

# City of Pittsburgh Municipal Pension Fund

Actuarial Valuation as of January 1, 2021

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#### I. Introduction

In accordance with the City's request, we have completed an actuarial valuation of the Municipal Pension Fund (the Plan) as of January 1, 2021. The valuation was based on personnel data as supplied by the City and on financial data as supplied by the City's auditor. The valuation results are presented in this report.

This report relies on a model to determine liabilities which require forecasting into the future. To the best of our knowledge, this report, including the model used, is complete and accurate and all costs and liabilities have been determined in conformance with generally accepted actuarial principles and on the basis of actuarial assumptions and methods which are reasonable (taking into account past experience under the plan and reasonable expectations) and which represent our best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

#### Act 205

The Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Fund Funding Standard and Recovery Act was signed into law as Act 205 of 1984. As required, we have prepared the January 1, 2021 valuation and this report thereon in accordance with the provisions of Act 205. For the 2021 filing period, the actuarial valuation reporting forms are required to be submitted to the Municipal Pension Reporting Program by March 31, 2022.

#### **Preamble**

Please read the Preamble to the report very carefully. It contains important general information and concepts. It also explains how the results of the January 1, 2021 valuation, as published in this report, normally form the basis for the Plan's 2023 and 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO).

## Changes in Actuarial Assumptions and Plan Provisions Since the Last (1/1/2019) Valuation

The actuarial assumptions have been updated to reflect the changes detailed in the most recent experience study for the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020. This includes updates to the assumed rate of return, mortality rates, salary scale, retirement rates, disability rates, termination rates, and asset smoothing method. Retirement rates were adjusted from the experience study to reflect recently changed plan provisions

Newly hired non-represented Municipal employees or those hired after June 29, 2004 who elect to increase their employee contributions will no longer have a Social Security offset applied to their benefit.

Other important results and products of the January 1, 2021 valuation are presented in the Actuarial, Financial and Demographic Exhibits which make up the bulk of the report.



#### Certification

Assumptions used for the valuation were selected by the City based on a completed experience study through December 31, 2020 and adjusted to reflect the change in plan benefits. We believe the assumptions are reasonable and appropriate for this valuation.

The report was prepared under our supervision. We are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### II. Preamble

#### The Plan

The City of Pittsburgh sponsors a defined benefit pension plan for its City Municipal Employees known as the Municipal Pension Fund. A summary of the Plan's provisions is set forth in <u>Appendix B</u> of this report. The Plan is subject to the funding and reporting requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (Act 205 of 1984, or Act 205). Act 205 requires that an actuarial valuation of the Plan be performed every other year. Actuarial valuations are performed for the Plan as of January 1 of each odd-numbered year. The January 1, 2021 valuation would normally form the basis for the Plan's 2023 and 2024 Financial Requirements and the City's 2023 and 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO).

#### **MMO** Reporting Deadline

For a particular year, the City's Chief Administrative Officer must report the Plan's Financial Requirements and the City's MMO to the City Council by the last business day in September of the year preceding the particular year in question. Thus, the Plan's Financial Requirements and the City's MMO for 2023 are required to be reported to City Council by September 30, 2022.

#### **Financial Requirements**

The Plan's 2022 Financial Requirements would normally consist of the following elements:

**Normal Cost.** This is the cost of benefits allocated to the year 2022 under the Plan's actuarial cost method and the methodology of Act 205. It would normally be determined by multiplying the Normal Cost Rate as determined in the 2019 valuation by an estimate of 2021 W-2 wages of Plan members.

**Administrative Expenses.** This is an estimate of the administrative expenses of the Plan expected to be paid from Plan assets in 2022 and would normally be determined by multiplying the Administrative Expense Rate as determined in the 2019 valuation by the estimate of 2021 W-2 wages of Plan members.

Amortization Requirement (if applicable). This would normally be determined in the 2019 valuation and is the amount required to amortize the Plan's Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as of January 1, 2019 over the number of years prescribed under Act 205 as amended by Act 44 of 2009.



## II. Preamble (continued)

#### Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)

The City's MMO for 2022 is set equal to the Plan's Financial Requirements for 2022 less the sum of estimated member contributions for 2022 less, if applicable, a funding adjustment equal to 10% of the Plan's surplus with regard to accrued liabilities. The actual contribution that the City would be required to make in 2022 would be the 2022 MMO less State Aid deposited in the Plan in 2022.

As shown on page 5, the City's 2022 MMO is \$15,226,736, prior to reflecting the receipt of any State Aid.

#### **Actuarially Recommended Contribution (ARC)**

One of the cost components of the Minimum Municipal Obligation is an amortization payment calculated according to rules prescribed in Act 205. The minimum amortization under Act 205 reflects the utilization of provisions of Act 82 of 1998 for which the City qualified. Under those provisions, the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as of January 1, 1998 is being amortized over 40 years calculated pursuant to special procedures (described in Appendix C: Glossary). Bases for subsequent years are established according to the normal procedures of Act 205 and amortized over various periods according to the source of the change in unfunded liability such as experience gains or losses, benefit changes, and assumption changes. These periods are not limited by average future service because the City qualifies for Distress Level II (funded ratio more than 50% but less than 70%) according to the requirements under Act 205.

