

### Actuarial Audit of Fire and Police Pension Fund

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### Requirement

- State law [802.1012 Government Code] requires an actuarial audit of public retirement systems with total assets of at least \$100 million
  - Every five years, the actuarial valuations, studies, and reports of a public retirement system must be audited (Type I or Type II) by an independent actuary
  - City selected GRS to conduct at Type I actuarial audit
  - Segal Consulting is the retained actuary for SAFPPF
- Actuary submits the final audit report to the governmental entity to post on the agenda for presentation
- Governmental entity submits a copy of the final audit report to the public retirement system [SAFPPF] and State Pension Review Board (PRB)



# Type I Audit

- Replicated January 1, 2018 actuarial valuation of SAFPPF
  - Based on same assumptions, methods and census data
- Reviewed all aspects of actuarial valuation
  - Appropriateness and application of actuarial assumptions and methods
  - Determination of actuarial valuation results
  - Adherence with Actuarial Standards of Practice and Texas
    PRB Guidelines





### Recommendations

- Noted eight recommendations as part of our review
  - Four regarding Actuarial Assumptions
    - Discontinue disability incidence rate after 21 years of service
    - Clarify rationale for modifications to base mortality table
    - Monitor inflation assumptions closely to comply with ASOP No. 27
    - Next experience study consider suggested approaches for termination rates and salary increases
  - One regarding Actuarial Methods and Funding Policy
    - Align actuary's "recommended contribution" with maximum amortization period of 20-years per Board Funding policy





## Recommendations (continued)

- Two regarding Actuarial Valuation Results
  - Update projected compensation to reflect stated assumptions for salary increases to project plan benefits
    - Grant Thornton's \$20.6M proposed audit adjustment to the 2018 Net Pension Liability
  - Consider estimate of new entrant loss into calculations of recommended contribution and amortization period
- One regarding Content of Valuation Report
  - Incorporate enhancements noted in Section F to more closely adhere with ASOP Nos. 4 and 41
    - Better describe form of payment; 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> checks; and additional assumptions such as timing of decrements, pay increases, payments and annual COLAs



## Conclusion

- Based on our review, the actuarial valuation, studies, and reports of SAFPPF are:
  - reasonable,
    - Used appropriate assumptions and
    - Adhered to Actuarial Standards of Practice and Texas PRB Pension Funding Guidelines
- Segal indicated they will implement several of these recommendations in the SAFPPF's 2019 actuarial report

