# City of Farmington Hills Retiree Health Plan

Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2020



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November 17, 2020

The Retirement Board
City of Farmington Hills
Retiree Health Plan
Farmington Hills, Michigan

#### Dear Board Members:

Submitted in this report are the results of an annual actuarial valuation of the liabilities, funded position and contribution requirements associated with the City of Farmington Hills Retiree Health Plan. The purpose of the valuation was to measure the City of Farmington Hills Retiree Health Plan's funding progress and to determine the employer contribution for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years. This report should not be relied upon for any other purpose. This report may be provided to parties other than the City of Farmington Hills Retiree Health Plan Board only in its entirety and only with the permission of the Board. GRS is not responsible for unauthorized use of this report.

The date of the valuation was June 30, 2020. An Executive Summary is included as Section A. Valuation results are contained in Section B. The valuation was based upon information, furnished by the City of Farmington Hills, concerning retiree health benefits, financial transactions, and individual members, terminated members, retirees and beneficiaries and other data. Data was checked for internal and year to year consistency, but was not audited by us. As a result, we are unable to assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the data provided.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from those presented in this report due to such factors as experience differing from that anticipated by actuarial assumptions, changes in plan provisions, actuarial assumptions/methods or applicable law. Due to the limited scope of this assignment, we did not perform an analysis of the potential range of future measurements.

This report was prepared using our proprietary valuation model and related software which in our professional judgment has the capability to provide results that are consistent with the purposes of the valuation. We performed tests to ensure that the model reasonably represents that which is intended to be modeled.

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To the best of our knowledge, this report is complete and accurate and the valuation was conducted in accordance with standards of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board in compliance with the applicable state statutes. Louise M. Gates and James D. Anderson are independent of the plan sponsor and are Members of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA) who meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions contained herein. It is our opinion that the actuarial assumptions used for the valuation produce results which are reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **SECTION A**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** 

## **Executive Summary**

#### 1. Actuarially Computed Employer Contributions - Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021

The required employer contributions for each division are shown below:

Division	City Contributions
General	\$ 66,776
Court	43,620
Police	-
Fire	197,466

The Plan is closed to all new hires. Accordingly, we have calculated the employer contribution using a financing method that is appropriate for a closed Plan.

#### 2. Contribution Comparison

The chart below compares the contributions in this valuation with those of the 2018 actuarial valuation of the Plan.

**Actuarially Computed Employer Contributions** by Valuation date

by valuation date								
Division	6/30/2018	6/30/2020						
General	\$ 325,832	\$	66,776					
Court	38,879		43,620					
Police	0		0					
Fire	194,649		197,466					
Total	\$ 559,360	\$	307,862					

#### 3. Reasons for Change

There are three general reasons why contribution requirements change from one valuation to the next. The first is a change in the benefits or eligibility conditions of the Plan. The second is a change in the valuation assumptions used to predict future occurrences and methods. The third is the difference during the year between the Plan's actual experience and what the assumptions predicted.

This valuation of the Retiree Health Plan reflects changes in actuarial assumptions based on a recent experience study. In addition, the medical/prescription drug trend assumption was updated to better reflect anticipated future experience. These changes increased Plan accrued liabilities by \$1.2 million as of the valuation date. The new actuarial assumptions are noted in Section E of this report.



#### 4. Plan Experience

During the two-year period ending June 30, 2020, medical and prescription drug costs increased by less than expected in the Medicare eligible population and by more than expected in most of the pre-65 retiree population. In addition, investment returns were lower than long term expectations during the last two plan years. Overall, the net experience was favorable.

#### 5. 2020 Funding Position

As of June 30, 2020, the Plan's funding ratio was 107.9%. As of June 30, 2018, the funding ratio was 102.1%. If the market value of assets was used to determine the Plan's funding ratio as of June 30, 2020, the result would be a funding ratio of 101.8%.

#### 6. Fiscal Year 2023 Contributions

Based on current GASB standards and the Boards policy, biennial valuations of the Plan are performed. This valuation includes employer contributions for fiscal year 2022 on page A-1 of this report. Employer contributions for fiscal year 2023 are shown below:

	Employer				
Division	Contributions				
General	\$ 54,040				
Court	40,283				
Police	-				
Fire	190,762				



# **S**ECTION **B**

**VALUATION RESULTS** 

## **Financial Objective**

The financial objective of the Retiree Health Plan is to establish and receive contributions, such that when combined with present assets and future investment income will be sufficient to meet the financial obligations of the fund to present and future retirees and beneficiaries.

Your annual actuarial valuations determine how well the objective is being met. This report covers the portion of the valuation dealing with retiree health insurance benefits.

### **Actuarially Determined Contribution**

The Retiree Health Plan benefits are supported by contributions from the active members (1.5% of pay), contributions by the City and by the investment income earned on its assets. The City provides an actuarially determined contribution needed to meet the financial objective.

