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Taken at Historic Little Rock Baptist Church,
9000 Woodward Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan, 48202,
Commencing at 6:51 p.m.,
Thursday, March 8th, 2012,
Before Elizabeth Koller, CSR-7042.

1 APPEARANCES:

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8 Appearing on behalf of the Board of Police
9 Commissioners.

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11 COMMISSIONERS:

12 DONNELL WHITE, CHAIRMAN

13 JESSICA TAYLOR, REGULAR MEMBER

14 JEROME WARFIELD, REGULAR MEMBER

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16 ALSO PRESENT:

17 GEORGE ANTHONY, SECRETARY

18 A.C. CHESTER LOGAN

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 March 8, 2012

3 About 6:51 p.m.

4 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Let me say good evening to
5 everyone. Let me welcome you to the Board of Police
6 Commissioners Meeting. Welcome to the Board of Police
7 Commissioners Meeting dated Thursday, March 8th, 2012.
8 My name is Commissioners Donnell White. I have the
9 pleasure of serving as the Chairman of the Board of
10 Police Commissioners.

11 Today I am joined with my colleagues to my
12 right, Commissioner Jerome Warfield, Commissioner
13 Jessica Taylor, and representing the staff for the
14 Board of Police Commissioners is Executive Secretary
15 Mr. George Anthony. Mr. Secretary, please introduce
16 our staff.

17 MR. SECRETARY: George Anthony, Secretary to
18 Board. Present today is Ms. Celia Banks Washington who
19 is our attorney to the Board. Ms. Dalph Watson who is
20 our Director of Police Personnel, and Lieutenant
21 Timothy Leach who is the Acting Chief Investigator at
22 the Office of the Chief Investigators Office,
23 Mr. Robert Brown seated to my right is our Office
24 Manager. Our recorders tonight are Sergeant Alan
25 Quinn, Officer Kent Cooper, and Ms. Elizabeth Koller

1 from Hanson Court Reporting Services. Thank you. That
2 completes the introductions, sir.

3 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Anthony.
4 Representing the Office of the Chief Ralph Godbee,
5 joining us is Assistant Chief Chester Logan, thank you
6 for being with us, A.C.

7 A.C. LOGAN: Glad to be here, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN WHITE: At this time we will have an
9 invocation by Reverend A.W. Bush of Historic Little
10 Rock. Pastor, good evening.

11 PASTOR BUSH: Good evening. Again, I'm
12 Reverend A.W. Bush, Senior. I'm Associate Minister
13 here at Little Rock Baptist Church. On behalf of my
14 Pastor Reverend Doctor Jim Holley, I'd like to welcome
15 you to the Little Rock Baptist Church. And I'd like to
16 ask you to make yourselves at home and enjoy our
17 hospitality.

18 Let us pray. Father God, we come thanking
19 you for your love, your mercy, your goodness, and your
20 grace. God, we thank you for the day that you blessed
21 us. God, we ask that you come to this room and spread
22 love and peace all over the place. Give us the
23 blessings of understanding and peace. In Jesus name,
24 amen, and thank God.

25 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Reverend Bush.

1 We are certainly indebted to Pastor Jim Holley for
2 hosting us this evening within the Central District.
3 We are excited to be here. Also, I'd like to take a
4 point of privilege and recognize the presence of our
5 City Councilman Mr. Gary Brown. Good to see you, sir.

6 (Applause.)

7 CHAIRMAN WHITE: And I do believe we will
8 extend a point of privilege to Mr. Brown so we will
9 hear from him within our New Business later in the
10 agenda. At this time I'm going to ask if Commissioner
11 Warfield would read to us our Commissioners duties and
12 responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

13 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
14 The Board of Detroit Police Commissioners was created
15 by City Charter July 1st, 1974. We are a five member
16 appointed Board by the Mayor of the City of Detroit,
17 and we are confirmed by members of the Detroit City
18 Council. Commissioners serve a five year term and may
19 not serve more than five years consecutively.

20 We meet once a week 52 weeks out of the year.
21 All meetings are open to the public. Our duties are to
22 establish policy, rules and regulations in consultation
23 with the Chief and with the approval of the Mayor. We
24 review and approve the Department budget. We receive
25 and approve department promotions. We receive and

1 resolve complaints concerning the operations of the
2 Detroit Police Department. We are the final authority
3 to improve and/or review discipline of the DPD
4 employees.

5 We also appoint the Civilian Personnel
6 Director to the Detroit Police Department. We prepare
7 an annual report for the Department of the Department
8 as relates to the activities for the public and the
9 Mayor and the City Council.

10 Our staff has already been introduced by the
11 head of our Executive Secretary who serves as Secretary
12 to the Board and attends all of our Board meetings. We
13 also appoint the Chief Investigator and additional
14 Investigators to serve as our investigative arms as
15 relates to citizen complaints. We also have other
16 staff as necessary to provide and to support the Board.
17 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Commissioner. At
19 this time a motion will be in order for the approval of
20 the Agenda dated Thursday, March 8th, 2012.

21 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So moved.

22 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Support.

23 CHAIRMAN WHITE: It's been properly moved and
24 supported. Any discussion? Seen none, all those in
25 favor?

1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Opposed? Thank you. At
3 this time a motion for the approval of the minutes
4 dated Thursday, March 1st, 2010 will be in order.

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So move.

6 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Support.

7 CHAIRMAN WHITE: It's been properly moved and
8 supported. Any discussions? Seen none, all those in
9 favor?

10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Opposed? Thank you very
12 much. Under the Chair Persons Report I appreciate
13 everyone's patients today. As you know we have a
14 number of vacancies that are within the Office of the
15 Chief Investigator. This body has been doing it's due
16 diligence in working very aggressively to get those
17 positions filled.

18 For those of you who have been close to the
19 process, the Office of the Chief Investigator is the
20 arm of the Department which is responsible for the
21 investigation of citizens complaints. We are charged
22 by Charter and by Federal Consent Decree to not allow
23 those complaints to go beyond a 90 day window. So our
24 diligence is utmost importance as we move to press the
25 Office of the Chief Investigator to close these cases

1 within a timely manner. So as such we are in the
2 process interviewing individuals for the position of
3 Chief Investigator today.

4 We anticipate a very short window that we
5 will have all of these positions filled and operate at
6 a high capacity. Again, to the Chief through Assistant
7 Chief Logan we are again definitely appreciative of the
8 recent officers addition to the Office of the Chief
9 Investigator to assist in that matter as we seek to
10 remove that backlog status of cases. So thank you.

11 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: I'll pass that on to
12 the Chief.

13 CHAIRMAN WHITE: At this time we will have a
14 report from our Secretary. Mr. Secretary?

15 MR. SECRETARY: No report this evening.

16 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, sir. Under the
17 Central District, Assistant Chief Logan.

18 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Yes, sir. Through
19 the Chair, Assistant Chief Logan. We've got a
20 presentation from Commander Kenny Williams, Commanding
21 Officer of the Central District. And we also, although
22 it's listed under Old Business, we'd like to do a
23 second presentation that gives you an update on the
24 Virtual Precinct concept.

25 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Yes, sir. Thank you.

1 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Commander Williams,
2 Inspector Houser is going to --

3 INSPECTOR HOUSER: I'm Inspector Hauser.
4 Good evening, Board, Assistant Chief Logan, citizens,
5 dignitaries, and my fellow department members. I'm
6 here to just give a brief synopsis of the Central
7 District. Central District encompasses roughly eleven
8 square miles. The district is comprised of the 1st and
9 13th Precinct which is Patrol and Investigations. It's
10 located at 7310 Woodward, Gaming Operations which I'm
11 in charge of Gaming Operations and Central Events.
12 Gaming Operations is also housed at 7310 Woodward and
13 Central Events is at 29 Atwater.

14 The District is bounded on the north by
15 Woodland bordering Highland Park. It's bounded on the
16 east by St. Aubin and Chrysler Service Drive. On the
17 west it's bounded by John C. Lodge and West Grand
18 Boulevard. On the south it's bounded by Michigan
19 Avenue to 14th Street to east Atwater.

20 The Central District's population is
21 comprised of approximately 100,000 citizens which is
22 inclusive of persons traveling into the district for
23 their employment. With the majestic resurgence of
24 greater Downtown Detroit the District handles numerous
25 concerts, festivals, sporting events, games and

1 parades.

2 The District is also the home of all three
3 casinos, MGM, GreekTown, and Motor City. An estimated
4 100 to 150,000 patrons visit each casino on a weekly
5 basis. In addition to all the activities Downtown the
6 District has a large residential area that we serve.

7 Downtown Detroit has become one of our
8 premier neighborhoods with many new condominiums and
9 apartments. There's also 23 schools, including several
10 charter schools and two colleges within the borders of
11 our District.

12 The last time that we met before the Board,
13 the Commander gave some information in regards to some
14 initiatives that he had and we're still committed to
15 those initiatives at Central District. We have a great
16 community relations group. And one of our officers
17 here, Officer Dorsey, is here today. He's certainly
18 dynamic.

19 And some of the things we do from his office
20 is to distribute crime alert bulletins to businesses in
21 Central District, give safety reports and tips at block
22 club meetings, do security surveys for homeowners and
23 businesses and administer the U-Turn Program, the
24 Mission Possible, and Positive Direction Program, all
25 which were designed to deter kids from criminal

1 activity in our neighborhoods.

2 The Commander, Commander Kenny Williams, and
3 I'm sorry, because I didn't introduce Commander Kenny
4 Williams, Commander Kenny Williams created a
5 neighborhood walk in Central District. We do it
6 through the spring and summer months on Friday nights
7 and Community Relations Officer actually designate a
8 specific area within the District and walk with the
9 residents of the area in an effort to get the citizens
10 out of their homes and to more or less take back their
11 neighborhoods. So this will start up the end of April,
12 early May.

13 We established different foot patrols in
14 Harmony Park, Capital Park, New Center area, Greektown,
15 Financial District, and the newly created Campus
16 Martius is where we stepped up efforts in enforcing
17 some of the violations and the business, as well. We
18 also dedicated a homeless car in our District because
19 we have one of the largest populations of homeless in
20 our District and so we work really hard to try to get
21 them housed in different shelters.

22 In addition, when we first got to the
23 District the Commander and my partner, who's actually
24 off on a well-deserved furlough, Inspector Fitzgerald,
25 we began to partner more with the Central Business

1 District Neighborhood Watch and so with that group it's
2 a group of corporate people who work together. We meet
3 biweekly, discuss strategies to further enhance public
4 safety in the Downtown area.

5 Some of those members include Olympia
6 Entertainment, Compuware, General Motors, Blue Cross
7 Blue Shield, Quicken Loans, DTE Energy, and the River
8 Front Conservatory. By working with them different
9 pilot programs have come about including the Light
10 House Program where those corporate partners work
11 together to help secure their area which allows us at
12 Central District to police more of our residential
13 areas at times.

14 We've also partnered with the MidTown
15 Neighborhood Watch and that block club also meets
16 biweekly and discuss strategies to further enhance
17 public safety in the mid town Wayne State University
18 areas and Wayne State has become one of the most
19 incredible partners and we work with them a lot to help
20 patrol our area.