Since the Act 82 amortization methodology does not result in an actuarially appropriate funding level, this report also presents and Actuarially Recommended Contribution (ARC) reflecting a recommended amortization payment. The ARC is based on a 30-year "fresh start" amortization payment commencing as of January 1, 2011 and additional amortization bases added thereafter according to the normal procedures of Act 205.

As shown on page 5, the City's 2022 ARC is \$19,189,644, prior to reflecting the receipt of any State Aid.



## III. City's Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2022

1.	Estimated 2021 W-2 Wages of Active Members	\$ 104,017,019
2.	Normal Cost Rate (from 2019 valuation)	7.7938%
3.	Administrative Expense Rate (from 2019 valuation)	0.7460%
4.	Normal Cost for 2022: (1) x (2)	\$ 8,106,878
5.	Administrative Expense for 2022: (1) x (3)	775,967
6.	Amortization Requirement (from 2019 valuation)	10,670,999
7.	Plan's 2022 Financial Requirements: (4) + (5) + (6)	\$ 19,553,844
8.	Estimated 2022 Member Contributions	4,327,108
9.	Funding Adjustment	N/A
10.	City's 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation: (7) - (8) - (9)	\$ 15,226,736*

## City's Actuarially Recommended Contribution (ARC) for 2022

1.	City's 2022 MMO (line 10 above)		\$ 15,226,736
2.	a) Actuarially Recommended Amortization Payment (from 2019 valuation)	\$14,633,907	
	b) Amortization Requirements for MMO (from 2019 valuation)	\$10,670,999	
3.	Difference in Amortization: (2a) – (2b)		\$ 3,962,908
4.	City's Actuarially Recommended Contribution for 2022: (1) + (3)		\$ <u>19,189,644*</u>

As shown above, the difference between the MMO and ARC is the difference between the required amortization (MMO) and the recommended amortization (ARC).

<sup>\*</sup>City's actual contribution will be equal to the MMO/ARC <u>less</u> the actual amount of State Aid received in 2022.



## IV. Valuation Highlights

		1/1/2021		1/1/2019
Funding				
Present Value of Benefits	\$	504,045,223	\$	445,359,347
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$	431,720,531	\$	388,411,894
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$	286,646,044	\$	240,346,840
Funding Ratio		66.40%		61.88%
Market Value of Assets	\$	286,646,044	\$	223,576,031
Demographic Total Active Total Pensionable Compensation Average Annual Pensionable Compensation	\$ \$	1,826 102,262,738 56,004	\$ \$	1,767 83,458,398 47,232
Total In-Payment Status Retirement Total Retirement Benefits Average Annual Benefit	\$ \$	1,359 25,730,952 18,934	\$ \$	1,366 23,264,811 17,031
Disabled Total Disabled Benefits Average Annual Benefit	\$ \$	203 3,392,254 16,711	\$ \$	217 3,225,979 14,866
Survivor Total Survivor Benefits Average Annual Benefit	\$ \$	123 1,041,423 8,467	\$ \$	108 854,752 7,914
Total Deferred		88		59
Cost Components				
Normal Cost as percentage of total payroll		7.8138%		7.7938%
Administrative Expense as percentage of total payroll		0.6119%		0.7460%
Minimum Amortization Payment for MMO	\$	12,056,129	\$	10,670,999
Actuarially Recommended Amortization Payment for ARC	\$	15,508,101	\$	14,633,907



### V. Actuarial Exhibits

### **Exhibit A-1: Normal Cost of Plan Benefits**

	Normal Cost Expressed As A			
Type of Plan Benefit	Dollar Amount	% of 2020 W-2 Wages		
Retirement	\$ 7,048,854	6.1019%		
Disability	524,629	0.4542		
Survivor	115,133	0.0997		
Refund of Member Contributions	648,821	0.5617		
Medicare Premium	11,525	0.0100		
Vested Terminations	677,398	0.5864		
Sub Total	\$ 9,026,360	7.8138%		
Estimated Average Administrative Fees for 2018 and 2019	706,852	0.6119%		
Grand Total	\$ 9,733,212	8.4257%		

#### NOTES:

- 1. The normal cost for Plan Benefits is the portion of total Plan liabilities for current active members assigned to a particular plan year in accordance with the Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method, and the actuarial assumptions described in Appendix A.
- 2. In accordance with Act 205 the administrative expenses of the Plan (actuarial, legal, investment, etc.) may be paid from Plan assets.
- 3. 2020 W-2 wages for the Plan's 1,826 active members as of 1/1/2021 was \$115,518,285.



## Exhibit A-2: Actuarial Accrued Liability as of January 1, 2021

1.	Present Value of Benefits of Active Members		
	(a) Retirement Benefits	\$	210,274,076
	(b) Disability Benefits		9,361,744
	(c) Survivor Benefits		2,737,038
	(d) Refund of Member Contributions		3,997,214
	(e) Medicare Premium		1,741,038
	(f) Vested Termination		9,621,319
	(g) Total	\$	237,732,429
2.	Present Value of Benefits of Deferred Vested Benefits	\$	11,584,141
3.	Member Refunds Due and Unpaid	\$	0
4.	Present Value of Benefits of Benefit Recipients		
	(a) Retirement Benefits	\$	217,131,229
	(b) Disability Benefits		27,742,798
	(c) Surviving Spouse Benefits		9,854,626
	(d) Surviving Child Benefits		0
	(e) Other		0
	(f) Total	\$	254,728,653
5.	Present Value of Other Plan Benefits	\$	0
6.	Present Value of All Plan Benefits: (1.g) + (2) + (3) + (4.f) + (5)	\$	504,045,223
7.	Present Value of Future Normal Costs	\$	72,324,692
8.	Actuarial Accrued Liability at 1/1/2021: (6) - (7)	\$	431,720,531
:	* The amount of accumulated active member contributions without interest as of Janu \$32,963,343.	uary 1	1, 2021 is



