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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, November 1, 2018

3:00 p.m.

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1301 Third Street

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

1 COMMISSIONERS:

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3 WILLIE E. BELL, Commissioner (Dist. 4), Chairperson

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5 JIM HOLLEY, Commissioner At-Large

6 ELIZABETH BROOKS, Commissioner At-Large

7 SHIRLEY A. BURCH (Dist. 3)

8 WILLIAM M. DAVIS (Dist. 7)

9 LISA CARTER (Dist. 6)

10 WILLIE BURTON (Dist. 5)

11 EVA GARZA DEWAELESCHE, Commissioner At-Large

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13 GREGORY HICKS, Secretary to the Board

14 ROBERT BROWN, Executive Manager

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16 REPRESENTING OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

17 ASSISTANT CHIEF JAMES WHITE

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 November 1, 2018

3 3:00 p.m.

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5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good afternoon. I want
6 to say welcome to the weekly afternoon meeting of the
7 board of police commission. I am Police Commissioner
8 Willie Bell. I represent District 4. I serve as
9 chair of the board and will be conducting our meeting
10 today. On behalf of the board and for those in
11 attendance, thank you for joining us. For people
12 viewing this meeting on your government cable channel,
13 thank you for viewing our meeting.

14 Invocation will be by our chaplain, James
15 Powell.

16 (Invocation given at 3:03 p.m.)

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir.
18 Appreciate it.

19 I'm going to ask the commission to introduce
20 themselves starting to my far right.

21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Commissioner William
22 Davis, District 7.

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon.
24 Shirley Burch, District 3.

25 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon.

1 Elizabeth Brooks, at-large.

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good afternoon.

3 Darryl Brown, District 1.

4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon.

5 Lisa Carter, District 6.

6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Good afternoon. Jim
7 Holley, at-large.

8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Eva Garza
9 Dewaelsche, at-large.

10 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, you have a quorum.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Mr. Hicks.
12 Would you introduce the board staff, please?

13 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just
14 prior to introducing the staff, I do want to indicate
15 that Sergeant Quinn is taping the session today, Media
16 Service is doing audiovisual work today, and Susanne
17 Gorman is the court reporter today. And immediately
18 to my right is Robert Brown. And then if we go to the
19 first row, Ms. Johnson is fiscal; Mr. Wyrick is board
20 attorney; Ms. White is, of course, policy. Just
21 before getting to the chief in the second row is the
22 HR director, Dr. Anderson, and then back to Chief
23 Polly McCalister, who will introduce herself and the
24 balance of the OCI staff.

25 DR. MCCALISTER: Good afternoon, board.

1 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

2 DR. MCCALISTER: Attending today's meeting
3 with me is -- Senior Investigator Akbar is upstairs
4 taking care of a citizen complaint, but he'll be down
5 shortly -- Senior Investigator Madrigal, Senior
6 Investigator Moses, Investigator Nichols, and
7 Investigator Coleman -- she's upstairs, too --
8 Investigator Stanton, Investigator Coulter,
9 Investigator James.

10 And our bonus is we have our shadow intern,
11 Koby Lewis, from Lake Shore High School. She's been
12 here all day with us. She was able to meet with
13 Lieutenant Potts and have a brief conversation. She
14 visited the Green Light program downstairs. So if you
15 get an opportunity, introduce yourself. She's in the
16 12th grade, and she's going to become a police
17 officer.

18 (Applause.)

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Young lady, can you
20 stand up again? Okay. Thank you. That's fantastic.
21 **A senior in high school, coming out and engaging.**

22 **Assistant Chief White, you have the floor.**

23 CHIEF WHITE: Good afternoon, board. James
24 White on behalf of the chief, who has a scheduling
25 conflict today. I will allow everybody to introduce

1 themselves.

2 DC LEVALLEY: David LeValley, Deputy Chief,
3 detective bureau.

4 DC BARREN: Deputy Chief Elvin Barren,
5 neighborhood police (inaudible).

6 DC FITZGERALD: Chuck Fitzgerald, Deputy
7 Chief, neighborhood policing west.

8 MS. STEIN: Trisha Stein, director of
9 administrative operations.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Captain Kari Sloan
11 (Inaudible.)

12 COMMANDER BLISS: Commander Mark Bliss,
13 support operations.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Deputy Conway Petty,
15 chief's neighborhood liaison.

16 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Aric Tosqui, captain of the
17 detective bureau.

18 CAPTAIN JOHNSON: Captain Johnson, major
19 crimes.

20 COMMANDER BRYANT: Commander Bryant, major
21 crimes.

22 COMMANDER WILSON: Marlon Wilson, commander
23 of professional standards bureau.

24 INAUDIBLE SPEAKER: (Inaudible), downtown
25 services.

1 SERGEANT HAMOOD: Sergeant Jamal Hamood,
2 internal affairs.

3 SERGEANT HEWITT: Sergeant Gerald Hewitt,
4 office of the chief.

5 INAUDIBLE SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

6 LIEUTENANT YOUNG: Lieutenant Mark Young,
7 president of the Detroit Police Lieutenants and
8 Sergeants Association.

9 SERGEANT ANDERSON: Trevis Anderson,
10 sergeant of fleet management.

11 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Lieutenant Sonia
12 Russell, fleet management.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Chief White, is that --
14 are we okay?

15 CHIEF WHITE: We are okay. I apologize.
16 Getting my notes together.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: I understand.

18 I would like to have the LSA president, Mark
19 Young, stand up again, please. Introduce yourself.

20 LIEUTENANT YOUNG: Lieutenant Mark Young,
21 president of the Lieutenants and Sergeants
22 Association.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you for your
24 attendance.

25 And, also, we have the president of the

1 Command Officers Association. Would you please stand?

2 CAPTAIN TOSQUI: Captain Aric Tosqui.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

4 I just want to recognize our union
5 leadership. I think that we don't do enough in terms
6 of recognition and support. They represent the
7 membership extremely well, and I just know that the
8 chief and the board can't function without good union
9 leadership, and we want to continue and even have more
10 communication with you. I already spoke to Mark
11 Young, and I hope to speak with you, perhaps, that we
12 would have some dialogue as far as the leadership team
13 to interact with you 'cause we have a common goal by
14 quality police service in the city of Detroit. And we
15 expect all our officers, regardless of their ranks
16 and -- but we really appreciate you coming out to the
17 meeting. You know, this is not your first meeting.
18 You made quite a few. So I just want to acknowledge
19 that.

20 Now we're moving on. Do we have any elected
21 officials, representatives of elected officials?

22 MR. SLAUGHTER: James Slaughter from the
23 office of Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: I want to say,
25 Mr. Slaughter, we had a great interaction with the

1 congresswoman Brenda Lawrence from the 14th District.
2 Thank you for providing that type of interaction and
3 setting it up. I thought it went well --
4 interaction -- and in my experience (inaudible) of the
5 first time that we had a federal official that we had
6 some dialogue with, and we're looking forward to more
7 ongoing type of working relationship. But I know she
8 has a busy schedule, and I appreciate you working that
9 out. I just want to acknowledge that.

10 MR. SLAUGHTER: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other VIPs in the
12 house? Civic leaders? All of you are VIPs. You know
13 that. Thank you.

14 Oh, I want to acknowledge that the
15 commissioner from the east side of Detroit,
16 District 5, Willie E. Burton -- he joined us about
17 five minutes ago.

18 Thank you, sir.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you,
20 Mr. Chairman.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: The chair will entertain
22 a motion to approve the agenda for this afternoon
23 meeting.

24 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Support.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Properly moved and

1 supported. Discussion? Those in favor, aye.

2 THE BOARD: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed? Motion
4 carries.

5 The next item would be the approval of the
6 October 25, 2018, minutes. The chair will entertain a
7 motion.

8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So moved.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's properly moved and
10 seconded. Discussion? Those in favor, aye.

11 THE BOARD: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those who disapprove?
13 Motion carried. Thank you.

14 At this time I'm going to give my report.
15 Today I want to change the order of the chairman
16 report and will be first reminding us of the mission
17 and authority of the board as it works to provide
18 civilian oversight to the police department. Second,
19 I would discuss the order and contents of today's
20 meeting. Third, I want to end my report noting
21 several incidents that have occurred within the last
22 ten days including, on a more sobering note to cause
23 us to reflect on, what is happening to us as a people.

24 On behalf of the board I want to express our
25 concerns and support of fallen and injured officer.

1 Our concern for officers' safety and citizen
2 protection is ranked as two of the most important
3 priorities of the board. Our board receives a weekly
4 report from the department listing injured officers.
5 I would ask the assistant chief on his remarks to
6 provide us with any additional information related to
7 injured and fallen officers.

8 The board of police commission meet every
9 week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday
10 period. We meet at police headquarters three weeks in
11 the month on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. We also meet in
12 the community area the second Thursday of the month at
13 6:30 p.m. Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7,
14 Chapter 8, "The board of police commission has the
15 power to provide civilian oversight and the supervised
16 control of the police department. All citizens are
17 justified in asking, 'How does civilian oversight and
18 law enforcement help you as a citizen in our
19 community?' Our answer is we protect the civil rights
20 of citizens. Oversight organizations like the BOPC
21 are at the forefront of investigating, reviewing, and
22 auditing individual cases of citizen complaints and
23 operations by police agents to eliminate misconduct,
24 discriminatory police practices, unnecessary use of
25 force by police.