21 Some of the other people involved with the
22 MidTown Neighborhood Watch include the MidTown Group,
23 New Center, Henry Ford Hospital, Wayne State Center for
24 Urban Studies, Michigan Department of Corrections,
25 Focus Hope and the NSO. And finally Central Events

1 because it belongs to me I just wanted to say that
2 Central Events provides flawless community service with
3 over 81 Tiger games, 50 Detroit Red Wing games, home
4 games, and ten Detroit Lions games all the time.

5 One of the things that Central Events does is
6 manage the club details on the weekends downtown. That
7 concludes my presentation.

8 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Inspector.
9 Question, Commissioner Warfield?

10 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: I don't have any
11 questions, just a quick comment. I had an opportunity
12 to work with Inspector Houser and her team on Special
13 Events, and just again I want to commend you publically
14 on just the outstanding job that your men and women do
15 night in and night out whether it's a Tiger game, Red
16 Wing game, whether it's something going on at the Fox
17 Theater.

18 I've seen them take on very difficult
19 situations and handle them with grace and ease to where
20 the spirit of that night was able to be still be
21 festive. So I thank you and just the training of your
22 Officers for just an outstanding job that they do as
23 goodwill ambassadors to the City of Detroit, especially
24 to those who are coming in and out of the City.

25 INSPECTOR HOUSER: Thank you so much, sir.

1 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Commissioner Taylor?

2 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No, sir, I don't have
3 anything.

4 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Inspector Houser, you
5 mentioned was it a housing car?

6 INSPECTOR HOUSER: A homeless car.

7 CHAIRMAN WHITE: A homeless car, C-A-R?

8 INSPECTOR HOUSER: Yes, car.

9 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Can you elaborate on that?

10 INSPECTOR HOUSER: That car is a car that we
11 took out of service and it helps take our different
12 homeless members around our community to shelters and
13 that and to eat.

14 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. Thank you for that.
15 Also with the nature of the Wayne State University
16 Police partnership it's been raised as a concern to
17 this body in the past, what is nature of the
18 relationship? Would you say it is a healthy
19 partnership, particularly in patrolling along the
20 Woodward corridor and I believe over into the Brush
21 Park area now? There's been some concerns on whether
22 or not they should be in Detroit neighborhoods which
23 could be viewed as off campus, if you will, has that
24 been a healthy relationship between both entities?

25 INSPECTOR HOUSER: Yes, sir.

1 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you.

2 INSPECTOR HOUSER: Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN WHITE: We certainly appreciate
4 Commander Kenny Williams and the entire staff for doing
5 an excellent job within the District. Thank you,
6 Assistant Chief Logan. We'll move onto our Virtual
7 Precinct update.

8 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Yes, sir. I'd like
9 to call forward Commander Todd Bettison and I believe
10 he's going to introduce Mr. James Wilkins has a title
11 that Commander Bettison will explain.

12 COMMANDER BETTISON: Good evening, Board.
13 Commander Todd Bettison, Communications Operations
14 Section. I'd like to introduce my team and give out
15 thanks to individuals who made this project successful
16 and thus far it's exceeding my expectations. Mr. Jim
17 Wilkins is our in Master Black Belt in Sig Sigma, and
18 the process improvement method is the best practice
19 mechanism that helps entities improve processes and
20 gained efficiencies and become more effective.

21 So Mr. Wilkins has been on the ground
22 volunteering a lot of his time with the Detroit Police
23 Department and has been a tremendous asset for us and
24 he's here in the audience and I'd like ask him to
25 stand.

1 (Applause.)

2 COMMANDER BETTISON: Thank you. Also the
3 steering committee before I jump into the presentation
4 real quick has been very instrumental in helping out
5 and guiding. A.C. Logan is part of the steering
6 committee, Deputy Chief Tolbert, Deputy Chief Wells,
7 Deputy Chief Lee, and then I'd like to thank each and
8 every Command Officer here and also their staff because
9 I'm here presenting this and talking about it, but in
10 order to make it work and be effective they have really
11 tremendously helped out and put in a lot of sweat to
12 make this a success.

13 I'm going to jump into the presentation real
14 fast. We met before and we presented at a special
15 conference to the Board on February the 6th regarding
16 the pilot project that we conducted at the Northeastern
17 District and we stated that we would come before the
18 community on March 8th and give a status update as far
19 as city-wide implementation.

20 For the members of the audience you've heard
21 a lot about our Telephone Crime Reporting Unit. I just
22 wanted to be able to give you a visual of the actual
23 call center when we talk about non-emergency reports
24 being taken at that center. Let me stress
25 non-emergency reports in nature. Also our Telephone

1 Crime Reporting Unit is not a new unit.

2 It's been around ever since I've been on the
3 job. I've been on the job 17 years now and when I got
4 hired in 1994 that entity was up and operating, but due
5 to cut backs and layoffs it was tremendously downsized.
6 This administration has enhanced that operation so that
7 now we have that fully staffed. So before we fully
8 staffed it the operational hours were 8:00 a.m. to 8:00
9 p.m. Now it's 24/7. The volume of reports and
10 operating period is longer and they're taking more
11 reports now that it's fully staffed.

12 How, when, and when not to use TCR. As
13 stated before we created a video to help educate the
14 public on our Virtual Precincts and I'd like to show a
15 brief, brief video real fast. It's three minutes and
16 it's for the public.

17 (Video was presented.)

18 This program was created to inform the
19 citizens of the City of Detroit when to call 911
20 emergencies, when to use the Telephone Crime Reporting
21 Unit or Virtual Precinct for non-emergencies and what
22 to expect when entering a police precinct or district
23 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

24 The person should call 911 when they're in
25 danger, to report a crime in progress, to report a down

1 power line, to report a life-threatening and/or medical
2 emergency, to report suspicious activity in progress
3 that is a threat to life, property or public safety,
4 when a police officer is needed at the scene. An
5 example would include major traffic accidents. If a
6 citizen calls the Telephone Crime Reporting Unit and
7 the operator determines that the elements of a
8 life-threatening situation exists a call will be
9 immediately transferred to 911 for emergency dispatch
10 of police, fire or EMS.

11 A person should call the Telephone Crime
12 Reporting Unit when there's is no immediate threat to
13 life, property or public safety, the incident is not in
14 progress, the suspect or suspects are no longer at the
15 scene. The following incidents will be handled by the
16 Telephone Crime Reporting Unit, stolen vehicles or
17 stolen license plates, breaking and entering of
18 residences, businesses or autos, larceny reports, a
19 felonious assault without injuries or non-violent
20 personal assaults or disputes, malicious destruction of
21 property.

22 The Virtual Precinct model is a service
23 enhancement which will make filing a police report more
24 convenient to our residents and our visitors to the
25 City of Detroit. You can now make a crime report from

1 the comfort of your own home by dialing (313) 267-4600.
2 You can make police reports at any police district or
3 precinct between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
4 Telephones have been installed in the lobby area which
5 will automatically connect you to the Telephone Crime
6 Report Unit.

7 Using the Virtual Precinct model will reduce
8 police responses to situations where the immediate
9 presence of an officer isn't required. This will allow
10 Officers to remain on patrol and engaged in proactive
11 policing activities available to respond to true
12 emergencies.

13 I not only approached this as the Chief of
14 Police, but I approached this as a life-long resident
15 of the City of Detroit. Our overriding concern is
16 making sure that our residents, our visitors, our
17 businesses have every opportunity to experience the
18 most sworn Detroit Police Officers we can have out in
19 the field at any given moment.

20 We will continuously look at ways to improve
21 that process and make sure that we maximize every
22 resource that your tax dollars pay for. If there's any
23 questions or concern or anymore clarification that we
24 can offer please feel free to call our Office of Public
25 Information area code (313) 596-2200.

1 COMMANDER BETTISON: Just to stress and
2 emphasis the police will respond to crimes in progress,
3 incidents that threaten public safety, suspicious
4 package, manhole cover open that a possible child could
5 fall in or somebody else could be injured, suspects
6 still on the scene, preservation of evidence, crimes
7 scene. Under no circumstances will any incident that
8 is in progress involve a life or injury threatening
9 situation be handling by TCRU.

10 To give you some examples of what TCRU will
11 not take, criminal sexual conduct, serious missing,
12 arson, homicide, child abuse, neglect, accidents
13 involving injuries, home invasion, B&E Business where
14 evidence techs are needed, carjackings, robberies,
15 things of a serious nature.

16 We'll jump into data of our city-wide Virtual
17 Precinct. As you can see in the video the last point
18 that Chief Godbee stressed was adding more officers to
19 patrol, have to be able to do more especially in these
20 economic times, the downturn.

21 The Virtual Precinct has allowed us to add in
22 our Patrol Operations Bureau an extra 60 police
23 officers which is a 6.7 increase thus far. When you
24 include the salary with the fringe and benefits of our
25 Police Officers that equates to 5.7 million dollars in

1 savings by not hiring those added bodies. Just a few
2 months ago it was conversation as far as possibility of
3 laying off Officers, and we were able to get a grant
4 converted over and not lay those Officers off, so not
5 only did we not lay off we've added an extra
6 60 Officers to Patrol.

7 Another point I want to stress about the
8 60 Officers that were added, these Officers are fully
9 trained and able to go out and perform the full
10 functions of a Police Officer. When you hire Police
11 Officers it's a training period where those individuals
12 have to go through the academy and it takes about a
13 year and a half before those Officers are actually
14 ready to be on the street and do what they need to do
15 as far as servicing the community.

16 Another benefit of our adding those extra
17 Officers to the street patrol as far as emergency
18 overtime and prescheduled overtime, just within the
19 three weeks of citywide implementation we've been
20 actually able to save 683 hours. There's been a
21 20 percent reduction in overtime hours and that equates
22 to \$27,000.00.

23 If you look at what an Officer is paid at the
24 rate of time and a half it equates to \$39.54. So this
25 is just three weeks and we've realized a savings and

1 reduction in overtime.

2 The number of accident reports to TCRU.

3 Normally with our non-injury accident reports and if
4 the vehicles are drivable, if a citizen experienced
5 that and calls 911, the 911 operator before Virtual
6 Precinct would direct them into the station to have
7 that report made. With the Virtual Precinct we've
8 actually trained our staff and there's Police Officers
9 that can take that report via the telephone and the
10 citizen doesn't have to go into the station and with
11 those reports right there that allowed us to redeploy
12 those report officers back to active patrol.

13 The slide right here is important because it
14 highlights the number of visits that we actually get to
15 our district precinct stations. On Platoon 1 you can
16 see that's our midnight shift is our least busiest time
17 that we have visitors to the station. Platoon 2 is our
18 dayshift from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Platoon 3 is our
19 afternoon shift from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The
20 Precinct District Stations are open 24/7 and we're
21 still servicing the community.

22 Just from the week February 20th through the
23 26th which is the week denoted as Number 8 you can see
24 that on our afternoon shift we had approximately 189
25 visitors to our precinct station on our afternoon

1 shift. Our stations are not closed. We just want to
2 stress that to the community that we are not closed.
3 We are still open. We just changed our report taking
4 process on Platoons 3 and 1.

5 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Commander, before you
6 proceed what were those time slots for the different
7 Platoons again?

8 COMMANDER BETTISON: Platoon 1 is 12:00 a.m.
9 to 8:00 a.m. Platoon 2 is 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and
10 Platoon 3 is 4:00 p.m. until twelve midnight.

