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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

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Detroit, Michigan, 48226,
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8 Board of Police Commissioners.

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13 MICHAEL REEVES, COMMISSIONER

14 DONNELL WHITE, COMMISSIONER

15 TONY STEWART, COMMISSIONER

16 GEORGE ANTHONY, SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

17 CHESTER LOGAN, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 March 24, 2011

3 About 3:12 p.m.

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you ladies and
5 gentlemen. Welcome to the Board of Police
6 Commissioners condensed room version. We thank you for
7 your patience and for allowing us to converge here in
8 this room. As you all know we have a power outage in
9 the building, but the charter demands, of course, that
10 we hold the meeting anyway, and so we will move forward
11 with the agenda.

12 My name is Jerome Warfield, Chairman of the
13 Board. Serving with me today is Vice Chairman
14 Commissioner Adela Rivera, also Commissioner Tony
15 Stewart, Commissioner Reverend Michael Reeves, and
16 Commissioner Donnell White. I'm going to ask if the
17 Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners,
18 Mr. George Anthony, will introduce the rest of the
19 staff that's present here today.

20 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
21 For the record, Secretary George Anthony for the Board.
22 Present today we have Ms. Tina Orr who is our Chief
23 Investigator, Celia Banks-Washington, our Attorney
24 Supervising Investigator, Ms. Dalph Watson, our
25 Director of Police Personnel, Yolonda Caudle who is

1 our Community Relations Coordinator, Mr. Robert Brown
2 who is our Office Manager, Officer Terrance Bell is one
3 of our recorders, and Ms. Elizabeth Koller from Hanson
4 Court Reporting Service, and that completes the
5 introductions.

6 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you, Secretary
7 Anthony. At this time we want to also introduce
8 sitting in for the Chief, Assistant Chief Chester
9 Logan. Sir, good to have you.

10 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Glad to be here.

11 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you, sir. I'm
12 going to ask if Chaplain Hester will come and just give
13 us our invocation for today's meeting. Thank you, sir,
14 for being here.

15 CHAPLAIN HESTER: We give honor to our great
16 city and great Mayor of this city, Honorable Mayor Dave
17 Bing, and we give honor to our Chief of Police, Chief
18 Godbee, and our Assistant Chief and all the elected
19 Board officials. We certainly thank God for all of you
20 being here today. We just want to salute all of you.

21 Dear God, we seek your help with our affairs
22 today. Bless this meeting, help us to make the best of
23 our own. We are here of diverse opinions yet we mend
24 our differences and reach agreements satisfactory to
25 all.

1 Please share a little of your wisdom with us.
2 Help us to do right by all concerned. Thank you for
3 your help and Heavenly blessings. Amen.

4 AUDIENCE: Amen.

5 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: I will move for
6 approval of the agenda with the following changes: The
7 disciplinary appeal for Police Officer Ken Cook will be
8 moved to the April 7th meeting, and the presentation
9 regarding Grants and Contracts can be moved to next
10 week because of the blackout situation today, if that's
11 okay with Assistant Chief Logan?

12 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Yes, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Motion to approve.

14 COMMISSIONER REEVES: Supported.

15 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: It's been properly
16 moved and supported that the agenda be approved today
17 with the necessary changes. All those in favor?

18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: All those opposed?
20 Motion carries. We'd also like to approve the minutes
21 from the meetings of Thursday, March 10th, 2011, and
22 Thursday, March 17th, 2011.

23 COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Motion to approve.

24 COMMISSIONER STEWART: Second.

25 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: It's been properly

1 moved and supported. All those in favor?

2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: All those opposed?

4 Motion carries. There's no chairman's report today,
5 Secretary Anthony, any report?

6 SECRETARY ANTHONY: No report.

7 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you. There is
8 a personnel matter that is of a closed session nature.
9 I'd like if the Board through the Secretary can take us
10 into closed session as we deliberate on this issue. It
11 should be a fairly quick matter. So we're going to
12 take care of that now, if that's okay, and we'll come
13 back and complete the remainder of the meeting.
14 Mr. Secretary, do you have the language that takes us
15 there?

16 SECRETARY ANTHONY: I'm looking.

17 ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: For the record, Celia
18 Washington, Attorney for the Board. There are certain
19 provisions for the Open Meetings Act in the Michigan
20 Compiled Laws that allow for closed sessions to review
21 personnel matters. This is a personnel matter
22 involving Carrie Marie Ambrose, a rejected applicant.

