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REGULAR MEETING

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REPRESENTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE'S OFFICE :

DEPUTY CHIEF CHARLES FITZGERALD

1 Detroit, Michigan  
2 Thursday, February 5, 2015  
3 About 3:00 p.m.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: I want to say good  
5 afternoon to all. This is the weekly meeting of  
6 the Board of Police Commissioners. I'm Willie  
7 Bell, your Chair and we're going to convene the  
8 meeting, but we're going to have to act as a  
9 committee of the whole because we will not have a  
10 proper quorum.

11 We've got quite a few commissioners  
12 that's not going to be in attendance as we  
13 conduct a roll call.

14 Let us pray.

15 (INVOCATION WAS GIVEN.)

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. George Anthony,  
17 our Board Secretary, would you conduct the roll  
18 call, please?

19 SECRETARY ANTHONY: For the record,  
20 George Anthony, Secretary to the Board.  
21 Commissioner Lisa Carter?

22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Present.

23 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Commissioner Willie  
24 E. Burton has asked to be excused.

25 Commissioner Reginald Crawford?

1 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Present.

2 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Commissioner Conrad  
3 Mallett has asked to be excused.

4 Commissioner Ricardo Moore has asked to  
5 be excused. Commissioner Richard Shelby?

6 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Present.

7 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Commissioner Jessica  
8 Taylor has asked to be excused. Commissioner  
9 Edgar Vann? Commissioner Donnell R. White has  
10 asked to be excused.

11 Mr. Chair, you do not have a quorum,  
12 you have four Commissioners out of 10.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir.  
14 That means we are a committee of the whole, we  
15 cannot conduct normal business, but we will go  
16 through the process as the committee and to my  
17 far left is Dr. -- I'm sorry, let's try it again  
18 -- Deputy Chief Charles Fitzgerald.

19 Do I have that right?

20 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Yes. I like  
21 the doctor part too though, would be kind of  
22 nice.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: In this day and age  
24 it's not difficult with all due respect, I can  
25 give you an honorary degree, call that a street

1 degree of the City of Detroit.

2 Chuck, good to see you.

3 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Would you care to  
5 introduce any other command at this time?

6 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Yeah, Comm.  
7 Deshawn Sims is in the first row from  
8 Professional Standards; Comm. Charles Mahone  
9 towards the back there for Patrol-East and Lt.  
10 Myles from Chief's Neighborhood Liaison Community  
11 -- something.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir.  
13 Mr. Anthony, would you continue to introduce the  
14 staff of the Board of Police Commissioners,  
15 please?

16 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you,  
17 Mr. Chair. We have seated in front Ms. Pamela  
18 Davis-Drake, our Chief Investigator from the  
19 Office of the Chief Investigator.

20 I think Ms. Linda Bernard, our attorney  
21 to the Board, stepped out briefly. Mr. Robert  
22 Brown, our office manager is seated to my right,  
23 Sgt. Alan Quinn is recording our proceedings and  
24 Mr. Dale Rose from Hanson Court Reporting Service  
25 is taking the official transcript.

1                   That completes the introductions.

2                   COMMISSIONER BELL: Once again, we will  
3 not be moving to approve the official agenda or  
4 the minutes at this time. I believe we can move  
5 forward.

6                   I just want to say briefly that as the  
7 Chair -- but let me pause for one second. I'd  
8 like to offer and make aware the death of Conrad  
9 Mallett's mother, Dr. Mallett, I think in the  
10 state of Connecticut and we offer condolences to  
11 Dr. Mallett, his mom and family as they make the  
12 funeral schedule for tomorrow, so keep them in  
13 your prayers and thoughts in terms of condolence  
14 and support.

15                   I do not have an official report. I  
16 just want to say that as we move forward the sun  
17 is shining, it's a little cold outside, but the  
18 city is moving right along in terms of things are  
19 drastically improved.

20                   I attended Eastern District meeting  
21 last night. Capt. Cox was there, Capt. Bliss was  
22 there and NPOs and others and they did an  
23 informal survey in terms of talking about  
24 response time. They talked about a whole lot of  
25 issues. It was quite positive feedback from the

1 community in reference to response time and  
2 patrol duties and etc and even the issue about  
3 the snow.