City contributions cover both (i) normal cost, and (ii) the financing of the unfunded accrued liability over a period of future years. The normal cost is the portion of plan costs allocated to the current year by the valuation method described in Section E. The unfunded accrued liability is the portion of Plan costs not covered by present assets and future normal costs.

The contribution requirements for retiree health benefits for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 are presented on page B-2. We have developed and shown in a separate report the costs of basic Retirement System benefits.



# **Contributions to Provide Retiree Health Benefits Member and Employer Portions** for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021

Contributions for		General Members		Court Members		Police Members		Fire Members	
Normal cost of benefits:									
Age & service	\$	199,771	\$	50,267	\$	422,374	\$	191,836	
Disability		7,167		2,252		24,518		15,643	
Death before retirement		2,240		474		1,114		549	
Stipend		9,406		3,201		12,816		7,136	
Total		218,584		56,194		460,822		215,164	
Member contributions:									
Total		67,188		17,783		83,583		41,167	
Future refunds		16,125		4,031		7,244		3,568	
Available for benefits		51,063		13,752		76,339		37,599	
Administrative expenses		15,335		15,336		15,336		15,336	
Employer normal cost		182,856		57,778		399,819		192,901	
Amortization charges / (credits)		(116,080)		(14,158)		(539,501)		<u>4,565</u>	
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$	66,776	\$	43,620	\$	-	\$	197,466	

Unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities were amortized using a level dollar method over a period of 15 years for all divisions.



# **Determination of Unfunded Accrued Liability** as of June 30, 2020

### A. Accrued Liability

<ol> <li>For retirees and beneficiaries</li> </ol>		
a. Health benefits	\$46,237,920	
b. Reserves	0	
c. Total		\$46,237,920
2. For vested terminated members		0
3. For present active members		
a. Value of expected future benefit payments	37,384,925	
b. Value of future normal costs	6,965,087	
c. Active member liability: (a) - (b)		30,419,838
4. Total		76,657,758
B. Valuation Assets		82,722,745
C. Unfunded Accrued Liability: (A.4) - (B)	(6,064,987)	
D. Funding Ratio: (B) / (A.4)		108%

The table above shows the development of the Plan's unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities for the four employment groups in total as of June 30, 2020.

	Accrued	<b>Valuation</b>
Division	Liability	Assets
General	\$32,490,857	\$33,374,059
Court	2,953,380	3,088,886
Police	31,047,960	36,165,955
Fire	10,165,561	10,093,845



## **Retiree Premium Rate Development**

Initial premium rates were developed separately for each class (pre-65 and post-65). The rates were calculated by using actual paid claims and exposure data for the period of April 2017 to March 2020 adjusted for catastrophic claims, plus the load for administration and stop loss fees. The self-insured Medical and prescription drug data were provided by the City of Farmington Hills. For pre-65 retirees both the Medical and the prescription drugs are self-insured. For the post-65 retirees the Medical is self-insured and the prescription drug is fully insured. The self-insured Medical data was analyzed separately for the pre-65 and post-65 participants since Medicare is available for the post-65 participants and has a significant impact on the claim experience. Furthermore, since the prescription drug claims and the medical claims exhibit different trends and claim payment patterns, we analyzed these claims separately as well.

For the post-65 Medicare Advantage Rx plans, the fully-insured premium rates were used as the basis of the initial per capita cost without adjustments since the rate reflects the demographics of the post-65 retiree group.

For the current active employees, different benefits are available upon retirement. All future retirees will go into BCBS Community Blue 2 (Division 0017), BCBS Community Blue 3a (Division 0014), or Blue Care Network-I. We have developed separate premium rates for future retirees in order to reflect the benefit differences.

A small number of retirees were reported as members of the fully-insured BCN benefit plan. We ignored these retirees in the development of the rates since including them would not have a material impact.

Age graded and sex distinct premiums are utilized by this valuation. The premiums developed by the preceding process are appropriate for the unique age and sex distribution currently existing. Over the future years covered by this valuation, the age and sex distribution will most likely change. Therefore, our process "distributes" the average premium over all age/sex combinations and assigns a unique premium for each combination. The age/sex specific premiums more accurately reflect the health care utilization and cost at that age.



## **Retiree Premium Rate Development**

The tables below show the results of the premium rate development process. Specifically, the combined monthly one-person medical and drug premiums (or per capita costs) at select ages. These premiums reflect the use of age grading and were used in this valuation of the retiree health plan.