23 And it's appropriate at this time for a
24 motion to move into closed session and to review her
25 application.

1 COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Motion to move into
2 closed session.

3 COMMISSIONER STEWART: So moved.

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: It's been properly
5 moved and second. All those in favor?

6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: All those opposed?
8 Motion carries. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.
9 We'll be right back.

10 (An off-the-record
11 discussion was held.)

12 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, I think it's
13 appropriate that we have a motion to come back into
14 open session from closed session.

15 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: For the record, could
16 you say that a little bit louder, sir, again?

17 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Secretary George Anthony.
18 For the record, Mr. Chair, I think it's appropriate for
19 a motion to come from closed session back into open
20 session on the record.

21 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So moved.

22 COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Second.

23 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: It's been properly
24 moved and supported that we come from closed session
25 back on the record to open session. All those in

1 favor?

2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: All those opposed?

4 Motion carries. I'm going to ask if Attorney
5 Washington will give her recommendation to the Board?

6 ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Based on the review of
7 the file and based on a review of both the standard
8 operating procedures at the time that Ms. Ambrose
9 applied and the standard operating procedures that were
10 edited subsequent to her, quote, pass, unquote, it's my
11 recommendation that her appeal be granted based on the
12 *expos facto* disqualification there's nothing in the
13 record to indicate that the decision to disqualify
14 Ms. Ambrose, from the decision, was not an abuse of
15 discretion and that she be allowed to proceed.

16 COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Motion to approve the
17 recommendation.

18 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Support.

19 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: It's been properly
20 moved and supported to approve the recommendation that
21 Ms. Ambrose's appeal be granted. All those in favor?

22 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: All those opposed?
24 Motion carries. Thank you. At this time there is no
25 old business. Our next meeting will be Thursday,

1 March 31st, 3:00 p.m., here at police headquarters
2 upstairs if the lights are on and we'll see you there.
3 I also want to announce that on Monday the office will
4 be closed. It is a furlough day. So the office will
5 be closed.

6 At this time our agenda calls for oral
7 communications. If you wish to address the Board of
8 Police Commissioners speak loud from where you are and
9 give us your name and if you can spell it for the
10 record so that we can get it correctly in our minutes
11 that will be most appreciative. Raise your hands.
12 Sure. Before the comments, Commissioner White needs to
13 make a quick comment.

14 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Just for the record, I
15 wanted to share with you, so. The fourth Thursdays,
16 you might have noticed I kind of slide out of the
17 meeting prior to the public comments and in no way is
18 it to be any less concerned about the comments that
19 you're bringing.

20 But there are new responsibilities that I've
21 recently taken on, on my fourth Thursday I start a
22 board meeting which start at 4:00. In the past I used
23 to be able to slide in late, but some things have
24 changed and I have to be there early. So I do
25 apologize and I do go back to the minutes and review

1 very meticulously your comments and concerns. So
2 please on the fourth Thursday excuse my running out a
3 little bit early. But, again, it in no way is to
4 undermine the concerns that you bring to us. Thank
5 you, sir.

6 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you,
7 Commissioner White. Okay. Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. HERNANDEZ: Phyllis Hernandez, Casino
9 Towing. Just a follow-up that I told you that I would
10 bring from last week when I couldn't remember the three
11 other departments that were being brought in on the
12 towing permits. It was Building and Safety,
13 Engineering, as well as Environmental Services. And we
14 all know that Environmental Services is a very lengthy
15 process, which again will hold up these towing permits,
16 which you didn't know about.

17 Also when I asked the Chief about why the
18 towing rotations hadn't been changed when the Board has
19 already ordered it, I guess this is a fitting day to be
20 in this room with no lights with the Board present
21 because the charter mandates it, and the charter also
22 mandates that the Board of Police Commissioners
23 promulgate the rules and regulations of the towing.

24 So if the Board of Police Commissioners has
25 ordered this rotation changed I'm just not

1 understanding what the Chief said about the Law
2 Department recommending that the rotation not be
3 changed when other small towing companies because of
4 the monopoly are getting one and two calls a day.