4 They were somewhat pleased, I guess in  
5 their particular neighborhood, but there were  
6 some stumbling blocks, but overall there was some  
7 good rapport with the Eastern District.

8 And the 9th Precinct is moving to  
9 separate their Community Relations Board. They  
10 are going to be the 9th Precinct and they're  
11 going to be the 5th Precinct in terms of two  
12 different entities moving away from the district  
13 concept, so that is a good thing because each  
14 precinct reports out on their own merits and in  
15 terms of the overall issue that impacts and the  
16 captains were quite pleased with that too because  
17 it's difficult to cover the whole district and  
18 people responding to, but the captain  
19 specifically can cover their particular precinct.

20 So I was part of that in terms of  
21 making it happen so I'm pleased with that type of  
22 a break-up but it's in the best interest of all  
23 concerned parties, so that was something that's  
24 long needed after 2014, they initiated, and I  
25 think the month of March as they move forward.

1           On that note, that is my brief report.  
2           I guess Deputy Chief, did you have a report?

3           DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Yes, sir, and  
4           once again the Chief sends his regrets, he's  
5           double and triple booked and trying to work out  
6           his schedule, but he may pop in, I'm not sure.  
7           If he does -- in the meantime I'll sit in.

8           Crime stats, again we're still moving  
9           in the right direction. Homicide, we still have  
10          an increase of 9 over the same time last year  
11          which is sitting at a 47 percent increase, but we  
12          think we're getting it worked out to go in the  
13          right direction.

14          All other crime categories are down,  
15          we're really -- even last year with domestic  
16          assaults is the one we couldn't really get a  
17          handle on, and as of this morning we're sitting  
18          on a 6 percent decrease, so I think all of that  
19          stuff is moving in the right direction.

20          Chairman Bell, as you mentioned, the  
21          response time, last year our goal we set towards  
22          the end of 2014 was an 18-minute response time.  
23          That's from time of dispatch to 9-1-1 to the time  
24          officers on the scene.

25          We set a new goal this year of



1 16-minute response time and I think we're well on  
2 our way and we're going to meet that goal.

3 The last few weeks we've been sitting  
4 at about 17, 17.3, so we're getting there. We're  
5 really -- it's the big push this year for us.

6 Other than that, we have the Meridian  
7 Winter Blast is going on this weekend downtown.  
8 It's a nice event for all. It's February 6, 7  
9 and 8. I don't know if you've seen it, they have  
10 the giant snow slide they're getting ready to set  
11 up, so it's going to be a nice event downtown.

12 I have a follow-up to something that  
13 was asked last week about a homicide. I don't  
14 know if you want that now.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Sure.

16 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: I guess there  
17 was a concerned citizen that had an issue with a  
18 homicide that happened at Seven Mile and Winston  
19 of a Jonathan Stokes. She was concerned because  
20 there wasn't a whole lot of progress on the case.

21 I'm not sure, maybe it's just  
22 communication, but that case is closed with three  
23 arrests. That case went before a trial, all  
24 three defendants were found guilty, one of second  
25 degree murder, one of open murder and felony

1 murder which is two murder counts, both will get  
2 life for that, and then the final Defendant was  
3 guilty of Murder 1 which would be another  
4 lifetime offense.

5 So some amazing work was actually done  
6 on that case that brought it to closure, so  
7 that's what I have for that. I think that's it  
8 from the Chief.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner  
10 Crawford?

11 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir.  
12 Through the Chair, Chief, if I recall Ms. Stokes,  
13 wasn't that about something about the daughter  
14 and the threats because you're absolutely  
15 correct, sir, the case was closed in terms of  
16 convictions, etc but I think they were here  
17 talking about the threats to the daughter.

18 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Yeah and the  
19 person that was listed as one of the original  
20 suspects, there was no evidence to ever link the  
21 person to the case.

22 What we have is the investigator  
23 reaching back out to her to let her know that the  
24 complaint should be treated -- any kind of  
25 complaint at this point for the threat, make a

1 report and we'll investigate it and we'll be all  
2 over it.

3 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Okay. And  
4 there was one other issue about the response  
5 time. I know your numbers in terms of response  
6 time the last week or so are going to be -- with  
7 the snow as fast as possible.