1 "Our work is based on developing and
2 supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and
3 respect between the police and the community is
4 critical toward increasing the quality of life for the
5 residents and visitors of Detroit. The board of
6 police commission exists to provide civilian oversight
7 for the work of the Detroit Police Department. As a
8 board, we receive and investigate noncriminal citizen
9 complaints, monitor the operation of the department,
10 and work with the mayor and the chief of police to
11 make or modify police policy."

12 The criminality complaints is handled by --

13 I thought we had an introduction -- internal
14 affairs in the house this evening? Good afternoon.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: They handle the criminal
17 part of concerns relating to DPD. We have some
18 interaction, but they are the authority that handles
19 that. I just wanted to point that out since we
20 mentioned noncriminal and they are present.

21 The board has received two proposed
22 directives from the chief of police. The proposed
23 directive relates to the standards the department use
24 in the crime scene and the standards related to
25 emergency mobilization within the department. Each of

1 those directives will be posted for public review and
2 comments at the board website. I invite each of you
3 to add your comments or concerns to the discussion at
4 www.detroitmichigangovernment/BOPC.

5 The chief of police had also transmitted to
6 the board a list of officers that he is recommending
7 for promotion. The promotion list includes 9
8 sergeants to be promoted to the rank of lieutenant and
9 22 officers to be promoted to the rank of sergeant.
10 The BOPC staff is currently reviewing this list and
11 hope to bring the list for review and approval to a
12 full board meeting on November the 15th board meeting.

13 I also want to remind the board that on
14 November 22nd we will be in recess for the
15 Thanksgiving holiday and will not meet. I also want
16 to cancel the November 29th meeting of the board.
17 With this cancellation, I want to encourage each of
18 you to attend the Above and Beyond Award Celebration
19 on November the 29th. This important event -- we'll
20 recognize the hard work of the police, fire, and the
21 emergency service personnel in Detroit.

22 At an appropriate point I will be asking for
23 a motion to cancel the November 29th meeting. I want
24 to elaborate. It's difficult to have a 3:00 o'clock
25 meeting for two or three hours and a ceremony start at

1 5:30. That's another three hours. So if we want to
2 pay due diligence and support the foundation and honor
3 these officers and our own Commissioner Brooks --
4 that's why I'm making that recommendation that we
5 cancel the 29th and that we try to encourage the
6 commission to be involved in that process, to
7 recognize and see these officers who put their life on
8 the line and are doing some outstanding work --
9 police, fire, and EMS, the first responders.

10 On the chief of the police report I would
11 ask the assistant chief to share with us any
12 information that appears to be a normal Halloween
13 season. I will say that again. Some of you don't
14 know what a normal Halloween season -- but some of us
15 do, and it was a blessing to witness a regular holiday
16 season, in my opinion. I can't say citywide, but I
17 can only speak to the 5th Precinct. But I know others
18 can speak overall, and we're going to hear from the
19 assistant chief, and he can elaborate on that.

20 But I understand there are several
21 precinct-sponsored events designed to engage in the
22 community. Also, I would request an update on the
23 current investigation involving two local funeral
24 homes, an incident at St. Cecilia Parish Hall over the
25 weekend, where it is alleged that an officer fired

1 shots on a (inaudible).

2 Today we have a presentation on the agenda
3 from fleet management. Fleet management is under the
4 command of Assistant Chief James White, who is
5 responsible for purchase, deployment, and repair of
6 the department's vehicles.

7 As a reminder, at the end of the meeting we
8 have oral communication. Please make sure you print
9 your name on a speaker's card. Cards are located in
10 the back of the table -- on the table, can be obtained
11 by Mr. Brown to my far right. We'll need your card
12 before the beginning of the public comments. We will
13 hold each speaker to the allotted two minutes. I'll
14 probably make another announcement once again so we
15 won't have people at the close wanting to come
16 forward. We need to get those cards in 'cause we're
17 trying to conduct a timely meeting.

18 I want to end the chair report with the
19 following remarks: These remarks are dedicated to
20 meeting our responsibilities to the citizens to
21 participate in our democracy -- democratic system --
22 by, at the very least, voting. Choose in the
23 November 6th election day. I'll say that again. I'm
24 speaking to the choir; right? We all know that.
25 We'll share it with others.

1 On the last -- over the last ten days,
2 several incidents have focused the attention of our
3 nation. The attempt to use bombs, violence, and
4 murder to express political wield and voter
5 suppression to influence outcome of the midterm
6 election all combined to create fear and confusion.
7 Behind each of these stories are individuals, lives of
8 men and women, who in many cases are now forcefully
9 separated from their community, families, and loved
10 ones. Behind one of these cases are injuries to sworn
11 police officers who responded to an incident in
12 Pittsburgh in the effort to protect life and property.

13 In recognition of our troubled time, I'm
14 requesting a moment whereas each of us stand in
15 silence to show our respect for human life and our
16 respect for others who are not able to stand because
17 they have paid the ultimate price, their life. Can we
18 pause for one minute and stand?

19 (Moment of silence observed at 3:19 p.m.)

20 Thank you.

21 First point of business, I'm going to ask
22 that commissioners would entertain a motion to cancel
23 the November 29th meeting of the board.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I move
25 that we cancel the November 29th meeting.

1 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Support.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly moved
3 and supported. Discussion? Those in favor, aye.

4 THE BOARD: Aye.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed? Motion
6 carried. And thank you. Thank you. We really
7 appreciate that.

8 And I want to acknowledge Mr. Hicks working
9 up the chairman remarks, due diligence, making sure
10 that we respond appropriately, and I want to
11 acknowledge his effort and putting forth that type of
12 (inaudible) that we can share and we all agree on and
13 share with you.

14 The next item of business would be hearing
15 from Assistant Chief James white.

16 CHIEF WHITE: Good afternoon again, board.

17 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

18 CHIEF WHITE: Through the chair, we have a
19 couple reports. I'll start with the crime report.
20 Crime continues to trend in the right direction;
21 however, we are not resting on our laurels. We have a
22 lot of work to do. Certainly, one crime is too many.
23 We have experienced a 5 percent reduction in homicide
24 here today. We have a 50 percent increase in sexual
25 assault, but I would like to qualify that with the --

1 actually, the sexual assault numbers are down. The
2 way that we capture the data and report sexual
3 assaults -- in a more transparent process, utilizing
4 what's called LENS, and we can get into that more if
5 the board has questions -- we capture sexual assaults
6 differently now, so therefore our numbers are
7 significantly higher as it relates to the number of
8 sexual assaults we actually investigate. Certainly, a
9 very serious crime.

10 And just to provide some clarity to that, we
11 now capture instances of people who have mandatory
12 reporting responsibility such as teachers, caregivers.
13 When they make an allegation of sexual assault, we
14 capture that, and we carry that as an actual crime now
15 to be investigated. Moving along -- robbery is a
16 13 percent reduction. We had a slight uptick in
17 carjacking, 4 percent reduction in aggravated assault,
18 8 percent reduction in nonfatal shootings, and overall
19 violent crime is at a 3 percent reduction. And as I
20 indicated earlier, we continue to work hard, the men
21 and women of the Detroit Police Department, on a
22 day-in-and-day-out-basis to reduce the crime problem
23 even further.

24 As it relates to our injured officers, we
25 appreciate the board's concern, consistent concern as

1 to the status of our officers. Our most critically
2 injured officer is Officer Waldis Johnson, who
3 continues to recover at a long-term health care
4 facility. As it relates to the other officers --
5 Officer Kisselburg, Officer Smith, Officer Krantz,
6 Marroquin, and Thurston -- they're all recuperating at
7 home. But, again, we thank the board for the board's
8 concern.

9 It was also asked that I provide an update
10 on the tragic circumstances and investigation of
11 what's happening at the funeral homes with regards to
12 the fetuses that are -- have been identified and
13 found. Currently, the chief has put together a task
14 force with the Detroit Police Department, obviously,
15 MSP, FBI, Wayne County Prosecutors's Office, and the
16 attorney general's office as well as LARA, which is
17 the licensing and regulation authority in the state of
18 Michigan, and there's a ongoing investigation.

19 I can't get into much specific detail other
20 than to tell you that several of the fetuses have been
21 identified. We are working with the families now, and
22 this is going to be a very lengthy investigation. Is
23 there any questions about that before I move on?

24 Okay. Moving on to the incident involving
25 one of our officers. Again, this is a live and active

1 investigation, and, without arriving at any
2 determination, I will tell you that the investigation
3 has revealed, in fact, that an incident occurred at a
4 wedding reception, that there was an altercation, that
5 multiple shots were fired. Internal affairs are still
6 working through some of that information now. The
7 officer in question was, in fact, intoxicated above
8 the legal limit, and that's where we're at with that.
9 The warrant has been typed and sent to the
10 prosecutor's office, and it's under review at this
11 point. That is my report.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners, any
13 questions or concerns.

14 Naturally, Commissioner Davis.

15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Naturally. Of course.
16 I'm still troubled about the carjackings. It doesn't
17 appear to be going down any.