5 And their bills are piling up, and they're
6 getting ready to go under and no one's listening to
7 this Board. And you want us to trust you and you want
8 us to believe that whenever you order something such as
9 the towing permits that this is what's going to happen.
10 Well, you've ordered months ago that that towing
11 rotation be changed and the police department is
12 ignoring that.

13 So I'm just wondering from the law department
14 point of view with the Board of Police Commissioners,
15 Celia, what is being said about this rotation change
16 not happening?

17 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Let me just say this
18 as it relates to the Law Department. Unfortunately we
19 do not have a Law Department representative here and it
20 would be best not to have second or third party
21 information come from the Law Department, but for them
22 to tell you themselves. I do want to clarify a couple
23 of things.

24 You are absolutely right, Ms. Hernandez, that
25 the Board has the responsibility of promulgating the

1 rules. However, the Charter is gapped as relates to
2 our ability to enforce certain rules that we do. We're
3 to come up with the rules, we're to pass the budgets,
4 we're to investigate complaints against officers. But
5 as it relates to the enforcement, there is a gap there
6 in the Detroit City Charter. That is one of the things
7 that we're working on with the current Charter
8 Commission to try and have that gap plugged.

9 I do understand the department's position.
10 We just disagree with the department's position. I
11 don't think their position is outlandish. I just think
12 their position supports the old system. And I think
13 the old system was wrong in the way that it was
14 implemented. And if you want to fix the old system,
15 then you need to move to a system that's fair, and in
16 our opinion that gives people in your business an equal
17 playing field.

18 Again, as we said last week on the record,
19 that doesn't change our opinion. Our suggestion is we
20 believe the Law Department, the Deputy Mayor's office,
21 and Mayor's office may be an avenue for those who are
22 still dissatisfied of the fact that the rotation is not
23 in place now, that you might want to appeal to them.
24 Because, you know, again, our stance has not changed.
25 And, again, this is where the department and the Board

1 just don't see eye to eye in that particular issue.

2 I think we both understand and appreciate the
3 fact the rules have been promulgated. We both
4 understand and appreciate that a new application
5 process is in place. We just literally disagree as far
6 as when it should be in place. And, you know, that's
7 the best I can say about that. But you're absolutely
8 right, we did promulgate the rules, but we don't have
9 the authority within the charter to enforce it, period.

10 MS. HERNANDEZ: Isn't the charter itself
11 within itself the law? That's what it is. The charter
12 is a book of laws.

13 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. HERNANDEZ: So if it says you're the law.

15 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: If you show me
16 anywhere in the charter where it says that we have the
17 ability to enforce and what the penalty is we can, what
18 the penalty is that we can assess when enforcing it
19 then you let us know. We'll do it.

20 MS. HERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll find it.

21 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you.

22 MS. HERNANDEZ: Also the question about the
23 zoning you were going to find out for me, did you find
24 out?

25 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: About the zoning?

1 MS. HERNANDEZ: Yeah, about the police towing
2 yard that we had talked about you were going to find
3 out?

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: No, we didn't get
5 that yet. We'll get that for you.

6 MS. HERNANDEZ: That's fine.

7 ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Celia Washington. I
8 actually have reached out to actually one of the
9 members who sat on the towing task from zoning. I'm
10 working with her to see what's going on.

11 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you,
12 Ms. Hernandez. Yes, ma'am, your name for the record,
13 please?

14 MS. LACEY: Sure. My name is Mary Lacey. I
15 have a question. I want to know how many police
16 officers are working at Detroit Medical Center or Sinai
17 Grace Hospital at 6071 West Outer Drive as a secondary
18 employee?

19 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Chief?

20 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: For the record,
21 Assistant Chief Logan. To my knowledge, none. I'll
22 try to find that out.

23 MS. LACEY: I appreciate that.

24 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: I know there were
25 some ex-Detroit Police Officers there, but as far as

1 current officers I'm not aware of any.

2 MS. LACEY: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: And, Ms. Lacey, if I
4 can just chime in, too, Assistant Chief. One of the
5 things that I know is and I've worked in a number of
6 hospitals as Chaplain, a number of hospitals hire
7 ex-police officers and put them on their security staff
8 of course because of their experience. But we'll
9 definitely get that number to you if there is a number
10 there.

11 MS. LACEY: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you. And you
13 might want to see the Assistant Chief after the meeting
14 so we can get your information so we can get that
15 information directly to you.

16 MS. LACEY: Sure.

17 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: I got it.

18 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Oh, great. Thank
19 you.

20 MS. HINES: I have a statement. Sandra
21 Hines, Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality. I
22 sat here -- I'm really in the position where I don't
23 even know how to ask what I'm getting ready to ask, but
24 it's significant and important. We've had a rash of
25 shootings by police officers in the last couple months.

1 And it's becoming -- and I know we've met with the
2 Justice Department at Wayne State and talked about the
3 two Consent Decrees and where we are in trying to come
4 into compliance, the department coming into compliance,
5 but it's appearing now that police are shooting and
6 asking questions later.

7 I don't see any improvement. I mean, is that
8 the only way that they can deal with a situation out on
9 the street? They chasing people into their cars and
10 people at the end of the chase somebody ends up dead.
11 Nobody's saying anything about that. Is that the only
12 way they can fight crime? I'm trying to figure it out
13 why every time the police come in contact with people
14 out on the street they end up dead, somebody ends up
15 dead. What's up with that?

16 We're the Detroit Coalition Against Police
17 Brutality. Nobody else is saying anything about it.
18 People on the street is talking about it. But I'm
19 talking about people who really count and they can
20 really turn this thing around in terms of the culture
21 of the police. We haven't moved any farther from the
22 time I've been in the police coalition and I've been in
23 the coalition for fourteen years and we still at the
24 same crossroad we've been since I've been in here for
25 fourteen years.

1 They chasing people until they -- they still
2 running around here, and I'm not talking about those
3 who aren't doing it, so if it don't apply to you let it
4 slide. But those police officers that are doing this
5 they're still beating people, house invasions by the
6 police. Every time they go out on a run somebody ends
7 up dead for the most part if they chase you. And it's
8 always the suspect's fault. It's always the person's
9 that they're apprehending did something to them. They
10 had a gun. They had a shiny object. I thought my life
11 was in jeopardy. And I'm in pain, I'm in pain.

12 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Yes, ma'am.

13 MS. HINES: Because most of the people that's
14 dying look like me.

15 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: I'm going to ask the
16 Assistant Chief --

17 MS. LACEY: Nobody is saying anything about
18 it.

19 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: And then Commissioner
20 Rivera --

21 MS. HINES: We never get the facts. The
22 parents call and asked them, well, can you tell me if
23 it's my son or daughter? We can't tell you nothing.
24 They want to know what happened. They want to have
25 information. They can't get information from the

1 police. It's just too much corruption in Detroit. And
2 I got to be the big bad wolf every time.

3 Sandra Hines, she comes in. She's loud. I'm
4 going to be loud. I'm going to be big. I'm going to
5 be asking the right questions because ain't nobody else
6 doing it. I want somebody else to help me do it.

7 So I won't end up where I can't get a job.
8 I'm unemployed. Ain't nobody going to hire me because
9 they scared of Sandra Hines. She's going to tell the
10 truth. We can't hire her. I'm already on the list,
11 and I accept that. I put myself out there because I'm
12 frank and blunt and honest what's going on.

13 I'm tired of them killing young black men.
14 I'm just going to say it. I'm tired of it. You don't
15 see nobody else getting killed like our people, and
16 most of the people on the police force look like me.
17 And they started killing young black men. We already
18 got a damn shortage. We already got men that's out in
19 the streets talking to themselves because of our
20 conditions that can't be with their family because they
21 just ashamed they don't have nothing.

22 I don't have to say it, but I'm real, you
23 know, I'm getting to the point where I don't understand
24 your role. I don't understand it. Like this lady was
25 saying you are in these positions and supposed to be

1 doing what's right, do what's right by the people. The
2 people is under tremendous stress right now. We got
3 everything working against us and we got the police
4 killing us.

5 Now, I know we got a lot of crime in Detroit.
6 I'm not crazy and I know that the police have to do
7 their job and some of it is chasing folks and whatever,
8 but every time it end up the end result somebody is
9 dead.

10 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Yes, ma'am. Thank
11 you, Ms. Hines.

12 MS. HINES: We've got to stop it. You all
13 stop killing our people. Can you come up with some
14 real policing?

15 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you, Ms. Hines.
16 Assistant Chief?

17 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Yes, sir. For the
18 record, Assistant Chief Logan. To my knowledge and I
19 have pretty good knowledge of police procedure, this
20 year the Detroit Police Department has been involved in
21 one fatal shooting, just one, and that was the
22 gentleman at the Northwest District on January 23rd.

23 There was an incident I believe it was last
24 week involving the Dearborn Police Department.
25 Although it happened in Detroit it was not Detroit

1 Officers involved in that. For the record, I haven't
2 reviewed it, but that incident has been caught on
3 video, so the facts are going to come out good or bad.
4 Coincidentally, today officers from the Northeastern
5 District were, in fact, involved in a shooting but I
6 can't comment on that. They were executing a search
7 warrant. So that's still under investigation.

8 But this year in 2011 members of the Detroit
9 Police Department have been involved in one fatal
10 shooting.

11 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you.

12 MS. HINES: We've got so many --

13 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: I'm sorry, Sister
14 Hines, if I can get the responses, then we'll come
15 back. Commissioner Rivera?

16 COMMISSIONER RIVERA: I just want -- well,
17 actually he's answered my question. I was going to say
18 that, Ms. Hines, you come every week and we certainly
19 appreciate you coming, and we appreciate your passion
20 with the things that you feel. But sometimes I thought
21 you were a little exaggerating today because like he
22 said we only had one. My question was going to be, how
23 many have we shot? You seem to know more about people
24 being shot than we do.

25 MS. HINES: We just have so many complaints,

1 Miss Rivera, on the corner where they beat up people,
2 people have been injured. I'm just saying just the
3 whole -- maybe you guys need to publicize that because
4 I tell you I just don't see it. Every time I turn on
5 the TV when it comes to DPD it's always some conflict
6 where somebody end up getting hurt. And all the
7 complaints we get in our office of people being beat
8 up, people being beat up in the jail cells that
9 supposedly didn't stop and all that kind of activity
10 supposedly to be stopped.

11 In fact, we found out about the people
12 getting frozen food, found out about overcrowding in
13 some of these jail cells. Now, I don't expect the
14 police to admit to any of that. I don't expect that.
15 But people are calling. Our phone is ringing off the
16 hook. They coming in everyday, all day long with these
17 cases of how they been -- and maybe they're not true.
18 But why would people waste their time to come down to
19 the Coalition office, spend gas money, spend for
20 parking, to come down there and tell a lie on the
21 police.

22 And we see the bruises, we see the bruises on
23 the people beat up, and where somebody stepped on their
24 back, and all that kind of stuff. We see that with our
25 own physical eyes on a daily and monthly basis, is what

1 I'm saying. So even if it's not killing you still
2 doing other stuff that's illegal to citizens.

3 I'm just saying where is the policing, the
4 professionalism that you carry on? Now, I'm not
5 talking about a life and death situation you up
6 against. Yeah, everybody going to fight for their
7 life.

8 I'm talking about these incidents that --
9 just like I was in the gas station. The police rolled
10 up while I was in the gas station, two policemen. They
11 didn't see me. I was over at the pump where you could
12 barely see me. With their loudspeaker on, come here,
13 bitch, saying to this young man that was standing in
14 the gas station, get your ass over here right now.
15 They looked over and saw me, and I guess they said, she
16 look a little older, you know, they said clear it out,
17 and then they pulled on out. Stuff like that happens
18 all the time.

19 These rough, tough policemen that think out
20 here because they, you know, they ain't trying to clean
21 up no street. They're trying to exert power.

22 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Yes, ma'am. Two
23 things, because this is a public record I do want to
24 make sure that the record is clear, and Sister Hines, I
25 don't mind you being passionate. Democracy is noisy.

1 MS. HINES: I try to be and everything, but I
2 can't be nothing else. I grew up like this. I'm
3 sorry, you all.

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: And no need for you
5 to apologize. I'm being very honest with you. No need
6 for you to apologize. Democracy is noisy. And this is
7 why we live in the country that we live in and we're
8 able to participate in roundtables like this. So I
9 would not temper that.

10 However, I do want to be very clear, out of
11 the thousands of contacts that the officers have in a
12 given day, your comment that says every time people
13 come into contact with police people end up dead, it's
14 just not accurate and not true.

15 MS. HINES: I shouldn't have said every time.

16 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: It's just not true
17 and not accurate. And I just want to make sure that
18 that's correct for the record. I do understand that
19 there are citizens, and we do get quite a bit of
20 complaints still who felt they had been misappropriated
21 or mishandled by the police. We investigate every last
22 one of those. There are some that don't come to us and
23 they come to you or to the station, they go to our
24 website and fill it in. We investigate those as well.
25 All we're saying is bring them to us and we will.

1 There's not one person who has been brought to us from
2 your coalition that we have not severely, I'm sorry,
3 have not completely investigated their cases.

4 Now, here's the issue, though. The issue is
5 when we do our investigations the facts that we come up
6 with may look vastly different and we seen this a
7 couple times than the stories that was given to us
8 initially. Some key information may have been missing.
9 However it doesn't stop us, though, from thoroughly
10 investigating other cases.

11 As a department this Board is very committed
12 to make sure that the police are doing what they're
13 supposed to do, have the tools to do what they're
14 supposed do. But more importantly that citizens as
15 well live up to their responsibility in doing what
16 they're supposed to do. And I say that from the
17 standpoint to say that it takes all of us to get it
18 better, literally all of us. We work with you, not
19 against you. And I do wish or I do expect --

20 MS. HINES: Can I ask you one question?

21 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Yes, ma'am, just one
22 second. I just do expect that when we come together
23 and talk that the statements that we give reflect the
24 accuracy or even close to the accuracy so that gross
25 misrepresentations won't be made and carried outside.

1 It was just that one statement that I heard.

2 MS. HINES: I understand that. Let me ask
3 this question, when did you stop telling how many
4 complaints have come into -- you know, used to be when
5 we first started coming to the Police Commissioners
6 meetings they would tell how many complaints have been
7 received?

8 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Last week we did it,
9 it was on the record last week, yes, ma'am.

10 MS. HINES: Because I would really like for
11 them to incorporate that because I think it's important
12 publically for people to hear how many complaints is
13 coming and they should go down.

14 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Yes, ma'am, and we'll
15 move on from this. But last week there was a
16 40 percent reduction in complaints.

17 MS. HINES: Did you get a number?

18 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: We got the number.
19 We'll share that information with you. We have the
20 entire report and we'll share that with you. But there
21 was a 40 percent reduction in the complaints from
22 citizens against the police. And to the website we
23 added a police space, we're in the process I should
24 say, of adding a space not only that citizens are very
25 clear from the police side and our side how to fill out

1 a complaint against an officer that they felt like
2 they've have had an improper interaction with, but also
3 we've added that officers or that citizens would be
4 able to commend officers for interactions that they've
5 had with the police that actually went well, as well,
6 and that's going to be on the police website as well as
7 on our website and that's in process right now. Thank
8 you. Next? Yes, sir.

9 MR. ALLEN: My name is Mike Allen. I'm a
10 senior citizen. I'm seventy-two years old. I'm not a
11 criminal. I'm not doing anything crazy. Just trying
12 to survive. I retired from General Motors. As you
13 know General Motors went bankrupt. Our 401k vanished.
14 I still have to work in my old age and I'm doing it.
15 I'm just happy to be able to do it. I support this
16 lady's statement because I understand what happens.
17 They finally told me to come before somebody on top to
18 see how the police handle people.

19 I'm a cab driver. I pull up anywhere. I
20 mean, the cab drivers are a messy bunch, and they all
21 do improper things. But we have this scare resource.
22 We all want more police to fight crime. This scare
23 resource that we have, we wasted it on cab drivers on
24 abusing, you know, tell them to move or do something.
25 But don't come out there like gangbusters.

1 I had a police officer come in my face, jump
2 on me, big, tall guy, about six-feet five, dressed spic
3 and span. He's in that security thing downtown where
4 they're elite division. He came at me --- I said, God,
5 please, please. He's got his gun. I hear about these
6 Consent Decrees. I feel the guy's going to pull a gun
7 and kill me or do something. He jumps in the vehicle
8 tried -- what's going on? I told you. I said, sir, I
9 complied with you. You told me to move from this stop.
10 I moved. I told you I have to wait for somebody to
11 come out the door. He jumps out at me from that side.
12 So I finally got so frustrated. I had to just scream
13 and yell for some people to hear me. Somebody help me.
14 This guy's on top of me.