8 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: It's tough, but  
9 we're still pushing the 16 minutes, so we want  
10 them to get there as quickly as they can, but  
11 safely obviously.

12 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Do you have a  
14 Deputy Chief in the room.

15 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Deputy Chief  
16 Celia Washington has joined us.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Is that it?

18 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: That's it,  
19 Commissioner.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Are you sure?

21 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Unless you want  
22 something else.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: No, no, if that's  
24 it, that's it, so any other comments from the  
25 Commissioners in reference to Deputy Chief's

1 report? Okay.

2 I assume we do not have any  
3 subcommittee meeting reports. Under new business  
4 we have two resolutions and Commissioner Shelby  
5 and Commissioner Crawford is going to read the  
6 resolution, just resolved and etc, so we can  
7 address that.

8 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: The resolution  
9 honoring retiring police officer Benjamin Koyton.

10 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the  
11 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking  
12 for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit  
13 Police Department award this resolution in  
14 recognition of Police Officer Benjamin E. Koyton,  
15 Jr's 28 years of dedicated and diligent public  
16 service.

17 His professionalism, integrity and  
18 standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and  
19 its citizens merit our highest regards and best  
20 wishes for continued success.

21 We salute and congratulate you, Police  
22 Officer Benjamin E. Koyton, Jr.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: And thank you, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, resolution  
25 honoring Sgt. Lester Mathews.

1                   NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the  
2                   Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking on  
3                   behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the  
4                   citizens of the city of Detroit recognize the  
5                   lifelong commitment to public safety of Sgt.  
6                   Lester Mathews. His pride and dedication have  
7                   been invaluable assets to the department and  
8                   merit our highest regard.

9                   We thank you and congratulate you, Sgt.  
10                  Lester E. Mathews, Detroit Board of Police  
11                  Commissioners.

12                 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you,  
13                 Commissioner Crawford. At our next meeting  
14                 hopefully we will receive them, these two  
15                 resolutions formally into our records for  
16                 approval.

17                 The next order of business would be any  
18                 old business. If not, we move to announcements.  
19                 The next Board of Police Commissioners community  
20                 meeting will be in the 1st Precinct on March 12  
21                 at Cobo Hall, 1 Washington Boulevard, Atwater  
22                 Entrance, 6:30 PM.

23                 That's our next community meeting which  
24                 is March 12th. That should be interesting at  
25                 Cobo Hall, Atwater Entrance, and hopefully there

1 will be more information forthcoming.

2 I know you want to know about parking  
3 and want to know how to find that room they're  
4 going to have it in, so hopefully we will share  
5 information with you perhaps as soon as the next  
6 meeting. Good question, good concerns.

7 Our next board meeting community  
8 meeting will be taking place on next Thursday,  
9 February 12 at 6:30 PM and that would be at the  
10 9th Precinct Matrix Human Service Center at 13560  
11 Six Mile and for you westsiders what location is  
12 that?

13 We call it Six Mile and Gratiot,  
14 McNichols for those right on the corner so lock  
15 it in and I would hope that you will share the  
16 information and we pray for a good no-snow day on  
17 the east side of the Detroit next Thursday.

18 Come down to Item 15, oral  
19 communications from the audience. You have the  
20 opportunity to give your name and limit your  
21 comments to -- I'm going to say 2.5 minutes  
22 because we don't have a great crowd.

23 I'm calling once. We're going to give  
24 you three minutes today, you're going to take  
25 five anyway.

1 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon, Bernice  
2 Smith. I have been summoned to come back to the  
3 Human Resources so that's my title now.

4 Commissioners, and CD, the wrong one is  
5 here. I wanted -- what his name -- White because  
6 Tuesday was a very interesting program to look at  
7 the council people.

8 As most of you know there's a request  
9 to move our precinct which is 1 over to formerly  
10 the teachers union building there by the Lodge  
11 and the Boulevard.

