

June 24, 2022

Mr. David M. Williams, Plan Administrator West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund 2100 N. Florida Mango Road West Palm Beach, Florida 33409

Re: West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund

#### Dear Dave:

As requested, we have prepared the enclosed Supplemental Actuarial Valuation Report for the West Palm Beach (City) Police Pension Fund (Plan) to update the September 30, 2021 actuarial valuation results to reflect House Bill 929 which was recently signed into law. Under this plan amendment, the 3% benefit multiplier was restored for all years of service between October 1, 2011 to October 1, 2017 for members who retire (including entry into the DROP) after the effective date of May 6, 2022. This change excludes current DROP members.

Based on this Supplemental Actuarial Valuation Report, the final Required City Contribution for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 is \$5,657,198 assuming the contribution is paid in full on October 1, 2022. If a different payment schedule is needed, please let us know.

#### **Summary of Findings**

- The required employer contribution for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 increases by \$309,788, from \$5,347,410 to \$5,657,198, assuming the contribution is paid in full on October 1, 2022.
- The Plan's funded ratio (actuarial value of assets divided by actuarial accrued liability) as of September 30, 2021 decreases from 98.3% to 97.8%.
- The Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) as of September 30, 2021 increases by \$2,851,511. This increase is being amortized over 30 years.
- The ultimate cost of the benefit multiplier change is measured by the change in the Actuarial Present Value of Projected Benefits, which is approximately \$3,612,000 as of September 30, 2021, as shown in item B5 on page 8. This represents the increase in benefit payments expected to be funded by the City in today's dollars. This assumes all of the actuarial assumptions are met each year.

#### Risks Associated with Measuring the Accrued Liability and Actuarially Determined Contribution

The determination of the accrued liability and the actuarially determined contribution requires the use of assumptions regarding future economic and demographic experience. Risk measures are intended to aid in the understanding of the effects of future experience differing from the assumptions used in the course of the actuarial valuation. Risk measures may also help with illustrating the potential volatility in the accrued liability and the actuarially determined contribution that result from the differences between actual experience and the actuarial assumptions.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in this report due to such factors as the following: Plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions due to changing conditions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period, or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the Plan's funded status); and changes in Plan provisions or applicable law. The scope of this report does not include an analysis of the potential range of such future measurements.

Examples of risk that may reasonably be anticipated to significantly affect the Plan's future financial condition include:

- 1. Investment risk actual investment returns may differ from the either assumed or forecasted returns;
- Contribution risk actual contributions may differ from expected future contributions. For
  example, actual contributions may not be made in accordance with the Plan's funding policy or
  material changes may occur in the anticipated number of covered employees, covered payroll,
  or other relevant contribution base;
- 3. Salary and Payroll risk actual salaries and total payroll may differ from expected, resulting in actual future accrued liability and contributions differing from expected;
- 4. Longevity risk members may live longer or shorter than expected and receive pensions for a period of time other than assumed;
- 5. Other demographic risks members may terminate, retire or become disabled at times or with benefits other than assumed resulting in actual future accrued liability and contributions differing from expected.

The effects of certain trends in experience can generally be anticipated. For example, if the investment return is less (or more) than the assumed rate, the cost of the Plan can be expected to increase (or decrease). Likewise if longevity is improving (or worsening), increases (or decreases) in cost can be anticipated.

The computed contribution amounts may be considered as minimum contributions that comply with the pension Board's funding policy and the State statutes. The timely receipt of the actuarially determined contributions is critical to support the financial health of the Plan. Users of this report should be aware that contributions made at the actuarially determined rate do not necessarily guarantee benefit security.

#### **Additional Risk Assessment**

Additional risk assessment is outside the scope of this report. Additional assessment may include scenario tests, sensitivity tests, stochastic modeling, stress tests, and a comparison of the present value of accrued benefits at low-risk discount rates with the actuarial accrued liability. We are prepared to perform such assessment to aid in the decision-making process.



#### **Additional Disclosures**

This report was prepared at the request of the Board and is intended for use by the Plan and those designated or approved by the Board. This report may be provided to parties other than the Plan only in its entirety and only with the permission of the Board. GRS is not responsible for unauthorized use of this report.

The purpose of this report is to provide updated September 30, 2021 actuarial valuation results reflecting the plan amendment. No statement in this report is intended to be interpreted as a recommendation in favor of the changes or in opposition to them. This report should not be relied on for any purpose other than the purpose described above.

In the event that more than one change is being considered, the results of separate actuarial valuations cannot generally be added together to produce a correct estimate of the combined effects of all the changes. The total can differ considerably from the sum of the parts due to the interaction of the various plan provisions with each other and with the assumptions that must be used.

