past meetings that would be archived on the County's Granicus Legistar system; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors first offered this opportunity for greater transparency via communication on November 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, barriers raised to holding Pension Board meetings in the County Courthouse include access to nearby parking, lengthy security screening, and meal service availability, which can be addressed by staff of the Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services, to ensure volunteer Pension Board members are not inconvenienced; and

WHEREAS, greater accessibility by the public, policymakers, and staff to Pension Board meetings would provide greater accountability and transparency to the governance and operation of the County's ERS; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of January 26, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-161 (vote 5-1); now, therefore,

49
50
51
52
53
54
55
56
57
58
59
60
61
62
63
64
65
66
67
68

BE IT RESOVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby supports and respectfully requests that the Milwaukee County Pension Board (Pension Board) hold its general monthly meetings in the Milwaukee County (the County) Courthouse in a room that is equipped to live video stream the proceedings and archive the recordings in the Granicus Legistar system for access to all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED, the County Board shall accommodate the Pension Board meeting schedule by prioritizing the use of Room 203-R, or other suitable and equipped meeting space, over other non-County Board users; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, Retirement Plan Services, Department of Human Resources, is requested to collaborate with the Director, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services, to remedy any barriers to holding general Pension Board meetings in the County Courthouse.

jmj
01/26/17
S:\Committees\2017\Jan\FA\Resolutions\17-161.docx