12 Now, after listening to all the do's  
13 and don't's, the police department which was  
14 headed by White and I didn't see our attorney  
15 there, I saw her there the previous week, but  
16 anyway to get to the point, I would like to know  
17 who suggested or made the request for us to move  
18 our police station off of the Boulevard and  
19 Woodward. It's a large building and we had  
20 meetings there at the district in the  
21 neighborhood there. Also you're by the  
22 transportation of the bus stop and when the M1  
23 come through there it will be even better, but  
24 there was a request stating that the problem was  
25 you didn't have enough space, you needed a locker

1 room down in the basement and also they needed  
2 more floor space.

3 Now the building is eight stories I  
4 believe. In the meantime, my thought was this.  
5 Why would they move out of a large building and  
6 go into a building that's smaller and occupy it,  
7 but they said I needed parking space. Well, you  
8 got two parking spaces that you could utilize  
9 there on the Boulevard and Woodward.

10 But after investigating some things in  
11 regard to it and I took notes on it and I'm not  
12 going to go through all of the budget and  
13 everything that they said, you said your budget  
14 did not entail for you to stay there and pay that  
15 amount of the rent, you wanted to buy the  
16 building, going over at 2875 which is the  
17 building near the Lodge.

18 And White was saying the money-wise was  
19 not affordable for the police department to move  
20 there. So in the meantime I did a little  
21 investigating because I guess in a way I want to  
22 know the real reason and I later found out who  
23 owns this building.

24 Politics is always going to be  
25 involved, it's going to get a little dirty every



1 now and then. The reasoning was something about  
2 the distribution of money that was given to the  
3 Mayor during his campaign. In the meantime, one  
4 of the persons who had given a little  
5 contribution to the Mayor was -- and the owner of  
6 this particular building -- his cousin.

7 Now, I know Commissioners, you guys  
8 don't know anything about it, but I want you to  
9 be aware of what's going on in downtown -- not  
10 downtown, but in midtown and parts of the police  
11 department.

12 Now, whether you have anything to do  
13 with that or not, I cannot say, but I want you to  
14 be aware of what's going on with the -- that's  
15 the 1st Precinct, yes, which is my precinct, so  
16 that's why I was quite interested because I used  
17 to go there when we had teachers meetings over  
18 there, and then the health people was over there,  
19 so healthcare was over there.

20 So now the building being empty and  
21 they did tear down the McDonald's there, so maybe  
22 that was in preparation of having the police  
23 department move over in that particular site.

24 So I just want to know is it true that  
25 the Mayor's cousin owns the building and that's

1 why the hurry -- hurrying up of trying to get  
2 that decision to move over at that particular  
3 building.

4 Now, the council is going to meet  
5 Tuesday which I will be there and I will see what  
6 the results are in regards to them okaying that  
7 move of the police department. That's all I got  
8 to say and I hope that you guys think about it  
9 too and find out why you have to move, not  
10 because of the locker room and the parking  
11 spaces. That was one of the many reasons Chief  
12 White had for the move.

13 (Commissioner Vann arrives.)

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: I want to  
15 acknowledge Commissioner Vann is joining us at  
16 this particular time. Now you can respond.

17 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through the  
18 Chair, Ms. Smith, the conversation should be  
19 taken from midtown downtown to the Mayor, to City  
20 Council.

21 MS. SMITH: I am.

22 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Because go to  
23 their meeting and also to the Mayor. I've heard  
24 a lot of things too. I haven't heard anything  
25 about the individual being the Mayor's cousin,

1 but in terms of the financial end of it too and  
2 knowing the history of that building and the  
3 lease I guess some five, six, seven years ago  
4 when it was leased, some of us know the history  
5 of the building as to what came about as to why  
6 the Detroit Police Department was in that  
7 building in the first place that it's currently  
8 in.

9 In terms of the new building, some of  
10 your information may be accurate and some of it  
11 may be inaccurate. I did read all the  
12 information in terms of the monies in terms of  
13 the savings that is supposed to take place, but  
14 like I said, the conversation and the information  
15 would have to come directly from the Mayor and  
16 City Council and I believe right now they're  
17 going to -- they're currently -- they're going to  
18 re-negotiate that lease.

19 MS. SMITH: Yeah, that's why they told  
20 them to come back next week because they weren't  
21 prepared as far as the council was concerned and  
22 the president told them come back next week with  
23 that report and then they would make their  
24 decision then.

