

After Detroit: How will Illinois and its Communities Respond?

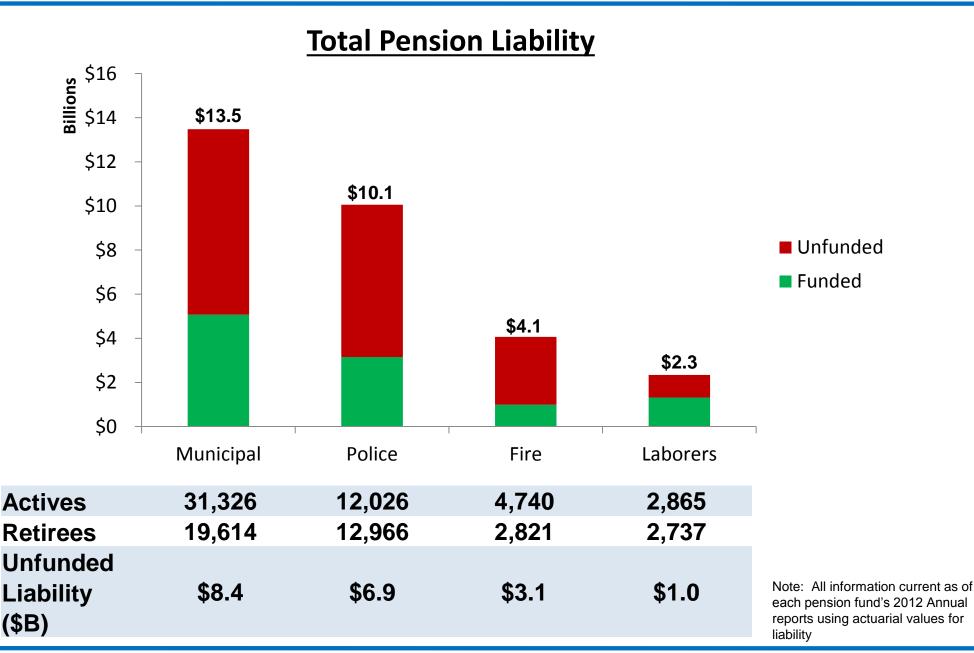
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Background on City employee pension funds

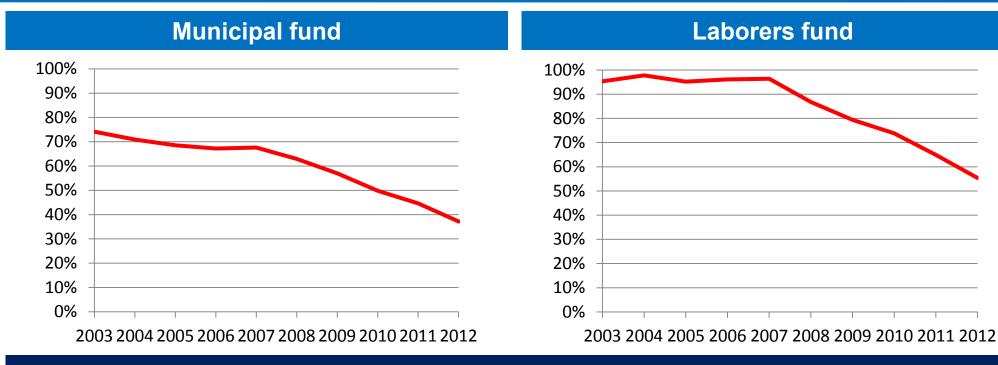






The Municipal and Laborers' funds have fallen significantly over the last 10 years





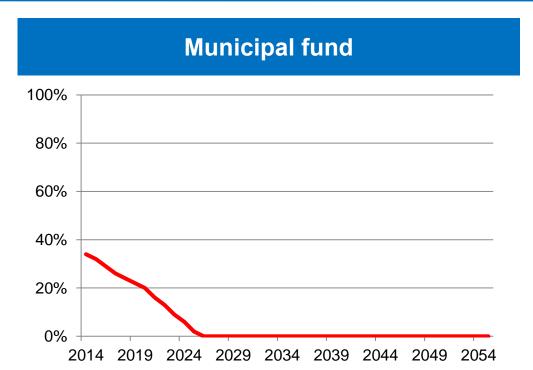
How did this happen?