	For Retirees Not Eligible For Medicare							
	Current	Retirees	Future Retirees					
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female				
45	\$ 595.85	\$ 822.35	\$ 558.42	\$ 770.70				
60	1,318.62	1,298.38	1,235.79	1,216.83				
64	1,603.47	1,513.24	1,502.75	1,418.19				

	For Retirees Eligible For Medicare							
	Current	Retirees	Future Retirees					
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female				
65	\$ 407.54	\$ 384.39	\$ 338.03	\$ 318.83				
75	476.82	465.27	395.50	385.92				
85	504.21	510.15	418.21	423.14				



## **Health Care Cost Trend Assumption**

The health care cost trend rate is the rate of change in per capita health care claims over time as a result of factors such as medical inflation, utilization of health care services, plan design, and technological improvements. It is a crucial economic assumption that is required for measuring retiree health care benefit obligations.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost trend assumption (trend vector) that changes over the years. The trend vector used in this valuation begins with a near-term trend assumption and declines over a time to an ultimate trend rate. The near-term rates reflect the increases in the current cost of health care goods and services. The process of trending down to a lower ultimate trend relies on the theory that premiums will moderate over the long term, otherwise the healthcare sector would eventually consume the entire GDP. It is on this basis that we project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for the next twelve years, but by less each year until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50% in this valuation.

While experience is often the best starting point for future costs, GRS does not rely on a group's experience in setting the near-term trend assumptions since trends vary significantly from year to year and are not credible for most groups. Therefore, professional judgment, trends from GRS' book of business and industry benchmarks (e.g., trend reports from various Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) organizations and national healthcare benefit consulting firms) are used in conjunction with a group's historical experience to establish the trend assumptions.

#### Retiree Health Care Premium Increase Assumption

Year Beginning	Retiree Health Care
July 1	Cost Increases
2021	7.50%
2022	7.00
2023	6.50
2024	6.00
2025	5.50
2026	5.25
2027	5.00
2028	4.75
2029	4.50
2030	4.25
2031	3.75
Thereafter	3.50



## **Retiree Premium Rate Development**

#### **Actuarial Disclosures**

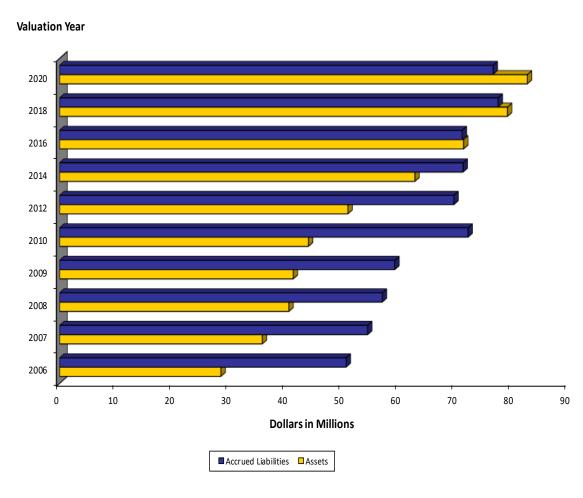
The premium rates used in this valuation were developed using the proprietary Excel models which in James E. Pranschke's professional judgment provide the initial projected costs which are consistent with the purposes of the valuation. We performed tests to ensure that the models, in their entirety, reasonably represent that which is intended to be modeled.

Aging factors used in the premium development models were developed based on the information and data from a 2013 study commissioned by the Society of Actuaries entitled "Health Care Costs – From Birth to Death."

James E. Pranschke is a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA) and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to certify the per capita retiree health care rates shown above.



## **Assets & Accrued Liabilities**



2006 assets equaled 56.3% of accrued liabilities 2020 assets equaled 107.9% of accrued liabilities



# **Actuarially Determined Contributions Comparative Statement**

		Covered En	Covered	Actuarially		
Valuation		Valuation Payroll			Benefit	Determined
Date	No.	Total	Average	% Incr.	Recipients +	Contributions#
12-31-95@	361	\$14,310,820	\$ 39,642	5.8%	21	3.79%
12-31-96	373	15,441,733	41,399	4.4%	34	4.26%
12-31-97@	385	16,435,104	42,689	3.1%	36	4.59%
12-31-98*@	398	17,707,128	44,490	4.2%	47	4.79%
12-31-99@	411	18,879,095	45,935	3.2%	54	5.45%
12-31-00@	408	19,612,045	48,069	4.6%	58	5.62%
12-31-01*@	415	20,558,629	49,539	3.1%	58	8.19%
12-31-02*@	424	21,567,711	50,867	2.7%	69	10.94%
12-31-03*	419	22,246,938	53,095	4.4%	78	11.38%
12-31-04*	414	22,612,504	54,620	2.9%	89	10.99%
6-30-06*	414	23,302,473	56,286	3.1%	103	12.11%
6-30-07@	416	24,080,517	57,886	2.8%	108	12.41%
6-30-08@	402	24,662,884	61,350	6.0%	115	\$2,971,747
6-30-09*	386	24,904,782	64,520	5.2%	121	\$3,186,426
6-30-10*	323	21,494,819	66,547	3.1%	169	3,955,250
6-30-12*@	292	19,889,835	68,116	2.4%	177	2,892,858
6-30-14*	255	17,633,733	69,152	1.5%	203	1,808,068
6-30-16	233	17,092,987	73,360	6.1%	214	776,762
6-30-18	204	16,003,657	78,449	6.9%	235	554,427
6-30-20*	176	15,005,716	85,260	8.7%	254	307,862

Prior to the June 30, 2008 valuation, the computed employer contribution was determined as a percent of payroll



Actuarial assumptions/methods revised

Benefit changes

Covered benefit recipients include potential future recipients who opt back into the Plan



**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION** 

# **Supplemental Information**

# **Schedule of Health Funding Progress** (\$ Amount in Millions)

Valuation Date June 30	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
2012	\$ 51.0	\$ 69.7	\$ 18.7	73.2%	\$ 19.9	94.0%
2014	62.8	71.3	8.5	88.1	17.6	48.3
2016	71.4	71.2	(0.2)	100.3	17.1	(1.2)
2018	79.2	77.6	(1.6)	102.1	16.0	(10.0)
2020	82.7	76.7	(6.0)	107.9	15.0	(40.0)

## **Schedule of Employer Health Contributions**

Valuation	Fiscal Year	Actuarially	
Date	Ended	Determined	Actual
June 30	June 30	Contributions	Contributions
2012	2014	2,892,858	4,292,810
2012	2015	2,890,395	2,890,875
2014	2016	1,808,068	1,808,068
2014	2017	1,794,724	1,794,724
2016	2018	776,762	776,762
2016	2019	767,528	767,528
2018	2020	559,360	559,360
2018	2021	540,667	1
2020	2022	307,862	1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Not yet available





# Summary of Benefit Provisions as of June 30, 2020

Employee Group	Eligibility	Benefit Amount	Spouse Coverage	Member Contribution
General	Retirement after effective date of coverage at age 60 with 15 years of service or under Rule of 80 (minimum age 55) and receiving Retirement System Pension.	Until age 65 - the same medical coverage as is in effect for General City employees. Beginning at age 65 - Medicare supplementary coverage. Retiree coverage can be different	Yes	1.50%
Court	Retirement after effective date of coverage at age 60 with 15 years of service or under Rule of 80 (minimum age 55) and receiving Retirement System Pension.	Until age 65 - the same medical coverage as is in effect for General City employees. Beginning at age 65 - Medicare supplementary coverage. Retiree coverage can be different	Yes	1.50%
Police Patrol and Fire	At any age with 25 or more years of service.	Until age 65 - the same medical coverage as is in effect for Police Department employees. Beginning at age 65 - Medicare supplementary coverage. Retiree coverage can be different from active employees.	Yes	1.50%
Police Command	At age 50 with 25 years of service or 30 years regardless of age.	Until age 65 - the same medical coverage as is in effect for Police Department employees. Beginning at age 65 - Medicare supplementary coverage. Retiree coverage can be different from active employees.	Yes	1.50%



## **Summary of Benefit Provisions as of** June 30, 2020

- 1. Health age and service requirements do not apply to retirees receiving a System Disability Pension.
- 2. Benefits cover medical benefits and prescription drugs. Certain retirees have grandfathered benefit amounts which differ from those shown in the cart below.

Employment Group(s)		Eligibility Requirement	Monthly Maximum
AFSCME, Executive, General Exempt, Dispatch, Teamsters & Court	•	Age 60 with 15 years Rule of 80 minimum age 55 minimum 20 years of service	\$400* None
Police Command Police Patrol & Fire	•	Age 50 with 25 years or 30 years regardless of age 25 years of service	None None

<sup>\*</sup> This is a combined maximum. Retirees with single life and multiple life coverage have the same maximum.

When a retiree waives coverage under this plan, the City will pay the retiree a waiver allowance. Opt-out allowance monthly maximum equals \$400 for two people and \$200 for one person.

- 3. Applicable to spouses of retired members who are covered for Plan medical insurance. The same medical benefits for which the retired member is covered as long as the retired member is alive or after member's death if the spouse is receiving System pension payments.
- 4. Retirements on or after October 1, 2013 for Fire: Contribution for retirees is \$50 for single and \$50 for double coverage. Retirements on or after January 1, 2013 for all other groups: Contribution for retirees is \$50 for single and \$100 for double coverage.
- 5. The following employees are not covered under this plan:
  - AFSCME and General Exempt and Executive employees hired after July 1, 2006.
  - Dispatch employees hired after January 1, 2007.
  - Teamster employees hired after January 1, 2008.
  - Fire employees hired after July 1, 2008.
  - Police Patrol employees hired after January 1, 2008, including those promoted to Police Command Officer.
  - Court employees hired after September 1, 2015.



# **Reported Financial Information** For the Period June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2020 **Retiree Health Trust Assets**

### **Reconciliation of the Market Value of Assets**

	2018-2019	2019-2020
Market Value of Assets - Beginning of the Year:	\$ 77,153,010	\$ 79,006,858
Revenues:		
a. Member contributions	237,683	230,918
b. Employer contributions	767,528	559,360
c. Interest and dividends	1,804,217	1,691,541
d. Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	5,765,999	(919,421)
e. Other investment income	(3,400,791)	986,505
f. Miscellaneous	1,767	1,165
g. Total	5,176,403	2,550,068
Disbursements:		
<ul> <li>a. Health insurance benefits paid</li> </ul>	2,657,762	2,920,432
b. Refund of member contributions	75,638	39,998
c. Expenses	589,155	583,276
d. Total	3,322,555	3,543,706
Market Value of Assets - End of the Year:	\$79,006,858	\$78,013,220

## Trust Assets and Reserves (Market Value) as of June 30, 2020

#### **Reserve Accounts:** Assets:

a. Payables	\$ (404,548)	a. Member contributions	\$ 5,564,266
b. Cash & short term investments**	1,762,165	b. Reserve for benefits	
c. Fixed income	15,739,576	now being paid	48,790,879
d. Equities	49,761,858	c. Reserve for future benefits	23,658,075
e. Real estate	8,223,471		
f. Other investments	2,930,698	Total	\$78,013,220
g. Total assets	78,013,220		
Retiree Health Assets	\$ 78,013,220		

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes receivables.



## **Derivation of Valuation Assets**

Valuation Date June 30:	2018	2020
Beginning of Year Assets		
a) Market Value	\$ 73,176,327	\$ 79,006,858
b) Valuation Assets	75,830,929	81,106,082
2. End of Year Market Value Assets	77,153,010	78,013,220
3. Net Additions to Market Value		
a) Contributions	1,026,087	790,278
b) Net Investment Income	5,398,226	1,237,857
c) Benefit Payments, Refunds and Administrative Expenses	(2,447,630)	(3,021,773)
d) Total Additions to Market Value	3,976,683	(993,638)
4. Average Valuation Assets	75,120,158	79,990,335
5. Expected Income at Valuation Rate = 7.5% x (4)	5,634,012	5,999,275
6. Gain (Loss) = (3b) - (5)	(235,786)	(4,761,418)
7. Phased-In Recognition of Investment Return		
a) Current Year: 0.2 x (6)	(47,157)	(952,284)
b) First Prior Year	547,176	(451,084)
c) Second Prior Year	(1,247,768)	(47,157)
d) Third Prior Year	(1,011,682)	547,176
e) Fourth Prior Year	923,360	(1,247,768)
f) Total Recognized Investment Gain	(836,071)	(2,151,117)
8. Change in Valuation Assets		
(3a) + (3c) + (5) + (7f)	3,376,398	1,616,663
9. Valuation Assets = (1b) + (8)	79,207,327	82,722,745
10. Recognized Rate of Return	6.39%	4.81%
11. Market Rate of Return	7.45%	1.59%



# Retirees Receiving Plan Benefits - June 30, 2020 Tabulated by Attained Age

Attained Age	No. of Contracts
Under 50	1
50	1
51	1
52	1
53	1
54	1
55	5
56	1
57	3
58	3
59	5
60	5
61	4
62	7
63	16
64	10
65	10
66	12
67	17
68	15
69	8
70	2
71	7
72	5
73	6
74	7
75	2
76	3
77	4
78	4
79	4
80+	27
Totals	198

Average Age at Retirement: 57.3 years Average Age Now: 69.2 years

In addition to the current recipients of medical/Rx benefits shown above, there are 56 individuals who have "opted out" of these benefits as of June 30, 2020.



# **Active Members Comparative Schedule**

Valuation		Activ	e Memb	ers						
Date						Valuation		Avera	ge	
June 30, *	General	Court	Police	Fire	Totals	Payroll	Age	Service	Pay	% Inc.
2000	253	**	119	36	408	\$ 19,612,045	42.3 yrs.	11.1 yrs.	\$48,069	4.6%
2001	262	**	117	36	415	20,558,629	42.6	11.2	49,539	3.1
2002	270	**	114	40	424	21,567,711	43.1	11.3	50,867	2.7
2003	265	**	114	40	419	22,246,938	43.9	11.8	53,095	4.4
2004	263	**	111	40	414	22,612,504	44.08	11.9	54,620	2.9
2006	259	**	115	40	414	23,302,473	44.5	12.3	56,286	3.1
2007	252	**	120	44	416	24,080,517	44.9	12.8	57,886	2.8
2008	239	**	118	45	402	24,662,884	45.3	13.4	61,350	6.0
2009	225	**	117	44	386	24,904,782	46.0	14.3	64,520	5.2
2010	181	**	101	41	323	21,494,819	45.3	14.0	66,547	3.1
2012	133	26	93	40	292	19,889,835	46.2	15.5	68,116	2.4
2014	111	25	85	34	255	17,633,733	46.9	16.6	69,152	1.5
2016	101	23	78	31	233	17,092,987	48.4	17.9	73,360	6.1
2018	84	23	66	31	204	16,003,657	49.5	19.2	78,449	6.9
2020	68	20	59	29	176	15,005,716	50.4	20.5	85,260	8.7

	Number						Active
Year	Added	Terminations Since the Last Valuation					Members
Ended	During	Normal	Disability	Died-in			End of
June 30, *	Year	Retirement	Retirement	Service	Vested	Other	Year
2000	29	6		2	4	20	408
2001	38	10				21	415
2002	30	7			1	13	424
2003	13	11				7	419
2004	23	12			2	14	414
2006	32	15		1	3	13	414
2007	19	7				10	416
2008	9	10		1	3	9	402
2009	5	6		1	2	12	386
2010	1	52		2	1	9	323
2012	1	22		1	5	4	292
2014	4	33		1	3	4	255
2016	1	17			5	1	233
2018		25	1		1	2	204
2020		27				1	176

<sup>\*</sup> Prior to 2006, the year ended was December 31.



<sup>\*\*</sup>Included in the General division prior to 2012

# Total Active Members, June 30, 2020 By Age and Years of Service

	Years of Service on Valuation Date								Totals
									Valuation
Age	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 Plus	No.	Payroll
30-34			2					2	\$ 198,209
		2		5					, ,
35-39		2	13	5				20	1,665,482
40-44		2	10	14	3			29	2,392,452
45-49			3	9	14	5		31	3,004,710
50-54				7	18	9	5	39	3,347,392
55-59			1	7	9	2	5	24	1,942,419
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60				1	3	2	3	9	909,198
61				1	2			3	204,894
62			2		2			4	281,847
63				2				2	134,438
64				2	1			3	223,490
65			1			2		3	173,410
66			_	1		۷	1	2	180,750
68			1	1				1	63,874
00			1					1	05,674
70						2		2	169,770
72				1				1	65,353
78				1				1	48,028
Totals		4	33	51	52	22	14	176	\$15,005,716

While not used in the financial computations, the following group averages are computed and shown because of their general interest.

Age: 50.4 years
Service: 20.5 years
Annual Pay: \$85,260





### **Valuation Methods**

**Actuarial Cost Method:** Normal cost and the allocation of benefit values between service rendered before and after the valuation date were determined using an individual entry-age actuarial cost method having the following characteristics:

- (i) the annual normal costs for each individual active member, payable from the hire date to the date of retirement, are sufficient to accumulate to the value of the member's benefit earned.
- (ii) each annual normal cost is a constant percentage of the member's year by year projected covered pay.

#### **Asset Valuation Method:** The actuarial value equals:

- (i) Actuarial value of assets from the previous valuation, plus
- (ii) employer and member contributions since the last valuation, minus
- (iii) benefit payments and refunds since the last valuation, plus
- (iv) estimated investment income at the assumed investment return, plus
- (v) portion of gain/(loss) recognized in the current valuation.

For the above purpose, gain/(loss) is defined as the excess during the period of the investment return on the market value of assets over the expected investment income. 20% of the difference is recognized each year over a 5 year period in the actuarial value of assets.

This method was first adopted for the December 31, 2003 actuarial valuation. Prior to 2006, the valuation date was December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

The Funding Value of Assets is allocated between groups based on actual non-investment net cash-flows.

**Financing of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities:** Unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities were amortized by level (principal & interest combined) dollar contributions over 15 years for all employees.



## **Actuarial Assumptions Used for the Valuation**

#### **Investment Return** (net of investment expenses):

7.00% per year compounded annually. This rate consists of a real rate of return of 4.00% a year plus a long-term assumed rate of pay inflation of 3.00% a year.

This assumption is used to equate the value of payments due at different points in time and was first used for the December 31, 2020 valuation. Approximate rates of investment return, for the purpose of comparisons with assumed rates, are shown below.

	Year Ended June 30				
	2020	2018	2016	2014	2012
Rate of Investment Return					
(Recognized on Valuation Assets)	4.8%	6.4%	4.7%	9.4%	3.4%

The nominal rate of return was computed using the approximate formula i = I divided by 1/2 (A + B - I), where I is actual investment income net of expenses, A is the beginning of year asset value, and B is the end of year asset value.

These rates of return should not be used for measurement of an investment advisor's performance or for comparisons with other systems.

Pay Projections: These assumptions are used to project current pays for contribution development purposes.

### **Annual Rate of Pay Increase**

	1							
	Gener	General and Court Members						
Years of	Base	Merit &						
Service	(Economic)	Longevity	Total					
1 to 5	3.0%	4.0%	7.0%					
6 to 10	3.0%	2.0%	5.0%					
thereafter	3.0%	1.0%	4.0%					

	Police Members			Fire Members		
Years of	Base	Merit &		Base	Merit &	
Service	(Economic)	Longevity	Total	(Economic)	Longevity	Total
1	3.0%	20.0%	23.0%	3.0%	17.0%	20.0%
2	3.0%	15.0%	18.0%	3.0%	12.0%	15.0%
3	3.0%	7.0%	10.0%	3.0%	12.0%	15.0%
thereafter	3.0%	1.0%	4.0%	3.0%	1.0%	4.0%



#### **General and Court**

- **Healthy Pre-Retirement**: The Pub-2010 Amount-Weighted, General, Employee, Male and Female tables, with future mortality improvements projected to 2025 using scale MP-2018.
- **Healthy Post-Retirement**: The Pub-2010 Amount-Weighted, General, Healthy Retiree, Male and Female tables, with future mortality improvements projected to 2025 using scale MP-2018.
- **Disability Retirement**: The Pub-2010 Amount-Weighted, General, Disabled Retiree, Male and Female tables, with future mortality improvements projected to 2025 using scale MP-2018.

#### **Police and Fire**

- **Healthy Pre-Retirement**: The Pub-2010 Headcount-Weighted, Safety, Employee, Male and Female tables, with future mortality improvements projected to 2025 using scale MP-2018.
- **Healthy Post-Retirement**: The Pub-2010 Headcount-Weighted, Safety, Healthy Retiree, Male and Female tables, with future mortality improvements projected to 2025 using scale MP-2018.
- **Disability Retirement**: The Pub-2010 Headcount-Weighted, Safety, Disabled Retiree, Male and Female tables, with future mortality improvements projected to 2025 using scale MP-2018.

General and Court						
	Healthy Pre	-Retirement	Healthy Pos	t-Retirement	Disabled I	Retirement
Sample	Future Life Expectancy (Years)		Future Life Expectancy (Years)		Future Life Expectancy (Years)	
Ages	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
50	37.72	39.84	33.79	36.64	24.60	27.09
55	32.99	35.01	29.27	32.04	21.47	24.04
60	28.37	30.26	24.91	27.53	18.68	21.19
65	23.85	25.57	20.73	23.11	16.05	18.25
70	19.42	20.95	16.74	18.84	13.47	15.14
75	15.07	16.43	13.01	14.81	10.90	12.08
80	10.80	12.04	9.68	11.16	8.47	9.31

Police and Fire						
	Healthy Pre	-Retirement	Healthy Pos	t-Retirement	Disabled I	Retirement
Sample	Future Life Expectancy (Years)		Future Life Expectancy (Years)		Future Life Expectancy (Years)	
Ages	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
50	36.27	39.00	32.74	35.19	31.04	32.58
55	31.51	34.20	28.16	30.55	26.71	28.16
60	26.83	29.47	23.72	26.11	22.59	24.05
65	22.27	24.78	19.56	21.87	18.73	20.17
70	17.86	20.14	15.62	17.84	15.11	16.39
75	13.65	15.68	11.99	14.07	11.74	12.86
80	9.69	11.48	8.81	10.70	8.76	9.87

The Pub-2010 rates shown above were based on a generational projection of mortality rates to the year 2025 using the MP-2018 projection scale.

75% of deaths are assumed to be non-duty for the General and Court groups, while 50% of deaths are assumed to be non-duty for the Police and Fire groups.

These tables were first used for the June 30, 2020 valuation of the Plan.



**Rates of separation from active membership:** The rates do not apply to members eligible for regular retirement and do not include separation on account of death or disability. This assumption measures the probabilities of members remaining in employment.

% of Active Members Separating within Next Year

Years of				
Service	General	Court	Police	Fire
10	2.70%	2.70%	1.10%	1.10%
15	1.40	1.40	0.50	0.50
20	1.40	1.40	0.40	0.40
25	1.40	1.40	0.40	0.40
30 & over	1.40	1.40	0.40	0.40

The rates were first used for the December 31, 2020 valuation.

Rates of disability: These rates represent the probabilities of active members becoming disabled.

Sample	Number of Disabilities		
Ages	Per 100 Eligible Members		
20	0.01		
25	0.02		
30	0.04		
35	0.07		
40	0.12		
45	0.19		
50	0.28		
55	0.40		
60	0.57		

These rates were first used for the December 31, 1993 valuation.



**Rates of retirement:** These rates are used to measure the probability of eligible members retiring during the next year. Early retirement rates do not apply to members eligible for regular retirement.

	Percent of Eligible Active Members Retiring			
Retirement			Police	
Ages	General	Court	Command	
50			30%	
51			30%	
			30	
52				
53			30	
54			30	
	200/	200/	20	
55	30%	20%	20	
56	25	15	15	
57	25	15	15	
58	25	15	15	
59	25	15	15	
60	25	20	100	
61	25	25		
62	30	30		
63	20	20		
64	25	25		
65	25	25		
66	30	30		
67	30	30		
68	30	30		
69	30	30		
00	30	30		
70	100	100		
	Percent of Eligible Active Members Retiring			

Years of Service	Police Patrol Hired Before 1/1/2008	Fire Hired Before 7/1/2008	Police Command
25	30%	30%	
26	30	30	
27	30	30	
28	30	30	
29	30	30	
30 31 32 33 34	100	100	40% 40 40 40 40
35			100

General and Court division members who retire under Rule of 80 (with minimum age of 55) and age 60 with completion of 15 or more years of service are eligible for benefits under the Plan. Police patrol and firefighters who retire with 25 or more years of service are eligible for benefits under the Plan. Police Command Officers who retire at age 50 with 25 or more years of service (or with 30 years of service at any age) are eligible for benefits under the Plan.



