

CITY PROPOSAL – RETIREE HEALTHCARE

Proposed Language:

ARTICLE 27 RETIREE HEALTHCARE FUNDING AND BENEFITS

- 27.1 Effective June 28, 2009, the City and the Union have agreed to transition from the current partial pre-funding of retiree medical and dental healthcare benefits (referred to as the “policy method”) to pre-funding of the full Annual Required Contribution (ARC) for the retiree healthcare plan (“Plan”). The transition began on June 28, 2009. The Plan’s initial unfunded retiree healthcare liability shall be fully amortized over a thirty year period so that it shall be paid by June 30, 2039 (closed amortization). Amortization of changes in the unfunded retiree healthcare liability other than the initial retiree healthcare liability (e.g. gains, losses, changes in actuarial assumptions, etc.) shall be determined by the Plan’s actuary. The City and Plan members (active employees) shall contribute to funding the ARC in the ratio currently provided under Section 3.28.385) of the San Jose Municipal Code. Specifically, contributions for retiree medical benefits shall be made by the City and members in the ratio of one-to-one. Contributions for retiree dental benefits shall be made by the City and members in the ratio of eight-to-three. When determining the contribution rates for the Plan, the Plan actuary shall continue to use the Entry Age Normal (EAN) actuarial cost method and a discount rate consistent with the pre-funding policy for the Plan as outlined in this Article.
- 27.2 The Municipal Code and/or applicable plan documents shall be amended to the extent necessary in accordance with this agreement.
- 27.3 The phase-in to the ARC shall be effective on the first pay period of the City’s fiscal year in each succeeding year, the first increment which was effective on June 28, 2009. It is understood that because of changes resulting from future actuarial valuations, the amount of the ARC may vary upward or downward. The Plan member cash contribution rate shall not have an incremental increase of more than .75% of pensionable pay in each fiscal year and the City cash contribution rate shall not have an incremental increase of more than .75% of pensionable pay in each fiscal year. For example, if the members’ contribution rate is 4% of pensionable pay, the subsequent fiscal year’s contribution rate for retiree healthcare cannot exceed 4.75% of pensionable pay. Notwithstanding the limitations on the incremental increases, the City and plan members shall be contributing the contribution rate based upon the full Annual Required Contribution, beginning on ~~December 21, 2014~~ June 21, 2015. In subsequent fiscal years, the City and the plan members shall be contributing the full Annual Required Contribution in the ratio currently provided under Section 3.28.385 of the San Jose Municipal Code.

