

O-52-15 Police and Fire Retirement Plan Commission - For the purpose of authorizing the City Manager to serve as the Mayor's designated representative on the Police and Fire Retirement Plan Commission.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE
POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT PLAN COMMISSION

To: City Council – City of Annapolis

From: Joseph Semo, Chairman
Police and Fire Retirement Plan Commission

Subject: Ordinance – 52-15

Date: December 8, 2015

Thank you for soliciting the view of the Commission with respect to proposed ordinance No. 52-15, to authorize the City Manager to serve as the "Mayor's designated representative" on the Commission. The proposed change was discussed at the Commission's meeting earlier today and a majority concurred with the following comment.

While, as both a practical matter and historic practice, having the City Manager participate in the deliberations of the Commission has been welcomed, a structural change of removing the Mayor as a member of the Commission and substituting the City Manager seems inappropriate as it suggests that the oversight of the pension program is of lesser concern, rather than a direct responsibility of the Mayor as the Elected Chief Executive Office of the City.

May we suggest that the language be modified to provide [new text capitalized]:

... to consist of the Mayor **OR THE CITY MANAGER AS THE MAYOR'S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE**, the Director of Finance,

We respectfully suggest that the above language accomplishes the apparent objective of enabling the Mayor to delegate responsibility with respect to the oversight of the pension program as he/she deems appropriate.