11 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, sir.

12 COMMANDER BETTISON: Number of calls
13 transferred from 911 to TCRU. If you look at before
14 Virtual Precinct what we did was we compared to 2011 on
15 average our 911 calls center transferred 219 calls over
16 to our TCRU and those are non-emergency type runs.
17 TCRU like I said has already been in effect. It's
18 nothing new and those calls were being transferred over
19 our Telephone Crime Reporting Unit from 911.

20 They were only able to transfer those calls
21 over during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., but
22 since we've increased or staffing over there at TCRU
23 and it's now 24/7 now you have an extra twelve hours
24 where calls can be transferred from 911 over to TCRU so
25 that equates to the increased volumes in calls being

1 transferred from 911 or over to TCRU of a non-emergency
2 nature and it's been a 142 percent increase when you
3 compare to 2011 to 2012.

4 What's important to note about that is it
5 normally takes a Police Officer to handle a
6 non-emergency report by traveling back to the station
7 and type out that report we're talking about 60
8 minutes. So that equates to extra hours on the street
9 for Patrol Officers to do proactive policing
10 activities.

11 A number of Crisnet reports, those are police
12 reports taken by TCRU. With our Virtual Precinct model
13 and highlighting of TCRU and getting the word out that
14 citizens can utilize our Telephone Crime Report Unit
15 which they are doing, you can see that compared to 2011
16 to 2012 we increased 124 percent. So they're averaging
17 about 1,000 compared to 488 reports per week.

18 Here's an important slide right here. With
19 our Northeastern District Pilot after we implemented it
20 we have zero citizen complaints that were received at
21 the district stations and also at the Office of the
22 Chief Investigator dealing with the process.
23 Department-wide deployment of the Virtual Precinct
24 mode. We still have zero citizen complaints concerning
25 the process. I just consulted with Office of the Chief

1 Investigator Lieutenant Timothy Leach and we do have
2 one citizen complaint, but it's not regarding the
3 process of the Virtual Precinct. It's regarding
4 demeanor of one of the police officers that took a call
5 there.

6 So we will be doing customer training,
7 customer service training for those individuals over
8 there, customer service training and then also the
9 calls are recorded so that during the investigation
10 that will help determine exactly what happened.

11 So we're cooperating and we'll get that
12 information to Office of the Chief Investigator and
13 we'll be able to determine what happened with that call
14 right there. That concludes my presentations.

15 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Commander.
16 Commissioner Warfield, questions?

17 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: First of all,
18 excellent presentation, thank you, sir, and certainly
19 we always want to congratulate the Department when
20 they're trying to get more Officers out on the street.
21 I preference that and then also frame my question by
22 saying we are the liaison to the community and so
23 there's questions that I have from a community
24 perspective that I think others might have as well.

25 You talked about and I think very eloquently

1 and somewhat clearly as relates to what calls will be
2 answered and what calls must be taken by report. If I
3 am a mugging victim, if I just got mugged on the street
4 the perpetrator is gone that I know of, are you telling
5 me that I should not call 911 at that time?

6 COMMANDER BETTISON: It depends on the
7 timeframe, sir. You should call 911 and when you say
8 just happened we will respond if it just happened. But
9 many times it's a delay when citizens will call. The
10 police many times are not the first telephone call
11 that's made. I'll give you an example.

12 A gentleman wanted to make a carjacking
13 report, and he said that it occurred four days ago.
14 You know, in a situation like that that is not a
15 situation that at that point is an emergency and we
16 will take that report, but it needs to follow-up. And
17 with the reports that are taken via TCRU it's a
18 screening reasoning process that goes on, as well.

19 When you call 911 the 911 operator will
20 prioritize that call and determine whether or not it
21 should be routed. If this is not routed or deemed --
22 if it is deemed an emergency then a patrol vehicle will
23 be dispatched. But under the situation that you
24 described, I mean, you should definitely call 911.

25 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Okay. Great. Thank

1 you. That helps me. I won't have to ask the other
2 questions regarding that. I want to go back to the
3 numbers reported as relates to the Officers that's been
4 added to street. And you said 60 Officers have been
5 added to the street as a result. Is this a result of
6 Virtual Precincts going citywide or are these numbers
7 just reflective the Northeastern District?

8 COMMANDER BETTISON: That's a result of
9 Virtual Precinct at this point going citywide.

10 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Okay. Because the
11 initial numbers we were told is that it would put up to
12 150 Officers on the street.

13 COMMANDER BETTISON: Absolutely. And I can
14 explain that, sir.

15 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Sure.

16 COMMANDER BETTISON: Right now we're in the
17 process and just last week, myself, Director of Human
18 Resources Dalph Watson, and other members of City Human
19 Resources conducted interviews and we're in the process
20 of filling 29 TCO, Telephone Crime Operator positions.
21 So we interviewed those folks last week and within
22 short order those individuals will be hired to fill the
23 call center. And because we've implemented this
24 process we have calls that are being transferred from
25 911 and citizens are calling our call center.

1 We do have some full duty officers that are
2 assigned there that has some of the report clerk jobs
3 as a temporary stop gap until the TCOs are hired and
4 then they'll be redeployed back to the street and then
5 we'll get it up to that 150 number.

6 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Makes sense. Thank you, I
7 appreciate that. Then finally, going over the pages
8 where you outlaid the fact of the savings \$27,000.00,
9 and I'm to be correct that was for the three weeks of
10 Virtual Precincts being in operation, correct?

11 COMMANDER BETTISON: That is correct and
12 that's for the category of Police Officers.

13 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So if I extrapolate
14 that out using your numbers and I guess that's what the
15 60 officers, we're looking at about just under half a
16 million dollars in saving for the Department for the
17 entire year?

18 COMMANDER BETTISON: That is correct, sir.

19 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: And when we looked at
20 savings initially they were reported to be more than
21 that?

22 COMMANDER BETTISON: As far as the overtime
23 with the Northeastern District with the pilot project
24 and the reduction of overtime one thing that we had to
25 extrapolate out was we realized a savings in the area

1 of 40 percent. But going back taking a closer
2 inspection of it during that particular pilot program
3 we didn't have our forty hour block of mandatory
4 in-service training go on. So when you pull officers
5 out to sit in forty hour blocks of training, then that
6 creates a situation where you don't have as many
7 Officers on the street and you have to back fill them
8 because for forty hours they're not available.

9 So that was the phenomenon that went on there
10 that kind of caused the overtime to be at a reduced
11 rate of 40 percent but after you extrapolate that out
12 and we have in-service training back up and going, so
13 the overtime result ended up being 20 percent.

14 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: And then, Mr. Chair,
15 finally, you had referenced toward the end of the
16 presentation that there were no citizens complaints as
17 relates to the process and just so that we're clear for
18 the audience that very specifically means formal
19 complaints that were filled out or typed out and sent
20 to our office or one of the departments, correct?

21 COMMANDER BETTISON: That's correct, that is
22 correct. And the reason I hesitated right there, we
23 haven't received and I haven't received of any of those
24 complaints from the Board, you know, Office of the
25 Chief Investigator. And when I said process, the one

1 complaint that I referenced that was more so dealing
2 with a demeanor area of a particular individual.

3 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Right, right. And
4 then finally just so that we're clear for residents who
5 are here, if you are injured or if you've been a victim
6 of a crime and you're on the scene and there was an
7 emergency you still can call 911 and get response, and
8 I think that's clear. Because unfortunately there was
9 a news media outlet that I think misrepresented that
10 fact to public.

11 And so I think it's very clear and please
12 pass it along to your neighbors that if something
13 happens to you and you're on the street and you're out
14 and about and when you're in your house and something
15 has happened to you call the police, call 911, and a
16 unit will come to see about you.

17 COMMANDER BETTISON: Absolutely. Absolutely.
18 And the reason for this and the reason that TCRU does
19 not take certain reports is because it's such of a
20 serious nature that we want to send a response unit out
21 there and by prioritizing this will allow us to handle
22 those true emergencies more expeditiously and that's
23 our goal.

24 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you, Chair.

25 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Commissioner

1 Warfield. Commissioner Taylor.

2 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes, I have one
3 question. As it's relates to domestic violence if a
4 person has not been injured yet but feels they be may
5 be can they call 911 and you will respond to that or?

6 COMMANDER BETTISON: Absolutely.

7 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Commissioner.
8 Commander, if you could, talk to me about the process
9 between when an individual calls 911 or he or she maybe
10 transferred to TCRU what is communicated to that
11 individual at that time?

12 COMMANDER BETTISON: The individual -- I'll
13 give you an example. Your vehicle's stolen or you
14 return to your vehicle and your car stereo was taken
15 out the vehicle. At that point you'll call 911 and our
16 ESOs as we call them will let them know this particular
17 run is of a non-emergency nature and your call will be
18 rerouted to our Telephone Crime Reporting Unit and they
19 will take your report.

20 And the rational for that is when the
21 Officers under the old system, when the Officers would
22 respond to a run of that natures what they would find
23 is a citizen there, the vehicle would be gone or
24 there's glass on the ground and it's obvious that their
25 stereo system was taken out of the vehicle and it's

1 stolen. The officer will listen to the citizen. At
2 that point officer will write down the information in
3 his note pad. The officer will get in his patrol
4 vehicle and drive back to the station and get on a
5 computer and type out a report. And that takes the
6 Officer out of service so that when something is truly
7 happening and folks need him they're not available
8 there on the street.

9 The Officers are out of service for
10 approximately sixty minutes just doing a simple report
11 run. And, you know, that's not where we need them. We
12 actually need them out on the street. So with that
13 being said, the citizen can simply call TCRU and within
14 a matter of minutes have that report typed out.
15 They'll have their report number and they able to go
16 about their way, instead of staying there waiting
17 twenty, thirty minutes for a police officer to come to
18 take a simple report run.

19 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, sir. During this
20 30 day window from since we've last met have we tracked
21 the call wait times for individuals waiting for TCRU
22 Operators?

23 COMMANDER BETTISON: Yes, we have. And I
24 have Lieutenant Hollins here from Telephone Crime
25 Reporting Unit and he specifically has that information

1 and I'm just going to ask him to blurt it out for me.

2 Lieutenant Hollins.

3 LIEUTENANT HOLLINS: Overall it's a 54 minute
4 average.

5 COMMANDER BETTISON: Not minute. You said
6 minute.

7 LIEUTENANT HOLLINS: 54 seconds, I'm sorry.
8 However, a spike at lunch hour of up to three minutes
9 because of everybody calling at the same time. So a
10 maximum of three minutes, 54 second average, 24 hours a
11 day.

12 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Lieutenant Commander, how
13 was that benchmark versus where we were prior to moving
14 to this model?

15 LIEUTENANT HOLLINS: Actually --

16 COMMANDER BETTISON: What I'm going to have
17 Lieutenant Hollins do is come to the microphone real
18 fast. We'll do it the formal way.

19 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you.

20 LIEUTENANT HOLLINS: Before we started we
21 were understaffed and we only worked twelve hours a
22 day, so the numbers would be skewed because on
23 midnights you would virtually have no wait. So
24 actually our numbers have gone down approximately I
25 would say just conservatively 50 percent. During noon,

1 lunch hour, wait times typically exceed ten minutes.
2 Okay. Now they're down to three, three and a half max.