## Exhibit A-3: Unfunded Actuarial Liability as of January 1, 2021

As of January 1, 2021, the Plan had an Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) since the Actuarial Value of Plan Assets did not exceed the Plan's Actuarial Accrued Liability, as follows:

1 Actuarial Accrued Liability at 1/1/2021 (Exhibit A-2)	\$ 431,720,531
2 Actuarial Value of Assets at 1/1/2021 (Exhibit F-1)	 286,646,044
3 UAAL at 1/1/2021: (1) - (2)	\$ 145,074,487

## Analysis of Change in the Plan's Unfunded Actuarial Liability from January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2021

1.	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability at 1/1/2019	\$ 148,065,054
2.	Normal Cost (including expenses) due 1/1/2019	7,208,200
3.	Normal Cost (including expenses) due 1/1/2020	7,848,291
4.	Net interest to 1/1/2021	22,453,145
5.	Total Expected Contributions with interest through 1/1/21	(39,815,500)
6.	Increase (decrease) due to change in assumptions	726,439
7.	Increase (decrease) due to Plan amendments	9,277,110
8.	Expected Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability at 1/1/2021	\$ 155,762,738
9.	Net actuarial loss (gain) for 2019 and 2020	(10,688,251)
10.	Actual Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability at 1/1/2021	\$ 145,074,487



## Exhibit A-4: Development of Actuarial (Gain)/Loss from January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020

1.	(Gain)/Loss on Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ (4,505,649)
2.	(Gain)/Loss on Demographics	9,995,672
3.	(Gain)/Loss on Contributions (in excess of expected MMOs with interest)	 (16,178,274)*
4.	2019/2020 Total (Gain)/Loss	(10,688,251)**

<sup>\*</sup>Contribution (gain)/loss over expected ARCs was \$(8,204,230).

<sup>\*\*</sup>Total loss on ARC amortization for the period was \$4,248,758.



## Exhibit A-5: Costs to Amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability

## a. Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability

Source	Original Amount	Year Establishe d	Target Year		Unamortized Balance		Annual Amortization Amount
Initial	\$ 53,226,758	1998	2037	\$	92,346,785	\$	3,132,592
Ben. Mod Actives	\$ 15,075,742	2002	2021	\$	1,413,385	\$	1,413,385
Investment Loss	\$ 15,617,085	2002	2032	\$	10,028,603	\$	1,180,020
Assumption Change	\$ (5,300,394)	2003	2022	\$	(954,879)	\$	(493,585)
Ben. Mod Actives	\$ 6,262,573	2003	2022	\$	1,128,219	\$	583,186
Investment Loss	\$ 20,777,261	2003	2032	\$	13,812,687	\$	1,625,275
Assumption Change	\$ (55,417)	2005	2024	\$	(18,485)	\$	(5,100)
Ben. Mod Actives	\$ 7,325,991	2005	2024	\$	2,443,590	\$	674,221
Experience Gain	\$ (3,323,763)	2007	2021	\$	(353,784)	\$	(353,784)
Assumption Change	\$ (9,457,779)	2009	2028	\$	(5,443,761)	\$	(852,014)
Experience Loss	\$ 40,849,981	2009	2028	\$	23,512,663	\$	3,680,012
Experience Gain	\$ (56,098,421)	2011	2030	\$	(37,742,366)	\$	(5,022,116)
Assumption Change	\$ 31,572,286	2013	2027	\$	18,875,028	\$	3,273,198
Experience Gain	\$ (6,447,817)	2013	2032	\$	(4,876,976)	\$	(573,851)
Experience Loss	\$ 14,589,666	2015	2034	\$	12,113,153	\$	1,294,465
Assumption Change	\$ 12,558,768	2017	2031	\$	10,374,118	\$	1,292,954
Experience Loss	\$ 2,152,962	2017	2036	\$	1,925,239	\$	190,468
Experience Loss	\$ 3,960,401	2019	2038	\$	3,765,586	\$	349,857
Experience Gain	\$ (7,277,867)	2021	2040	\$	(7,277,867)	\$	(642,037)
Plan Change	\$ 9,277,110	2021	2030	\$	9,277,110	\$	1,234,441
Assumption Changes	\$ 726,439	2021	2035	\$_	726,439	\$_	74,541
Total				\$	145,074,487	\$	12,056,129

## b. Recommended Amortization for Actuarially Recommended Contribution (ARC)

The following amortization schedule was established with the January 1, 2011 actuarial valuation to develop a more appropriate amortization of the Plan's unfunded liability.

Source	Original Amount	Year Established	Target Year	Unamortized Balance		Annual Amortization Amount
Initial	\$ 95,641,110	2011	2040	\$ 82,500,199	\$	7,277,977
Experience Loss	\$ (3,290,204)	2013	2032	\$ (2,488,632)	\$	(292,826)
Assumption Change	\$ 31,572,286	2013	2027	\$ 18,875,028	\$	3,273,198
Experience Loss	\$ 17,989,040	2015	2034	\$ 14,935,500	\$	1,596,074
Experience Loss	\$ 5,318,956	2017	2036	\$ 4,756,359	\$	470,558
Assumption Change	\$ 12,558,768	2017	2031	\$ 10,374,118	\$	1,292,954
Experience Loss	\$ 9,289,531	2019	2038	\$ 8,832,574	\$	820,625
Experience Gain	\$ (2,714,208)	2021	2040	\$ (2,714,208)	\$	(239,441)
Plan Change	\$ 9,277,110	2021	2030	\$ 9,277,110	\$	1,234,441
Assumption Changes	\$ 726,439	2021	2035	\$ 726,439	\$_	74,541
Total				\$ 145,074,487	\$	15,508,101



#### VI. Financial Exhibits

## Exhibit F-1: Pension Plan Assets at Fair Market Value as of January 1, 2021

Asset Description	Fair	Market Value
Investments in City of Pittsburgh Aggregated Pension Trust	\$	209,879,757
Parking tax revenue receivable	\$	76,766,287
Total	\$	286,646,044
Note: Accounting Method is Accrual Basis		

#### Actuarial Value of Assets as of January 1, 2021

The Actuarial Value of Assets as of January 1, 2021 is determined in accordance with the method described in Appendix A, but has been set to the market value in the initial year of implementation.



## VI. Financial Exhibits (continued)

Exhibit F-2: Asset Reconciliation January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020

			Year Begini	ning	January 1
		_	2019		2020
1.	Market Value at January 1	\$	223,576,031	\$	251,360,473
2.	Revenues During Year				
	a) Member Contributions	\$	3,887,193	\$	4,241,764
	b) Municipal Contributions - State Aid Portion		9,868,733		9,036,834
	c) Municipal Contribution - Local Portion*		8,163,387		12,101,986
	d) Interest on Late City Contributions		0		0
	e) Parking-tax contribution		6,120,858		6,120,858
	f) Dividends and Interest		2,343,585		1,913,667
	g) Net Appreciation		27,090,159		21,493,722
	h) Net Realized Capital Gains		0		0
	i) Net Unrealized Capital Gains		0		0
	j) Other Revenues		2,233		10,111,900
	k) Adjustment	_	0		0
	I) Total Revenues	\$	57,476,148	\$	65,020,731
3.	Expenses During Year				
	a) Benefit Payments*	\$	27,895,390	\$	28,549,944
	b) Contributions Withdrawn		1,012,299		493,918
	c) Administrative Costs		784,017		691,298
	d) Net Realized Capital Losses		0		0
	e) Net Unrealized Capital Losses		0		0
	f) Other Expenses	_	0		0
	g) Total Expenses	\$	29,691,706	\$	29,735,160
4.	Market Value at December 31: (1) + (2.I) - (3.g)	\$	251,360,473	\$	286,646,044
	Total Investment Growth During Year	\$	29,433,744	\$	23,407,389
	Average Assets on Deposit During Year	\$	222,751,380	\$	257,299,564
	Approximate Annual Rate of Return	*	13.21%	*	9.10%

<sup>\*</sup>Excludes pass-through contributions of \$1,776,108 in 2019 and \$1,610,072 in 2020.



## VI. Financial Exhibits (continued)

## Exhibit F-3: Administrative Costs Paid from Pension Plan During 2019 and 2020

Туре	2019	_	2020
Administrative Expense	\$ 473,972	\$	388,244
Investment Expense	310,045	_	303,054
Total	\$ 784,017	\$	691,298



## VII. Demographic Exhibits

## Exhibit D-1: Active Members Demographic Data as of January 1, 2021

	Number
1. Active members @ 1/1/2019	1,767
2. New entrants	409
3. Separations from active service	
a) Refund of contributions	189
b) Separation with deferred benefit	41
c) Separation with neither refund or deferred benefit	3
d) Disability	4
e) Death	
f) Retirement with service retirement benefit	113
g) Total separations	350
4. Active members @ 1/1/2021: (1) + (2) - (3.g)	1,826



## VII. Demographic Exhibits (continued)

## Exhibit D-2: Benefit Recipients Demographic Data as of January 1, 2021

		Number
1.	Benefit recipients @ 1/1/2019	1,691
2.	New benefit recipients (including beneficiaries)	162
3.	Terminations	
	a) Death	165
	b) Other	3
	c) Total Terminations	168
4.	Benefit recipients @ 1/1/2021: (1) + (2) - (3.c)	1,685*

<sup>\*</sup>includes 123 beneficiaries and 203 disabled



### Appendix A

## **Summary of Economic and Demographic Actuarial Assumptions and Cost Method**

- I. Economic Actuarial Assumptions
  - A. Interest. 7.00% per annum compounded annually
  - **B.** Salary Scale. 4.5% per annum compounded annually (includes inflation)
  - C. Inflation. 2.75% per annum compounded annually
  - D. Social Security Benefits.

Active Participants. Offset based on social security law in 2021

Retired Participants. Offset based on actual benefit at age 65 or older

- **E. Medicare Premiums.** For 2021, new enrollees are \$148.50 per month and is assumed to increase 5.0% per year
- F. Actuarial Value of Assets The actuarial value of assets is developed by recognizing the difference between the expected actuarial value of assets and the market value of assets over a six-year period. The expected actuarial value is last year's actuarial value brought forward to reflect actual contributions, benefit payments and expenses, and assumed investment income. Each year, 16.67 percent of the difference between this expected value and the market value is recognized in determining the current actuarial value of assets with the remaining 83.33 percent to be recognized over the next five years.

As of the 1/1/2021 valuation, the market value of assets was set to the actuarial value of assets.

**G.** Administrative Expenses: Administrative expenses payable from Plan assets during the year beginning on the valuation date are assumed to equal 104.5% of such expenses in the preceding year.

#### **II. Demographic Actuarial Assumptions**

*Mortality.* General Pub-2010 amount weighted table with generational projection using MP2020. The adjusted rates are based on the following:

- a. *Active Participants*. General Pub-2010 amount weighted table with base rates set forward 3 years and generational projection using MP2020.
- Retired/Term Vested Participants. General Pub-2010 amount weighted table with base rates set forward 3 years and generational projection using MP2020.
- c. *Disability Retirees*. Disabled Pub-2010 amount weighted table with generational projection using MP2020.
- d. *Surviving Beneficiaries*. Contingent Annuitant Pub-2010 amount weighted table with generational projection using MP2020.



## Appendix A (continued)

## **Summary of Economic and Demographic Actuarial Assumptions and Cost Method (continued)**

#### Disablement.

Sample Rates						
Age	Male	Female				
30	0.02%	0.03%				
40	0.06%	0.11%				
50	0.17%	0.21%				
60	0.50%	0.38%				

#### Withdrawal.

Sample Rates					
Years of Service					
Age	<6	6+			
20	15.25%	8.20%			
25	14.85%	7.98%			
30	14.28%	7.67%			
35	13.36%	7.18%			
40	11.90%	6.40%			
45	9.75%	5.24%			
50	6.48%	4.01%			
55	2.38%	1.478%			
60	0.22%	0.14%			

#### Retirement.

Non-Emergency Employees:

Non Emergency Employees:							
Age	<20 Years of Svc	20+ Years of Svc	Age	<20 Years of Svc	20+ Years of Svc		
50-54	2.0%	2.0%	65	20.0%	20.0%		
55-57	2.5%	2.5%	66	30.0%	20.0%		
58-59	2.5%	5.0%	67-69	40.0%	20.0%		
60	6.5%	12.0%	70-74	50.0%	30.0%		
61-64	10.0%	20.0%	75+	100.0%	100.0%		

Non-Emergency Non-Represented Employees:

	3 7				
Age	<20 Years of Svc	20+ Years of Svc	Age	<20 Years of Svc	20+ Years of Svc
50-54	2.0%	2.0%	65	30.0%	30.0%
55-57	2.5%	2.5%	66	40.0%	30.0%
58-59	2.5%	5.0%	67-69	50.0%	30.0%
60	6.5%	12.0%	70-74	55.0%	35.0%
61	10.0%	20.0%	75+	100.0%	100.0%
62-64	15.0%	25.0%			



## Appendix A (continued)

## **Summary of Economic and Demographic Actuarial Assumptions and Cost Method (continued)**

**Emergency Medical Services Employees:** 

Age	
50-54	3.0%
55	24.0%
56-61	12.0%
62-64	24.0%
65	100.0%

*Marital Status.* 80% of male participants and 65% of female participants are assumed to be married with female spouses assumed to be two years younger.

#### **III. Cost Method**

Liabilities and costs were determined by the Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method.

#### Changes in Assumptions Since the Last (1/1/2019) Valuation

The actuarial assumptions have been updated to reflect the changes detailed in the most recent experience study for the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020. This includes updates to the assumed rate of return, mortality rates, salary scale, retirement rates, disability rates, termination rates, and asset smoothing method. Retirement rates were adjusted from the experience study to reflect recently changed plan provisions for non-represented employees. All eligible members are assumed to elect the removal of the Social Security offset.



## Appendix B

## Summary of Plan Provisions as of January 1, 2021

The Summary of Plan Provisions below is included to clarify the basis of our actuarial valuation and is not meant to govern the operation of the Plan. The summary represents our understanding of the benefits provided by the Plan, based upon documentation provided by the Plan Sponsor and our understanding of the way in which the Plan Sponsor operates the Plan.

Plan Year. Twelve-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31

Plan Established. May 28, 1915

#### **Principal Definitions**

*Member*. Any full-time employee of the City of Pittsburgh or full-time employee of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority hired before January 1, 2019. Employees of the City Bureau of Police or Firefighters are not eligible for participation in the Municipal Plan.