The calculations in this report are based upon information furnished by the Plan Administrator for the September 30, 2021 Actuarial Valuation concerning Plan benefits, financial transactions, plan provisions and active members, terminated members, retirees and beneficiaries. We reviewed this information for internal and year-to-year consistency, but did not audit the data. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by the Plan Administrator.

The calculations in this report are based on data or other information through September 30, 2021. Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the Plan's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law.

The calculations are based upon assumptions regarding future events, which may or may not materialize. If you have reason to believe that the assumptions that were used are unreasonable, that the plan provisions are incorrectly described, that important plan provisions relevant to this proposal are not described, or that conditions have changed since the calculations were made, you should contact the author of the report prior to relying on information in the report.

This report was prepared using our proprietary valuation model and related software which in our professional judgment has the capability to provide results that are consistent with the purposes of the valuation and has no material limitations or known weaknesses. We performed tests to ensure that the model reasonably represents that which is intended to be modeled.



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This report has been prepared by actuaries who have substantial experience valuing public employee retirement systems. To the best of our knowledge, the information contained in this report is accurate and fairly presents the actuarial position of the Plan as of the valuation date. All calculations have been made in conformity with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices, and with the Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board, and with applicable statutes.

Jeffrey Amrose and Trisha Amrose are members of the American Academy of Actuaries. These actuaries meet the Academy's Qualification Standards to render the actuarial opinions contained herein. The actuaries are independent of the plan sponsor.

This actuarial valuation and/or cost determination was prepared and completed by us or under our direct supervision, and we acknowledge responsibility for the results. To the best of our knowledge, the results are complete and accurate. In our opinion, the techniques and assumptions used are reasonable, meet the requirements and intent of Part VII, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and are based on generally accepted actuarial principles and practices. There is no benefit or expense to be provided by the Plan and/or paid from the Plan's assets for which liabilities or current costs have not been established or otherwise taken into account in the valuation. All known events or trends which may require a material increase in plan costs or required contribution rates have been taken into account in the valuation.

We welcome your questions and comments.

Sincerely yours,

Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company

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**Enclosures** 

This communication shall not be construed to provide tax advice, legal advice or investment advice.



## **Supplemental Actuarial Valuation Report**

#### Plan

West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund

### **Actuarial Valuation Date**

September 30, 2021

#### **Date of Report**

June 24, 2022

#### **Report Requested by**

**Board of Trustees** 

## **Prepared by**

Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company

## **Group Valued**

All active and inactive members of the Plan.

## **Plan Change**

Restore the 3% multiplier for all years of service between October 1, 2011 to October 1, 2017 for members who retire (including entry into DROP) after the effective date of May 6, 2022. This change excludes current DROP members.

## **Participants Affected**

Active participants as of the plan change effective date (May 6, 2022) are impacted if they have service prior to October 1, 2017 (at the 2.68% multiplier).

## **Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

Same as September 30, 2021 Actuarial Valuation Report.

Some of the key assumptions/methods are:

Investment Return 7.00%

Salary increase 5.00% per year Cost Method Entry Age Normal



**Mortality Table** 

PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Below Median Employee Male Table (pre-retirement), the PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Employee Female Table (pre-retirement), the PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Below Median Healthy Retiree Male Table (post-retirement) and the PUB-2010 Safety Healthy Retiree Female Table (post-retirement). These tables use ages set forward one year and mortality improvements to all future years after 2010 using Scale MP-2018. These are the same rates used for Special Risk Class members in the July 1, 2020 Actuarial Valuation of the Florida Retirement System (FRS), as required under Florida Statutes, Chapter 112.63(1)(f).

#### **Amortization Period for Any Change in Actuarial Accrued Liability**

30 years

### **Summary of Data Used in Report**

See page 10. Same as used in the September 30, 2021 Actuarial Valuation.

## **Actuarial Impact of Proposal(s)**

See attached page(s) for the first-year impact of the benefit multiplier change.

