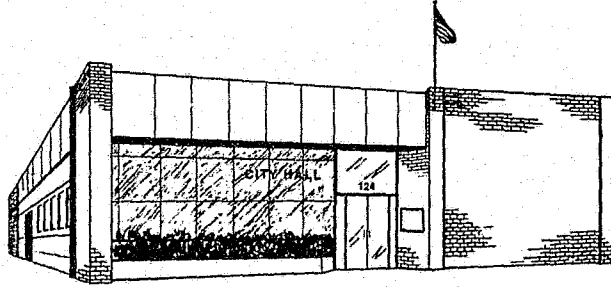


CITY OF CROOKSTON



City Administrator
218-281-1232

City Clerk
218-281-4503

124 North Broadway, Crookston, Minnesota 56716
FAX 218-281-5609

James M. Hacking
Executive Director of the Public
Employees Retirement Association
Suite 200, Skyway Level
514 St. Peter St.
St. Paul, MN 55102

Re: Crookston Fire Department
Relief Association -
consolidation

Dear Mr. Hacking:

The membership of the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association has initiated the procedures provided in by MSA 353A. to consolidate the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association with the Minnesota Public Employees Police and Fire Fund. The initial petition was signed by all 14 individuals eligible to sign that petition.

The Board of Trustees of the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association did authenticate the signatures on the petition and did authorize the holding of a public hearing to further consider the consolidation. That hearing was held on February 5, 1990. Following that hearing, the Board of Trustees did recommend to the membership and to the City that the consolidation process continue and did set forth the procedure for the membership referendum.

That referendum approved the consolidation procedure with 13 yes ballots returned and 1 ballot not returned, thereby constituting 1 no vote.

The Crookston City Council approved a resolution giving preliminary approval to continue the process of consolidation at their regular meeting of March 27, 1990.

Enclosed you will find a certificate of compliance signed by the Secretary of the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association and myself with the appropriate attachments.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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MAY 2 - 1990

John A. Carlson
Secretary of State

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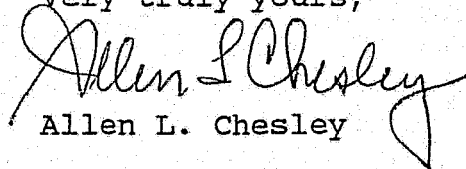
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It is our understanding that you will now conduct the actions preliminary to consolidation finalization.

If any further information is needed, please contact Bruce Parr, the Secretary of the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association, or myself.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


Allen L. Chesley

Enc.

cc: Howard J. Bicker
Executive Director of the
State Board of Investment

Lawrence A. Martin
Executive Director of the
Legislative Commission on
Pensions and Retirement

Peter Hutchinson
Commissioner of Finance

Joan Anderson Growe ✓
Secretary of State

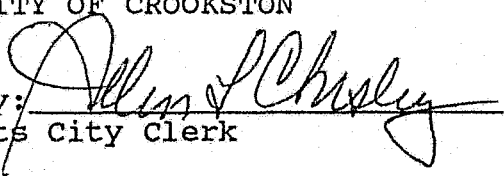
Arne H. Carlson
State Auditor

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO MSA 353A.04 SUBD. 7.

We, the undersigned, being the City Clerk of the City of Crookston and the Secretary of the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association, do hereby certify that all of the procedures set forth in Laws of Minnesota, 1987, Chapter 296, Section 11, were complied with in respect to the approval of an action to consolidate the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association with the Public Employee's Police and Fire Fund, as evidenced by the documents attached hereto consisting of Petition (signed by all 14 individuals eligible to sign); Resolution of the Board of Trustees authenticating signatures and calling for public hearing; Resolution of Board of Trustees recommending consolidation and calling for ballot; copy of ballot (of 14 mailed, 13 returned with yes vote, one not returned); instructions; copy of letter to members regarding ballot; Resolution of the City Council of Crookston.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1990.

CITY OF CROOKSTON

By: 
Its City Clerk

CROOKSTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF
ASSOCIATION

By: 
Its Secretary

PETITION AND RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, MSA 353A.01 to 353A.10 provides for voluntary consolidation of a salaried firefighters relief association into the public employees police and fire fund, and

WHEREAS, The undersigned are salaried members of the Crookston Fire Department and members of the Crookston Firemens Relief Association, and

WHEREAS, We believe it to be in the best interest of the Crookston salaried firefighters to voluntarily consolidate its portion of the Crookston Firemens Relief Association with the public employees police and fire fund established by Chapter 353,

NOW, THEREFORE, We the undersigned salaried firefighters and members of the Crookston Firemens Relief Association do hereby petition and recommend to the Board of Directors of the Crookston Firemens Relief Association, the balance of the membership and the City of Crookston, that the salaried firefighters' portion of the Crookston Firemens Relief Association be consolidated into the public employees police and fire fund established by Chapter 353.