18 CHIEF WHITE: Well, we are, too, and we
19 continue to work towards resolving the carjacking
20 issue. There's been some consistent work done in that
21 area. We've had the numbers change a bit, but as you
22 indicated, the carjacking numbers are not exactly
23 where we want them to be. The 4 percent uptick, as
24 compared to where we are in the 28-day comparison,
25 is -- actually, carjacking is down 17 percent. What

1 we're looking at now is the year to date, meaning last
2 year this time we had 4 percent less carjackings than
3 we have now, but if you look at the past 28 days, we
4 actually are trending in the right direction.

5 There's a lot of things that we can do. One
6 of the things that recently -- that we've done -- it
7 was as recent as yesterday -- we have the Corktown
8 Green Light District up and running. That will help.
9 We've got technology now that we're leveraging to
10 fight crime. We couldn't be prouder of the work that
11 Captain Kari Sloan is doing and the Real Time Crime
12 Center with her team. So, you know, we're trying to
13 leverage technology to help us fight crime, and we
14 think we'll be able to get it done and going in the
15 right direction soon. But the chief is very focused
16 on carjackings. In fact, Green Light was born out of
17 the notion of reducing carjackings.

18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other
20 commissioners?

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: How are the two
22 officers doing that was involved in the shooting a
23 week ago?

24 CHIEF WHITE: Yeah. I met with one of
25 them. They're doing as well as to be expected. The

1 rookie officer is certainly concerned and troubled,
2 and -- and I understand that. We're getting him and
3 both the officers the support that they need.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other
5 commissioners?

6 Assistant Chief, could you respond to Trick
7 or Trunk and overall Halloween?

8 CHIEF WHITE: Yes. Thank you for that. No
9 one does it like the Detroit Police Department. Very,
10 very impressed with what we saw yesterday. Let's give
11 them a big hand --

12 (Applause.)

13 -- specifically, the 10th Precinct, who
14 served 3,000 kids -- they counted the hot dogs. So
15 they said we served 3,000 hot dogs. We know we served
16 at least 3,000 kids, but there were lines wrapped
17 around our buildings. It was very nice to see the
18 officers interacting. The officers got into it. They
19 were dressed up. I can't wait to see Commander
20 Slapppy because her outfit scared everybody.

21 And it's just really a testament to the work
22 that the men and women of the City of Detroit Police
23 Department do on a day-in-and-day-out-basis, and I
24 think that's why we enjoy such a healthy relationship
25 with our community. So we're proud of them. They did

1 great work, and the kids loved it. I don't think
2 there was a kid trick or treating in the city because
3 it felt like they were all at our precinct.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: And I want to add to
5 that, too. I just had the opportunity to visit one
6 precinct, and that's my 5th Precinct. That's my home
7 area. Unlike Commissioner Burton (inaudible) home
8 area (inaudible). Councilman Spivey was out there,
9 Councilman (inaudible) was there, Alexis Wiley from
10 the mayor's staff. And I met a young officer who
11 graduated from the academy two weeks ago, and he was
12 standing on his post, you know, like, the real police,
13 and I introduced myself. He said, "Yeah, I recall
14 you." I said, "You recall me?"

15 But it was -- and from Mack all the way on
16 both sides from Salvation Army, like, 20 cars just in
17 the 5th Precinct. But they had the whole area there.
18 So I had the good intentions to go over to the 9th
19 Precinct, but when we interact, you know -- it got
20 sort of dark. I had to be home before the
21 streetlights.

22 (Laughter.)

23 It was great to see the kids were in the
24 city of Detroit patronizing the 5th Precinct, and
25 that's a good report. I did not have that experience

1 when I was a young person, not too long ago, in the
2 city of Detroit. So when you talk about this day and
3 age, we have come a long way. I just want to commend
4 city leadership and make that determination that we
5 gonna need to do what we all accustomed to. But we
6 can focus in (inaudible). I know your neighborhoods,
7 and (inaudible). I just want to say that it was a
8 good day. That was a good Halloween.

9 CHIEF WHITE: And if I may, through the
10 chair. We had some presence out there. We didn't
11 have the presence of the past, but certainly Deputy
12 Chief LeValley ensured, as well as the chief, of
13 course, that we had the appropriate resources
14 deployed. But it was very refreshing to see that
15 we've grown beyond what we once were. And I'm not in
16 a position to release numbers yet. I think that's
17 something that the chief will do, but I'm confident
18 that you will find those numbers to be very pleasing
19 as it relates to incidents, and it was just a very
20 good night for the community and the citizens as a
21 whole.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Let's give the city of
23 Detroit another round of applause.

24 (Applause.)

25 We've come a long way, so let's be thankful,

1 let's be prayerful, and let's do the work.

2 Any -- I'm sorry. Let's move on to fleet
3 management report.

4 CHIEF WHITE: Okay. Lieutenant Russell and
5 Sergeant Anderson will be providing the report.
6 Lieutenant Russell is new to the unit, and she's
7 filling the shoes of our fleet manager, who has moved
8 on to other things out of state, so I will be helping
9 out with the presentation as well. So with that, I
10 will turn it over to Lieutenant Russel.

11 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Good afternoon, board.

12 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

13 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: I am Lieutenant Sonia
14 Russell, and this is Sergeant Trevis Anderson, and we
15 are currently assigned to fleet management. Fleet
16 management's chain of command: Of course, Chief James
17 E. Craig, Assistant Chief James E. White, Commander
18 Mark Bliss, Director Trisha Stein, myself, and
19 Sergeant Anderson.

20 The fleet management unit consists of a
21 lieutenant, a sergeant, and a combination of
22 restricted-duty officers, civilian personnel, and
23 police assistants. Fleet management arranges for all
24 DPD vehicle repairs and inspections to ensure
25 completeness. Currently, approximately 1,350 vehicles

1 are assigned to Detroit Police Department, and this is
2 inclusive of every vehicle within the department --
3 your investigative vehicles, your patrol vehicles,
4 your undercover vehicles, and specialty vehicles.

5 Some of the core responsibilities -- we
6 coordinate with GSD for the purchasing of all police
7 vehicles. We have performed graphic -- coordinate
8 graphic and designs for all police vehicles. We
9 handle all the tracking of accidents. We put vehicles
10 out of service. Some of the reasons that vehicles may
11 be retired or out of service could be high mileage,
12 the age of the vehicle, or the repair that's just too
13 expensive. And we also check the effectiveness of
14 emergency equipment on all these vehicles.

15 These are some of your examples of the
16 current DPD fleet that's on the street: You have your
17 marked patrol vehicle, which is your SUV Explorer,
18 2017. We recently had new motorcycles deployed, new
19 Harleys for traffic enforcement unit, traffic
20 enforcement marked scout cars, and, of course, your
21 K-9 response, and, of course, your B&E ceasefire
22 vehicles. And recently our neighborhood police
23 vehicles were just decaled with "Neighborhood Police
24 Officer" affixed to the vehicle.

25 So before we go into talking about year one

1 deployment, I want to give you some background history
2 as to how we got to different deployments. Back in
3 year 2016, a team of consultants came and inspected
4 the city of Detroit's fleet. At that time GSD came up
5 with a four-year replacement plan, which was available
6 to ensure the compliance of the average life cycle of
7 a police vehicle, which is four to five years. Over
8 80 percent of the DPD vehicle was ordered in a
9 consultant's recommendation. With that being said, a
10 plan was formulated for over four years of
11 replacements to strategize and better financial plan
12 with a timeline in place in regards to making sure
13 that every year we are replenishing the fleet with
14 newer-model vehicles for officer safety reasons.

15 So the visit happened in 2016. July of
16 2017, we put out 111 marked and semi-marked scout
17 cars. Mixed in that fleet was Ford Explorers. Some
18 reasons why we went with Ford Explorers was because
19 the officers had input, and those are the vehicles
20 they wanted in regards to all-wheel drive, more space
21 for two officers in a police car, and, of course,
22 officer morale. 13 community passenger vans and 11
23 OCI Impalas and 45 investigative Impalas was deployed.

24 Currently, we are working on a year two
25 deployment. Year two deployment consists of 34 Taurus

1 sedans, 27 Impalas, investigative Impalas, 2
2 additional community passenger vans, 104 Explorer
3 pursuits for patrol, 14 Ford ceasefire vehicles, 7
4 additional Explorers, and 4 prisoner conveyance vans.
5 The 4 prisoner conveyance vans -- one will be ADA
6 compliant, American Disabilities Association [sic], to
7 make sure that we are able to handle handicapped or
8 disability individuals that may come into police
9 custody -- and 3 narcotic raid vans.

10 Some of the fleet successes have been --
11 recently, we did a temporary wrap on a breast cancer
12 awareness car. As you may be aware, October is Breast
13 Cancer Awareness Month. We have several members on
14 our department who are survivors of breast cancer and
15 members who currently have cancer. So with that being
16 said, the team thought it was a good idea to develop a
17 breast awareness car. In partnership with chief
18 neighborhood liaison and under the leadership of
19 Lieutenant Potts, we were able to get our NPOs out to
20 solicit donations of approximately \$3,700, which will
21 be going to the American Cancer Society.

22 Additionally, in September of this year we
23 went back and renamed our strike force unit to
24 tactical services section. With that being said, we
25 decided to take the original TSS patch, affix it to

1 the vehicle in remembrance of Lieutenant Shawn Wesley,
2 and sustain morale and officer camaraderie.

3 Some additional things that we've done for
4 successes would be headquarters motor pool. With so
5 many different entities assigned to headquarters, it
6 just (inaudible) money and put more vehicles back on
7 patrol by establishing a headquarters motor pool.

8 And I'll take any questions the board may
9 have at this time.

10 CHIEF WHITE: I would like to add, before
11 you go into your questions, certainly, morale was a
12 component of a lot of our decision-making, but I want
13 to make sure that the board is aware that morale was
14 just one of many components. We had to be fiscally
15 responsible in the decisions that we made with these
16 vehicles. So when we talked about the Ford, one of
17 the bigger issues from the Chrysler to the Ford was
18 durability and reliability. And it wasn't -- the
19 Chrysler product -- we just found it did not perform
20 long term. The other issue is we were able to gain
21 three inches of officer space in the vehicle by going
22 to the Ford, which certainly did boost their morale
23 because they got more elbow room. But we looked at
24 the car. We were able to push the passenger seats
25 back further. Gave the officers more room in their

1 office, so to speak, and didn't cramp the prisoner.

2 We've done a few other things -- and I see
3 Art in the room in the back. Is Art still back there,
4 or did he run out?

5 Art, if you could come up.

6 Art is our IT director. He was just
7 appointed to that position to replace Brett May. I'm
8 totally putting him on the spot. But I did want the
9 board to know a couple of things.

10 Art, before you became the director --

11 I don't know exactly what his title was, but
12 he helped us a lot with our cars, and when I tell you
13 that every aspect of that vehicle is made with officer
14 safety in mind, everything including the spotlights
15 and the cadence in which they flash -- so on days of
16 old we didn't think about these things. You pull a
17 car over. You light the car up. You walk up to the
18 card. You write the ticket. When you turned around,
19 you were blinded by your own light. Art found a
20 lighting system that changed the brightness of the
21 light when it picked up on the officer's face so the
22 officer's not blinded by his own light. Cost us a few
23 more dollars, but we put it in because if it saves one
24 life, it's worth it.

25 The seat belt system in the back of the

1 scout car -- he came to me and said, you know,
2 "Officers are complaining that they got to reach over
3 a prisoner to handcuff them. A lot of times they get
4 spit on; they get bitten," you know. "We can reduce
5 officer injury, citizen injury, a lot of other issues
6 if we just buy this new seat belt system." Guess what
7 we did? We bought the new seat belt system. And it's
8 people like him and others that are always thinking
9 about "What can we do to do better? What can we do to
10 make the officers' lives easier?" The computer
11 system, the technology, the ticket writing -- we've
12 got the new --

13 What's the ticket system called?

14 ART: The E-ticketing.

15 CHIEF WHITE: E-ticketing. So the officers
16 don't have to carry the ticket book anymore. It just
17 prints right out an E-ticket. We're getting to the
18 point where we're going to take their driver's license
19 and swipe it, push print, and give them the ticket so
20 we don't have to spend time, so that frees the
21 officers up. And we're also getting ready to test the
22 new lighting system out to reduce auto accidents.
23 We've got plate readers on the cars now. When the
24 officers drive by cars -- we're talking about
25 carjackings and things like that.

1 Your days and mine, sir, we had to punch the
2 plates in. With the card readers, we just go right by
3 the plate now and it picks it up and sends it to us
4 and tells us what's going on. So I just wanted to
5 make sure that we captured that and the board
6 understood that.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: I think that's
8 fantastic. Really. I mean, that's -- I mean, that's
9 the backbone in that patrol car, and you're
10 entertaining their concerns, and that's just really
11 outstanding. Appreciate that.

12 Commissioners?

13 Yes, sir.

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. I know you're
15 shocked.

16 One, I see that you have restrictive duty,
17 civilian personnel, and police assistants. What type
18 of ratio is that, and do you have a lot of restrictive
19 officers in this assignment?

20 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Sir, we only have four
21 restrictive-duty officers. The rest is gonna be
22 civilian personnel and police assistants.

23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Also, I noticed
24 when you went through your information, you skipped
25 over the two towing trucks. Is there a reason?

1 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: So there's a reason.
2 We had six purchases of tow trucks. I know the board
3 is aware that we recently set up a towing lot. We
4 purchased six. Two of those came out of year two's
5 budget.

6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Carter.
8 Then we go down the line.

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you for your
10 report. The community vans -- you have, like, 15.
11 What are they utilized for? Where are they assigned?

12 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: So at this point two of
13 the community vans are for downtown because, of
14 course, downtown has a lot of special events. We have
15 a couple that's at training for our new recruits. We
16 have a couple that is at chief neighborhood liaison.
17 Lieutenant Potts has a lot of events (inaudible) for
18 the community, and the rest are stored at fleet, and
19 we assign them out to each precinct on an as-needed
20 basis. And they can get them from us whatever --
21 making sure we have enough for everybody and all the
22 activities that happen within the city.

23 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So a precinct could
24 request to -- at any time?

25 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: At any time. Yes,

1 ma'am.

2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I'm sorry. How many
3 are there to be utilized?

4 NEW SPEAKER: Six.

5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Six. Okay. Thank
6 you.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Holley,
8 and then Commissioner Dewaelsche.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you,
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 I'm almost embarrassed to even ask a
12 question. It's such a wonderful report, especially
13 with your add-in to that, Assistant Chief. But let me
14 ask you a couple things: One, what happens when you
15 put them out of service? Do they go to auction? What
16 do you do with the cars, and then what do you do with
17 the money after the -- if there is such a thing as
18 that?

19 CHIEF WHITE: Through the chair. So we
20 used to auction ourselves. Now we strip the cars
21 down, send them to GSD. We take our equipment off.
22 Anything we can use from the older cars, we'll put in
23 the newer cars. Saves us money, but most times it's
24 not much we can salvage from the older cars, at which
25 time they go over to GSD, and then they're sold at

1 auction if they're salvageable, if there's anything of
2 value on the vehicle.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And the money
4 comes -- goes where if you do have something?

5 CHIEF WHITE: So it's not a direct line to
6 us, so I don't know. I would imagine it's general
7 fund, but I don't know the answer to that.

8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: The other one, the
9 last one is when you, the fleet -- when you bid them
10 out -- do they go to the people in Detroit? Do we get
11 these cars from dealers from Detroit, or do we get
12 these cars beyond -- go beyond Detroit?

13 CHIEF WHITE: So our vehicles -- we use
14 this -- this -- for the purchase of our vehicles,
15 there's a process through procurement where we get the
16 state rate, so there's a price that we pay, which is
17 the same as other municipalities in this area under
18 the state rate. The purchase itself has to be bid on
19 by the company. So, for example, if, I believe --

20 Is Director Stein here?

21 MS. STEIN: Yes, sir. I'm right here.

22 CHIEF WHITE: Do you know our state rate on
23 the Taurus, or no? If you don't --

24 MS. STEIN: I do not, but it is an open and
25 competitive bid process that is procurement both for

1 year one, year two, and year three for the fleet
2 replacement plan.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And my concern -- is
4 it Detroit dealerships only, or do we go beyond?

5 CHIEF WHITE: So because it's dependent
6 upon who puts in the bid, who has the most competitive
7 bid, they get points for being Detroit-based,
8 minority-owned. Those types of things. But it really
9 does come to who sharpens their pencil most, so to
10 speak, who comes to the table with the best numbers
11 for us to purchase the vehicle. That's beyond my
12 control. I do know that we have done business with
13 Detroit-based -- a number of Detroit-based
14 dealerships, and I know that there are some that we
15 have purchased that have not been in Detroit.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: But you do understand
17 the reason why I'm asking you --

18 CHIEF WHITE: I do.

19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I understand the
20 culture and why we should do everything we can to make
21 sure that we do what we can to do business with
22 Detroit businesses.

23 CHIEF WHITE: Understood. And it's open
24 and competitive, so they're allowed to negotiate those
25 numbers.

1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you for the
2 response.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Dewaelsche.

4 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: I want to start
5 with a quick question. Thank you for the report.
6 It's very helpful. The community passenger vans --
7 how many seats are in those passenger vans? Fifteen
8 or --

9 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Approximately 15 to
10 20.

11 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay. And then
12 what about the motorcycles? Do you keep inventory of
13 the motorcycles as well?

14 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Yes, we do.

15 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: How many do you
16 have? It wasn't in the list that I can see.

17 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: So it's 30 -- 30
18 members assigned to traffic enforcement unit, 26 were
19 deployed to them, and 4 are left at fleet.

20 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: So add all three
21 of those numbers that you gave?

22 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: So 30 total.

23 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Oh, 30 total?

24 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Yes, ma'am.

25 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: All right. And

1 then my final question: You mentioned that the
2 average age of the car was 4.5 years.

3 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Four to five years.

4 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Four to five
5 years.

6 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Correct. And that's,
7 like, a four-year replacement plan.

8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Okay. And does
9 that replacement -- is that new? Is that a new
10 replacement plan? Is it being adhered to currently,
11 or did it just start or -- the reason why I ask that
12 is 'cause I would like to know how old the oldest car
13 is.

14 CHIEF WHITE: So we have very old cars.
15 Very old cars. We built the four-year replacement
16 strategy after bankruptcy 2016 because it was zero
17 investment in the city. Everyone talks about the
18 bankruptcy, but they forget you had to get to
19 bankruptcy. So there was no investment before the
20 bankruptcy, so we're behind the eight ball to get
21 caught up with our four-year cycle. 20 percent of our
22 fleet is replaced, so that tells you the numbers right
23 there, that we're still in a bad place.

24 After year three, I think we jumped to
25 61 percent. 61 percent of our fleet after year three

1 is clean and good, and what we will do is take the
2 best of the old, push it down, take the oldest out.
3 And so we're hoping that after year three you will
4 start to see -- and you're seeing it now when you see
5 news -- you'll see the chipped-up, dented-up cars like
6 you used to. But we're hoping by the end of year
7 three you'll be at 61 percent, and then you'll start
8 seeing the impact of that four-year cycle. So the
9 idea being instead of making an officer drive a
10 ten-year-old car that needs \$20,000 worth of repairs
11 every year, just give him a new car that's \$26,000.

12 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: And I would just
13 like to add a comment. And I remember two or three
14 years ago we were getting a lot of complaints about
15 old police cars, and I have not heard that in several
16 years, and that's why I asked that question. It looks
17 like we're making significant improvement.

18 CHIEF WHITE: We are, and I'm speaking
19 specifically of the police cars. And there's much
20 more improvement in the detective vehicles in, like,
21 homicide and those types of areas where their fleet
22 has been refreshed as well.

23 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

25 Commissioner Burton.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you,
2 Mr. Chairman. Question is that I know that the -- the
3 board of police commissioners review and approve the
4 police department's budget, and with that budget,
5 there was a line item in there for fleet. And were
6 the two tow trucks part of the original proposal or
7 whatever came before the board as far as part of --
8 was it part of the original fleet package, the two tow
9 trucks?

10 CHIEF WHITE: So the question is if the two
11 tow trucks were part of the original package.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.

13 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, they were.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And that was approved
15 by the board.

16 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, it was.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Can we get a copy of
18 that date?

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton, I
20 think we can respond in -- overall, whatever it is, I
21 think we can get to the bottom of that.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The reason I raise the
23 question -- because I don't recall us approving the
24 two tow trucks.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, your question is

1 about the budget. Did we approve the budget? Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I know we approved the
3 budget, but I don't recall the two tow trucks being
4 part of the budget that we voted on unless it was a
5 meeting that I was not in attendance of. But I would
6 like to know what -- what -- what date that --

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: I think we can respond
8 to you. I think we can respond to you through the
9 board secretary. Commissioner --

10 Hold on one -- then you -- okay. Thank you.
11 Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Lieutenant, excellent
13 presentation with the information --

14 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Thank you, sir.

15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: -- and tracking the
16 numbers on the fleet. I really appreciate it, 'cause
17 I've sat in those police cars, and there's a lot of
18 space in the trunk, so maybe we should start putting
19 people in the trunk.

20 But the question I have is for you, sir.

21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Just for the record,
22 he doesn't mean that.

23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That was a joke.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: A couple weeks ago,
25 AC, there was a report given about the effect of the

1 red lights that was causing people to slam into police
2 cars. Where are we at with following up on that
3 technology and getting to that point for officers'
4 safety when we have officers pulled over?

5 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, sir. So continuing to
6 be fiscally responsible, what we've decided to do is
7 to not take a car that's already outfitted and take
8 the lights off and put the blue on. It's to wait
9 until we get to the point where we got a new car that
10 we can buy a light system for. When we do that --
11 I've asked Art, and we've discussed this as recent as
12 last week -- to outfit those vehicles with those blue
13 lights, and then we will do a study for approximately
14 90 days to see the impact.

15 And to your point, the idea is -- and the
16 white paper studies that we've read suggest that
17 intoxicated people can't judge distance. They look at
18 those red lights from a distance, and they think
19 they're looking at the rear end of a vehicle, and it
20 causes them to veer off and hit, in some instances,
21 cars. So the blue lights in the study suggest that
22 less accidents happen with blue lights, so we're going
23 to test it at 8 and 7.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good precincts.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burch.

1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.
2 To the gentleman in the middle, the one that designed
3 everything, I think it's a wonderful thing that you've
4 done. See the characters that you see on the screen?
5 Have you ever thought of putting something in there
6 perhaps to help the officer before they get out of the
7 car? Maybe, like, say, "This might be my mom," or,
8 "Watch your language." Remind them don't get out
9 there with that foul mouth. Put little characters up
10 there to remind them.

11 ART: I'm always open to suggestions.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: That's why you're in the
13 middle.

14 Any other comments?

15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You'll be around a
16 long time.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes. I just want to
18 say, Assistant Chief White, thank you for working up
19 OCI and the board of police commissioners' cars. I
20 would say -- not board. I mean the staff cars.
21 Commissioners do not have cars, let the record
22 reflect.

23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Oh, I'm going to have
24 some questions.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay.

1 But the OCI, especially the staff -- to have
2 a decent fleet, we appreciate that. We appreciate
3 that.

4 (Applause.)

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Closing -- Lieutenant
6 Russell, you guys did a great job.

7 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Thank you, sir. I
8 appreciate it. I'll take it.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Thank you.

10 Before we move on to our standing and ad hoc
11 committee reports, do we have any reports
12 committee-wide?

13 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: No, I don't have a
14 report. I will have it next week at the community
15 meeting; however, I would like to ask a question.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

17 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: There's a lot of media
18 out here on people walking around, pretending or
19 acting like they are police officers. I don't know if
20 they're police reserves. There's so much media out
21 here. I read two pages of it. Are we doing anything
22 about that? Are we involved in any of it or. . .

23 CHIEF WHITE: I haven't seen a number of
24 complaints on that. I know when we get them, we
25 investigate them.

1 But I was going to ask Deputy Chief LeValley
2 if you've seen an uptick in impersonation of police
3 officer reports coming in.

4 DC LEVALLEY: Deputy Chief LeValley. We
5 have not seen an uptick. There are instances in the
6 past that we've had where individuals impersonate
7 police to commit robberies, but we have not seen that
8 in a considerable amount of time. I would say that
9 one thing for us is that every individual department
10 is issued photo identification. I know we do deploy a
11 lot of officers that are not in uniform. If anybody's
12 uncomfortable in a situation where they encounter
13 somebody who's not in uniform, one option is to dial
14 911, proceed to a local police station. Really, the
15 law is -- regarding traffic stops -- indicates that
16 you don't really have to stop for a vehicle that is
17 not marked and doesn't have uniformed officers in it,
18 so if an individual really feels that uncomfortable
19 with it, they can proceed to the police station. I
20 wouldn't suggest proceeding there at a high rate of
21 speed that would indicate to the officers that you're
22 trying to flee them, but there are ways that you can
23 handle that situation, you know, if you're
24 uncomfortable at a traffic stop.

25 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

2 Yes, sir.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I think what
4 Commissioner Brooks was alluding to was the article
5 that was in the Free Press with the large number of
6 reserves, and the chief did respond to that. So one
7 of the things that they were not paying attention to
8 was, like, a lot of the departments that I know of,
9 like Detroit, Wayne County, all the reserves are sworn
10 police officers. It's just that they don't understand
11 that even though they're in the reserves they're still
12 sworn police officers with the same power, and they
13 have to go through the same training, just not as fast
14 and lumped in one period as regular, full-time, paid
15 officers go through.

16 And I think that was maybe what you meant.

17 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Before we move on to our
20 board secretary, I want to make another announcement.
21 If you care to speak, then you need to get a card.

22 And, Mr. Brown, where are we now?

23 MR. BROWN: We are at six cards.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Six cards. I just
25 wanted to make that second announcement. If you need

1 to speak, then you need to get a card to Mr. Brown
2 because once we call, we gonna close it out on that
3 note.

4 And I just want to say one more thing about
5 the fleet. I thought it was a great idea for scout
6 car pink, breast cancer support. I was there at
7 Greater Grace for the graduation on that.

8 Lieutenant Potts, I think you had something
9 to do with that.

10 LIEUTENANT POTTS: I sure did.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It was actually
12 Lieutenant Russell's idea.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Lieutenant Russell?
14 Thank you. Yeah, you shared -- okay. Thank you. I
15 thought that was really rather unique, us making that
16 awareness, because we are dealing with that. I'd say
17 DPD and the board of commissioners and the family --
18 we all deal with that subject, so that awareness was
19 really fantastic. Hopefully, we do that every year.
20 So I know you probably have -- those are things that
21 we're trying to make people aware and have
22 interactions, but it's also something that we are
23 concerned about. So it's just not PR. It's something
24 that we really are concerned about.

25 Mr. Hicks.

1 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If you
2 pay attention to our agenda, you'll notice that we
3 have six items listed as incoming communications. The
4 one is an unfair labor practice. This is an unfair
5 labor practice item that has been filed. It is the
6 same as a grievance in which I discussed with you last
7 week. Our attorney has, one, already responded to the
8 grievance but also has prepared a response for the
9 unfair labor practice, and we would hope to follow
10 that response with -- inside of the necessary time
11 that the -- the rules allow for us to do so.

