

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: November 3, 2016 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters 1301 Third Ave., Detroit Michigan

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (November 3, 2016)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Excused	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for November 3, 2016.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, October 27, 2016**

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked Commissioner Vann to do the invocation. **Chairman Bell** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Chair Bell acknowledged the recent death of **Officer Myron Jarrett** who was killed Friday, October 28, 2016. Bell also provided the Commission with the latest funeral arrangement for Officer Jarrett. Bell also indicated two officers from the 12th Precinct have been assigned to assist the Jarrett family and the Commission has plans to visit the family in advance of Monday's services.

BOPC staff and individuals recording the meeting were introduced. Additionally, Gertrude F. Johnson was introduced as the new BOPC Executive Manager for Fiscal. Ms. Johnson addressed the Board and provided brief remarks. **HR Director Gail Oxendine** provide the Monthly Human Resources Report for October 2016. Director Oxendine highlighted personnel statistics both sworn and civilian, recruitment figures, and residency information along with other information from her written report. Several Commissioners engaged Director Oxendine in discussion. **Carter** asked about medical benefits due to recruits and officers. Additionally, Director Oxendine was asked to categorize the primary difference between individuals who are temporarily disqualified from the recruitment process and those who are permanently disqualified from hire. Director Oxendine also called to the attention of the Board a brief attachment to the report entitled "Benefits for Officers Killed in the Line of Duty. Director Oxendine also noted that a more detailed report on officer benefits would be submitted later to the Board. Oxendine also indicated that Executive Manager Bridget Lamar was in the best position to outline in detail how the benefits might impact a given officer suggesting that given to selection options made by the officer, benefits might be more or less. Oxendine also indicated that officer Jarrett's family would benefit from the payment of funeral expenses by the Public Safety Officer Survivor Benefit Program, a federal program. In reaction to the overall benefits package due fallen officers, **Vann** indicated that this benefit was insufficient and that we need to work to obtain a better benefit. **Dewaelsche** added to the need to raise death benefits and inquiries as to methods to do the same. **Bell** suggested that we also include in our discussion on officer death benefits representatives from the police unions, DPOA and L&SA.

Chief of Police Report: Representing Chief James Craig was AC Steven Dolunt. **Dolunt** highlighted DPD's monthly Compstat 2016 data reporting crimes through October 30, 2016. Dolunt commented the death of **Officer Myron Jarrett** and the death of Cease-Fire employee **Jermaine Tillman** who was shot to death in the AM hours of November 3, 2016. Dolunt indicated for individuals who are interested in providing financial support to the family, that checks should be made payable to Sacha Jarrett and could be given to the Department. Dolunt also indicated he was participating in a Piston sponsored youth discussion at the Main Branch of the Detroit Public Library at 6:00 PM (November 3, 2016) and invited others to attend. Dolunt also indicated that there is also a fund raiser for Captain Steil, Saturday (November 5, 2016).

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: No Reports.

Board Secretary Report: No Report.

New Business: Resolution read by Vice Chairman, Ricardo Moore.

**BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING
POLICE OFFICER MYRON A. JARRETT
(Posthumously)**

WHEREAS Myron A. Jarrett was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on November 21, 2008. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Jarrett began his career at the Sixth Precinct. He was a loving husband to his wife, Sacha, and father to his children: Christian, Caitlin, Cameron, and Cassidy; and

WHEREAS Officer Jarrett dutifully served the Sixth Precinct, Detroit Detention Center, and Twelfth Precinct. On Friday, October 28, 2016, after eight (8) years of service, Police Officer Myron Jarrett, Badge 4538, was struck by a vehicle during a traffic stop and later that day passed away; and

WHEREAS Officer Jarrett graduated from Southeastern High School in 1994, and briefly attended Wayne State University. He loved sports and played baseball and ran track. During his law enforcement career, Officer Jarrett received numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS Officer Myron Jarrett was "always positive," "a professional cop," and loved to use traffic stops as teaching moments. "His fellow officers all said he was a nice man, a professional police officer who really served his community with distinction," the police chief stated. "One of the things he liked to do was write tickets because he would talk to people, he would counsel them;" and

WHEREAS Officer Jarrett tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities with unwavering devotion. His commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication were a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He was highly respected as a consummate professional throughout the law enforcement community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, award this resolution posthumously in recognition of Police Officer Myron A. Jarrett's eight years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We salute you Officer Myron A. Jarrett for a job well done.

Board Action: Resolution Approved. 9-0

Commissioner Burton discussed a moved for a resolution to support Breast Cancer organizational efforts of Your Sister's Network. Commissioner **Moore** Second. The Chair, ruled that the resolution was out of order Indicating that the Board had previously set criterion for resolutions and that this resolution did not meet the criterion.

RESEARCH NOTES: Pursuant to the Chair's ruling a search of the records (BOPC transcripts) show that on September 17, 2015, the Board discussed and passed a set of criteria by acclamation vote (Chairman Carter). The criterion indicates resolutions should be (1) public safety related (2) related to a young person or others that impacts the quality of life or makes a commitment to the City of Detroit. The criterion also indicated that the information should be collected in advance, written or prepared by staff and presented to the Chair of the Board for authorization. (Pages 40 thru 42).

Old Business: **Dewaelsche** also inquired about the time schedule for the Commission to take up the matter of police authorized Taser. **Bell** indicated that his hope is to take up the matter in December. Bell also suggested that the staff should collect information form NACOLE, police department's like Dearborn that has a policy on Tasers for review by the Commission.

Oral Communications: Bernice Smith, indicated that Tabernacle Baptist Church was sponsoring a Town Hall Meeting with Mayors and Police Chiefs of Metropolitan Detroit, November 10, 2016 at 6:00PM. Bell indicated that because of the conflict with the BOPC meeting, BOPC a staff representative should be assigned to attend the event.

Announcements:

Adjournment. 4:25 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2016 @ 6:30 PM, Church of Christ Elmwood Park, 2001 Antietam Ave., Detroit, MI 48207 – 7th Precinct