Richard A Brekken

Print name Richard A Brekken

George J Jacobs

Print name GEORGE J JACOBS

Pete Ramstad

Print name PETE RAMSTAD

Bruce A Parr

Print name BRUCE A. PARR

Gordon Pagnac

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Reuben Gumbie

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Ken Epeima

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H.T. Welter

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Richard Rack

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Myrtle Larum

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Robert A Hasbrouck

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Francis Staudacher

Print name FRANCIS STAUDACHER

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Orval Anderson

Print name ORVAL ANDERSON

Print name _____

Marie Brouillard

Print name MARIE BROUILLARD

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, A petition and the recommendation was presented to the Board of Trustees by more than thirty percent of the membership of the Relief Association as defined by MSA 353.02 Subc. 18, which petition and recommendation called for the salaried firefighters' portion of the Crookston Firefighters Relief Association to be consolidated into the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund, and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Association did personally witness each of the parties signing the Petition and did verify that the signatures appearing on the petition are true and accurate and were voluntarily placed on said petition, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees did accept said petition and recommendation, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees desires to set a special meeting at which time a public hearing will be held on the petition and recommendation.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried it was:

RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees does hereby accept the authentication of the signatures contained upon the petition and recommendation as being true and accurate and as being sufficient in number;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees does hereby set a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 5th day of February, 1990 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., with meeting to be held at the Crookston Fire Department, in the City of Crookston, State of Minnesota, at which meeting a public hearing shall be conducted on the issue of whether the salaried firefighters' portion of the Crookston Firemen's Relief Association shall be consolidated into the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund established by Chapter 353a of the Minnesota law.

Cruce A. Pau

Secretary

NOTICE

The Board of Trustees does hereby set a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 5th day of February, 1990, at 7:00 P.M., with meeting to be held at the Crookston Fire Department, in the City of Crookston, State of Minnesota, at which meeting a special hearing shall be conducted on the issue of whether the salaried firefighters' portion of the Crookston Firemen's Relief Association shall be consolidated into the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund established by Chapter 353a of the Minnesota law.

Bruce A. Parr

Bruce A. Parr
Secretary
Crookston Firemen's Relief Assn.
620 S. Main
Crookston, MN 56716

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CROOKSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT RELIEF ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to M.S.A. §353A.04, Subd.2., a Petition was submitted by members of the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association ("Association") to the Board of Trustees of the Association (Trustee) on January 16, 1990, recommending that the salaried fire fighters' portion of the Crookston Firemen's Relief Association be consolidated into the Public Employee's Police and Fire Fund established by Minnesota Statutes, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees did authenticate the signatures on such Petition and did find that the minimum required proportion of Association membership required to initiate such a consolidation did sign said Petition,

WHEREAS, The Trustees did hold a public hearing on the proposed consolidation on February 5, 1990, at the meeting room in the Crookston Fire Department in Crookston, Minnesota, upon giving mailed, published and posted notice of such hearing,

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was

RESOLVED, That the Trustees hereby recommend to the membership of the Association and the City of Crookston that the Association be consolidated into the Public Employee's Police and Fire Fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Trustee's hereby approve the following membership referendum procedure as required by Minnesota Statutes §353A.04, Subd.4.:

1. The Chief Administrative Officer of the Relief Association and the representative of the City of Crookston on the Relief Association Board having the most senior rank shall meet to agree on the referendum procedure.

2. The Secretary of the Trustees shall mail a ballot and related materials on or prior to February 16, 1990, to each active, deferred, retired member of the Association and to the survivors of active, deferred or retired members of the Association as set forth in Minnesota Statute §353A.04, Subd.4.

3. The Secretary shall include in the mailing the following:

A. Informational letter in the form

attached to this resolution as Exhibit "A".

B. A ballot in the form attached to this resolution as Exhibit "B".

C. A ballot envelope and a stamped envelope addressed to the Association to be used for returning the ballot.

4. The Association shall receive return ballots through midnight of March 18, 1999, ballots received after that time shall be discarded without opening.

5. Ballots not returned or ballots returned after the time limit shall be counted as no votes.

6. The President of the Association shall bring all envelopes containing ballots which are received prior to midnight of March 18, 1990, to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees in a sealed condition. The envelope shall be opened at the meeting of the Trustees and counted by the Trustees. The results shall be attested to by all Trustees present at such meeting.

/s/ Bruce A. Parr
Secretary

**REFERENDUM
BALLOT**

Should the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association continue with the consolidation process to have the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association consolidated into the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund?