15 But I understand what this lady's talking
16 about. The point is they nitpick on citizens. If you
17 have some criminal, if you have some idiot go at him
18 hard. Before there was a guy abusing cab drivers. I
19 went there and complained years ago and I asked -- the
20 guy said what should we do with him? I said, maybe we
21 need more police. We need more aggressive police.

22 But the point is the Gang Squad Division
23 can't fight criminals, not this elite division where
24 you start watching nobody steals something from
25 somebody. Move the guy. You know, if he's such a

1 strong guy, put him in uniform. There's not a thing we
2 can do. Start writing tickets for the cab drivers.
3 I'm working with the City Council on that point. The
4 tickets were -- there's four categories, major felony,
5 crime, felony. There's a misdemeanor, minor crime,
6 both Detroit Criminal Court. You've got to go for a
7 pretrial and trial, okay. Then there's a civil
8 infraction. You can be going 100 miles an hour and
9 that's called a civil infraction. You do not want to
10 criminalize you, you, or you because all us of could be
11 guilty of that. So we don't want to criminalize all
12 society. That's called a civil infraction.

13 Then we have the fourth category which is
14 taxicab violations. If you look at taxicab violations
15 it's this thick. I can write you twenty tickets. Ten
16 dollar ticket on that thing would be more than enough
17 because I can give you ten of them instantly. So
18 that's the punishment heavy to control cab drivers,
19 right?

20 But what they did, the police didn't get any
21 benefit from it so they started writing it under what
22 they call misdemeanor paper. Go before the criminal
23 court. You've got to go for arraignment, for trial.
24 You liable to go jail, fine or whatever. How dare you
25 criminalize cab drivers who are working people. What

1 are you going to do? Are you going to take a drunk
2 home yourself, put him the police car and take him
3 home? That's where cab drivers come in. I'm just
4 so -- and I understand this lady's passion. I
5 understand that. I tell you some people. She
6 mentioned about whatever, you know -- that's true. But
7 they're focusing on that. Focus on the major issue.
8 The major issue control these police officers and if
9 you find one that's a tough guy put him in the Gang
10 Squad Division. Out him where he belongs where he can
11 do some good. What happened when I complained about
12 that the next thing I know they took that guy and he
13 was out of the 11th Precinct. He wasn't downtown
14 anymore.

15 Yep. Well, that's one way to give these guys
16 attention. If you're that top guy you're going to be
17 useful. The other thing is don't give them -- the
18 reason is -- they can sit in court then and collect
19 police overtime. Why do I have to fight crime if I can
20 sit in court and collect police overtime? So during
21 the time I'm in court who's watching the citizens?

22 You're a tough guy you should be out there
23 with the Gang Squad, not in court collecting overtime.
24 The way to do it would be not give overtime. In these
25 tough times we're not going to give overtime. Tough

1 resources. We've got to save money. We're not going
2 to give police overtime for anybody just sitting,
3 writing trivial tickets, cab violations, minor traffic
4 infractions, somebody's five miles over you don't sit
5 in court and collect police overtime. That should be
6 cut back immediately. That would be one simple way of
7 addressing it.

8 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Allen.

9 MR. ALLEN: I'm sorry for being so
10 passionate.

11 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: No, no, we do not
12 have a problem with people who have passion. We love
13 it. Commissioner Rivera?

14 COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Mr. Allen, is your last
15 name Allen?

16 MR. ALLEN: Yes, ma'am.

17 COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Did you have a
18 particular officer that --

19 MR. ALLEN: Well, I have ticket right here.

20 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Could you do me a
21 favor and talk to our Chief Investigator Tina Orr. She
22 will help you sort through that situation. We can
23 investigate that and get some information.

24 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR ORR: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: And then, Chief.

1 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: For the record,
2 Assistant Chief Logan. I'd also ask that Deputy Chief
3 Tolbert to get the information.

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Deputy Chief Tolbert
5 is right behind you there, too.

6 MR. ALLAN: I got so upset that, you know, I
7 said why do you take advantage of me? You know,
8 because people steal cars. There's no real law and
9 order or anything. Greektown, the cops are lined up
10 this way. People come in from the back and they steal
11 customers. All this kind of stuff. But as I'm being
12 controlled these same police officers was sitting there
13 watching these guys doing that, nobody said anything.

14 So when I pulled up -- why are you picking on
15 me? Are you doing this because I'm white? Are you
16 doing this because of racism? Everybody complains
17 because of the history of the abuse and I understand
18 that, but now it's reversed. And I'm not going to sit
19 back in the back of the bus. I was so upset. I
20 started screaming. It's just insane.

21 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Yes, sir.

22 MR. ALLEN: I'm seventy-three years old. Now
23 I'm being --

24 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Mr. Stewart wants to
25 address that.

1 City of Detroit have corrupt cops.

2 MR. ALLEN: No, no, no.

3 COMMISSIONER STEWART: Well, a lot of people
4 make it look that way, and that's why we try to sit
5 here and we see a lot of cases and we've got to go
6 through them and sometimes the cases are litigated and
7 sometimes they're not. But sitting on the Board, I
8 heard someone said why are we here? And I'll tell you
9 why I'm here and I'm quite sure why rest of them are
10 here. We're here to make sure the relationship between
11 the good and bad is balanced. And believe me the good
12 over balance, overweighs the bad. We need to kind of
13 concentrate on that, too, now as well and stuff like
14 that.

15 You said you got bullied by one guy, but all
16 of them are not like that. So that's what we want to
17 make sure we clarify that. And me sitting up here I
18 have say it myself, I live in the city, too. There's
19 way more that's good. I don't think the ones that's
20 good should have to be called -- because I never heard
21 nobody say, well, we understand the good ones there,
22 too. When you mentioned something like that I always
23 mentioned there is some good ones, too.

24 MR. ALLEN: That's absolutely true and I
25 agree with that 100 percent. Bring this thing in

1 balance to say how many statistically are doing good,
2 statistically how many guys actually got the guts. All
3 these cab drivers are being abused. I'm the first one
4 to come into speak to you. This lady is one of the
5 few. Out of all these people she stands up for you.
6 The point is to balance this thing out.

7 COMMISSIONER STEWART: And that's good.

8 MR. ALLEN: We have to. Yes, I know some
9 good cops. This is their job. Their job is to serve
10 and protect, not harass and abuse. Take the harassment
11 and abuse out of the picture and serve and protect.

12 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Mr. Allan, I'm going
13 to have to move on. I'm sorry. It's my fault. I
14 should have said there was a four-minute time limit
15 earlier like I normally do. I apologize for that. But
16 we will definitely look into your complaint and we'll
17 make sure that we'll do a full investigation, sir, that
18 that won't happen to you again and to no other cab
19 driver.

20 MR. ALLEN: What makes them do that? Let's
21 not just focus on this individual case, but the general
22 culture to tell the police hands off the cab drivers.
23 These guys are working people. These are tough times.
24 Don't bother them. Many of them don't. But there are
25 a few that have their priorities. They cut my

1 overtime. Why should I -- if I can make extra money.

2 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you.

3 MR. ALLAN: Take that overtime away from them
4 one way in these tough times. But the Police
5 Coalition -- I'm a 100 percent for the unions. Without
6 unions there's nobody. But just put balance there.

7 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you, sir.
8 Thank you, sir. We appreciate it. Any other comments?
9 Yes, ma'am, for the record, state your name.

10 MS. SEMMA: Julie Semma, 7-D's Towing. I'd
11 just like to know what the status is as far as permits
12 and the RFP in regards to towing issues?

13 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: The status of the
14 permits and RFP. I think the status of the permit's
15 still the same. I don't know -- Deputy Chief Lee is
16 not here, is he?

17 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: For the record,
18 Assistant Chief Logan. If you will give me your number
19 I'll give you a call myself or at least you'll be
20 called tomorrow.

21 MS. SEMMA: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: As far as the RFP is
23 it still out for bid or is the bidding date closed?

24 ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: The bidding date is not
25 closed. There was a pre-bid meeting last week.

1 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So it's still open.

2 MS. SEMMA: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Any other comments or
4 questions for the Police Commission? Any other
5 comments for the Board? Again, we thank you for
6 accommodating us in sitting in this situation. We
7 appreciate it greatly. At this time I will entertain a
8 motion to end this section of the meeting and to
9 adjourn the meeting all together.

10 COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Motion to adjourn.

11 COMMISSIONER REEVES: Second.

12 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: It's been properly
13 moved and supported to adjourn the meeting. All those
14 in favor?

15 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: All those opposed?
17 Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. We'll see you next
18 week.

19 (The hearing concluded at 4:24 p.m.)

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