- Benefit and funding levels did not mathematically match up: As more benefits were added, including adding a compounded COLA in the late 1990s to both funds, the funding and benefit levels didn't mathematically fit exposing the funds to significant risk in tough times.
- Market losses: The Great Recession and dot-com crash significantly affected funds market returns.
- **No "ARC" funding plan:** Because both funds were on "multiplier" funding plans and not ARC funding plans, funding did not automatically adjust as market returns fell or benefits increased.
- Not confronting the hard truth: As both funds continued to go without reform and funding solutions, their funding ratios began to fall very rapidly



The Municipal & Laborers' funds will both be insolvent within 9-17 years without decisive action

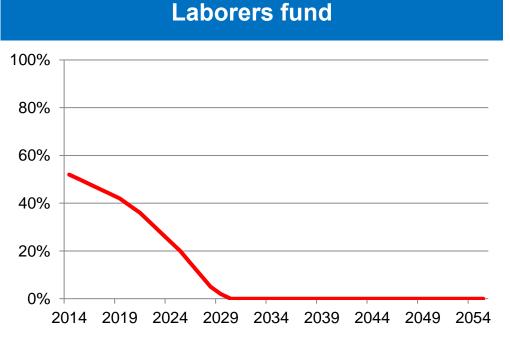






- Current # of active employees: 31,326
- Current # of retirees: 19,614

Potential total insolvency range: 2023 - 2027



- Current market value of assets: 58%
- Current # of active employees: 2,865
- Current # of retirees: 2,737

Potential total insolvency range: 2024 - 2031

The funds will reach a point of no return several years before insolvency

Note: Insolvency ranges calculated by running scenarios with 2-8% yearly rates of return



Proposed plan: Reforms to employee contributions and retiree benefits



COLA rate (Tier 1): 3%, compounded



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COLA pause years: None



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2025

COLA delays: Varies for Tier 1 & Tier 2, delayed until Jan 1 at least



COLA delays: 1 additional year delay for both Tier 1 and Tier 2

Retirement age: 50-60 for Tier 1* dependent on years of service, 67 for Tier 2



Retirement age: No change for Tier 1, reduced to 65 for Tier 2

Employee contributions: 8.5% of payroll



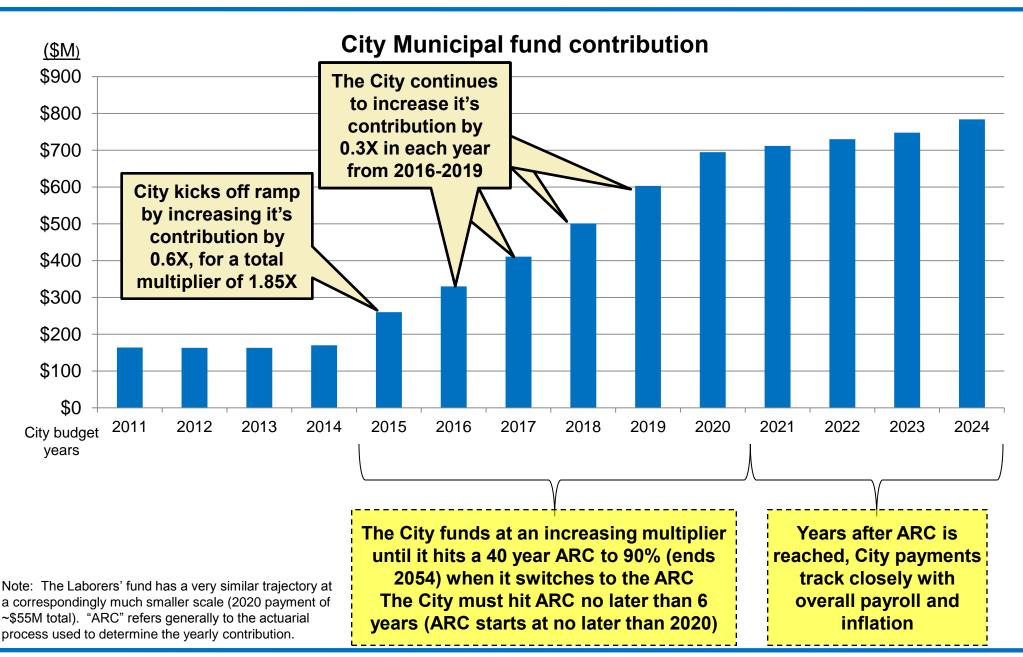
Employee contributions: ½% increases in 2015-19 for total increase of a 2.5%, and total of 11%

*Current average retirement age is 62 for the Municipal fund and 60 for the Laborers' fund



Proposed plan: Multiplier-based ramp to ARC to increase funding and protect taxpayers







Conclusion



Summary

- The plan strikes the right balance of reform and revenue, and serves as an honest framework in which everybody gives something, so that no one has to give everything
- It is a balanced solution resulting in a retirement system that is both affordable to taxpayers and that is solvent and secure for the City retirees of today and tomorrow, providing certainty for everyone.
- Provides a long-term solution to cut in half the City's pension crisis: By reforming the City's largest pension fund (the Municipal Fund), which also has the largest unfunded liability, as well as the Laborers' Fund, the City has fixed 53% of its pension liabilities.
- Ensures the solvency of the pension funds now and for the long-term: This deal ensures an aggressive ramp to a 40-year Actuarially Required Contribution (ARC) that quickly stabilizes the funds off their current downward trajectory over a period of five years, and grows them to funding health on an actuarially guaranteed pace.