25 But in the meantime why I made it

1 public here I want you guys to be aware of what's  
2 going on. Even though it may not involve you, I  
3 just want you to be aware of what's going on in  
4 the police department and what people are playing  
5 a part in it.

6 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Also too you  
7 kept referencing a name, you kept saying White.  
8 Are you talking about Asst. Chief White?

9 MS. SMITH: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Assistant Chief.

11 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: You kept saying  
12 White and I was like --

13 MS. SMITH: Is that his name?

14 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: That is his  
15 name, but he's assistant chief.

16 MS. SMITH: Assistant chief, don't we  
17 call him AD?

18 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: I called him  
19 Asst. Chief White.

20 MS. SMITH: Okay, all right, DC.

21 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: You kept  
22 referencing the name and I thought that's who you  
23 were talking about, but for the record --

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: He's Assistant  
25 Chief.

1 MS. SMITH: Yeah, all right, he's  
2 Assistant Chief. He was the lead in regards to  
3 making a presentation for the police department,  
4 that's all, and if you did not know there's an  
5 African-American and an Indian that owns the  
6 building that they're in and Hartman, Tom  
7 Hartman, so I called him and let him know you  
8 better turn the TV on so he can see what was  
9 going on.

10 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: So what you're  
11 saying diverse ownership?

12 MS. SMITH: Thank you. I rest my case.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, ma'am.

14 MS. SMITH: They want us to have  
15 property and businesses, so don't take it away  
16 from us. We've got it there and it's doing good,  
17 the property has been very clean and taken over  
18 by us, so let us have the property and make some  
19 money too. That's all I say.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you for your  
21 enlightenment on the issue at hand. I don't  
22 think Deputy Chief wants to respond.

23 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: I was secretly  
24 hoping that was a rhetorical question when it  
25 came out. I know I have no factual basis for

1 anything, so --

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other public  
3 comments from the audience? I just want to --  
4 looking at the minutes we haven't really  
5 approved, but there's a couple of items -- I  
6 don't know if you're prepared -- in reference to  
7 -- in red, Deputy Chief Hall stated she would  
8 supply the Board with the dollar amount for  
9 forfeiture monies for education and training. I  
10 assume that's not going to be forthcoming, but  
11 perhaps in the future. Could you make a note of  
12 that, it's in our minutes from our last meeting.

13 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: I have it and  
14 she sent it to me and what I was given was  
15 forfeiture funds, do we have to use it for drug  
16 or training. There wasn't anything about how  
17 much we used and what's not been used.

18 So I can follow up on that for you.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: I guess we can  
20 cover that issue at another meeting in more  
21 detail. I guess we had an interest in reference  
22 to expenditures and fundings and what's happening  
23 with education and training.

24 I know the old forfeiture law, there  
25 was money designated for that, so that would be

1 interesting in terms of perhaps we can do some  
2 research in reference to that particular order or  
3 law in terms of dealing with question and  
4 training.

5 We know about the part that the police  
6 department gets in terms of their training and  
7 equipment, etc, etc. In fact, that is a ruling  
8 of the attorney general in reference to that  
9 whole process.

10 We're just interested in the education  
11 and training part, especially the impact the  
12 youth, young people.

13 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Absolutely.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. And the next  
15 item in red that Ms. Washington will follow up  
16 with the Board next week concerning Peter Rhodes.  
17 Do you want to share some dialog with us on that?

18 We have some information, but if you  
19 want to share it with us just in case you're not  
20 here we have the package and he said he would be  
21 here every week, but he's not here.

22 I'm not pushing the envelope on that,  
23 but since we have a little --

24 DEP. CHIEF WASHINGTON: Yeah, I know  
25 he's not here and I would have liked for him to

1 have been there so he could address the board.  
2 No, Celia Washington, 2nd Deputy Chief - Legal  
3 Advisor.

4 When Mr. Rhodes mentioned it before  
5 there had been -- part of the reason for the  
6 delay, the teletype that he was talking about was  
7 supposed to be the list of businesses that were  
8 actually subject to licensing.

9 We were working with Jones over in  
10 Buildings and Safety to figure out what that list  
11 was supposed to look -- to get it accurate.

12 And so after our meeting last week  
13 Comm. Bettison met with Jones. The teletype was  
14 issued to the department instructing Detroit  
15 Police Department is not in the business of  
16 issuing business licenses and that's a done deal.

17 And we talked to -- actually gave him a  
18 copy of the teletype. We talked to Mr. Rhodes.  
19 There was something else that I was going to  
20 follow up with too, but -- the citizen  
21 complaints, and I believe the Chief Investigator  
22 had that conversation.

23 CHIEF INV. DAVIS-DRAKE: For the  
24 record, Pamela Davis-Drake, Chief Investigator.  
25 I did receive an e-mail from Deputy Chief



1 Washington's office.

2 I will be reviewing it and passing the  
3 information on to the Board and that is in  
4 regards to the citizen complaints that actually  
5 go through the Chief's office.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, ma'am,  
7 appreciate the Deputy Chief and Chief  
8 Investigator and I just want to -- if we can  
9 follow this format, Mr. Anthony, in terms of how  
10 you put something in bold and red in reference to  
11 any follow-up that -- I think that would help us  
12 remind us in terms of making sure that  
13 information is provided or explanation, it would  
14 help us all out and continue to do that.

15 Black and white and you don't have your  
16 reading glasses on you miss it, but when you got  
17 it in red it's -- I know something is there.

18 So on that note -- so Commissioner  
19 Vann, we do not have a quorum at this meeting, we  
20 acting as a committee of the whole. We're at the  
21 stage now where we're about to wrap it up.

22 I think we've completed oral  
23 communication and we already shared our next  
24 meeting going to be a community meeting on the  
25 east side of Detroit.

1                   And so if there's no other business  
2                   before the Commissioner --

3                   COMMISSIONER VANN: I just have one  
4                   thing, Mr. Chair, and please excuse my tardiness  
5                   today, couldn't be helped. I am happy to be  
6                   here.

7                   I just wanted to raise -- or get some  
8                   clarification with regard -- we always receive  
9                   our attrition and promotional availability  
10                  reports and coupled with that we always get a  
11                  report with regard to officers who are no longer  
12                  with the department and disposition thereof.

13                  I noticed that in today's meeting that  
14                  disposition list is very long for this month. I  
15                  also noticed sort of glaring out at me are the  
16                  positions lost in the sergeant area and in the  
17                  detective area on the attrition and promotional  
18                  availability report.

19                  And I just thought that maybe is this  
20                  -- in my experience previously with the  
21                  Commission those kinds of dramatic fluctuations  
22                  did not take place or if they did it was a cause  
23                  for great concern.

24                  I don't know what the recent status has  
25                  been for this Commission -- for this department

1 at this time, but I would like to ask the  
2 question because it sounds like there's either  
3 some instability or we've got an unusual amount  
4 of people retiring or something is going on here  
5 that's causing these numbers to look the way  
6 they're looking, so I'm wondering could I get a  
7 clarification with regard to that.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Deputy Chief?

9 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Yeah, I think  
10 I'd have to see the list to -- when you look at  
11 the sergeants, the sergeants span of control is  
12 that a sergeant has every 10 officers on the  
13 street. Span of control is being maxed across  
14 the city.

15 When you look at promoting up,  
16 promoting up, it takes away from the rank of  
17 police officers and because we're getting -- we  
18 need more police officers on the street we're  
19 getting to the number where we'd like to have the  
20 extra 40 plus sergeants on the street, but it  
21 would take away from 40 plus officers we've got  
22 to take off the street.

23 COMMISSIONER VANN: I guess what I saw  
24 was that we're overbudget on officers on the  
25 street, that's what this says, and we're 51 down

1 in terms of sergeants, so given the multiplier  
2 that you just gave, then that doesn't -- that's  
3 skewed.

4 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: The number also  
5 says we would be over budget -- under budget for  
6 detective quite a bit, so it's the detective --  
7 once you start making up those police officers to  
8 take up that, it will balance itself back out  
9 because we're so far under for detective right  
10 now because I think we were budgeted for 150, I  
11 think we're only at about 83 roughly, 87,  
12 whatever the number is.

