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COMMANDER CHARLES WILSON

Detroit, Michigan

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About 3:07 p.m.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good afternoon and welcome to the Board of Police Commissioners meeting. I'm Commissioner Jessica Taylor and Commissioner White would be here and Commissioner Warfield would be here, but they're not here and Commander Wilson is here from the Chief's Office.

George, can you introduce the rest of the staff?

SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you, Madam Chair. For the record, George Anthony, Secretary to the Board. We have present Ms. Pamela Davis-Drake, our Chief Investigator seated in front. We also have Mr. Robert Brown who is our office manager to my right, Sgt. Alan Quinn in the back is recording our proceedings and Mr. Dale Rose from Hanson Court Reporting Service is also taking a transcript of the proceedings. That completes the introduction, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay, Secretary George Anthony, could you give us a short prayer, please.

(INVOCATION GIVEN.)

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: We'll move on down the agenda. We can't approve anything because we don't have a quorum, so we're going to move to the officer's report and Mr. Secretary, do you have your report, please?

SECRETARY ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am. The Secretary's report for citizen complaints received in November of 2013, the monthly count of complaints was 109 in 2013 compared to November of 2012 which was 109, so that represents a zero percent increase or decrease.

The year-to-date figure for 2013 is 1,209 compared to 2012 of 1,210, again that's a zero percent.

At the end of November of 2013 the Office of the Chief Investigator had open investigations 318, cases filed 1,209, cases closed 1,106. Of the 109 cases filed in November 35 percent involved unknown officers.

The alleged known units involved that were leading in complaints filed in November, 2013 were the 8th Precinct at 9 percent, Northeastern District at 8 percent, the 6th Precinct and Communications at 5 percent.

The 109 cases filed in November, 2013

involved 202 allegations where the leading areas of concerns were procedure at 35 percent, demeanor at 24 percent, service at 14 percent and force at 8 percent and that completes the Secretary's report on citizen complaints.

As usual, you have statistics on the unknown officer allegations. That completes the report, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. Now we have a report from OCI.

CHIEF INV. DAVIS-DRAKE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good afternoon. The OCI report for today, Thursday, December 19th is as follows:

Our current statistics as of today we have 293 open cases, 19 cases have been submitted to either the supervisor or the Chief Investigator for closure, and there are zero cases over 90 days.

As you can see, especially from the previous report the number for OCI have kind of tapered off in the month of November, thank goodness. Yes, it is good news.

We were bombarded there for a while. Normally during the winter months they do taper. We were hoping we can get a little bit of a

reprieve for the next few months.

We currently are collecting transcripts and calling references for the three prospective investigators and with the Board's permission we're going to make offers, extend them offers after the holiday once we get all the documentation in.

That concludes my report. Any questions, Madam Chair?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No questions.

CHIEF INV. DAVIS-DRAKE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Now we have -- Chief, is there any report?

COMM. WILSON: No, there's no official report, but keeping in the spirit of Chief Craig I want to make sure we give our community our statistical data thus far. As relates to violent crimes we are approximately 6 percent down. Two of the major categories, homicide, we're definitely trending down. We're down 61 homicides year to date or 16.3 percent decrease. Also as it relates to non-fatal shootings we're down 93 for a total of 7.5 percent decrease.

That's good news. Moving forward into 2014 we want to keep those numbers even lower if

possible.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Right. I just want to say I went on a ride with the Operation Mistletoe. It was awesome, it was awesome and I also got a chance to ride with the guys and I know you were going to be upset because you didn't get on that, right, but it was really an awesome thing to see.

So I just wanted to let you know, if you ever get the opportunity to see one it's amazing, it really is.

I also want to introduce the interim commissioner, Lisa Carter, so that's my partner in crime later. Okay.

So I guess no new business. George, do you have anything you want to report under old business?

SECRETARY ANTHONY: Just to make a note that Commander Love could not attend today. He's going to make arrangements later to pick up his resolution.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay. Next meeting is Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 6 o'clock, that will be one of our community meetings at the 12th Precinct and that will be at

Mumford High School, that's 17525 Wyoming, again January 9 at 6 o'clock at Mumford High School, 17525 Wyoming.

At this point --

SECRETARY ANTHONY: Ma'am Chair, if I may just say this. The 6 o'clock start time is to accommodate the new commissioners. They will be sworn in at 6 o'clock and the Board meeting would take place at 6:30.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay, thank you. So if there's nothing else, we'll have oral communications from the audience.

MS. PANNELL: Good afternoon, Sharon Pannell. I just want to thank you all for last week and I heard that the Chief has some dispatch jobs for the community. Can you tell me something about it?

COMM. WILSON: Yes. Actually what we're doing we're moving to civilianize our dispatcher. We're going to pretty much take the 9-1-1 operators and our Police Dispatch and combine it into one job. That job is posted on premiersolutions.com.

You can apply for it through the application process there. We've already hired

15 who are actually starting Monday their training process, so we have to hire about a total of 60.

MS. PANNELL: So is it a full-time job?

COMM. WILSON: Full time.

MS. PANNELL: No, thank you, but I'm not interested in full time.

MS. ROMANO: Good afternoon, Anna Romano and I want to say great job guys with your Operation Mistletoe and I heard about your little adventure. They couldn't call me fast enough. They said, "Guess who's here."

SRT was very surprised to see you there and they said they're looking forward to lunch and they said it's going to be on them, so just let them know.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I sure will.

MS, ROMANO: And I want to wish everyone a happy holiday and a safe prosperous New Year. Thank you.

COMM. WILSON: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you.

MR. SCOTT: Ron Scott, Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality. I want to find out, Commissioners -- thank you for being

here today -- I want to find out, have you responded to the letter that was sent by the Police Commission relative to their concerns -- not only their concerns, their challenge to the Executive Order 11 to the Chief and to the Emergency Manager and if there's a response from the Chief's Office. We have an -- I don't know whether there's one from the Emergency Manager's Office and I would ask that to Chairwoman Taylor.

COMM. WILSON: If I may through the Chair. As it relates to the Office of the Chief the actual letter was addressed to the Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr, it was cc'd for the Chief, so we will not be responding. We will be guided by the Emergency Manager's response so I guess we'll wait for the office of that response.

MR. SCOTT: And I might add through the Chair. One other question, is the response to the issue related to stop and frisk, has that -- where is that? Is that still in limbo or has there been a response to it?

COMM. WILSON: There has not been a response. Again, we're going to be kind of guided by Mr. Orr and how he wants us to respond. But as you know, Mr. Scott, we're a totally

constitutional police department, we're under a Consent Judgment and as it relates --

MR. SCOTT: That may be something in the next month that we may challenge because I think there are some constitutional questions. And I think that it's one thing to say constitutional, it's another thing to be constitutional, so if we find ourselves if it's necessary to raise that question to get a ruling from the judge, I think it would be important because the absence of action is inaction and inaction essentially diminishes democracy by virtue of it not going on, so it's a been long time and I'm just hoping that there will be some response before that's necessary.

COMM. WILSON: Yes, sir.

MR. SCOTT: Commissioner Taylor, I didn't want to be disrespectful to you, so I was just saying that I was hoping that there would be some response before there was a request to ask the judge to give an opinion, Judge Cook, relative to this matter.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: But they haven't sent a response so far, but, you know, it was just issued a week or so ago, so we're going to

give it a little time.

MR. SCOTT: Right, and if I can conclude, I just want to emphasize the seriousness of that statement. The statement, what's happening is there's positions being filled, there is a culture being established, there's a process being initiated and when and if that is done retroactively then all of that conceivably could change.

So therefore it appears that the new standard is what is called in law in terms of actually engaging in actions that essentially through custom and practice becomes standard and that creates a real challenge because as we saw here people are coming up and saying how great it is to civilianize and all of that, but all of these issues still are operating in an area that has yet to be determined.

And so, you know, I just want to raise that cautionary note in relationship to the presence of the need for democratic action.

So I wanted to say that on the last day that I still will fight for democracy, so thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. Are

there any other communications from the audience? Are there any other comments? If there's no other comments, I move to adjourn.

Oh, Commissioner Burton just walked in. You weren't here when I introduced Commissioner-Elect Carter. Do either one of you want to say anything before we close out?

Okay, all right. Well, meeting adjourned.

(Proceedings concluded at 3:20 p.m.)

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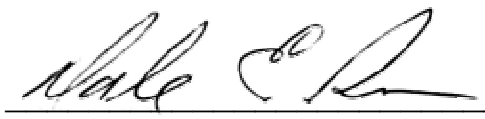

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