3 So the average wait time across the board
4 again that number would be skewed. It would probably
5 be down three minutes, but that wasn't representative
6 of actual experience that calls would have because the
7 numbers were half and half. Twelve hours we were
8 taking calls from citizens, the other twelve we were
9 just taking them from Police Officers.

10 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Is there a plan or is it
11 feasible that three minutes could ultimately be reduced
12 even further?

13 LIEUTENANT HOLLINS: Well, we have other
14 plans to have what we call where we have an automatic
15 call back system. However, we have problems with our
16 current equipment. And what that will do that will
17 smooth out the curve to make it less spikes where it'll
18 automatically call you back and a citizen won't have to
19 wait on line. But that's later down the line and right
20 now we got equipment issues to implement that.

21 COMMANDER BETTISON: And then another thing
22 that's going to help out also it's a learning curve.
23 Right now we're staffing Telephone Crime Reporting Unit
24 with restricted duty police officers and we had to
25 actually retrain them and many of them didn't have a

1 typing background. The Telephone Crime Reporting
2 Operators the newly hired folks their background is in
3 typing.

4 So where many times it would a Police Officer
5 getting re-acclimated to typing those reports it may
6 take the Officer thirty, forty minutes to do a report,
7 whereas, it takes a Telephone Crime Reporting Operator
8 an average of three to five minutes to do that same
9 report. So we're going to gain some efficiencies as we
10 go along, as well.

11 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Just one final comment,
12 particularly during daytime hours whatever we can do to
13 reduce that time we're keeping in mind many individuals
14 have moved to a cell phone method of communication. In
15 an effort to reduce costs for citizens particularly
16 during daytime minutes, if you will, I think whatever
17 we can do will be most beneficial to our citizens.
18 Thank you. Not quite done, Commander.

19 As relates to the video that was shown where
20 is that video going to run? How it is being used as a
21 tool?

22 COMMANDER BETTISON: I'm going to have
23 Sergeant Quinn, he created the video and I want to
24 thank him for his voice.

25 CHAIRMAN WHITE: I was going to ask is that

1 his voice?

2 COMMANDER BETTISON: Yeah.

3 SERGEANT QUINN: Sergeant Quinn, for the
4 record. It's on U-Tube currently on our U-Tube channel
5 which is DPDpublicinfo, all one word, and it will be
6 also on the Government Access Channel 10. So it's run
7 both places. I don't know if they linked it to our
8 department page or not. I'll have to check and see.
9 It potentially would be on our citizen-wide city
10 website also.

11 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, sir. A couple
12 last quick ones, Commander, I will for interest of time
13 try to made it as quickly as possible. On your slide
14 as it related to a number of Officers added to Patrol.
15 If you could again, help me with the sequence in terms
16 of the pilot period versus the time it went live
17 citywide, we implemented the pilot in Northeastern on
18 what date?

19 COMMANDER BETTISON: We implemented the pilot
20 in Northeastern that would have been February, I
21 believe it was -- no, it was January 9th.

22 CHAIRMAN WHITE: January 9th. And the pilot
23 ended?

24 COMMANDER BETTISON: The pilot ended
25 February 6th.

1 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. And citywide we
2 started?

3 COMMANDER BETTISON: We actually started that
4 was February the 8th -- no, it was February 7th.

5 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. The last question, as
6 it relates to number of visits by platoons, again
7 benchmarking this data versus 2011, how do we fare in
8 terms of visits to precinct citywide versus the 2012
9 data? So as a result of Virtual Precincts are we
10 seeing less visitors than we had in 2011 or are we
11 seeing more in these same time periods?

12 COMMANDER BETTISON: What we're looking at
13 is -- I didn't compare to 2011. I didn't have that
14 data set available to me. But what I did was I
15 compared it to weeks before Virtual Precinct when we
16 started with the Northeastern District pilot, that's
17 when we started collecting the data of visits citywide.
18 So it's compared to that. And we're seeing the number
19 of visits on decline as we get the word out.

20 And I actually went to district stations,
21 each district station, sat in the lobby to watch the
22 process and talk to citizens as they exited and many of
23 them said that if I knew I could of did it over the
24 phone then I would just stayed at home.

25 So as the word is starting to get out and

1 folks are becoming more aware that you can make reports
2 via phone, citizens will start to choose that option.
3 So we're seeing the number decline as far as visits to
4 the station.

5 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Yes, sir. Also I'm looking
6 at this same data. If we look at week eight is it safe
7 to say if I look at Platoon 2, Virtual Precinct is 4:00
8 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the new model for precincts,
9 correct?

10 COMMANDER BETTISON: You said Platoon 2?

11 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Virtual Precincts, the
12 timeframes 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.?

13 COMMANDER BETTISON: Yes, it's 4:00 p.m. to
14 8:00 a.m., correct.

15 CHAIRMAN WHITE: I'm looking at your
16 timeframes again. So if I look at for week eight
17 Platoon 2 and Platoon 3, is it safe to say that 970
18 people visited precincts citywide during that timeframe
19 of Virtual Precincts are in effect?

20 COMMANDER BETTISON: Because I can't move it
21 back to where I'm at right now --

22 CHAIRMAN WHITE: If I add the numbers on that
23 slide for Platoon 2 and 3 with the assumption my math
24 is correct we will be at 970. So is that correct in
25 saying for the time period of Virtual Precinct during

1 that period it is 970 visitors?

2 COMMANDER BETTISON: Yes, sir. By actually
3 being in the stations and with our sign-in logs we are
4 able to see exactly what the citizens will come into
5 the station for. And like Platoon 3 is especially
6 starting on Thursday, one of things that's common is
7 citizens will come to the station, couples and do child
8 custody exchanges. So they come for a variety of
9 reasons. But that's big over the weekends starting on
10 Thursday until Monday where they'll exchange children
11 in the lobby.

12 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Yes, sir. Thank you,
13 Commander. Assistant Chief.

14 A.C. LOGAN: Through the chair, Assistant
15 Chief Logan. I wanted to clarify something. I think
16 Todd told you that the Virtual Precinct was not on
17 days. It's 24 hours a day.

18 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay.

19 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: So citizens for
20 whatever reason can, in fact, come during days, but if
21 they chose to make a report from the comfort of their
22 home they can do it 24 hours a day. And I'd also like
23 to stress the fact that this is first generation of
24 Virtual Precincts.

25 We have a program that we're trying to

1 acquire called Cop Logic which is going further enhance
2 what we're trying to do where citizens can make a
3 report from their laptop or their telephone.

4 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Yes, sir.

5 COMMANDER BETTISON: If I could add just one
6 thing real quick, by actually looking at it and
7 piggybacking on what the A.C. said, on the dayshift
8 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., you get three citizens
9 walking into the lobby. Under the old system it would
10 be a report clerk that can only handle one at a time.

11 Under this new Virtual Precinct model you can
12 actually handle at least three at a time because we
13 have two telephones in the lobby, we still have a
14 report clerk, we call them a desk operations support
15 officers that are available to take a report. So the
16 desk operations support officer will take one report of
17 one citizens and then the other two citizens can use
18 the telephone. So we're handling three where normally
19 would take us a lot longer to do that.

20 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Commander.

21 COMMANDER BETTISON: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Assistant Chief.
23 Chief, anything further?

24 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: No, sir.

25 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, sir. At this

1 time there are no Standing Committee Reports before us.
2 Under New Business, I'm going to ask if City Councilman
3 Gary Brown will come forward. Thank you, sir.

4 COUNCILMAN BROWN: Thank you, Chief Logan and
5 Chair White, and the rest of the Commissioners. Thank
6 you for the service that you do, you know. And the
7 questions that are being asked are really the questions
8 that the community needs to hear, but more importantly
9 it's the oversight that any organization needs in order
10 to change.

11 Commissioner Warfield, you might remember
12 that I was at this very podium about a year ago today
13 over on the Westside when I came before you to talk
14 about the budget and that's kind of what I came to talk
15 about today is the budget. And there was a lot of
16 moans and groans in the background when I was trying to
17 convince you to cut the police budget by tens of
18 millions of dollars. I know that was very draconian
19 and just hearing that just didn't set right with
20 people.

21 But a year later, here we sit with the City
22 that only has about 46 million dollars in it's
23 checkbook. We need 60 million dollars a month in order
24 to pay our bills to make payroll and to pay our bills
25 we needs 60 million dollars. This year the City is

1 projecting to have a 45 million dollar deficit. That
2 means between now and June 30th we need 45 million
3 dollars just to make payroll.

4 So when you add the 60 million dollars that
5 we need to pay our bills on a monthly basis and to be
6 able to operate as a business, and then you add in the
7 45 million dollars that we're short you see the nature
8 of the situation and why the Mayor is trying to get
9 concessions to the tune of 102 to 105 million dollars.

10 He's trying to come up with enough money to
11 be able to make payroll and enough money to continue to
12 operate. Now, our fiscal analysts is projecting the
13 Police Department will probably come in about 15 to
14 16 million dollars over budget in overtime. A lot of
15 it, most of it, all of it justified, but nonetheless
16 still 16 million dollars.

17 The Fire Department will come in another four
18 million. So that's another 20 million dollars on top
19 of the 45 million dollars that we're short. So it's
20 just imperative that this body when the budget is given
21 to you to be approved and then I believe it goes to the
22 Mayor and it ends up at the City Council that you ask
23 these types of questions because there is no doubt we
24 will continue to lose revenue next year through every
25 revenue source that the City has.

1 Income taxes will come in short. The
2 unemployment rate hasn't improved in the City of
3 Detroit over the last year. It probably won't improve
4 to the degree we need it to improve next year, and so
5 our income tax will come up short. The bulk of our
6 taxes that we use to pay our services come from
7 property taxes. In the City of Detroit we haven't even
8 bottomed out with foreclosures. We will come in with
9 less revenues with regards to property taxes next year
10 than we did this year.

11 Sale taxes will be down. There's only one
12 tax that we receive that's staying level or on a slight
13 up, and that's casinos, and that's the one we don't
14 want to increase because that means poor people are
15 trying to win their mortgage back over at the casino.
16 So while we're glad to get the casino dollars, that's
17 the wrong one we want to see going up. We want to see
18 or property taxes, our income taxes going up.

19 Will we continue to lose population next year
20 absolutely. We've lost 20,000 people a year for the
21 last ten years. The situation with unemployment hasn't
22 changed very much. Foreclosures haven't changed very
23 much. We will continue to lose population this year.
24 So it is imperative that we find more efficient ways in
25 to which to deliver the services that we deliver. And

1 that's what you're doing here tonight.

2 I mean, I applaud the Chief and the Police
3 Department for coming up with Virtual Precincts and
4 coming up with ways to become more efficient because
5 we're not going to have more money. We're going to
6 have to find to way a deliver the services with less
7 money. There's only one way to do that and that's
8 become more efficient.

9 Last week I think I was expected to be here.
10 I apologize. Something came up. But I had my staff
11 drop off a copy of the McKenzie Report. A lot of what
12 we heard tonight is what's recommended in the McKenzie
13 Report. I left that, you know, for you to look over.
14 I would respectfully recommend that you ask the
15 McKenzie folks to come in and give you a presentation
16 on the report so you understand the methodology behind
17 it and can use some of those things to continue to
18 monitor the Police Department to make sure that they're
19 moving in the right direction.

