

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

September 1, 1998
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Immediately Upon Conclusion of Special

School Administration

Bldg.

196 Bridge Street

Chairman Wihby called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Klock, Sysyn, Shea, Cashin

Chairman Wihby advises that the purpose of the meeting is consideration for the placement of the following question on the ballot for the November 1998 General Election:

“Are you in favor of amending the City of Manchester Employees’
Contributory Retirement System, effective January 1, 1999, as follows:

Amending the contributory retirement system established by Laws 1973, Chapter 218 and Laws 1976, Chapter 24 by deleting the phrase “two and one half percent” of section 5 (I), Chapter 218 and replacing it with “three and seventy-five hundredths percent (3.75%).

Amending the contributory retirement system established by Laws 1973, Chapter 218 and Laws 1976, Chapter 24 by deleting section 7 (I), Chapter 218 and inserting a new section 7 (I) as follows:

Any member of the retirement system who either (a) has attained the age of sixty-two years or (b) having been in the service of the city on January 1, 1974, has completed at least twenty years of service shall be eligible for retirement for superannuation under the provisions of this act. Any such member may retire from service by filing with the retirement board a written statement duly attested setting forth at what time subsequent to the date of filing thereof, but not later than sixty calendar days subsequent to such date, he desires to be retired, or the retirement board may, at its option, retire any eligible member, furnishing him written notice thereof at least sixty calendar days in advance of the specified date of such retirement.

Amending the contributory retirement system established by Laws 1973, Chapter 218 and Laws 1976, Chapter 24 by deleting section 8 (I), Chapter 218 and inserting a new section 8 (I) as follows:

Superannuation. The retirement board shall pay to each member who has been retired for superannuation under this act, an annual pension payable during his lifetime in an amount equal to the sum of:

- (a) one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the member's final average earnings multiplied by the number of years, including the fractions of years represented by full months, of his service completed prior to January 1, 1999, plus
- (b) two percent (2%) of the member's final average earnings multiplied by the number of years, including the fractions of years represented by full months, of his service completed after December 31, 1998.

However, in the case of a member who both was in the employ of the city on January 1, 1974 and has completed not less than twenty years of service at the time of retirement, the annual pension payable during his lifetime shall be equal to the greater of: (i) the sum of the amounts determined in accordance with (a) and (b) of this section 8 or (ii) fifty percent (50%) of his final average earnings.

Amending the contributory retirement system established by Laws 1973, Chapter 218 and Laws 1976, Chapter 24 by deleting section 12, Chapter 218 and inserting a new section 12 as follows:

Each member whose age plus years of service equal eighty may have the option, to be exercised by a written notice to the board, to retire at any time thereafter, prior to his normal retirement date. The amount of retirement benefits payable to such retired member shall be computed as provided in section 8 of this act, except that the date of such early retirement shall be used in determining his service, and the amount thus obtained will be reduced, such reduction to be determined by the actuary in accordance with accepted actuarial practice, if such retirement benefit is to commence prior to such members normal retirement date.

Each member, regardless of age, who as of January 1, 1974 was either enrolled in the System or a permanent employee of the City of Manchester shall be eligible for early retirement if credited with no less than twenty (20) years of service. Such member shall be entitled to receive an unreduced early retirement benefit equal to the greater of:

- (i) Fifty percent (50%) of the member's final average earnings, or
- (ii) The sum of:
 - (1) one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the member's final average earnings multiplied by the number of years, including fractions of years represented by full months, of his service completed prior to January 1, 1999, plus
 - (2) two percent (2%) of the member's final average earnings multiplied by the number of years, including fractions of years represented by full months, of his service completed after December 31, 1998.

The contingent annuitant and ten-year certain options provided for in sections 10 and 11 of this act may be elected by a member who elects to retire early under this section, in which case the term "retirement date" shall be deemed to mean early retirement date wherever applicable in sections 10 and 11 of this act.

_____ YES

_____ NO

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to recommend that the question be placed on the ballot for the November 1998 General Election.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Klock, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee