



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Council Session

Item F-4

#9907 - Consideration of Approving Amendment (2022) Secure, Bipartisan American Miners & CARES Act to the Grand Island Firefighters' Retirement System Plan and Trust

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Patrick Brown, Finance Director

Meeting: November 22, 2022

Subject: Approving Amendment (2022) Secure, Bipartisan American Miners & CARES Act to the Grand Island Firefighters' Retirement System Plan and Trust

Presenter(s): Patrick Brown, Finance Director

Background

The retirement plan documents were last amended and restated December 18, 2018. A restatement must incorporate into the plan documents all changes in the federal tax and state retirement plan laws and regulations since the last restatement. The IRS changed plan document requirements beginning in 2017 that restatement of the plan is no longer the case. The general rule now is that plans must be amended annually as needed for any applicable changes in laws, regulations, or other guidance, as well as for voluntary changes.

Discussion

Qualified retirement plans must be operated in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including any changes in such laws and regulations from time to time. Plan documents periodically must be updated to reflect changes in such laws, regulations and plan operations. The attached Amendments are intended to incorporate recent changes via Amendment (2022) Secure, Bipartisan American Miners & CARES Act.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve to amend the Firefighter's Retirement System Plan and Trust.

Sample Motion

Move to approve to amend the Firefighter's Retirement System Plan and Trust.

**CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA
FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT
SYSTEM PLAN AND TRUST**

**AMENDMENT (2022)
SECURE, Bipartisan American Miners & CARES Acts**

**ARTICLE 1
GENERAL**

- 1.1 **Adoption and effective date of Amendment.** Pursuant to Nebraska Statutes, Sections 16-1020 through and including 16-1042, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska ("City" or "Employer") maintains the City of Grand Island, Nebraska Firefighters' Retirement System Plan and Trust embodied in plan documents including an adoption agreement and basic plan document constituting an integral part thereof, as well as various amendments required by applicable law ("Plan"). The Mayor and City Council are authorized and desire to amend the Plan as set forth in this Amendment, effective as of the dates specified below; provided, however, if a date is not specified, the provision shall be effective as of January 1, 2020.
- 1.2 **Superseding of inconsistent provisions.** Provisions of this Amendment apply notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan to the contrary. To further specify and not limit the foregoing sentence, this Amendment supersedes provisions of the Plan that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Amendment. Except as otherwise provided in this Amendment, terms defined in the Plan will have the same meaning in this Amendment.
- 1.3 **Numbering.** Except as otherwise provided in this Amendment, any use of "Article", "Section" or similar language in this Amendment is used for organizing the Amendment and not to reference to particular articles, sections, or parts of the Plan.
- 1.4 **Intention; Construction.** A principal purpose of this Amendment is to amend the Plan for changes to applicable requirements governing retirement plans maintained by employers ("Changes to Applicable Requirements"), including without limitation, changes to applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code") by the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (and specifically Divisions M and O of that Act, known as the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 and the Bipartisan American Miners Act of 2019), and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (2020). All provisions of the Plan shall be deemed amended and modified consistent with the provisions of this Amendment and Changes to Applicable Requirements, and shall be subject to any applicable regulations or other guidance, as currently in effect or as adopted or amended from time to time.
- 1.5 **Effect of subsequent restatement or amendment of Plan.** If the City restates the Plan, this Amendment shall remain in effect after such restatement unless the provisions in this Amendment are restated or otherwise become obsolete (e.g., if the Plan is restated and the restated plan document incorporates these provisions).

**ARTICLE 2
REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE**

- 2.1 **Application.** This Article 2 changes the applicable age for purposes of required minimum distributions ("RMDs") under Internal Revenue Code ("Code") Section 401(a)(9) from 70 ½ to 72 years of age. The changes made by this Article will apply to all plans, regardless of type, and shall be effective with regard to RMDs required to be made under Code Section 401(a)(9) after December 31, 2019, with respect to individuals who attain age 70 ½ after such date.
- 2.2 **Increase Age for Required Beginning Date to 72.** The required beginning date ("Required Beginning Date" or "RBD") for purposes of RMDs pursuant to Code Section 401(a)(9) shall be April 1 of the calendar year following the later of:
 - a. the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 72, or

b. the calendar year in which the Participant retires.

Provided, however, Section 2.2(b) shall not apply in the case of a Participant who is a 5% owner. For this purpose, a Participant will be treated as a 5% owner if the Participant was a 5-percent owner (as defined in Code §416)) with respect to the Plan Year ending in the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 72.

- 2.3 **Spousal Distributions.** Subject to any right under the Plan to elect the 10-Year Rule, if a Participant dies prior to the Participant's RBD and the Participant's sole Designated Beneficiary is the Participant's surviving spouse, then the RMDs to the surviving spouse will begin by December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant died, or by December 31 of the calendar year in which the Participant would have attained age 72, if later, provided the Plan, immediately before this Amendment, provided for delay of RMD to a surviving spouse to December 31 of the calendar year in which the Participant would have attained age 70½.
- 2.4 **Definitions.** Terms used in this Article shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Article, Amendment, or applicable provisions of Code Section 401(a)(9), regulations or other guidance.

ARTICLE 3 BENEFICIARY REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

- 3.1 **Application.** This Article 3 will apply to all plans other than Defined Benefit Plans. This Article will not apply to existing qualified annuities described in SECURE Act §401(b)(4)(B).
- 3.2 **Effective Date.** Except as otherwise provided in in this Article, this Article will apply to distributions with respect to Participants who die on or after (i) January 1, 2020, if the Plan is not a governmental or collectively bargained plan, (ii) January 1, 2022, if the Plan is a governmental plan (as defined in Code §414(d)), and (iii) the date determined in SECURE Act §401(b)(2), if the Plan is a collectively-bargained plan,. Section 3.5 provides special rules with respect to certain Accounts under the Plan of Participants who died before the Effective Date of this Article.
- 3.3 **Death before RBD.** If the Participant dies before the Participant's RBD, the Plan will distribute or commence distribution of the Participant's Vested Accrued Benefit not later than as follows:
- (a) **No Designated Beneficiary** If there is no Designated Beneficiary as of September 30 of the year following the calendar year of the Participant's death, the Beneficiary's entire interest will be distributed under the 5-Year Rule pursuant to Code Section 401(a)(9)(B)(ii) and applicable regulations and other guidance.
- (b) **Eligible Designated Beneficiary.** If the distributee of a Participant's Account under the Plan is an Eligible Designated Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's entire interest will be distributed under the Life Expectancy Rule pursuant to Code Section 401(a)(9)(B)(iii), subject to any election of the 10-Year Rule if allowed under the terms of the Plan. For purposes of such an election, if the Plan immediately before this Amendment provided for a right to elect between the 5-Year Rule and Life Expectancy Rule, such provisions are amended to provide for an Eligible Designated Beneficiary to elect the 10-Year Rule in lieu of the Life Expectancy Rule, and if elected, the 10-Year Rule shall apply with respect to distributions pursuant to this Section 3.3(b). In the absence of an election, the Plan's provisions with regard to the Life Expectancy Rule will apply. An election of the 10-Year Rule must be made no later than the earlier of December 31 of the calendar year in which distribution would be required to begin under the Life Expectancy Rule, or by December 31 of the calendar year which contains the tenth anniversary of the Participant's (or, if applicable, surviving spouse's) death.
- (c) **Other Designated Beneficiaries.** If the beneficiary of the Participant's Account under the Plan is a Designated Beneficiary who is not an Eligible Designated Beneficiary, then the beneficiary's entire interest will be distributed under the 10-Year Rule.

(d) **10-Year Rule.** If distribution of a deceased Participant's Account under the Plan is subject to the "10-Year Rule," then distribution of the Participant's entire Account will be completed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the tenth anniversary of the Participant's death..

3.4 **Death after RBD.** If the Participant dies on or after the Participant's RBD, the Participant's remaining interest will be distributed at least as rapidly as under the method of distribution being used as of the date of the participant's death using the Life Expectancy Rule, as and to the extent provided by applicable regulations and other guidance. If the Beneficiary is a Designated Beneficiary who is not an Eligible Designated Beneficiary, the Plan will distribute the remaining interest in full no later than December 31 of the tenth year following the year of the Participant's death.

3.5 **Beneficiary Death.** If an Eligible Designated Beneficiary receiving distributions under the Life Expectancy Rule dies before the Beneficiary's entire interest in the Participant's Account is distributed, the Plan will distribute the remainder of the Beneficiary's interest in full no later than December 31 of the 10th year following the year of the Eligible Designated Beneficiary's death. Similarly, if a Participant died before the Effective Date of this Article, and the Participant's designated beneficiary died after such Effective Date but prior to receiving full distribution of the beneficiary's interest, the Plan pursuant to SECURE Act §401(b)(5) will distribute that interest in full no later than December 31 of the tenth year following the year of the beneficiary's death.

3.6 **Age of Majority.** A child of the Participant who is receiving distributions under the Life Expectancy rule shall cease to be an Eligible Designated Beneficiary as of the date the child reaches the age of Majority and any remainder of the child's interest in the Participant's Account under the Plan shall be distributed within 10 years after that date, provided the child is not otherwise an Eligible Designated Beneficiary such as a disabled or chronically ill individual.

3.7 **Definitions; operating rules.** The following definitions and operating rules apply for this Article:

(a) An "**RMD**" is a Required Minimum Distribution as described in Code §401(a)(9).

(b) A Participant's "**RBD**" is the Participant's Required Beginning Date as described in Code §401(a)(9)(C) and the Plan and corresponding provisions of Article 2 of this Amendment.

(c) "**Designated Beneficiary**" means any individual who is designated by a Participant or Plan terms as a beneficiary of the Participant's Account under the Plan and who is a designated beneficiary under Code §401(a)(9) and applicable regulations or other guidance thereunder.

(d) "**Eligible Designated Beneficiary**" means a Designated Beneficiary of a Participant who is (1) the Participant's surviving spouse, (2) the Participant's child who has not reached the age of Majority, (3) disabled within the meaning of Code §72(m)(7), (4) chronically ill within the meaning of Code §7702B(c)(2), provided the requirements of subsection 7702B(c)(2)(A)(i) shall be treated as met if a certification is provided that, as of such date, the period of inability described in such subsection is an indefinite one which is reasonably expected to be lengthy in nature, or (5) any other individual who is not described in (1) through (4) of this Section 3.7(d) and is not more than 10 years younger than the Participant. Whether a Designated Beneficiary is an Eligible Designated Beneficiary shall be determined as of the date of the Participant's death. Certain trusts (or parts of certain trusts) may be treated as Eligible Designated Beneficiaries pursuant to Code §401(a)(9)(H)(iv) and (v).

(e) "**Majority**" for purposes of the "age of Majority" of a Participant's child shall be determined under Code §401(a)(9)(F) and applicable regulations or other guidance issued thereunder.

(f) The "**Life Expectancy Rule**" for distributing RMDs is described in Code §401(a)(9)(B)(iii) and is further described in the Plan.

(g) The "**5-Year Rule**" for distributing RMDs is described in Code §401(a)(9)(B)(ii) and is further described in the Plan.

(h) The “**10-Year Rule**” is described in Section 3.3(d).

(i) **Separate share rule.** A Participant’s Account under the Plan and a Beneficiary’s interest in that Account will be applied separately as provided in Code §401(a)(9)(H)(iv), or as provided by provisions of Treas. Reg. §1.401(a)(9)-8, Q&A 2 or 3 that are not contrary to Code §401(a)(9)(H)(iv) or other applicable laws or regulations.

ARTICLE 4

SUSPENSION OF 2020 RMDs; EXTENSION OF 5-YEAR RULE FOR RMDs – CARES §2203

4.1 **Application.** This Article applies only to defined contribution plans, which generally are retirement plans adopted by an employer pursuant to Code Section 401(a) or 403(b) that are not defined benefit plans. This Article does not apply to defined benefit plans. It is effective January 1, 2020 pursuant to Code Section 401(a)(9)(I).

4.2 **Suspension of 2020 RMDs; Extension of 5-Year Rule by One Year.**

(a) **Suspension of Required Minimum Distributions for 2020.** A Participant or Beneficiary who would have been required to receive required minimum distributions in 2020 (or paid in 2021 for the 2020 calendar year for a participant with a required beginning date of April 1, 2021) but for the enactment of Code Section 401(a)(9)(I) (“2020 RMDs”), and who would have satisfied that requirement by receiving distributions that are either (i) equal to the 2020 RMDs or (ii) one or more payments (that include the 2020 RMDs) in a series of substantially equal periodic payments made at least annually and expected to last for the life (or life expectancy) of the Participant, the joint lives (or joint life expectancy) of the Participant and the Participant’s Designated Beneficiary, or for a period of at least 10 years (“Extended 2020 RMDs”), will not receive those distributions for 2020 unless the Participant or Beneficiary, as the case may be, chooses to receive such distributions. Participants and Beneficiaries described in the preceding sentence will be given the opportunity to elect to receive the distributions described in the preceding sentence; and

(b) **Direct Rollovers.** For purposes of applying the direct rollover provisions of the Plan, a direct rollover will be offered only for distributions that would be eligible rollover distributions without regard to Code Section 401(a)(9)(I).

4.3 **Extension of 5-Year Rule.** The 5-year period described in Code Section 401(a)(9)(B)(ii) shall be determined without regard to calendar year 2020, resulting in an additional year to distribute RMDs under the 5-Year Rule, unless a beneficiary otherwise elects to the contrary. A beneficiary of an Applicable Participant Account may elect to include calendar year 2020 for purposes of the 5-Year Rule and not extend the deadline to distribute the account by an additional year. If a beneficiary fails to make an election to extend the distribution, calendar year 2020 will not be counted and the 5-Year Rule for RMDs of the Applicable Participant Account will be extended an additional year.

4.4 **Definitions.** The following definitions apply for this Article:

(a) “**RMDs**” means required minimum distributions described in Code §401(a)(9).

(b) The “**5-Year Rule**” for distributing RMDs is described in Code §401(a)(9)(B)(ii) and corresponding Plan provisions .

(c) “**Applicable Participant Account**” means the remaining account of a Participant who died during the years 2015-2019, to the extent the account is subject to the 5-Year Rule.

ARTICLE 5

UPDATED LIFE EXPECTANCY TABLES – TREAS. REG. §1.401(a)(9)-9

- 5.1 **Application.** This Article shall apply to all plans and is effective for distribution calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.
- 5.2 **New RMD Tables.** Any Plan provisions referencing or requiring use of any life expectancy table under Code Section 401(a)(9) or Treas. Reg. §1.401(a)(9) shall mean the tables published and adjusted from time to time under Treas. Reg. §1.401(a)(9)-9.

**ARTICLE 6
DIFFICULTY OF CARE PAYMENTS – SECURE §116**

- 6.1 **Application.** This Article will apply only if the Plan is a Defined Contribution Plan or a 403(b) Plan. It is effective for Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2015. For purposes of this Amendment, “Defined Contribution Plan” means a plan that is intended to satisfy the requirements of Code Section 401(a), except for a defined benefit plan.
- 6.2 **Inclusion in 415 Compensation.** Participant Compensation for purposes of determining the limit on annual additions under Code §415(c)(1)(B) shall include any Difficulty of Care Payments any Employer makes to a Participant. Any Difficulty of Care Payments shall be included for purposes of making any contributions or allocations under the Plan if the Plan expressly provides that Difficulty of Care Payments will be included for such purposes.
- 6.3 **Definition.** A “Difficulty of Care Payment” is a payment described in Code §131 made in connection with qualified foster individuals.

**ARTICLE 7
403(b) TERMINATION DISTRIBUTIONS – SECURE §110**

- 7.1 **Application.** This Article only shall apply to the Plan if it is intended to satisfy the requirements of Code Section 403(b) Plan. It is effective January 1, 2009.
- 7.2 **Custodial Accounts.** In connection with distributions upon termination of the Plan, the Plan may treat the delivery of a custodial account as a distribution, pursuant to Rev. Rul. 2020-23.

**ARTICLE 8
OTHER**

- I. Subsection 7.12.1(c) of the Plan is deleted and replaced in its entirety with following:

“(c) Distributee: A distributee includes an Employee or former Employee. In addition, the Employee’s or former Employee’s surviving spouse and the Employee’s or former Employee’s spouse or former spouse who is the alternate payee under a qualified domestic relations order, as defined in Code Section 414(p), are distributees with regard to the interest of the spouse or former spouse. Effective for distributions on or after January 1, 2008, a distributee also includes the Participant’s nonspouse Beneficiary designated under the Plan. In the case of a nonspouse designated Beneficiary, the direct rollover may be made only to a traditional IRA or Roth IRA established on behalf of the nonspouse designated Beneficiary and treated as an inherited IRA pursuant to Code section 402(c)(11).”

This Amendment is hereby executed this _____ day of _____ 2022.

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, a Nebraska municipality

By: _____
Roger Steele, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 9907

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN AND TRUST; TO AUTHORIZE FURTHER ACTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, HALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Nebraska Statutes, Sections 16-1020 through and including 16-1042, the City of Grand Island maintains the City of Grand Island, Nebraska Firefighters' Retirement System Plan and Trust embodied in plan documents including an adoption agreement and basic plan document constituting an integral part thereof, as well as various amendments required by applicable law ("Plan").

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Council are authorized and desire to amend the Plan for recent statutory changes, as set forth in the amendment presented with this Ordinance titled "AMENDMENT (2022) SECURE, Bipartisan American Miners & CARES Act" ("Amendment").

SECTION 3. The Mayor and City Council do hereby approve and adopt said Amendment, effective on the date(s) set forth therein.

SECTION 4. The Mayor is authorized to execute said Amendment on behalf of the City, and the City Administrator is authorized and directed to provide the same to the Trustee (for its written acceptance, if determined necessary or appropriate), and if directed in this Ordinance or otherwise determined necessary or advisable, to cause said Amendment to be submitted, together with such supporting data as may be necessary or advisable and applicable application fee, to the Internal Revenue Service for ruling as to whether the same complies with the pertinent provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and, in particular, Sections 401(a) and 501(a) thereof, with authority to make any changes in or to the Amendment and other Plan documents and take such further actions as the City Administrator determines necessary or appropriate to obtain a favorable ruling or maintain the qualified status of the Plan.

SECTION 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances as previously enacted to the extent in conflict with this Ordinance or any part hereof are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Mayor and City Council hereby declare that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact

Approved as to Form	□ _____
November 18, 2022	□ City Attorney

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that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Enacted: November 22, 2022.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk