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**DPFP Statement on City's Latest Attempt to Move the Goalposts
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City of Dallas officials today testified against a bill to address the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System (DPFP) funding shortfall. DPFP Board Chairman Sam Friar issued the following statement:

“Mayor Mike Rawlings and Dallas officials are trying to move the goalposts, yet again. The current pension bill in Austin already contains everything that city representatives asked for in their December 7 plan —and now they want more.

“Pension members already carry the bulk of the burden in the bill. Active police and firefighters would pay 91 percent more in contributions under the plan, while city contributions will only increase 11 to 16 percent. The bill would drastically reduce future benefits for active and retired members. Our membership has given and given again.

“During months of negotiations, every time the two sides have been close to an agreement, city officials walked away from the table and then came back asking for even more concessions from police and fire. It is increasingly clear that the Mayor’s intentions are to extract ‘a pound of flesh’ from the members and to start a new plan by abandoning current employees and retirees.

“If he succeeds in killing this bill, the Mayor’s actions will have a lasting and significantly damaging impact on public safety in Dallas. DPD headcount is already down more than 600 officers and nearly 6 percent year over year, with retirements far exceeding historical levels. Many officers, even those much younger than the typical retirement age, are coming to our office asking questions about early retirement as they consider leaving the force.

“The Mayor’s latest poor-faith efforts are detrimental to first responders, unsafe for those in Dallas and harmful for the entire State of Texas.”