Yes

No

**INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE
REFERENDUM
BALLOT**

1. To vote, place a check either in the Yes box or in the No box.
2. A Yes vote is to continue with the consolidation process.
3. A No vote, a failure to vote, or a failure to check a box shall be a vote to discontinue with the consolidation process.
4. When you have completed the ballot, please insert it in the envelope addressed to the Crookston Fire Department and place it in a mailbox. The envelope has been stamped and is therefore ready to mail.
5. The ballot must be received by midnight of March 18, 1990. Any ballots received after that time will be treated as a No vote.
6. Do not change or interfere with any of the other markings on the ballot.

CROOKSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT RELIEF ASSOCIATION
620 South Main
Crookston, Mn. 56716

February 15, 1990

REGARD: Consolidation

Dear Members:

The Board of Trustees of the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association did hold a public hearing to consider consolidation of the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association with the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund. The public hearing was the result of a petition by the Relief Association membership.

Following that hearing, the Board of Trustees did pass a resolution recommending to the membership of the Association and the City of Crookston that the Association be consolidated into the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund. A copy of that resolution is enclosed.

The next step in the process of consolidation is a Relief Association membership referendum. The referendum must be conducted by a secret ballot. The ballot will determine whether the consolidation process shall continue. A "yes" vote is a vote to continue with the consolidation process. A "no" vote, a failure to vote, or a blank ballot, is a vote to discontinue with the consolidation process.

Enclosed you will find the following information:

1. Ballot with instructions;
2. Publication on "The Steps To Consolidation";
3. Public Employees Retirement Association Statistical Data;
4. Pamphlet on PERA;
5. Sheet indicating post retirement increases;
6. Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association.

The publication on "The Steps To Consolidation", the Public Employees Retirement Association Statistical Data, the pamphlet on PERA and sheet on post retirement increases all set forth

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information concerning the consolidation, including effects of consolidation. This material should be reviewed carefully.

Should you have any specific questions regarding this information, it can be addressed to the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund of the State of Minnesota or to the Board of Trustees of the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association.

Please read the instructions concerning the ballot carefully.

Please remember that the ballot must be received prior to midnight of March 18, 1990.

Board of Trustees
Crookston Fire Department
Relief Association

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF POLK)

I, Allen L. Chesley, being the duly appointed, qualified and acting
City Clerk-Treasurer of and for the City of Crookston, Polk County,
Minnesota, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of the
original = = = =

RESOLUTION #19172

= = = = as the same appears on file and of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Official Seal of said
City of Crookston this 18th day of April, 1990.

(SEAL)

Allen L. Chesley
City Clerk-Treasurer
Crookston, Minnesota

Resolution No. 19172

At a Second Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Crookston,

held the 27th day of March 1990, Alderman David Genereux

offered the following resolution which was seconded by Alderman Gale Regan

WHEREAS, A referendum was held by the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association pursuant to M.S.A. §353A.04 on whether the salaried fire fighters' portion of the Crookston Firemen's Relief Association should be consolidated into the Public Employee's Police and Fire fund established by M.S.A. §353A., and

WHEREAS, The Crookston Fire Department Relief Association is in compliance with the procedures mandated by M.S.A. §353A.01 to M.S.A. §353A.10, and

WHEREAS, The referendum, by majority vote, approved the continuation of the consolidation process to have the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association consolidated into the Public Employee's Police and Fire Fund,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Crookston, that the request of the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association for preliminary approval to continue the process of consolidating the Crookston Fire Department Relief Association into the Public Employee's Police and Fire Fund be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be directed to notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, the Executive Director of the State Board of Investment, Executive Director of the Public Employee's Retirement Association, the Commissioner of Finance, the Secretary of State and the State Auditor of this Resolution and to certify that there was compliance with the procedures mandated by M.S.A. §353A.04.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED
MAY 2 - 1990
Jean Anderson
Secretary of State

Alderman	Ayes	Nays	No Vote
Stradinger	✓		
Gredvig	✓		
Regan	✓		
Thorp	✓	Chair	
Manole	✓		
Martin		Abstain	
Thoen	✓		
Genereux	✓		
Oman			

Upon the call of ayes and nays the vote stood as follows:

Aldermen voting in the affirmative: Stradinger, Gredvig, Regan, Thorp, Manole, Thoen, Genereux

Aldermen voting in the negative: Martin, abstain

Upon this vote the resolution was declared passed by the Mayor of the City of Crookston

Passed this 27th day of March 1990

Approved the 30th day of March 1990

Attest:
Allen L. Chesley
Allen L. Chesley City Clerk

William H. Thorp
William H. Thorp, vice Chairman Mayor

No. 19172

Resolution

Subject Matter:

Approve Consolidation Action of
the Local Fire RELief Association.

Passed by the City Council of the City of

Crookston, the 27th

day of March 19 90

Recorded in City Council Record No.

on page

Allen L. Chesley City Clerk.