**Retirement Benefit Commencement Date**. Assumed to be the first day of the month coincident with or next following eligibility for and election to retire

#### Service Increment.

 Additional monthly benefit of 1.0% of average compensation for each completed year of service in excess of 20 years to a maximum of \$100

**Service**. Completed years of service calculated from date of plan membership through date of retirement or severance

**Normal Form of Payment.** Monthly pension benefit payable for life

#### **Participation Requirements**

Entry Date. Date of hire, following 90-day probationary period

#### Compensation

Base wages plus "acting" or "in-grade" pay

#### **Average Compensation**

- Compensation averaged over the highest consecutive 36-month period, over the previous 60 months prior to retirement or severance
- For members hired after December 31, 1987, compensation averaged over the 4year period prior to retirement or severance

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## Appendix B (continued)

## **Summary of Plan Provisions (continued)**

#### **Normal Retirement**

#### Eligibility.

- For Emergency Medical Services Employees Later of age 55 or completion of 8 vears of service
- For all other Employees Later of age 60 or completion of 8 years of service

#### Monthly Benefit.

- Equal to 50% of average compensation plus service increment, if any
- Prorated for service less than 20 years
- Upon reaching Social Security Normal Retirement Age, benefit is reduced by 50% of social security benefit (offset). This reduction does not apply to all PWSA employees or EMS employees hired on or after January 1, 2006. City non-union employees and union employees, whose union negotiated to eliminate the offset, who were hired on or before June 29, 2004 or those hired after June 29, 2004 who elect to increase their employee contributions in order to remove the offset, will not be subject.

#### **Late Retirement**

*Eligibility.* Employment beyond normal retirement

**Amount of Benefit**. Normal retirement benefit based upon average compensation as calculated at actual retirement

#### **Early Retirement**

*Eligibility.* Later of age 50 or completion of 8 years of service

#### Amount of Benefit.

- Normal retirement benefit based upon average compensation as calculated at actual retirement
- May be deferred to age 60 or paid immediately, reduced by ½ percent per month for each month that payment commences prior to age 60



## Appendix B (continued)

## **Summary of Plan Provisions (continued)**

#### **Disability**

#### Eligibility.

- Permanent disablement from performing duties required in line of duty or
- Permanent disablement (not in line of duty) after completing 8 years of service

**Benefit Amount**. Normal retirement benefit at time of disablement, not prorated for years less than 20. For participants hired after December 31, 1974, the benefit is offset for social security benefit upon reaching age 65. The reduction shall not exceed 50% of the total benefit

#### Benefit Commencement Date.

- First day of calendar month following determination of disablement, and
- Continuing for the duration of disability prior to normal retirement date and life thereafter

#### Vesting

- Attainment of age 40 and completion of 8 years of service
- Normal retirement benefit if contributions continue to age 50
- Benefit deferred to age 60, a benefit reduced for early retirement may be elected at age 50

#### **Death Benefits**

- For death after early retirement eligibility, 50% of pension that would have been payable if member retired on date of death, payable to surviving spouse
- For death before early retirement eligibility, return of member's accumulated contributions to beneficiary

#### **Supplemental Medical**

- Only employees hired prior to January 1, 1988 are eligible
- Eligible retired members and spouses will receive an additional monthly benefit equal to coverage premium



## Appendix B (continued)

## **Summary of Plan Provisions (continued)**

#### **Employee Contributions**

- 5.0% of compensation if hired prior to January 1, 1988; 4.0% if hired on or after January 1, 1998; 6.0% if elect to remove the Social Security offset
- For non-union employees and members of unions that negotiated for interest credit, who were hired before June 29, 2004 with the exception of the Fraternal Association of Professional Paramedics and Teamsters Local 249 members hired after July 1, 2004, shall receive 5.0% interest per annum
- 5.0% of compensation for newly hired non-union employees or those electing to remove the Social Security offset

### **Changes Since Last (1/1/2019) Valuation**

Newly hired non-represented Municipal employees or those hired after June 29, 2004 who elect to increase their employee contributions will no longer have a Social Security offset applied to their benefit.



### Appendix C

### **Glossary**

**Accrued Benefit.** The portion of the participant's retirement that is attributable to service completed before the calculation date. The calculation typically uses actual service as of the calculation date and may involve other factors such as average pay at the determination date and projected service through the retirement eligibility date.

**Act 205 of 1984.** Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act of December 18, 1984, P.L. 1005, No. 205. The Act control pension funding in Pennsylvania. This Act also provides for reporting of actuarial information and for a recovery program for qualifying municipalities.

**Actuarial Accrued Liability**. This is the plan's liability for all benefits accrued as of the valuation date. It includes the liability for all benefits currently payable to retired members (since such benefits are 100% accrued) plus the liability for benefits accrued by active members as of the valuation date, i.e., future benefit accruals, are not included.

**Actuarial Assumptions**. Factors used by the actuary to forecast future events. These factors include items relating to future economic conditions, the survival of the participants and their beneficiaries, and the length of employment.

**Actuarial Cost Method**. A means of assigning costs to periods of employment. This method is used to determine a funding level that will provide sufficient assets to pay benefits for each participant upon retirement. Act 205 specifies that the entry age normal cost method, as described in the Act, should be used for this determination.

**Actuarial Experience Gain or Loss**. The effect on the actuarial accrued liability of differences between events as predicted by the actuarial assumptions and those that actually occurred. This difference can increase or decrease the contribution in future years.

**Actuarial Present Value**. The lump sum value that is equivalent to an expected series of future payments. This value is determined by using the actuarial assumptions. An actuarial present value, as of the valuation date, represents the amount of funds that would be sufficient to provide the series of payments, if experience precisely matches the actuarial assumptions.

**Actuarial Value of Assets**. The value of current plan assets which is used by the actuary to evaluate the current funding status and determine future funding requirements. Under Act 205, a corridor limitation requires that this value be between 80 to 120 percent of the fair market value of the assets.

**Administrative Expenses**. This is an estimate of the administrative expenses that will be paid from plan assets. The average of the actual administrative expenses for the year preceding the valuation year and estimated administrative expenses for the valuation year is expressed as a percentage of active members' total payroll and this percentage is used to determine the plan's estimated administrative expense for the two years following the valuation year.



## Appendix C (continued)

## **Glossary (continued)**

**Amortization Payment**. The annual payment required to eventually eliminate the unfunded actuarial accrued liability according to the schedule established in Act 205.

**Amortization Requirement**. This is the additional contribution (i.e., in addition to the Normal Cost and Administrative Expenses) that will fund the plan's Unfunded Accrued Liability over the number of years prescribed by Act 205.

"Fresh-Start" Amortization. A process of taking the unfunded actuarial accrued liability at the valuation date and amortizing over a prescribed number of years, usually 30. This would replace the pre-existing amortization schedule and be used as the new amortization schedule going forward.

**Funded Ratio**. The actuarial value of assets divided by the actuarial accrued liability.

**Funding Adjustment**. If the plan has a surplus with regard to its Actuarial Accrued Liability, there is no Amortization Requirement. Rather, the plan's Financial Requirements are, in accordance with Act 205, reduced by an amount equal to 10% of the surplus. Note that the Funding Adjustment is equivalent to a negative Amortization Requirement. The 10% credit allowance is equivalent to amortizing the surplus over a period of approximately 17 years based on typical valuation interest rates.

**General Municipal Pension System State Aid**. Annually municipalities receive a portion of the insurance premium tax levied on casualty insurance companies headquartered outside of Pennsylvania. If they have paid Police, they also receive a portion of the premium tax on out-of-state Police insurance companies. These taxes are distributed according to formulae contained in Act 205.

**Minimum Municipal Obligation**. The amount that must be contributed to a pension plan b a municipality for a given year. The calculation of this amount uses the normal cost, anticipated administrative expenses, amortization payment or funding adjustment, and anticipated employee contributions to determine a municipality's contribution requirement. General Municipal Pension System State Aid may be used to reduce the contribution.

**Normal Cost**. This is the portion of total plan liabilities for current active members assigned to a particular plan year. I may be thought of as the cost of benefits that will be accrued by active members during the year. The Normal Cost is expressed as a percentage of active members' total payroll in the valuation and this percentage is used to determine the Normal Cost for the two years following the valuation year.

**Present Value of Plan Benefits (PVB)**. This is the discounted value based on the valuation interest assumption) at the valuation date of all plan benefits expected to be paid on or after the valuation date. The amount of expected benefits and date of payment for a particular individual is determined by plan provisions and the valuation assumptions with regard to salary increases, mortality (i.e., life expectancy), turnover, disability, retirement, etc., i.e., any contingency which can affect the amount and timing of future benefit payments.



## Appendix C (continued)

## Glossary (continued)

**Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability**. This is equal to the excess of the plan's Actuarial Accrued Liability over Valuation assets. Note that, if the Valuation Assets exceed the Actuarial Accrued Liability, the plan has a negative Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, i.e., a surplus with regard to its Actuarial Accrued Liability.

**Valuation Assets**. This is the actuarial value of plan assets as of the valuation date. Valuation Assets are usually set equal to the fair market value of assets although assets are sometimes valued under a method that smooths the effect of market fluctuations.

**Vesting**. The participant's non-forfeitable right to receive a benefit, provided that the participant survives until benefit eligibility.



## Appendix D

## Debt Service Schedule by Plan Year Pension Bond Issue of December 15, 1996

	Date of Original	Total Principal	Total Principal to	Percentage to	Date of
	Borrowing	Borrowed	this Plan	this Plan	Refinancing
	12/15/1996	\$37,710,000.00	\$37,710,000.00	100%	N/A
<b>-</b>	Required	Required Interest	Annual Debt	Premium or	Principal
Plan Year	Principal	Payment	Service	Discount	Balance at
1007	Payment	-		Amortized	Valuation Date
1997		\$1,834,529.78	\$1,834,529.78		\$37,710,000.00
1998	\$525,000.00	2,564,976.25	3,089,976.25		37,710,000.00
1999	560,000.00	2,533,905.00	3,093,905.00		37,185,000.00
2000	590,000.00	2,499,965.00	3,089,965.00		36,625,000.00
2001	630,000.00	2,463,050.00	3,093,050.00		36,035,000.00
2002	670,000.00	2,423,065.00	3,093,065.00		35,405,000.00
2003	715,000.00	2,379,772.50	3,094,772.50		34,735,000.00
2004	760,000.00	2,332,930.00	3,092,930.00		34,020,000.00
2005	810,000.00	2,282,285.00	3,092,285.00		33,260,000.00
2006	865,000.00	2,227,631.25	3,092,631.25		32,450,000.00
2007	925,000.00	2,169,008.75	3,094,008.75		31,585,000.00
2008	985,000.00	2,106,210.00	3,091,210.00		30,660,000.00
2009	1,055,000.00	2,038,890.00	3,093,890.00		29,675,000.00
2010	1,125,000.00	1,966,950.00	3,091,950.00		28,620,000.00
2011	1,200,000.00	1,890,225.00	3,090,225.00		27,495,000.00
2012	1,285,000.00	1,808,220.00	3,093,220.00		26,295,000.00
2013	1,375,000.00	1,717,690.00	3,092,690.00		25,010,000.00
2014	1,475,000.00	1,617,940.00	3,092,940.00		23,635,000.00
2015	1,580,000.00	1,511,015.00	3,091,015.00		22,160,000.00
2016	1,695,000.00	1,396,390.00	3,091,390.00		20,580,000.00
2017	1,820,000.00	1,273,365.00	3,093,365.00		18,885,000.00
2018	1,950,000.00	1,141,415.00	3,091,415.00		17,065,000.00
2019	2,095,000.00	998,792.50	3,093,792.50		15,115,000.00
2020	2,250,000.00	844,545.00	3,094,545.00		13,020,000.00
2021	2,415,000.00	678,937.50	3,093,937.50		10,770,000.00
2022	2,590,000.00	501,260.00	3,091,260.00		8,355,000.00
2023	2,780,000.00	310,625.00	3,090,625.00		5,765,000.00
2024	2,985,000.00	105,967.50	3,090,967.50		2,985,000.00