12 Next to that, you already indicated in your
13 remarks that the promotional list had been transmitted
14 to the board. This promotion is the sixth round of
15 promotions on the current list, and I believe that's a
16 2016/'17 list. And then as is also indicated there
17 are several directives that have likewise been
18 forwarded to the department -- I mean to the board.
19 In each of those cases we have initiated the process
20 of, number one, having them placed on the website, and
21 the policy committee will begin the process of
22 reviewing those -- those proposed directives. And
23 with that, Mr. Chair, that's all I'd like to share
24 this morning unless you have questions.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any questions or

1 concerns to the board secretary?

2 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Can I ask a question?
3 You can help me with this, Mr. Chairman.

4 Mr. Secretary, I know how the new recruits
5 feel about having familiarity with the board of police
6 commissioners. My concern is how does a rank and file
7 know about the -- the -- the role of the -- of the
8 board of police commissioners? In other words, how do
9 we -- how do they know our role? And then the other
10 thing, if they are recommended to us, and we prove
11 them -- approve them, should not somehow we look at
12 them or at least look at them or, you know, let them
13 know that -- that we are -- we are -- appreciate them
14 and that we want to wish them well and -- I mean, it
15 seems like there's a disconnect unless I'm missing
16 something. That's very possible.

17 But, Mr. Chairman -- but I do feel like -- I
18 know how the young people are, the new people, the new
19 officers. They know us 'cause you're there. But how
20 are the other 3,000 folk that know us and know the
21 role that we play?

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well --

23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Am I making sense to
24 you?

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: You make perfect sense.

1 And we are trying our best to have more interaction
2 with the rank and file. That's why I spoke to union
3 leadership, which is ongoing. We're going to have
4 more dialogue, and we -- OCI is having -- as you know,
5 they reported out. We have officers from the OCI
6 interacting with the officers. We as commissioners
7 have the opportunity -- like I said, I will spend
8 time, not just on the Halloween but if I'm in that
9 area, I'm going into the precinct to talk to the --
10 and I think a whole lot of commissioners do that. I
11 would encourage all of us to do that. But you are
12 correct. We need to do more.

13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I don't mean to
14 interrupt. I don't mean to prolong it, but if I'm
15 asked to give an approval of -- from someone, from a
16 captain to a lieutenant, that's a nice little
17 (inaudible) you know? And so I'd like to think that,
18 you know -- that we did something to help you, you
19 know, and that we recognize you and that we -- but
20 rather -- I mean, they don't even come to say, you
21 know "Thank you," or come to say, you know, "Who are
22 you?" or -- I just feel like that's one way of trying
23 to infiltrate our role in terms that we are not
24 adversarial, as we are in terms of working with them.
25 But this -- I'm giving you a raise and giving you a

1 promotion, and you don't even come to say, you know --

2 You know what I'm saying, Assistant Chief?
3 I'll leave it alone.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Commissioner Holley,
5 just so you know --

6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Who's talking to me?

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Brown, the west side
8 guy. Each precinct -- chief can chime in anytime he
9 want -- have a training shift, and I would just
10 recommend to you that you try to get a schedule for
11 you there. That's a good time for you to -- they do
12 one every -- each shift for that day. That's a good
13 time for you if want to go to any of the precincts to
14 interact with the officers and talk to them. You can
15 reach out to the commanders. They'll be more than
16 welcome to -- happy to help you and put you on the
17 agenda if you had something to say to introduce
18 yourself to the officers at that particular precinct
19 that you're going to be at.

20 CHIEF WHITE: Let me also -- through the
21 chair --

22 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, can I just indicate
23 that part of the review that we can conduct, there's a
24 set of rules that relate to the promotions of all
25 officers inside the department, and what we do as

1 staff is to ensure that the department is in
2 compliance with those rules, and if the past process
3 holds, the chief of police, at the point in which the
4 full -- in which the -- the promotional list is in
5 front of the board, the chief of police has invited
6 members of the promotional class to come to the board
7 meetings.

8 And we have been in the situation where
9 we've had 30 or 40 officers at the meeting in which
10 you all have acted on promotions. And they get an
11 opportunity to see the board in action, especially on
12 their promotion itself. So there is an attempt, I
13 think, to come full circle in terms of the
14 responsibilities we have as a board and letting the
15 officers know of the work in which we do behind the
16 scenes in order to promote those officers.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I felt like it was a
18 a good question at first. I really did. But I've
19 been here -- I have voted to promote twice since I've
20 been with the board, and I just feel like there's --
21 ought to be a sense of gratitude, a sense that they
22 just show up, that the people in the community need to
23 see how wonderful these -- these men and women are.
24 That's just my -- maybe it's just my PR and my little
25 stuff. But, anyway, thank you very much for the --

1 y'all aren't giving me a chance to do nothing.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Hold on one second,
3 please. I'm going to give the assistant chief a
4 chance to respond, and then we go to the commission to
5 enlighten us.

6 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I was
7 going to just state what Mr. Hicks stated, that
8 oftentimes they are invited. And also, in addition to
9 that, there is a, you know, picture of the board in
10 every precinct; they know who the board is. But once
11 we get the date of promotions, I assure you you will
12 have attendance from a large number of at least those
13 people that are on that list.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So you hear me, don't
15 you?

16 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, I do.

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

18 To Commissioner Holley, I just wanted to
19 share with you is that myself -- as a new commissioner
20 in the 3rd District, I felt the need to meet with
21 DC Barren and Bettison and our new commander --
22 where -- just what you're saying -- that I don't feel
23 that the people within each district are aware exactly
24 the role of a police commissioner, how we work
25 together with the police, and that we're trying to

1 better the relationship. So we have put together a
2 proposal through commission of DC Barren, which -- he
3 can verify a little bit of that if he would -- that we
4 want to have more of a connect with the citizens
5 within each precinct, that we're on the same level, on
6 the same page of what we do to bring that relationship
7 closer. So, like I said, I don't have it all ready to
8 put out there, but DC Barren and Bettison and
9 Commander Slapper -- Slappey -- excuse me -- has that
10 report. Okay?

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. We're gonna move
12 on. I just want to say that's one of the reasons why,
13 primarily, we canceled the November the 29th meeting,
14 so we can have interaction with more of DPD, fire, and
15 others who are going to be attending that ceremony.
16 So it's going to be great fellowship. You have the
17 opportunity, you know, to meet officers in that whole
18 two- or three-hour block. So we're doing whatever is
19 necessary to try to have a more established and
20 supporting role with the DPD, and that's been one of
21 our goals.

22 On old business -- we are now on old
23 business. I want -- some of you already know
24 perhaps -- I'm going to make a formal announcement
25 that Commissioner Conrad Mallett, elected commissioner

1 out of District 2, resigned as of October the 19th of
2 this year. District 2 -- his obligation with DMC as
3 president and CEO did not permit him to continue that
4 capacity. We are waiting on -- the mayor has
5 initiated a process of two potential commissioners'
6 names to council, and they have to approve within
7 30 days. If not, they are ceded. So that process is
8 in the works, and you can contact your council people
9 if you want to know -- it's on their agenda, who those
10 people are. I would say on that note just -- we
11 appreciate Commissioner Mallett. He was an appointed
12 commissioner first of all. He was elected last year,
13 but now he's no longer with us.

14 And I think about the fleet control -- I
15 think about the commissioner Derrick Sanders because
16 his passion was making sure that officers would have
17 decent cars, scout cars, and he would interact with
18 them in terms of in the scout car, in the precinct.
19 So that's the type of commitment that you can make as
20 commissioner, because he was fully engaged in going
21 out there to interact. In fact, the last graduation
22 opportunity we had, he had his full (inaudible) on,
23 his commissioner cap, jacket, and everything, because
24 he wanted to -- he said, "I got to go. When I leave
25 here, I'm going somewhere to be a commissioner at the

1 precinct." So just lift him up. I just thought about
2 that.

3 And, as Chief Craig indicated -- that we
4 have old fleet, black and white. You didn't have to
5 tell us that. We knew that. (Inaudible) of the old
6 fleet, but we can move right on.

7 Any new business?

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I just want to make an
9 announcement that finally the office of the chief
10 investigator -- we're probably -- will be moving to
11 the new site. The move will probably take place on
12 Monday and Tuesday of next week, and I want to invite
13 the board tomorrow at about 12:00 p.m., if you're
14 available, to meet us over there for a walk-through, a
15 final walk-through so you can see where everyone's
16 going to be. And I'll send you out a text message and
17 an e-mail just so you know the directions and what
18 time we're going to be there.

19 So I just want to thank AC White for all his
20 hard work and dedication and just the whole team of
21 everything that went into getting that building
22 together, because I was not a fan of that building. I
23 did training in that building, and the first thing he
24 said to me about moving over there -- I said, "That
25 raggedy, run-down place?" So they did a wonderful job

1 with the rehab over there. And I'm getting to take
2 care of the water issues and laying out the office
3 things. So I just want to applaud you for your work
4 and consistency with that, and I know the office of
5 the chief investigator and Chief Dr. Polly McCalister
6 is looking forward to her move and getting her staff
7 and everybody together. Thank you.

8 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, sir.

9 And, through the chair, we remain committed
10 even though that -- the building is open now. We've
11 got our certificate of occupancy that I physically
12 held in my hand and read. We continue to support
13 whatever needs come up as you move into the building,
14 so just let us know.

15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: We got more new
16 business?

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Announcement? Yes,
18 ma'am.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you,
20 Mr. Chair.

