



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 19, 2024

Re: Blackstone Private Credit Fund Contract for the Police and Fire Pension

Executive Summary

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract for investment services with Blackstone Private Credit Fund for the Police and Fire Pension Plan and to invest in securities offered by such LLC.

Discussion

At the September 8th, 2023 Police and Fire Retirement Board meetings, members of the Police and Fire Investment Pension Board passed a motion to add Blackstone Private Credit Fund as one of the investment options for pension plans. Blackstone Private Credit Fund is a non-exchange traded business development company that expects to invest at least 80% of its total assets in private credit investments. For Blackstone Private Credit Fund, private credit investments are defined as loans, bonds and other credit instruments that are issued in private offerings or issued by private companies.

While the City currently has a relationship with Blackstone, this contract needs Council approval because the investment type is outside the scope of the current investment policy adopted by the Council and thus requires a vote of the Council. This type of asset would fall under the "Alternatives" category in which the City has a minimum allocation of 0%, a target of 5%, and maximum allocation of 20% of the entire portfolio. This investment option would help the pension to achieve its alternatives target of 5%.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: These investments would have no additional impact to the City's financials

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Resilient Economy, Secondary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Legislative History

Date	Action
10/03/2022	R160-22 - Authorizing investment of police and fire pension funds in securities managed by Blackstone Real Estate Income Trust, Inc.; authorizing execution of any agreements as are necessary for completion of those investments.
03/21/2022	R37-22 - Authorizing investment of police and fire pension funds in securities managed by Blackstone Real Estate Income Trust, Inc.; authorizing execution of any agreements as are necessary for completion of those investments.

Suggested Council Action

Should Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote would be in order.