**Health care coverage at retirement and continuation percentage to survivor:** 90% of future retirees are assumed to elect coverage from this plan at the time of retirement.

	2 Person	Continuation	
	General & Court Police & Fire		Percentage
Male	54%	67%	90%
Female	54%	67%	90%

**Non-investment administration expenses**: Administrative expenses used in the contribution determination are based on the actual administrative expenses paid during the 2020 fiscal year. This flat dollar administrative expense load is allocated between the General, Court, Police, and Fire groups evenly (a 25% share).

**Other**: Liabilities were loaded by 18% for future contingencies including fluctuation in health care claims experience and volatility associated with the size of the Plan.

Medical and prescription drug inflation rates are shown on page B-6.



# Miscellaneous and Technical Assumptions June 30, 2020

Marriage Assumption: 100% of males and 100% of females are assumed to be married

for purposes of death-in-service benefits. Male spouses are assumed to be three years older than female spouses for active

member valuation purposes.

**Pay Increase Timing:** Middle of (Fiscal) year.

**Decrement Timing:** Decrements of all types are assumed to occur mid-year.

Eligibility Testing: Eligibility for benefits is determined based upon the age nearest

birthday and service nearest whole year on the date the

decrement is assumed to occur.

**Decrement Relativity:** Decrement rates are used directly from experience, without

adjustment for multiple decrement table effects.

**Decrement Operation:** Disability also does not operate during retirement eligibility.

**Service Credit Accruals:** It is assumed that members accrue one year of service credit per

year.

**Incidence of Contributions:** Contributions are assumed to be received continuously

throughout the year based upon the computed percent of payroll shown in this report, and the actual payroll payable at the time

contributions are made.

Medicare Coverage: Assumed to be available for all covered employees on attainment

of age 65.

**Election Percentage:** It was assumed that 90% of eligible retirees will elect to receive

retiree health care benefits through the City.

For Active employees who have opted out of the City's active health care plan, it is assumed they will elect retiree health care

coverage upon retiring.

It was assumed that all retirees who "opt out" of the retiree health plan will ultimately opt back in on or after age 65.



## **Glossary**

**Actuarial Accrued Liability** - The difference between (i) the actuarial present value of future plan benefits, and (ii) the actuarial present value of future normal cost. Sometimes referred to as "accrued liability" or "past service liability." Under the actuarial cost method used the "AAL" differs somewhat from the value of future payments based on benefits earned as of the valuation date.

**Accrued Service -** The service credited under the plan which was rendered before the date of the actuarial valuation.

**Actuarial Assumptions** - Estimates of future plan experience with respect to rates of mortality, disability, retirement, investment income and salary increases. Decrement assumptions (rates of mortality, separation and retirement) are generally based on past experience, often modified for projected changes in conditions. Economic assumptions (salary increases and investment income) consist of an underlying rate appropriate in an inflation-free environment plus a provision for a long-term average rate of inflation.

**Actuarial Cost Method** - A mathematical budgeting procedure for allocating the dollar amount of the "actuarial present value of future plan benefits" between the normal costs to be paid in the future and the actuarial accrued liability. Sometimes referred to as the "actuarial funding method."

**Actuarial Equivalent -** Benefits whose actuarial present values are equal.

**Actuarial Present Value** - The amount of funds presently required to provide a payment or series of payments in the future. It is determined by discounting the future payments at a predetermined rate of interest, taking into account the probability of payment.

**Amortization** - Paying of an interest-bearing liability by means of periodic contributions of interest and principal, as opposed to a lump sum payment.

**Experience Gain (Loss)** - A measure of the difference between actual experience and experience anticipated by a set of actuarial assumptions during the period between two actuarial valuation dates, in accordance with the actuarial cost method being used.

**Normal Cost** - The annual cost assigned, under the actuarial funding method, to current and subsequent plan years. Sometimes referred to as "current service cost." An amortization payment toward the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is in addition to the normal cost.

**Plan Termination Liability** - The actuarial present value of future plan benefits based on the assumption that there will be no further accruals for the future service and salary. The termination liability will generally be less than the liabilities computed on a "going-concern" basis and is not normally determined in a routine actuarial valuation.

**Reserve Account** - An account used to indicate that funds have been set aside for a specific purpose and are not generally available for other uses.

**Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability -** The difference between the actuarial accrued liability and valuation assets. Sometimes referred to as "unfunded accrued liability."

Valuation Assets - The value of current plan assets recognized for valuation purposes.





November 17, 2020

The Retirement Board
City of Farmington Hills
Retiree Health Care Plan
31555 West Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336-1165

**Dear Board Members:** 

Enclosed is a copy of the report of the annual actuarial valuation of the City of Farmington Hills Retiree Health Plan as of June 30, 2020. We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss the report.

Sincerely,

Louise M. Gates, ASA, FCA, MAAA

**Enclosures**