

Minutes Mead Public Library Human Resources Committee September 3, 2015

A meeting of the Mead Public Library (MPL) Human Resources Committee (HR) was held on Thursday, September 3 in the Board Room. Members present were: Henry Nelson, presiding; Kathie Norman, and Maeve Quinn.

Unable: Nancy Mannchen. Also present: Dolcye Johnson. Present staff members: Garrett Erickson, Debbie DeAmico, and Pat Mueller.

Opening of Meeting Call to Order and Determination of Quorum
Nelson called the meeting to order at 9: 09 a.m.; he determined there was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes Quinn moved; Norman seconded to approve the minutes of May 14, 2015. The motion passed.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action Update Compensation
Entrance Pay Rates policy Erickson recommended the specific wording of a possible five percent increase during the hiring process being eliminated. The policy maintains the director s discretion to set a new employee s rate of pay, provided that any pay raise fits within the board approved personnel budget.

Quinn moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the changes be accepted as presented. Norman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Update Compensation Merit Increase Plan policy Number V. Erickson recommended deleting reference to anniversary dates for possible merit increases in pay.

Board of Trustees previously voted to accomplish all staff evaluations at the beginning of the year.

Erickson was tasked with clarifying in the policy that pay increases are given after all staff evaluations are turned into the Human Resources Department at City Hall.

The policy update should also include that any pay raises are retroactive with back pay to January 1.

Norman moved, with the impending additions to present at the September Board

meeting, to accept the draft policy; Quinn seconded the motion. The motion passed. Update Progressive Employee Discipline, Discharge and Grievance Process policy Erickson noted two minor changes to the policy
1. c. Change five-day unpaid to simply unpaid suspension. Three a. delete title deputy director substituting Administration.

Quinn moved and Norman seconded a motion to recommend to the Board of Trustees that this policy update be approved.

The motion carried.

Update Special Compensation Provisions policy Erickson recommended in
2. Deleting occupying classified positions because that terminology no longer applies at MPL.
3. As it relates to mileage reimbursement to staff delete the word current and adding: The rates shall be updated on the first working day of each year.

Move staff Expense Reimbursement from MPL Employee Handbook to MPL Policy Statements manual Norman moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees to remove this policy from the Employee Handbook, and switch it to MPL s Policy Statements. Quinn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Update on 2016 City health care plan Erickson reviewed correspondence from Sandy Rohrick, City Human Resources director regarding the City health care insurance.

He noted that the biggest change is only the High Deductible Health Plan will be available during 2016. The same as during 2015 funding of \$750 for single and \$1,500 for family plan will be deposited into employees health savings accounts.

Update Paid Vacation policy HR Committee members reviewed the City s Paid Time Off (PTO) policy, the current MPL Paid Vacation policy, and the draft of recommended changes to MPL s Vacation policy. Erickson gave an overview: Vacation must be used in either 4 or 8 hour increments. Vacation is earned during 2015 for use during 2016; policy needs clarification for new employees including prorated table of hours earned. MPL employees, with supervisor and director s approval, would be allowed to carry over a maximum of 40 hours to the following year. For new hires the director is allowed to make special allowances to grant additional vacation. Vacation policy needs addition of a new employee forfeits vacation payout if quits before the end of the year. Recommend to the Board of Trustees that earned vacation benefit should be paid out when an employee quits or retires.

Draft Vacation Policy for Board of Trustees consideration: Recommend changing the title of this policy from Paid Vacation to Vacation.

Clarify how many hours a new employee accrues for vacation for the next year based on prorating by hire date.

Quinn moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval. Norman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Add the following to the Vacation policy: In the rare chance an employee is not able to use all of his/her vacation, the employee s supervisor may request a carryover of a maximum of forty (40) hours. The library director must approve the carryover hours no later than December 15 th. Payment in lieu of vacation is not permissible.

Norman moved to recommend to the Board approval. Norman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Add to policy to mirror City policy: Vacation must be used in half or full day increments i.e. 4 or 8 hour blocks for a full-time employee. In the event the vacation balance is less than 4 hours, the remaining amount should be taken in one lump sum to deplete the account balance to zero hours.

Norman moved to recommend to the Board approval. Quinn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Add to Vacation policy:

Vacation payout upon separation of employment:

Voluntary Separation, Retirement or Layoff An employee who leaves employment in good faith (provides proper notice) shall receive payment for all unused, accrued vacation.

Termination for Cause Employees who are terminated for cause are not entitled to payment of their unused accrued vacation.

Death In the event of death of a current employee, survivors shall receive payment of all unused, accrued vacation.

Employee s With Less Than One year If a new employee was offered vacation upon hire rather than earning vacation by working, and that employee ceases to be employed (for any reason other than death) for greater than one year, any unused or unapproved vacation will not be paid out upon employment termination.

Quinn moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of this addition to the Vacation policy. Norman seconded. The motion passed. Update Information Technology (IT) Specialist job description The current IT job description and proposed job description dated August 2015 were reviewed.

Erickson explained the main difference is the added responsibility to develop and enhance internet presence including website and social media.

Norman moved to recommend to the Board the updated IT Specialist job description as presented.

Quinn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

After discussing Quinn recommended changing under Knowledge and Abilities the second to last point from various software packages to various technologies.

Norman moved to accept the amended IT Specialist job description. Quinn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Upcoming Meetings Future HR Committee agenda item will include changes to the Staff Handbook. The next HR Committee meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Adjourn Quinn moved; Nelson seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Nelson concluded the meeting at 10: 47 a.m.