21 Everybody, I just want you to know that I
22 represented as a commissioner at the mental health
23 workshop, which Councilman McCalister gave, a
24 beautiful, beautiful workshop from 9:00 to 3:00, all
25 about what we need to know about mental health. There

1 is help out there. And on his panel he had
2 DC Bettison, Chief Robert Dunlap, and a lady by the
3 name of -- I don't -- her last name was Woods. But
4 they had a panel to share exactly what is hidden about
5 mental health, and that's going to interact into our
6 police department, in our families. That -- I
7 appreciate Mr. McCalister putting on such a necessary
8 workshop.

9 So I just want everybody to look for the
10 next workshop, which was held at the west campus of
11 WWC, and it's going to be down at the east side,
12 'cause you know I'm prejudiced about things being done
13 on the east side. So I want everybody to know about
14 the mental health. It's coming soon in your
15 neighborhood so we can help. There's a need that we
16 have in this city and in this country. Mental health
17 is there, and we must address it.

18 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you for your
20 announcement, and we appreciate that.

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. And you know I
23 love you from the east side.

24 Our next meeting is going to be on
25 Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. It's going

1 to be at the 6th Precinct, Second Grace Methodist
2 Church, 18700 Joy Road. That's on the west side. Our
3 next community meeting is going to be on Thursday,
4 December 13, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the 3rd Precinct,
5 Wayne State McGregor Center. That's Wayne State at
6 495 Ferry Mall. And I know people probably need some
7 direction on how that --

8 There's parking. Yes. We would get some
9 information prior to that date. I agree with you
10 100 percent.

11 Now we move on to oral communication, public
12 comments. Please give your name. You have two
13 minutes. And we are going to have Mr. Brown make the
14 process start.

15 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I have six cards.
16 The first speaker will be Mr. Eric Blount followed by
17 Ms. Bernice Smith.

18 MR. BLOUNT: Good afternoon, board.

19 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

20 MR. BLOUNT: For the record, my name is Eric
21 Blount, a lifelong Detroit. Under the agenda item
22 No. 11, No. 3, "The use of the board of police
23 commissioners' subpoena," I guess its power -- last
24 week I spoke about the lack of knowledge on the cost
25 of lawsuits by police misconduct. So is there any

1 further clarification about the subpoena power of this
2 board? If the City is not willing to come forward on
3 the cost of misconduct lawsuits to this board, then
4 surely they won't do it for a citizen.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, Mr. Blount,
6 there's an ongoing dialogue with the corporation
7 counsel, Garcia, and I think we're gonna be able to
8 resolve that issue that we are aggressively pursuing
9 without the subpoena power. It should not take that,
10 but we have authorized a subpoena power earlier in the
11 year if that's what it takes. But, basically, we
12 weighing in on that, and we are being patient -- in
13 fact, too patient -- to try to get that resolved.

14 As you well know, it's a huge issue, and we
15 hope to report out sometime this month where we are
16 with that. I would hope that you, as a citizen, would
17 contact your council people, too. They should be
18 concerned; we all should be concerned. And we have
19 raised that issue with the mayor, too. It will be
20 ongoing. Hopefully, we'll get that resolved this year
21 as far as we should be privileged to that information.
22 Thank you.

23 MR. BLOUNT: Thank you.

24 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chairman, if I can, just for
25 clarification on that point on the agenda. That's the

1 use of the board's subpoena power for the internal
2 affairs to conduct an investigation. So it does not
3 bear relationship to the lawsuits which we've been
4 talking about. This is the use simply of our subpoena
5 in order to assist internal affairs in conducting an
6 internal investigation.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you for that.

8 MR. BROWN: Ms. Smith followed by
9 Ms. Jennifer Kurland.

10 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon to the board and
11 to you, Chief.

12 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

13 CHIEF WHITE: Good afternoon.

14 MS. SMITH: Good to see you. I can tell you
15 where those cars been repaired at is at Jorgensen's,
16 so I'm glad to see that they're getting some of the
17 business.

18 But what I would like for you to know today,
19 you know -- we're going to have election Tuesday, and
20 I have been attending the meeting each Thursday.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Excuse me.

22 MS. SMITH: I just want to -- will you let
23 me finish?

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: No, I'm not.

25 MS. SMITH: What am I gonna say?

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Excuse me.

2 MS. SMITH: All right.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: We made an announcement
4 on November 6th. That's the extent of how far we're
5 going to go with elections. This is not a political
6 setting.

7 MS. SMITH: It's not a political statement.
8 Why don't you let me finish?

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Excuse me. You can
10 speak to any issue besides that.

11 MS. SMITH: Are you -- oh, forget what
12 you -- I'm not going to let you aggravate me today.
13 Not today. Again, I do hope that you have the Ford
14 company doing the cars 'cause my children are employed
15 at Ford. That keeps a lot of employees going.

16 And also I would like very much for you to
17 know that we lost a prominent icon this week, Annette
18 Rainwater. She was the godmother of Judge Keith --
19 not Judge Keith. I'm sorry -- Mathis. And the
20 service was wonderful, and we had the moderator, our
21 dear beloved here. Reverend Holley, you did a
22 wonderful job, and we're quite proud of you. And the
23 people were very, very, very much in attendance, in
24 other words. So I just want to let you know that
25 she's up there with good politicians, Coleman Young

1 and all the rest of them up there.

2 So in the meantime, I just want you to know
3 that we have to do better in this city as far as doing
4 things for each other and doing -- reporting. We had
5 several police -- and I don't want to go into details
6 about that, but I would like to know very much how in
7 the world do we continue to pay them when they're on
8 leave? Is that a standard procedure that the chief is
9 doing when they're being suspended, that they're being
10 paid still? I just wanted to know about that also
11 'cause that question was asked of me at a meeting last
12 night. In the meantime, I thank you for your time.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

14 CHIEF WHITE: Can I respond?

15 Through the chair, in response to your
16 question regarding suspension without pay, that's
17 presented to the board. The chief has the authority
18 to suspend and make recommendations to the board.
19 Based on the behavior, he can make a determination to
20 recommend to the board for suspension without pay.

21 MS. SMITH: In other words, it's not his
22 decision alone. The board has something to do with it
23 also?

24 CHIEF WHITE: The board has a part in it as
25 well, yes.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's case by case.

2 MS. SMITH: Is that what it is? All right.

3 Thank you very much.

4 MR. BROWN: Ms. Kurland followed by

5 Ms. Wilcoxon.

6 MS. KURLAND: Good afternoon, honorable

7 board.

8 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

9 MS. KURLAND: My name is Jennifer Kurland,

10 and I wanted to thank you first for your service.

11 There is a real need, as I've been traveling around

12 the state, for boards of police commissioners in other

13 communities. So thank you for your services because

14 you're doing a valuable service to Detroit and other

15 communities.

16 I appreciate Commissioner Brooks bringing up

17 the issue of reserve office. That is what I wanted to

18 address with you-all today. There is a very strong

19 need for the leadership to be pushing the State of

20 Michigan to have stronger regulations with reserve

21 officers, and so my ask is for you as a board to

22 please be that leadership, to please, you know, use

23 your power that you have as elected officials to push

24 the State to do more and to do better when it comes to

25 reserve officers and the trainings that's required and

1 what kind of reforms that we need to do. Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

3 MR. BROWN: Ms. Wilcoxon followed by
4 Ms. Nicole Small and Ms. Michelle George.

5 MS. WILCOXON: Good evening, honorable
6 board.

7 THE BOARD: Good evening.

8 MS. WILCOXON: I don't know the extent to
9 which this board has any authority, but I do know that
10 you have your voices. I know that you have the bully
11 pulpit available to you. My concern is as to the
12 policy that is being implemented, as I understand it,
13 based on the research by the fire department and
14 emergency vehicles in terms of whether or not they
15 respond to calls with or without their oscillating
16 lights and sirens on. I don't want there to be a
17 problem as it relates to our police officers having to
18 go out on calls and having the public not respond to
19 them appropriately because the sirens or the
20 oscillating lights are not on.

21 We had, of course, the tragedy earlier this
22 week with the young woman running past the bus and
23 killing some children. We have to make certain that
24 there is respect for our first responders, our police
25 officers, so that there is not a problem later on. So

1 I think research needs to be done, and I know that
2 this body has research capabilities, and so I am just
3 asking as a citizen that you take a look at whether or
4 not there's overlap between what you do and what fire
5 and EMS does as it relates to the component of an
6 emergency vehicle being on the streets of the city of
7 Detroit. We have far too many accidents as -- as
8 matters currently stand, and we certainly can't afford
9 to lose a child; we can't afford to have any other
10 tragedies in our community. So if we could ward it
11 off on the front end.

12 I just came to ask this board if it would
13 look into what assistance this board can provide
14 perhaps to other units of government. I know
15 bureaucracies sometimes are often large, and they act
16 as if they are operating in silos when in actuality,
17 in my estimation, they need to be operating together.
18 So I just wanted to ask the board if it would take a
19 look at that component of emergency vehicles. Thank
20 you.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Ms. Wilcoxon, just a
24 point that there is a board of fire commissioners that
25 are appointed by the mayor. I don't think they took

1 that out of the charter. And that decision was solely
2 by the commissioner, the fire commissioner himself, so
3 I would implore you to seek them out and talk and meet
4 with the fire commissioner, to meet with him and have
5 him come to some of these community meetings and
6 express your concerns. And we'll certainly do our
7 part with what you're asking.

8 MS. WILCOXON: Thank you, Commissioner.

9 MR. BROWN: Ms. Small followed by
10 Ms. Michelle George.

11 MS. SMALL: Good afternoon.

12 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

13 MS. SMALL: I'm a resident of District 2,
14 born and raised in that area, and I would like to
15 bring something to the board's attention today. I've
16 been speaking to people all over the city, residents
17 all over the city about -- no plug, but we were -- I'm
18 on a site, and we're talking about strengthening the
19 police commissioners. And I just want to give you
20 some feedback that I'm getting from various residents.

21 There doesn't seem to be a clear
22 understanding of what the role of police commissioners
23 actually do and how they really benefit our community,
24 so as we're out there trying to get people to
25 understand that this role and this body here -- we

1 cannot afford at this point in time in the city of
2 Detroit to have this board eliminated.

3 We're getting a lot of questions as to "What
4 benefit do they play?" And I just want you to know is
5 that we see quite a few of you. And although I'm born
6 and raised on the west side, I call on various other
7 members who are also on the east side for assistance
8 with different issues. And it's really important and
9 critical right now that we have a board of police
10 commissioners, that we keep this board of police
11 commissioners. But if possible, if you can educate
12 the residents in your community how important it is to
13 have you as their liaison and that conduit between
14 police and community relations, I think it would only
15 help and benefit each and every community. Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. And I'll
17 reassure you that we are concentrating on marketing
18 and PR and doing whatever is necessary, and I'm hoping
19 that -- we understand the concerns, and that's why the
20 people understood in 2012. They amended the charter
21 to expand the commissioners beyond appointees of five
22 to seven for -- and I know the public would have an
23 opportunity to weigh in on those issues after November
24 the 6th. But we are trying to make sure that -- this
25 is a volunteer board, as you well know.

1 MS. SMALL: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: And the obligation --
3 when I arrived in 2014, it was under the emergency
4 manager, and we were very limited in terms of the
5 budget, the staffing and -- but you can see a
6 difference in 2018. We agree that we have to be more
7 aggressively trying to reach the 700,000 people in
8 Detroit. Even though this board's been around since
9 1974 -- but it's not the same board; it's not the same
10 mission; there's not the same trust. And we are
11 trying to do whatever necessary to educate people in
12 reference to criminal justice reform, too. That's
13 another issue. So I just wanted to share that with
14 you.

15 MS. SMALL: And I just want to say this: I
16 think when people hear the term "civilian oversight,"
17 they automatically think that it just means
18 administrative responsibilities. They should really
19 know our NPOs -- they're overwhelmed. Let's just be
20 honest. Listen, my precinct is the 12th Precinct;
21 so -- and I am very proud of the work that they're
22 doing. But at the same time, they need to understand
23 that as residents, when we have issues -- sometimes
24 when we can't get to that NPO or get to an officer --
25 sometimes this is the best option to come to in order

1 to make sure that your issues are addressed, not
2 taking away from anything that the police officers do
3 but just to serve as a asset.

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Ma'am, I just want to
5 thank you for your encouraging comments. Thank you
6 very much.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners, can we
8 just pause for one second?

9 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Mr. Chair, if I
10 could just make a quick comment.

11 I'm so glad that you're, you know, talking
12 about the police commission as you are as it relates
13 to your community. It's my community, too, so I'm
14 really proud of 12. But what I want to say is that
15 we're a part of a national network. While there are
16 police commissions and oversight groups all over the
17 country, and annually -- we talk about it at our
18 meetings -- they have a conference, which is called
19 the NACOLE Conference, and we just attended it. And,
20 actually, the three years that I've been on this term
21 I've attended every year, or tried to, and every time
22 we go to this conference -- and the community should
23 know this -- we have agencies from all over the
24 country, including California, that come up to us and
25 ask us how we operate because we're a model for the

1 rest of the country.

2 So even though we have a few, you know,
3 like -- we're behind maybe in some things, we're so
4 advanced compared to other communities. So I just
5 want you to know that, and we're so proud of that.
6 But we have a little work to do, but we're --

7 MS. SMALL: I agree, and I'm pushing that.
8 We really are lucky to have this board.

9 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you so much.

10 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, before Ms. George
11 speaks, I received two late cards. It's your --

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Would you call them up?
13 We have made two announcements. Would the
14 last two speakers -- could you come to the far left?

15 MR. BROWN: Last name Gray and last name
16 Davis.

17 Ms. George.

18 MS. GEORGE: Thank you. To Commissioner
19 Bell, Chairman, and Chief Craig -- in his absence
20 Chief White, Deputy Chief White -- and the
21 commissioners, I also want to briefly comment on
22 Ms. Wilcoxon's statements that we put pressure on the
23 fire commissioner, Eric Jones, and I have yet to hear
24 from him. But we put pressure on him. I went up to
25 the mayor's office. I called the city's -- I saw the

1 PowerPoint at the city council that they were trying
2 to put these policies in place without the citizens,
3 which I think was an inequality and a disparity --
4 disparities, but we took care of that, and it was
5 supposed to have pullback. So see me about that.
6 Councilman Roy McCalister did a good job putting
7 pressure on the fire commissioners that did that
8 PowerPoint that did not make any sense. So thank you
9 for that.

10 Also, I just want to comment on -- last week
11 there was a young lady who spoke about the police
12 needing more police in the community. The money is
13 there. The city council -- some of the members of the
14 city council -- they're approving these tax abatements
15 that they told the community, "Well, we didn't give
16 them anything." But you gave them tax abatements.
17 There is money out there for more police on the
18 street. There is. I thank the Lord -- no offense --
19 that Amazon did not come here, which was going to get
20 a \$4 billion tax break. That is criminal.

21 So the key thing is there is room -- we need
22 our NPOs. 2nd Police Precinct Commander Mausi's doing
23 a good job, and we need them in the community.
24 Recently, one of the chaplains, Commander Berry,
25 Chaplain Berry, did a funeral for a young lady that

1 committed suicide. So we need those resources in the
2 community as well.

3 I also want to talk about the drag racing.
4 Apparently, there's drag racing going out in the
5 street on Livernois. A few weeks in my -- I don't
6 know what's going on. The city -- not too long ago we
7 had the killing at White Castle and the stabbing at
8 another service station. So I don't know if the
9 police know about that. Drag racing -- when I talk to
10 the community, everybody knows about that, but we
11 cannot have drag racing. Maybe there's a place where
12 they can drag race, but not city airport because we
13 have our Davis Aerospace school there. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

15 MR. BROWN: Ms. Davis.

16 MS. DAVIS: Yes.

17 MR. BROWN: State your full name, please.

18 MS. DAVIS: My name is Lavinia Davis.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Could you repeat your
20 name into the mic, please?

21 MS. DAVIS: I have a tragedy to tell you,
22 and I need help. I live at 1138 Piedmont. I have
23 drug dealers that have run me out of my home. They
24 have made passes at my 14-year-old granddaughter. My
25 daughter is ill. I have nowhere to live now. I'm

1 homeless because of these people, and I would like to
2 know what can I do, and where can I go for help?

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: DC LeValley is going to
4 speak to you, and I think the captain is prepared to
5 speak to you. Right behind you -- they can speak to
6 your concerns. And thank you for bringing it to our
7 attention.

8 MS. DAVIS: But they're drug dealers, and
9 they have taken over my home. I can't even go back
10 to obtain the things that have been left in my home,
11 and I would like to. This is for real.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Brooks.

13 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes. I just want --
14 I don't know if you've heard about COTS, but it's a
15 wonderful organization for homeless families, domestic
16 violence families, so I can give you some information
17 on COTS, where you can look it up.

18 MS. DAVIS: But something should be done to
19 these people that did this to me.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: You're going to speak to
21 Deputy Chief right behind you. He's going to speak to
22 that issue.

23 AC WHITE: We'll get it handled.

24 MS. DAVIS: Thank you.

25 MR. BROWN: The last name, Gracie?

1 INAUDIBLE SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

2 MR. BROWN: Okay.

3 Mr. Chair, that was your last speaker.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: I want to thank you for
5 your attendance. We would see you next week. I'm
6 going to ask the commissioners if they would have
7 20 minutes with the chair right after this meeting. I
8 think we're able to meet over there. Can we do that?

9 The chair would entertain a motion for
10 adjournment.

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Properly moved and
13 supported. And thank you. Motion passed. Adjourned.

14 (The meeting was concluded at 4:31 p.m.)

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1 CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY

2 STATE OF MICHIGAN)

3) SS

4 COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

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6 I, Susanne Ellen Gorman, a Notary Public in
7 and for the above county and state, do hereby certify
8 that the above meeting was taken before me at the time
9 and place hereinbefore set forth; that the witness was
10 by me first duly sworn to testify to the truth, and
11 nothing but the truth; that the foregoing questions
12 asked and answers made by the witness were duly
13 recorded by me stenographically and reduced to
14 computer transcription; that this is a true, full, and
15 correct transcript of my stenographic notes so taken;
16 and that I am not related to, nor of counsel to either
17 party, nor interested in the event of this cause.

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Susanne Ellen Gorman, CSR-9271, RPR

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Oakland County, Michigan.

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25 My commission expires: September 14, 2023

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