

Knoxville's Uniformed Officers Pension Plan Lawsuit

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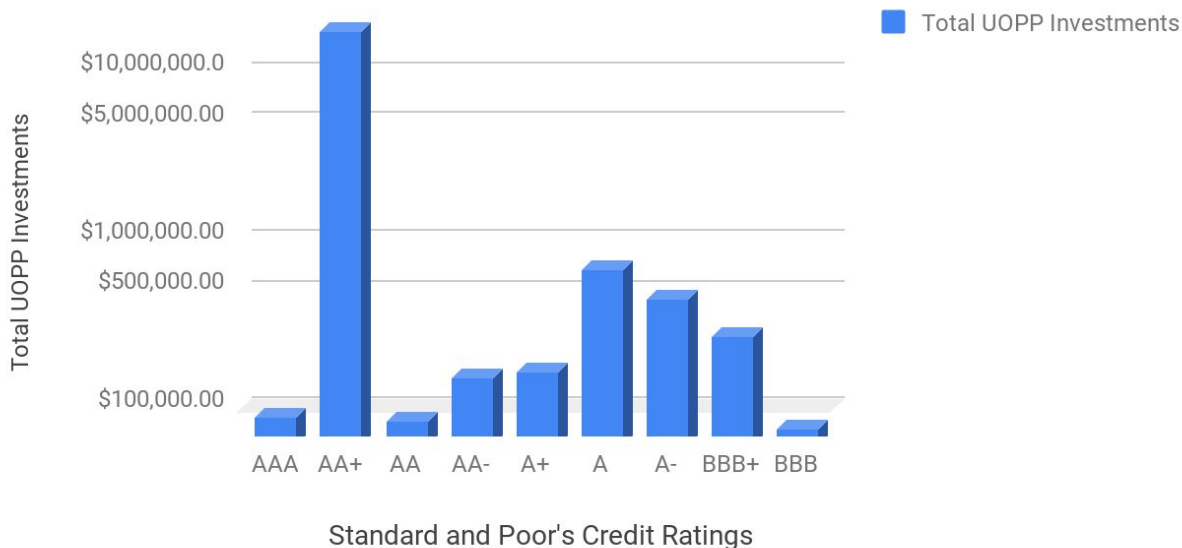
Attorneys Herbert Moncier and Al Holifield were present during the public forum of Monday evening's city council meeting and spoke during the public forum to the Knox County Board of Commissioners about the ongoing legal battle in which the county is suing itself and former employees regarding the Uniformed Officers Pension Plan (UOPP).



The litigation began when the Knox County Law Department filed a lawsuit against seven former employees who were approved for UOPP as well as The Knoxville Pension Board who oversee it. In an interview, Attorney Moncier explained, "Knox County is suing the retirees and also suing all of the current members who are participants [UOPP], they're claiming that the way

the retirement is calculated is incorrect.” The core of the issue is whether or not the pensions are commission based or salary based, until now the Knoxville Pension Board has run UOPP pensions as commission-based, meaning accrued time is taken into account. Details on UOPP can be found [here](#) on the Knox County website.

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Attorney Moncier stressed the time-sensitive nature of the proposed settlement, with the upcoming court date scheduled for November 12th. While a settlement has been presented with vocal support from Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, the case is still scheduled with less than a month away. Attorney Moncier warns that the cost of these legal proceedings will only continue to grow as the court date approaches with taxpayers inevitably footing the bill, “Because enough was enough six-hundred thousand dollars ago, and it is only going to get astronomically worse.” Explaining before his time ran out in front of the committee, Attorney Moncier left with this message, “I urge the committee to put on an agenda tonight on a workshop matter to be heard in the next session.

The committee voted 6 to 4 against and it was not put on the agenda.