13 COMMISSIONER VANN: 78.

14 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Okay, so once  
15 you start promoting up more of these detectives  
16 it will shift and balance. The police officers  
17 will catch up to being back on budget and then  
18 the detective will balance itself out.

19 COMMISSIONER VANN: And there's  
20 normally that kind of a disparity in these --

21 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Because of the  
22 new rank of detective, yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes,  
24 Commissioner Vann also too, I don't have a copy  
25 of that information, but 1,666 officers were

1 budgeted this current budget cycle. The previous  
2 budget cycle, I don't have the numbers in front  
3 of me, it looks like 1,700, so what's been  
4 budgeted 17 something, what was budgeted the  
5 previous cycle was 17 something was reduced to  
6 1,666, so by 100 and some, I don't have the exact  
7 numbers in front of me like I said. We noticed  
8 that six months back, I guess goes back in July  
9 or August, something to that effect, so that  
10 reflect in the numbers.

11 So I just wanted to point that out to  
12 you, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other comments,  
14 commissioners?

15 COMMISSIONER VANN: Only that in the  
16 same report the civilian side is the same too,  
17 you've got 56 positions lost there that -- so  
18 we're under budgeted by 56 positions on the  
19 civilian side.

20 I know there's been some -- a lot of  
21 concern that we wanted to try to use civilians to  
22 replace some things that maybe traditionally were  
23 done by officers only and I'm wondering how is  
24 that process and transition taking place, if  
25 we're short 56.

1 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Unfortunately  
2 that one I'd have to follow up on.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Perhaps we can  
4 schedule not at our next meeting, but at a  
5 meeting in the future the director of Personnel  
6 could come and give you that breakdown about  
7 personnel because there's also some dialog in  
8 reference to I think just off the top we hired or  
9 processed 120 some officers last year, we just  
10 had a class graduate 27 officers and the whole  
11 issue even came up last night and I talked  
12 briefly with the DPOA president and he's  
13 concerned which we're all concerned about the low  
14 salary of police personnel.

15 They coming in not as a career but  
16 looking as a job, I'll look at the next job  
17 because I know there's so many issues impacting  
18 my benefits and my salary and if you have another  
19 opportunity, so those issues that perhaps we can  
20 have with the director of Personnel in the  
21 future, maybe two weeks from now, I think that  
22 would be appropriate and if you could make a note  
23 of that Deputy Chief?

24 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Yes, sir.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: We would like to

1 hear from the director of Personnel in reference  
2 to those issues which was raised at this meeting.

3 DEP. CHIEF FITZGERALD: Yes, sir.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other  
5 discussion on that? I know -- I don't see how  
6 they're going to resolve that because we don't  
7 have the money, but I guess from the White House  
8 to the mansion they've been trying to address  
9 about the salaries of policing in general.

10 We do have a confirmation for our guest  
11 speaker at our next meeting in the community  
12 meeting concerning the bond issue and that would  
13 be the Chief Judge of Third Judicial Circuit  
14 Court the Honorable Robert Columbo, Jr will be  
15 present. He's agreed to come out to the meeting  
16 and you can share that in terms of hopefully we  
17 can put the word out, that subject came up in our  
18 community meeting about the bond issue and I  
19 think we need to do a better job of tracking.

20 I don't know who actually raised that  
21 issue at that meeting, but I know the Commission  
22 did a follow up on it and we're now having a  
23 chief judge coming out to talk about that and  
24 that would be a concern so we have had that  
25 discussion, Commissioner Crawford and others, in

1 reference to the whole issue about the processing  
2 of people so maybe he can give an explanation  
3 about bonds, so it should be a good forum and if  
4 we can get the community out who need to hear  
5 that in terms of that type of dialog.

6 And Councilman Scott Benson that is in  
7 the 3rd District has already agree and in fact  
8 his office is located there and I hope to hear  
9 from Councilman Spivey because it sort of abuts  
10 4th District in terms of two council people in  
11 terms of that particular location.

12 So if there's no other business, we  
13 don't have to ask for adjournment, so we stand  
14 adjourned.

15 Thank you for your attendance. I hope  
16 to see you next week on the east side of Detroit  
17 and this is a sunny day, so you can drive around  
18 Belle Isle, getting out early.

19 (Proceedings concluded at  
20 3:34 p.m.)

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