20 I'll just read a couple of the findings from
21 the Executive Summary of that particular report and
22 it's important because we spent 4.4 million dollars
23 having McKenzie do this study, not just on the Police
24 Department, but all departments in city government, 4.4
25 million dollars.

1 So it only make sense that we would read it
2 and then try to utilize what we could out of it to
3 become more efficient and to have them come in and
4 explain to you their methodology in doing the report
5 and to help explain how it could be implemented.

6 The McKenzie Report says that although at the
7 time they did the report which was almost two years
8 ago, although DPD has more 3,000 sworn Police Officers
9 only a third of the Officers patrol the streets, and
10 certainly the Chief over the last six months has done
11 an excellent job in trying to get more Officers out on
12 the street. We applaud him for doing that.

13 It also says very few positions are held by
14 civilians, less than ten percent. And when we look at
15 other Police Departments around the country that is
16 much higher. Civilians make about half of what Police
17 Officers make. So it's important when you get the
18 budget if you don't see civilian numbers increasing, if
19 you're not asking the Council to approve dollars in
20 your budget to hire civilians then you won't have them
21 to replaced a Police Officer that may be doing a job
22 that's clerical or administrative.

23 It's imperative, too, when we get that budget
24 we see an increase, a request for additional dollars to
25 hire civilians. When I looked at that video I saw two

1 people in there that stuck out in my mind. One I think
2 her title was TMO or?

3 CHAIRMAN WHITE: TCO.

4 COUNCILMAN BROWN: TCO. She's a civilian.

5 But then I saw a 911 Dispatcher or a ESO that's a
6 Police Officer. There needs to be career paths for the
7 civilian to move into those other two positions so that
8 we can get Police Officers that are doing dispatch work
9 that can be done that is done in most Police
10 Departments by civilians. So that's a way of getting
11 more Officers on the street.

12 Virtual Precinct deals with what's going on
13 in the precincts. The majority of the Officers that
14 are doing clerical administrative work I submit to you
15 are in specialized units or in headquarters. And so
16 while we applaud the efforts to get them out of the
17 Precincts it has to be a broader perspective.

18 Again, about a third of the Officers are not
19 patrolling the streets. Officers spend one hour
20 processing prisoners in cell blocks. We've been in
21 this Consent Agreement. And I applaud the Police
22 Department in the last two years there's been
23 tremendous progress under Chief Godbee in getting I
24 believe the Mayor said up to about 82 percent in
25 compliance.

1 But we've got to push the ball. We've got to
2 get out from under the Consent Agreements. I've looked
3 in the financial report it says there's 5.4 million
4 dollars budgeted to the Civil Rights Integrity Unit.
5 That's 5.4 million dollars. If we're not in the
6 Consent Agreement we don't need those. I'm assuming
7 some of them are Police Officers. But we certainly
8 don't need to be spending five million dollars on a
9 unit trying to stay in compliance.

10 I mean, when are we going to get people that
11 are arrested at the point of contact on the street into
12 the Wayne County Jail. That's a negotiation between
13 the administration and the county. I mean, my God,
14 Benny Napoleon was sheriff and the chief, the mayor and
15 the county sheriff, I mean, the county exec,
16 negotiating a contract. I mean, it's my understanding
17 they're only about \$30.00 away per diem per day. But
18 we got to get it done. We got to get it done because
19 that represents Police Officers that are currently
20 working in cell blocks that could be out on patrol.

21 In addition about 20 percent of all of police
22 runs are responding to alarms. The Police Department
23 should be applauded on the ordinance as well as their
24 efforts to eradicate that problem. DPD can improve
25 effectiveness of policing by becoming more efficient,

1 reduce officer's non-productive time, reduce time spent
2 filing reports and waiting by 30 percent is equivalent
3 to adding a 120 police officers on the streets.

4 This study says that a Police Officer's
5 eight-hour work shift he normally is only on patrol for
6 5.6 hours out of the eight hours a day. We know what
7 they're doing. They're doing reports. They're going
8 to the pharmacy. They're taking prisoners to the
9 hospital. A lot of things that if we got out of the
10 business of detention we wouldn't have to do those
11 things. That is equivalent to an additional 120 police
12 officers on the street.

13 Increasing civilianization allows officers
14 currently in administrative roles to return to patrol.
15 And so the questions that you're asking, I know that
16 the Police Department is moving in that direction, but
17 we all need oversight.

18 I jokingly say at my house my wife is my
19 oversight. She's checking every dime I spend and
20 making sure that's it going for the right things. And
21 that's what we're asking you to do here. So in
22 summary, I'll leave you a copy of the McKenzie Report.
23 I think you might have it, but I'll give the Secretary
24 another copy. I've talked about the Consent Agreement.
25 And, again, imploring you to -- you're the first line

1 of defense with that budget.

2 Do not just rubber stamp the budget business
3 as usual. If you need to get outside assistance in
4 reviewing it, the City Council can help with that, and
5 we'd be more than happy to help with that to give you
6 the fiscal analysts to be able to go through it and
7 make recommendations.

8 Again, I don't want to leave the audience
9 with the impression that Detroit's about to fall off
10 into the river. We're not. We're going to be fine.
11 The business community, the corporate communities are
12 having record profits, philanthropic communities are
13 rolling along. Municipal government needs to get its
14 act together. The City Council, the Administration, we
15 need to get our act together so we can catch up and
16 help with the business community as well as the
17 philanthropic community in this City.

18 Again, we all recognize that the City cannot
19 grow, we will not stop losing population until the City
20 is perceived to be safe, and it's all of our
21 responsibility to do that. Unfortunately, until we're
22 able to grow new revenue, until we're able to convince
23 every public legislator to increase our revenue
24 sharing. We know that we're owed dollars.

25 But we have to do what we can do what's

1 within our control to deal with the situation. I thank
2 you and I applaud you for taking on the challenge of
3 being the oversight with regards to policies and
4 procedures and the budget and helping to reshape the
5 way we deliver these services because the citizens as
6 you know are depending on us.

7 So, again, thank you for the time and thank
8 you for all that you've done, all that you're going to
9 do to help us get out from under the situation that
10 we're in. Thank you, very much.

11 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Councilman Brown.
12 Commissioner Warfield?

13 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Councilman Brown,
14 first of all I want to thank you for the report. And
15 just for the record, you're right, you did come to us
16 last year and if you remember we did send a memo to
17 your office as well as the other office pointing out
18 where there could be cuts within the Detroit Police
19 Department budget.

20 To be honest, I got in a little trouble for
21 that letter for sending it because I put it in writing
22 and said that there are certain areas where it should
23 be cut. However, let me say a couple things. And I
24 think maybe A.C. Logan might be able to chime in on
25 this. And granted we thank God for the study that was

1 done. But the truth of the matter is the numbers that
2 are in that study and we looked at them, pretty much
3 all of those numbers have been adjusted toward the
4 Department's favor as you said as relates to coming
5 into a situation where we do have more efficiency and
6 ethicacy within the Department.

7 So certainly the Department is moving that
8 way. I think overall when you look at the City of
9 Detroit, the City of Detroit structurally overall has
10 tremendous structural issues that messes up the entire
11 budget. That didn't occur in the last four to eight
12 years. It's been that like for over fifty years.

13 So as relates to that structurally the City
14 overall needs to do some things. But I will say this,
15 because you said something at the end that I think is
16 very important, we will not have a world-class city
17 unless safety is paramount.

18 I'm just going to speak for myself and not
19 the Board, if that's okay. From my perspective we have
20 to stop trying to balance the city's budget on the back
21 of Officers and those who are in Public Safety because
22 one of issues and I told this to the Mayor in private
23 and I've said this also in public, the Police have
24 given a lot and certainly there are other areas as
25 relates to some benefits that maybe they might be able

1 to give a nudge a little bit more.

2 But overall the Detroit Police Department has
3 given a tremendous amount of concessions as relates to
4 making sure that they give their fair share to the
5 budget. It's not always reported correctly in the
6 media. But when we look at the number of 3,000
7 Officers that was in that report versus the number of
8 Officers that are on this Department today -- that
9 number is, but it is a drastic difference.

10 And so when we look at the overtime dollars,
11 the overtime dollars from what we see come from
12 committed Officers who are staying on their shift
13 longer because they had to because the need is so great
14 to service the citizens of the City of Detroit. So
15 unfortunately we are almost imbalanced and we're not in
16 equilibrium as we relates to not even getting close to
17 the number of Officers that we have to have on the
18 streets to handle the plethora of problems and crime
19 issues that come out.

20 I know this Board has been committed in
21 looking at every line item in the Detroit Police
22 budget, literally every line item. When we see issues,
23 and the Assistant Chief and the Budget Director --
24 she's here, she'll tell you we're going to battle, not
25 blows, but we're going to battle over those items. But

1 when we say to you and your colleagues and the entire
2 City Administration is that that same structural
3 integrity that we saw or changes that we saw in this
4 report need to be applied citywide.

5 COUNCILMAN BROWN: No doubt about it.

6 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So that citywide we
7 have a system or structure in place that brings the
8 ethicacy across all departments because we can't keep
9 cutting the Department. We just can't keep doing it.

10 COUNCILMAN BROWN: Yeah, I agree with
11 everything you said. You're absolutely right. I say
12 this that most of our problems in City Government have
13 nothing to do with money and everything to do with how
14 we manage the resources that we have. Absolutely. You
15 know, and some of the contract concessions that Police
16 and Fire gave with regards to pension and multipliers
17 are going to save the City tens, if not hundreds of
18 millions of dollars in the long run.

19 However, we're not just stuck right now with
20 a long-term structural problem. Healthcare and
21 benefits. Let me just say something about healthcare
22 and benefits. A company like General Motors pays about
23 65 percent of salary on healthcare and benefits. The
24 City of Detroit is paying 108. We'd love to get that
25 to about 80/85 percent. So we recognize the sacrifice

1 that the Police and the Fire had made.

2 Unfortunately, when it comes to General Fund,
3 Police is about 30, Fire is about 20. So 50 percent of
4 the overall budget that we have to work with to pay for
5 services is tied to Police and Fire. And we've
6 required all the AFSCME workers, we've imposed
7 10 percent cuts on their salary for two years. That
8 hasn't happened with Police and Fire. So we recognize
9 that they're giving in other ways, the pension benefit
10 that will certainly pay dividends down the road.

11 But right now we're trying to keep a
12 democratic form of government in the City of Detroit by
13 having a Mayor and having a City Council and it's
14 better for us, the City Council, this Board to work
15 these issues out than to have someone come in and
16 dictate what they're going to be. Because none of us,
17 none of us want that. So there are a lot of different
18 strategies going on. But your point is that the first
19 thing that you said is that we've got to find a
20 different way of funding government.

21 It can't be done through property taxes. The
22 Headlee Amendment is cost prohibitive. Today we have
23 22 to 26,000 retirees.

24 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Absolutely.

25 COUNCILMAN BROWN: And 10,800 city employees.

1 When Dennis Archer was Mayor we had 26,000 city
2 employees paying into a system, paying into a system
3 that supported 12,000. We have a system that
4 structurally is out of balance. We cannot fund it
5 through property taxes when we've got a billion dollars
6 worth of property in front of the tax tribunal right
7 now that certainly would be downgraded in property
8 taxes which will affect our revenue.