#### **Other Cost Considerations**

None



# **Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)**

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A.	Valuation Date	September 30, 2021  Before Amendment	September 30, 2021  After Amendment						
В.	ADC to Be Paid During Fiscal Year Ending	9/30/2023	9/30/2023						
C.	Assumed Date of Employer Contributions	Quarterly	Quarterly						
D.	Annual Payment to Amortize Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	\$ 705,289	\$ 886,919						
E.	Normal Cost	7,182,678	7,308,058						
F.	Total Required Contribution if Paid Continuously During Year Beginning on Valuation Date	7,887,967	8,194,977						
G.	Covered Payroll	23,588,274	23,588,274						
Н.	Total Required Contribution as % of Covered Payroll	33.44 %	34.74 %						
۱.	Member Contribution as % of Covered Payroll	11.00 %	11.00 %						
J.	State Contribution as % of Covered Payroll	0.00 %	0.00 %						
К.	Required Employer Contribution (REC) as % of Covered Payroll	22.44 %	23.74 %						
L.	Projected Covered Payroll for Contribution Year	24,649,746	24,649,746						
М.	REC for Contribution Year: K x L	5,531,404	5,851,852						
N.	REC as % of Covered Payroll in Contribution Year: M ÷ L	22.44 %	23.74 %						
0.	Change in REC for Contribution Year	N/A	320,448						
Р.	Change in REC as % of Covered Payroll in Contribution Year	N/A	1.30 %						
If t	he City Makes its Contribution on October 1st:								
Q.	REC for Contribution Year	5,347,410	5,657,198						
R.	REC as % of Covered Payroll in Contribution Year	21.69 %	22.95 %						
S.	Change in REC for Contribution Year	21.69 % N/A	309,788						
T.	Change in REC as % of Covered Payroll		·						
<u> </u>	in Contribution Year	N/A	1.26 %						



## **Actuarial Value of Benefits and Assets**

A. Valuation Date	September 30, 2021 Before Amendment	September 30, 2021 After Amendment	
B. Actuarial Present Value of All Projected Benefits for  1. Active Members a. Service Retirement Benefits b. Vesting Benefits c. Disability Benefits d. Preretirement Death Benefits	\$ 155,195,321 4,796,760 6,110,140 1,217,580	\$ 158,640,531 4,908,547 6,154,620 1,227,910	
e. Return of Member Contributions f. Total	516,195 167,835,996	516,195 171,447,803	
Inactive Members     a. Service Retirees & Beneficiaries     b. Terminated Vested Members     c. Total	213,565,948 3,434,980 217,000,928	213,565,948 3,434,980 217,000,928	
3 Reserves and Share Plan / DROP Accounts	163,794,718	163,794,718	
4. Total for All Members	548,631,642	552,243,449	
5. Change in Actuarial Present Value of All Projected Benefits	N/A	3,611,807	
C. Actuarial Accrued (Past Service) Liability	493,491,232	496,342,743	
D. Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits per FASB Statement No. 35	N/A	N/A	
E. Plan Assets 1. Market Value 2. Actuarial Value	485,338,602 485,338,602	485,338,602 485,338,602	
F. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	8,152,630	11,004,141	
G. Change in UAAL	N/A	2,851,511	
H. Actuarial Present Value of Projected Covered Payroll	188,451,436	188,451,436	
Actuarial Present Value of Projected     Member Contributions	20,729,658	20,729,658	
J. Funded Ratio: E2/C	98.3 %	97.8 %	



Calculation of Normal Cost								
A. Valuation Date	September 30, 2021 Before Amendment	September 30, 2021 After Amendment						
B. Normal Cost for								
<ol> <li>Service Retirement Benefits</li> <li>Vesting Benefits</li> <li>Disability Benefits</li> <li>Preretirement Death Benefits</li> <li>Return of Member Contributions</li> <li>Total for Future Benefits</li> <li>As % of Covered Payroll</li> </ol>	\$ 5,895,071 327,195 435,314 72,107 179,367 6,909,054 29.29 %	\$ 6,009,430 335,075 437,897 72,665 179,367 7,034,434 29.82 %						
<ol> <li>Assumed Amount for Administrative Expenses</li> <li>As % of Covered Payroll</li> </ol>	<u>273,624</u> 1.16 %	273,624 1.16 %						
8. Total Normal Cost As % of Covered Payroll	7,182,678 30.45 %	7,308,058 30.98 %						



Participant Data								
	Sept			tember 30, 2021				
	Bef	ore Amendment	Afte	er Amendment				
ACTIVE MEMBERS								
Number		261		261				
Covered Annual Payroll	\$	23,074,804	\$	23,074,804				
Average Annual Payroll	\$	88,409	\$	88,409				
Average Age		39.1		39.1				
Average Past Service		10.8		10.8				
Average Age at Hire		28.3		28.3				
RETIREES, BENEFICIARIES & DROP PARTICIPANTS								
Number		281		281				
Annual Benefits	\$	16,301,360	\$	16,301,360				
Average Annual Benefit	\$	58,012	\$	58,012				
Average Age		64.3		64.3				
TERMINATED VESTED MEMBERS								
Number		11		11				
Annual Benefits	\$	321,169	\$	321,169				
Average Annual Benefit	\$	29,197	\$	29,197				
Average Age		44.4		44.4				