## Debt Service Schedule by Plan Year Pension Bond Issue of March 10, 1998

	Date of Original	Total Principal	Total Principal to	Percentage to	Date of
	Borrowing	Borrowed	this Plan	this Plan	Refinancing
	3/10/1998	\$255,865,000.00	\$57,569,624.42	22.3%	N/A
Plan Year	Required Principal Payment	Required Interest Payment	Annual Debt Service	Premium or Discount Amortized	Principal Balance at Valuation Date
1998		\$1,873,403.84	\$1,873,403.84	\$0	\$57,569,624.42
1999	\$225,000.00	3,740,451.43	3,965,451.43		57,569,624.42
2000	225,000.00	3,727,795.18	3,952,795.18		57,344,624.42
2001	225,000.00	3,715,071.43	3,940,071.43		57,119,624.42
2002	225,000.00	3,702,111.43	3,927,111.43		56,894,624.42
2003	225,000.00	3,689,050.18	3,914,050.18		56,669,624 .42
2004	225,000.00	3,675,853.93	3,900,853.93		56,444,624.42
2005	563,624.99	3,652,273.94	4,215,898.93		56,219,624.42
2006	521,999.99	3,619,574.69	4,141,574.68		55,655,999.43
2007	553,499.99	3,586,902.44	4,140,402.43		55,133,999.44
2008	577,124.99	3,552,346.23	4,129,471.22		54,580,499.45
2009	623,249.99	3,512,858.03	4,136,108.02		54,003,374.46
2010	677,249.99	3,469,880.22	4,147,130.21		53,380,124.47
2011	726,749.99	3,426,005.22	4,152,755.21		52,702,874.48
2012	1,775,249.98	3,347,373.91	5,122,623.89		51,976,124.49
2013	2,471,624.98	3,212,979.43	5,684,604.41		50,200,874.51
2014	2,630,249.97	3,049,022.22	5,679,272.19		47,729,249.53
2015	2,860,874.97	2,870,560.66	5,731,435.63		45,098,999.56
2016	3,050,999.97	2,678,424.72	5,729,424.69		42,238,124.59
2017	4,105,124.96	2,445,850.66	6,550,975.62		39,187,124.62
2018	2,977,874.97	2,215,653.17	5,193,528.14		35,081,999.66
2019	4,506,749.95	1,970,149.48	6,476,899.43		32,104,124.69
2020	4,814,999.95	1,662,531.73	6,477,531.68		27,597,374.74
2021	5,143,499.95	1,333,901.23	6,477,401.18		22,782,374.79
2022	5,495,624.94	982,810.12	6,478,435.06		17,638,874.84
2023	5,871,374.95	607,699.11	6,479,074.06		12,143,249.90
2024	6,271,874.95	206,971.86	6,478,846.81		6,271,874.95



## Appendix E

### **Plan Maturity Measures**

Assets are accumulated over participants' careers to pay future benefits. The natural growth of liabilities and assets is referred to as plan maturity. As the plan matures, the size of the plan grows relative to the active members' payroll and will cause changes in the assets or liabilities to have a larger effect on the Actuarially Recommended Contribution (ARC). The following table shows a history of the plan's maturity and the effect of a 1% change in plan assets or liabilities on the ARC.

Calendar Year	Actives Per Retirees	Ratio of Assets to Payroll	Effect on MMO of a 1% Change in Assets	Ratio of Actuarial Accrued Liability to Payroll	Effect on MMO of a 1% Change in Liability
2019	1.0	2.9	\$220,000	4.7	\$350,000
2020	1.1	2.8	\$250,000	4.2	\$380,000

The primary risks associated with plan maturity are listed below:

Investment Risk – Risk that the assumed rate of return is not achieved, and the plan funding level deteriorates

Contribution Risk – Risk that the Borough does not pay the full MMO

Liquidity Risk – Risk that investments cannot be liquidated timely to pay benefit payments due to plan participants

Longevity Risk – Risk that plan participants live longer than expected causing annuities to cost the Plan more