9 I tried to start out with this. It's not
10 fair. The Police and Fire have given. They've given a
11 lot. But our situation is what it is. We're trying to
12 figure out a way to make payroll in 30 days. That's a
13 fact. And I know the Mayor's working hard, so.

14 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Commissioner Taylor, would
15 you like to add anything?

16 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No, sir.

17 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Certainly, Council, we
18 appreciate you coming by and definitely as a past
19 member of the Department and as a Councilman. I
20 remember it was late 2010 just before I was getting
21 confirmed by Council as the next Police Commissioner
22 and you stressed the importance of paying attention to
23 the budget and for your constant voice as it relates to
24 the fiscal prudence as it relates to how to the City
25 moves forward, we certainly appreciate you taking the

1 time out of your schedule to be here today, but well
2 beyond today for what you've done to this point, we're
3 certainly grateful.

4 And I hope everyone doesn't mind the time
5 that was taken because of the gravity of the issues
6 that we are discussing here this evening because
7 there's certain outlets that would have us believe we
8 work against to each other, department against council,
9 council against mayor. But this is how this problem
10 gets solved as we talk about the need.

11 There is no need for an emergency manager to
12 come in because there are those who believe this level
13 of discord cannot take place. So for that I'm
14 definitely grateful and appreciative for you taking the
15 time. I believe Assistant Chief Logan wanted to add
16 something?

17 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Yes, though the
18 Chair, Assistant Chief Logan. To the Honorable
19 Councilperson, not necessarily for him, but it's
20 important that the community know that the Police
21 Department help write the McKenzie Report.

22 COUNCILMAN BROWN: Yes, absolutely.

23 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: So we're well aware
24 of the things in it because we helped put them in
25 there. Also it's important the community know that

1 virtually everything that's in there we're moving
2 toward.

3 COUNCILMAN BROWN: I agree.

4 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Now, it could be at a
5 snails pace, but we are, in fact, moving toward every
6 point that's in that report. I just thought it was
7 important the community knew that.

8 COUNCILMAN BROWN: Absolutely. If we had
9 done that a year, two years ago. Unfortunately our
10 situation I keep saying is that we don't have the
11 luxury of moving incrementally. We have to have bold
12 reform now because of the situation. Thank you for
13 your time, and thank you for your service for what you
14 do.

15 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you. Again, I've said
16 in the past, both privately and publicly, but certainly
17 we thank the Department for the concessions that have
18 been made, to the men and women who go out and despite
19 the political conversations and fiscal challenges do
20 their job each and every day.

21 They say the mother of invention -- what is
22 it? The mother of invention?

23 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Necessity.

24 SPEAKER: Is necessity.

25 CHAIRMAN WHITE: There it is. We're in the

1 ballpark.

2 SPEAKER: That's all right.

3 CHAIRMAN WHITE: So you follow me. So where
4 we are in these times that we've done things
5 strategically that I think not only saves us money, but
6 also protects our streets and makes us safer as a whole
7 by doing things more efficiently. So I look forward to
8 staying tuned and I think we'll come up with some more
9 creative things as we move forward.

10 So at this time I'm going to ask we continue
11 on with our New Business and ask if Commissioner Taylor
12 will lead us in the reading of our Resolution honoring
13 Ernest Little. Ernest Little will join us. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Resolution honoring
15 Mr. Ernest Little. Whereas, Mr. Ernest Little is a
16 proud, life-long resident of the City of Detroit who is
17 active within the Central District.

18 Mr. Little graduated from Northwestern High
19 School in Detroit and received his Bachelor of Science
20 Degree in Psychology from Wayne State University.
21 Mr. Little worked for the City of Detroit for 26 years
22 and worked at Stroh's Brewery for over seven years.

23 And, whereas, Mr. Little has been an active
24 member of the Central District Community Relations
25 Council for twelve years and the President for the past

1 two years. He has previous experience serving as a
2 member of Coordinating Council for the Detroit
3 Empowerment Zone for the Central District, the Detroit
4 Coast Auxiliary Unit 1006 and served for twenty years
5 on Selective Service System Local Board 91 which
6 maintain policies for processes in case there was a
7 need for military draft of citizens of the City of
8 Detroit.

9 And, whereas, Mr. Little has always been
10 interested in police community relations and always
11 contributed in the efforts to improve neighborhood
12 safety and quality of life. His participation in
13 community organization goes back to the 1990s when he
14 was an active member of Historic Boston Edison
15 Association Zoning Committee which monitored property
16 upkeep.

17 Currently serving as the Chairperson of
18 Security for the Arden Park East Boston Historic
19 District Association. Mr. Little also completed the
20 Business Owners Police Academy.

21 And, whereas, Mr. Little has participated in
22 numerous community forums, town halls, summits, and
23 other events that include the Motor City Makeover,
24 Angels Nights and crime walks. Mr. Little continues to
25 volunteer his time and services when called upon for

1 any event. He is a living example of steadfastness and
2 what it takes to build a city. He enjoys music,
3 Facebook, and going out with his wife LaDonna. His
4 life motto is I did what I could with what I had.

5 Now, therefore, before it resolved that the
6 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking on
7 behalf of the citizens of the City of Detroit and the
8 Detroit Police Department acknowledge the dedication
9 and persistence of Mr. Little.

10 His highly displayed commitment to community
11 service and his ability to be a sustainable community
12 partnership merit our highest regards. We thank and
13 congratulate you, Mr. Ernest Little.

14 (Applause and photos were taken.)

15 OFFICER: It is my pleasure and opportunity
16 to award Mr. Ernest Little with the City of Detroit
17 Spirit of Detroit Award. The Spirit of Detroit Award
18 is presented herewith as an expression of the gratitude
19 and esteem of the citizens of the City of Detroit to
20 Mr. Ernest Little in recognition of exceptional
21 achievement, outstanding leadership, and dedication to
22 improving the quality of life in the City of Detroit.

23 So signed by Council President, Charles Pugh,
24 and his colleagues.

25 (Applause and photos were taken.)

1 And then with the Commissioners, I honor you
2 because of your service. Because the meetings I go to
3 they don't have hard, like those, my people that I know
4 like Arnetta Gable. I knew her personally. I knew her
5 son personally. These decrees that come down to human
6 beings actually literally. But I know we have to have
7 our police and the police do an excellent job.

8 So Commander Kenneth Williams, Inspector
9 Fitzgerald, Officer Dorsey, Officer Gibson, and don't
10 forget Sergeant Travis. Because Travis' a dad not too
11 long ago and everybody was wondering was I Travis.
12 Don't you remember when Police Officer --

13 But it's just something that happens.
14 Because we had a death in our family in a traffic
15 accident this year. And this police work is not no
16 joke. It's serious work. And this is how my day
17 started out today. I started out punching in at the
18 City of Detroit at 8:00. Go about 11:30 I went over to
19 Hamtramck.

20 And I went to a drug-free Hamtramck and who I
21 ran into there was the police, the acting police chief.
22 And this acting police chief as I was going into
23 meeting he was going out of the meeting. But, you
24 know, they've been having problems in Hamtramck.

25 But I know the City of Detroit has always

1 been there for Highland Park and Hamtramck. I know
2 there's been closure for the suspects and stuff. But
3 Detroit does an excellent job, too. And then later on
4 that day I'm going to vacant houses because I'm a
5 building housing inspector for the city. And I went
6 into vacant houses.

7 But on one of my stops I was going to a
8 house. Guess who I ran into? Detroit Police. And
9 guess what? They'll arrest me just -- write me a
10 ticket, write anybody else a ticket because they do an
11 excellent job.

12 But I have to admit they let me go on because
13 they said they got more pressing issues because
14 contrary to popular belief they work each and every day
15 for every dollar they get their hands on.

16 And I have to admit that when you have to
17 make those hard decisions, I know you want to save the
18 budget and everything, but sometimes you got to save
19 people lives. And don't forget our Police Officers are
20 our life blood and keep the City going. So I have to
21 commend -- and then another thing, last but not least,
22 is the people who come to the Police Community
23 Relations Meetings.

24 Because a lot of times people don't want to
25 go to meetings. Like you come to your meetings. When

1 you have a Commissioners meeting sometimes these
2 meetings really be heated and I know people have real
3 serious issues because somebody just got hurt and they
4 right at your meeting right then and there.

5 When they come to my meeting it's like that
6 virtual stuff. We want to get Detroit to that level
7 where you can type it and we going to get back with you
8 and we're going to get it solved, okay, because we
9 don't need this thing about working on the whole
10 premise of working on fires and going to fires on a
11 regular basis.

12 And then another thing there's Mrs. Moore
13 back there. She started a petition to try and get more
14 community officers back. Become friends with these
15 people. I feel like I got a personal cop. But I know
16 they're not our personal cops and they belong to all
17 the citizens of City of Detroit.

18 And contrary to popular belief as my
19 experience has shown over time, I've been in the street
20 for like 26 years without a gun. With a badge for the
21 City of Detroit they do an excellent job.

22 Really, you have to have some kind of police
23 community relations because once they realize that
24 we're all in this together we can save this city one
25 person, one little boy, one little girl at a time. And

1 I thank you that you allowed me to come here today and
2 speak.

3 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you. Again, we
4 certainly congratulate Mr. Little. Commissioners, as
5 it relates to Mr. Little's dedication and persistence
6 and his highly displayed commitment to community
7 service and his ability to build sustainable community
8 partnerships, what is your pleasure?

9 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Mr. Chair, I move
10 that the Resolution honoring Mr. Little shall become a
11 part of our permanent archives at the Detroit Police
12 Commission.

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN WHITE: It's been properly moved and
15 supported. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in
16 favor?

17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Opposed? Thank you. Again,
19 let us congratulate Mr. Little, please.

20 (Applause.)

21 CHAIRMAN WHITE: At this time we'll move onto
22 Old Business. Are there any other proposed amendments
23 to the towing rules? Seeing none. Commissioners,
24 before you is a document which I have shared which
25 speaks to the timeline for modifying towing rules and

1 regulations. For the benefit of those who are with us
2 today, we are operating under the Home Rule Charter
3 particularly as relates to this discussion
4 Section 2-111, Sub Section 2, which clearly states
5 before adopting any rule governing dealings between the
6 City and the public or establishing hearing procedures
7 for resolving matters in dispute a City Department
8 Director, Agency Head or multi-member body shall give
9 notice of a hearing by publication in a daily newspaper
10 or general circulation and by electronic posting
11 available to the public at least four weeks in advance
12 of the scheduled hearing.

13 Commissioners, before us has been presented
14 eleven recommended recommendations for changes to the
15 towing rules and regulations. As such is there a
16 recommendation to set a publication date of the
17 proposed changes?

18 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Mr. Chair, I move
19 that we set a publication date for the recommendation
20 of March the 12th, 2012.

21 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Support.

22 CHAIRMAN WHITE: It's been properly moved and
23 supported. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in
24 favor?

25 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Opposed? Thank you very
2 much. Commissioners, also there's a need to set a
3 hearing date which should be at least 30 days after the
4 publication date as prescribed in Section 2-111 of the
5 Detroit City Charter. Is there a recommendation?

6 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Mr. Chair, I move
7 that we move the actual hearing date to the 15th which
8 will give us ample opportunity for that notice to be
9 published.

10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Support.

11 CHAIRMAN WHITE: It's been properly moved and
12 supported. Before we take that vote I want to be clear
13 that we're doing things decent and in order. Counsel,
14 did I overlook a portion of a step that we should take?

15 ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Mr. Chair, Celia
16 Washington. There have been as you mentioned a number
17 of proposed amendments. I would suggest to the Board
18 that a date, perhaps not tonight, be set to discuss or
19 vote on which of the proposed amendments or if all of
20 the proposed amendments will be published for public
21 discussion.

22 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Counsel, before you
23 leave, the action that was taken by this Body when the
24 amendments were proposed to vote to support those
25 amendments would that inherently show the Board's

1 resolve to put those forward?

2 ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Just for clarity, if
3 that was the Board's intention then that should be very
4 clearly put on the record that all of the amendments as
5 proposed will be included in a published version that
6 will be available for public discussion so that
7 everybody can see all of the amendments taken all
8 together.

9 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Counsel, how far -- because
10 I want to make sure everything is done decent and I
11 don't think, I would like for all Commissioners to have
12 the ability to be clear and see the document in it's
13 entirety as it should be presented, so how far in
14 advance does that notice need to be given or can we
15 take this up at the next meeting?

16 ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: You can certainly take
17 it up at the next meeting and if you would like for me
18 to I can provide all the Board members with a complete
19 red lined copy of all the proposed amendments including
20 some of the aesthetics, the page numbering and the
21 caption. I can make sure all the members have it
22 before the next meeting.

23 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Certainly. Thank you. We
24 can still with the motion that is before us because
25 there is still a need to set a hearing date which is

1 30 days after the publication date and then we'll come
2 back and deal with the issues as just discussed with
3 Counsel. So is there any further discussion?

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Yes, sir. I was
5 looking at the calendar. I was looking at March
6 instead of April. That date should have been April the
7 19th instead of March the 15th for the actual proposed
8 public discussion. It should be April the 19th because
9 of the hearing date. Because if we publish the rules
10 on the 12th and the Charter says that there has to be
11 at least 30 days after the publication we could not do
12 it on April the 12th. We need to do it after that.

13 CHAIRMAN WHITE: By general consent we'll
14 amend that motion for the hearing date to be set as
15 prescribed in Section 2-111 of the Detroit City Charter
16 to be held on April 19th, 2012, to that motion all
17 those in favor?

18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Opposed. Thank you very
20 much. As it relates to the preliminary dates to vote
21 on which of the proposed amendments will or should be
22 published for public discussion, what is your pleasure?

23 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Sir, I move that on
24 March -- I'm sorry, on March the 15th --

25 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Again, this is for the

1 proposed recommendations to be given to Commissioners
2 to once again vote as a consensus to put these forward
3 for publication? Counsel?

4 ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: We could possibly have
5 the red line version to you at the next meeting and
6 then just move everything back a week.

7 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Through the chair, it
8 wouldn't be feasible for us to stick with the 12th?

9 ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: You're correct, sir.

10 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Okay.

11 CHAIRMAN WHITE: So we can't publish it --

12 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Right, exactly.

13 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Is there a motion? Make the
14 motion on this issue because it will force us to deal
15 with the publication date again so we can keep
16 proceeding.

17 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: I move that the
18 Commission be given the red lined version, the
19 completed red line version of items to be discussed at
20 our next regularly scheduled meeting which shall be
21 held on March the 15th, 2012.

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Support.

23 CHAIRMAN WHITE: It's been properly moved and
24 supported. Any discussion? Seen none, all those in
25 favor?

1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Opposed. Thank you very
3 much. Commissioners, with the latest date that was set
4 for the red line version to be delivered to
5 Commissioners of March the 15th, the motion to have a
6 publication date of March 12th becomes null and void.
7 Is there a new motion to set a new publication date?

8 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Yes, sir. Mr. Chair,
9 I move that we set the publication date for March the
10 19th, March the 19th, 2012 that it goes to publication.

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Support.

12 CHAIRMAN WHITE: It's been properly moved and
13 supported. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in
14 favor?

15 COMMISSIONERS: Opposed? Thank you very
16 much. And I do believe that gives us the 30 days to
17 set the hearing date for April the 19th so we are
18 decent and in order to the degree. Commissioners,
19 there's also a need to start publication of proposed
20 amended rules in full and that's prescribed in Section
21 2-111 of the Detroit City Charter, that is what Counsel
22 will deliver to us on March the 15th.

23 According to the City Charter as we read we
24 will hold our public hearing at which time we will take
25 public comment and discuss and deliberate in open

1 session. Are there any other further comments as to
2 this process or questions? Seeing none. Thank you
3 very much for that.

4 We will move onto Announcements. Please be
5 mindful that the next Board of Police Commissioners
6 Meeting will be held Thursday, March 15th at 3:00 p.m.,
7 at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Room 328A,
8 that's Police Headquarters.

9 Also I had a conversation with A.C. Logan and
10 to the men and women of Central District with Reverend
11 Jim Holley this morning who recently, the church here
12 was a victim of a burglary and Jim Holly was
13 appreciative of the service that was delivered to him.
14 So to the men and women of the Central District, in
15 that conversation with Jim Holley, is both gracious and
16 appreciative for the service rendered. Thank you.

17 At this time we will have oral communications
18 from the audience. If you wish to address the Board of
19 Police Commissioners we ask that you please come
20 forward and for the record please state and spell your
21 first and last name, and please be mindful of the two
22 minute allotted time period which will be kept track by
23 Officer Manager Robert Brown to my right and your left.
24 Good evening.

25 MS. THORNTON: Good evening. My name is

1 Marie Thornton. I'm an elected precinct delegate and a
2 resident of the Central District area. I'm glad
3 Commander Logan -- what am I supposed to call you,
4 Chief?

5 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Assistant Chief.

6 MS. THORNTON: Assistant Chief. I'm glad you
7 mentioned about the McKenzie Report because the way I
8 was listening that you had no knowledge of it and it
9 was going to be something given to you. But, in fact,
10 you were there and you were made a part of it.

11 The other thing is people are complaining
12 about when they call 911 through the cell phone that
13 there's some sort of problem. And then the other
14 question is, and maybe Council Gary Brown is also
15 disconnected with this issue, too, it's my
16 understanding that there is an agreement between Wayne
17 County and the Detroit Police Department so that they
18 can get up from up under the Consent Decree and they
19 take control of the DPD office -- I mean, prisoners and
20 take them over to Wayne County. Has that agreement
21 been finalized as of yet? And then my other one, Dave
22 Bing, is he going to try to get the State Police to do
23 your jobs for you or did I hear that wrong?

24 So your prisoners are going to Wayne County
25 and then the State Police is going to be on the street.

1 So do we really need Police Officers and how many jobs
2 will be lost? I hope you can answer some of those for
3 me so when I get into the community that I can share
4 that information as a representative of my precinct.

5 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Thornton.
6 The two things that I caught there, Assistant Chief,
7 the relationship between DPD and Wayne County Sheriffs,
8 and also the Michigan State Police involvement, I
9 believe as the media reported to be assisting on the
10 City's Eastside, if I'm not mistaken.

11 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Through the chair,
12 Assistant Chief Logan. The agreement called the
13 Intergovernmental Agreement between Wayne County and
14 the City of Detroit Police Department it is close to
15 being consummated. However, right now it hasn't been.
16 We're close. We're real close. That's all I can say
17 right now. I'm not in those negotiations, but I do
18 know we're close to that occurring, so, and it will be
19 a blessing once we do that.

20 With regard to State Police, the State Police
21 for those of you that don't know it, the State Police
22 assists the City of Detroit in a number of ways right
23 now. And I think what Mayor Bing was saying was that
24 they will be assisting us more. We have a number of
25 task forces that the State Police is involved in.

1 They don't actually patrol the City of
2 Detroit streets because they have some of the
3 challenges that we have. They've lost something like
4 500 police officers, where we've lost somewhere around
5 1,300 police officers over the last number of years.

6 What we're trying to do is work collectively
7 as a group. And this is one of the things that the
8 Governor has tasked us to do as well as the Mayor.
9 We've got to pool our resources and work more closely
10 together.

11 MS. THORNTON: And the 911 when people call
12 from their cell phones and they can't get 911 --
13 transferred somewhere else?

14 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: If I could, could I
15 get Commander Bettison? This has been an age-old
16 problem that Commander Bettison can help us out with
17 that.

18 COMMANDER BETTISON: Because the cell phone
19 is not a landline what happens is if you call 911 from
20 your cell phone it actually bounces to the Michigan
21 State Police Call Center. And we actually don't know
22 your location. Whereas, if it was a landline from your
23 home we're able to know exactly where you are. So
24 that's a problem right there. And what will happen is
25 the telephone call from the cell phone is transferred

1 to the appropriate city communications center 911.

2 So say, for example, if you call from your
3 cell phone and you had a problem and you were in
4 Hamtramck, State Police would actually transfer you to
5 the Hamtramck 911 Call Center. If it was in the City
6 of Detroit and you called from you cell phone then it
7 bounces over to our call center and that's the gist of
8 it as of right now.

9 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Commander. Good
10 evening.

11 MS. PERSON: Good evening. My name is
12 Leontine, L-E-O-N-T-I-N-E, last name is Person,
13 P-E-R-S-O-N. I'm a precinct delegate. I'm the
14 president of Buick Block Club. I'm with the senior
15 citizens in my community. What I'm here for today,
16 tonight is for I was in a gas station at 9949 Cadillac
17 in East Warren.

18 I was in there and I was standing at the
19 counter when the gentleman behind the counter came out
20 with a shotgun, a double-barrel shotgun cut off and I
21 was standing in between him and the fellow he was
22 trying to shoot at. So I had to crawl on the floor and
23 go by the freezer.

24 I called the police several times. Nobody
25 showed up. Not one police officer on the Eastside of

1 Detroit showed up.

2 I had to call the City Councilperson Joanne
3 Watson and she told me what to do and then she told me
4 to call Chief Godbee. Nobody answered that phone.
5 Nobody. And I don't know why they get up and say that
6 they be out in the street. You can't get them to come
7 and take care of a senior citizen in the City of
8 Detroit nowhere.

9 And then on top of that I go to see my son in
10 a nursing home at Saint James on Gratiot. They have
11 put me out of there two times for no reason at all.
12 And the police come and instead of them talking to all
13 of us they talk to them and they say, well, you got to
14 get out of here.

15 But I pay eight hundred and some dollars a
16 month for my son to be there plus what they pay them.
17 And I don't get any respect from the Police Department.
18 I was in tears today because I was thrown out of there
19 again for no reason at all.

20 If they call the police then one of the
21 police that's working in there, she works at the front
22 desk and she calls the police they come there in
23 15 minutes. I call the police several times. They
24 never showed up in two hours. But they were there. So
25 something has to be done about this.

1 If they're not going to protect us why should
2 we keep them on the police force. They're not for the
3 citizens of the City of Detroit. And that's why I'm
4 here and I'm going to take it as high as I possibly can
5 because I can't get anybody to do anything about this.

6 I almost got killed. And nobody's been out
7 there yet. This was February the 8th last month. And
8 this thing that happened to me this week Friday just
9 past and this today throwing me out of some place where
10 I pay to go see my son and just because one of their
11 employees in there is working in there, right, because
12 she might be laid off or something they take their word
13 and not my word.

14 So something has to be done about this and
15 this is at Saint James Nursing Home on Gratiot near
16 Seven Mile Road. And I'm going back tomorrow. And I
17 told them put me in jail tonight because good people go
18 to jail too, and I never had tickets or anything else
19 and if I' have to go to jail I'm going. And I want you
20 all to do something about this. It's not fair to the
21 people of the City of Detroit.

22 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Person.
23 Ms. Person, we certainly, one, don't want you to go to
24 jail, but, two, we appreciate you coming and sharing
25 this information with us today. Ms. Person, there is a

1 process if you wish to make a complaint as it relates
2 to the service that you believe you were rendered, I
3 would ask that you can see Counsel to the Board,
4 Ms. Celia Banks Washington, if you would like to file a
5 formal complaint with the Office of the Chief
6 Investigator. And I would defer to Assistant Chief
7 Logan, if you would like to offer any other services?

8 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Yes, sir.

9 MS. PERSON: I appreciate that because I was
10 in tears and I'm 76 years old. I have no business with
11 them police attacking me to today instead of listening
12 to me because I didn't do anything.

13 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. PERSON: And I don't carry a gun.

15 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Yes, ma'am. Assistant Chief
16 Logan.

17 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Through the Chair,
18 Assistant Chief Logan. We also have the Commander of
19 the Eastern District, who will also try to assist you.

20 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Assistant Chief.
21 Good evening.

22 MS. CALLOWAY: My name is Michele,
23 M-I-C-H-E-L-E, Calloway, C-A-L-L-O-W-A-Y. I am a
24 citizen and a resident of the City of Detroit. I'm
25 here because my sister was killed March 24th last year.

1 We have not received any help from the homicide
2 department. The homicide officer went on maternity
3 leave. We call everyday. She has just returned. And
4 we were told that now it's time for the family to help
5 them.

6 And we asked what do you need from us? We
7 asked that they pull the phone records. My sister was
8 shot and left in the street. Her daughter was in the
9 house. And we asked that they talk to her daughter.
10 They said that they had someone that especially works
11 with adolescence and they would talk to her. This is
12 almost a year. Nobody's talk to her. We continue to
13 call. We need some answers.

14 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Calloway, for
15 being with us today. Assistant Chief Logan.

16 ASSISTANT CHIEF LOGAN: Through the Chair,
17 Assistant Chief Logan. I'm going to ask Commander
18 Frankie Lewis, he is not the Commanding Officer of
19 Homicide, but it falls under his jurisdiction. I'm
20 going to ask him to please immediately get with
21 Ms. Calloway and see if he can bring some closure to
22 her case. Commander Lewis, ma'am.

23 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Calloway.
24 Good evening, sir.

25 MR. HENDERSON: Good evening. My name is

1 Leonard Henderson, L-E-O-N-A-R-D H-E-N-D-E-R-S-O-N.
2 About five years, maybe more than that, I had foot
3 surgery at Veterans Hospital. I came back on Kenmore
4 Street about three blocks east of here, and coming down
5 the street five men attacked me with pipes and bats and
6 all this stuff. Same time somebody got hit in Warren
7 the same way by one man and it hit the front pages.

8 I came down and asked for help and assistance
9 and stuff and even when the previous members of the
10 Commission -- that I went down to 1300 Beaubien, and
11 the officers told me there wasn't a meeting that day,
12 okay, and the meeting was being held. I walked in with
13 the person and stuff.

14 This man, one of the people that was in there
15 he was out there flashing a badge. A police officer
16 came up and told him the fellow had a weapon. I'm an
17 ex-corrections officer, MP and the whole bit. And had
18 no license, driving a car, no plates on the car. And
19 they just allowed this to happen not on one occasion.
20 It's been many.

21 I've come to Commission meetings several
22 times. The same. It's nothing funny, my man. It's
23 like I come here several times and nothing's been done.
24 They've given me up to the Chief Inspectors Office and
25 stuff. I've gone down there and nothing's been done.

1 They sent me to 13th Precinct. I go down there and
2 they're laughing at the federal monitor and what they
3 have to do in the precinct and stuff.

4 You know, I went to criminal justice, four
5 year degree in criminal justice administration and
6 public administration and I want some help.

7 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Mr. Henderson, I was trying
8 to understand. Are you saying you filed a complaint?

9 MR. HENDERSON: I'm coming here because I
10 know it's not the policy of the Detroit Police
11 Department that I have allowed this stuff to happen to
12 allow officers to come and not arrest the person that
13 has attacked them, tried to kidnap me, there were six
14 of them including this one, okay, and nothing's been
15 done.

16 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. I understand. So
17 Mr. Henderson, it is your wish to explore options in
18 terms of filing a complaint or have you -- if you would
19 let me finish, Mr. Henderson.

20 MR. HENDERSON: Yeah.

21 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Is it your intent to file a
22 complaint against the Department or have you already
23 done that process?

24 MR. HENDERSON: That was supposed to have
25 already been done, but I haven't gotten any proof from

1 up to this point.

2 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. If you could allow me
3 to get your information from you and we'll give you the
4 information as to how to proceed to the next steps, if
5 you choose.

6 MR. HENDERSON: Oh, I do choose, oh, yes,
7 sir. Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. Counsel, please,
9 thank you very much.

10 MS. SCOTT: Ready? Betty Cooks Scott, former
11 Police Officer, former State Representative. I was
12 here just to listen to part of your report about the
13 towing companies. I represent one towing company. And
14 for the past six years the rotation services and the
15 services for the towing companies have been tainted
16 from their perspective.

17 And I want you to know that each one of the
18 tow truck companies should receive your notification.
19 When you send out your notifications things should be
20 simplified so that they can understand. Many of them
21 have had to hire lawyers to look at the contract.

22 They feel that there are certain persons
23 receiving the bulk of the contracts. And I'm not going
24 to mention names because you all know what's going on.
25 And we as the public hate to keep on mentioning this

1 one City Council person who seems to be alert and she
2 seems to be trying to help the towing companies out.

3 Again, I represent one towing company which
4 is a very small towing company and I want you to
5 understand that they need to have the information sent
6 to them simplified and they want to be part of the
7 process. They do not make much money on their towing
8 business but they have been in the City for over twenty
9 years. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you.

11 MR. STIDHAM: Good evening, Commissioners,
12 Assistant Chief.

13 CHAIRMAN WHITE: For the record, Tom, if you
14 could?

15 MR. STIDHAM: I'm sorry. For the record, Tom
16 Stidham. I was just wondering if the Commission will
17 make available the red line copy to the public as well
18 just to follow up on what Representative Cook Scott
19 said on the 15th, if we can get a copy of that? And
20 also whether or not on the 15th this Board will
21 entertain some discussion just about those eleven items
22 before the Commission votes to move those items to its
23 formal agenda or public hearing status?

24 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Well, Tom, the red line
25 version will not be made public. What will be

1 published is the entire document as finalized by this
2 Body. At the point where public discussion will come
3 into play is when the hearing date will be held which
4 is April the 19th, which will be an opportunity for
5 public comment to address the Commission at that time.

6 MR. STIDHAM: I guess what I'm asking is, is
7 the Board going to publish -- simply republishing the
8 rules in my opinion doesn't comport with what is
9 required as part of the rule making procedure. Is the
10 Board going to publish the actual proposed eleven
11 modifications outside the context of simply
12 republishing the rules again like it did the last time?

13 CHAIRMAN WHITE: I gotcha you. Anything
14 further?

15 MR. STIDHAM: That's it.

16 CHAIRMAN WHITE: The publication of the rules
17 will happen on March 19th, 2012. The proposed, the
18 changes, that is the publication date as we just voted
19 on, that's when the document will be made available.

20 MR. STIDHAM: Okay.

21 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Again, on April 19th,
22 30 days later, is when we will hold public hearings on
23 that language that was published.

24 MR. STIDHAM: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN WHITE: You're welcome. Good

1 evening.

2 MS. SEMMA: Good evening, Julie Semma from
3 7-D's Towing. I was just trying to get some more
4 information, and I know you guys indicated last week
5 that you guys would comment this week as far as the
6 management company if there's anymore information as
7 far as what's about to happen, what's going to happen?

8 CHAIRMAN WHITE: I'm sorry, you're say we
9 would comment this week?

10 MS. SEMMA: Yeah, I was told last week that
11 you guys would have more information in regards to the
12 management company possibly coming in and taking over
13 the management and where that lies?

14 CHAIRMAN WHITE: The best information I have
15 is it's still in process. Again, that process is a
16 City Council, Purchasing and City Council's process.
17 So as we get information we'll certainly share that.

18 MS. SEMMA: So would I contact Purchasing to
19 get more information or City Council? Because I
20 thought you guys had info. I don't know. I'm asking.
21 So I just need to know what direction to go to.

22 CHAIRMAN WHITE: I'm going to ask if Counsel
23 Celia Banks Washington, who has been a part of those
24 conversations, can shed some information?

25 ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Celia Washington. The

1 negotiations with the company that Ms. Semma is
2 referring to those negotiations are still ongoing.
3 There's nothing even in a form yet that has been or
4 will be as of today presented to City Council.

5 There are some concerns, there was some
6 concerns in the responses to the RFP that were put out
7 there and those are still being discussed. So there's
8 nothing that's about to be presented to City Council
9 not until at least about another two weeks.

10 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Counsel, for the benefit of
11 everyone in the room, once those conversations,
12 deliberations, have been finalized what is within the
13 Board's purview at that point?

14 ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: The portion of that
15 process that's within the Boards purview are the rules,
16 plain and simple. As Commissioner Warfield just
17 mentioned City Council is involved. They have to
18 absolutely approve it. Purchasing is involved, the Law
19 Department is involved, this Board is involved through
20 me as far as the rules.

21 So the rules, I don't want to say control the
22 process, but without the rules and without the Board
23 being on board with those rules nothing's going to
24 happen.

25 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Counsel.

1 MS. SEMMA: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you. Are there any
3 communications? Are there any communications? Are
4 there any other communications? Seeing none.
5 Commissioner Warfield.

6 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Yes, sir. I just
7 want to correct the public record as relates to towing.
8 We have a very equitable towing process in place now.
9 What has happened in the past has been done away with
10 and I think our record has to reflect the fact that we
11 do have a new towing process in place that is extremely
12 equitable across the board for those who are in the
13 towing system. And I just want the record to reflect
14 that.

15 CHAIRMAN WHITE: Thank you, Commissioner. At
16 this time, please be again mindful of our next Board of
17 Police Commissioners meeting which will be held
18 Thursday, March the 15th, at 3:00 p.m.

19 Again, we are certainly appreciative to the
20 Reverend Jim Holly and the Historical Little Rock
21 Baptist Church family for hosting us this evening, and
22 also to the men and women of the Central District. At
23 this time a motion for adjournment is in order.

24 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So move.

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Support.

1 CHAIRMAN WHITE: It's been properly moved and
2 supported. Any discussion? Seen none, all those in
3 favor?

4 COMMISSIONERS: Opposed? Thank you.

5 (The hearing concluded at 8:50 p.m.)

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