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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, February 21, 2019

3:00 p.m.

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1301 Third Street

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

1 COMMISSIONERS:

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3 DARRYL D. BROWN, Commissioner (Dist. 1), Acting Chairperson

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5 WILLIAM M. DAVIS, Commissioner (Dist. 7)

6 ELIZABETH BROOKS, Commissioner At-Large

7 WILLIE BURTON, Commissioner (Dist. 5)

8 EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHÉ, Commissioner At-Large

9 LISA CARTER, Commissioner (Dist. 6)

10 GREGORY HICKS, Secretary to the Board

11 ROBERT BROWN, Executive Manager

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13 REPRESENTING OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

14 CHIEF CRAIG

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 February 21, 2019

3 3:00 p.m.

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5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good afternoon.

6 BOARD: Good afternoon.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I am Police

8 Commissioner Darryl Brown. I represent District 1. I  
9 am the vice chair. I will be conducting our meeting  
10 today on behalf of our chairman, Commissioner Willie  
11 Bell. And on behalf of the board, and for those in  
12 attendance, thank you for joining us. And for people  
13 viewing this meeting on your government cable channel,  
14 thank you for viewing our meeting as well.

15 We have invited Chaplain Gregory Wilson of  
16 Detroit Chaplain Corps of the Detroit Police  
17 Department to provide the invocation.

18 Chaplain?

19 CHAPLAIN BERRY: Yes. For the record, I am  
20 Commander Chaplain Arthur Berry, Sr.

21 BOARD: Speak on the mic.

22 CHAPLAIN BERRY: Excuse me. For the  
23 record, I am Commander Chaplain Arthur Berry, Sr.  
24 Greg Wilson couldn't make it today. Can we bow our  
25 heads for prayer, please.

1 (Invocation given at 3:01 p.m.)

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Now we have the  
3 introduction of the commissioners starting from my  
4 immediate left.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner Willie  
6 Burton, District 5.

7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Jim Holley, at-large.

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

10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Lisa Carter,  
11 District 6.

12 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Elizabeth Brooks,  
13 at-large.

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: William Davis,  
15 District 7.

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

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you, sir. Now  
18 we have an introduction of the BOPC staff.

19 Mr. Gregory Hicks?

20 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I do  
21 want to indicate this before the introduction, that  
22 Susanne Gorman is the court reporter for the day. The  
23 media is being taped by Media Services as well as  
24 Sergeant Quinn.

25 If we go immediately to my right, it's

1 Robert Brown, and if we go to the first row, I see  
2 Mr. Wyrick, who is -- is the attorney for the board;  
3 Ms. White, who handles our policy area. We go to the  
4 next row back -- Dr. Anderson, who is the HR personnel  
5 director; Ms. Johnson, who, of course, is the -- in  
6 charge of our fiscal area. And then what we typically  
7 do is go to Dr. Polly McCalister, who will not only  
8 introduce herself but also introduce the balance of  
9 the staff here.

10 DR. MCCALISTER: Good afternoon, board.

11 BOARD: Good afternoon.

12 DR. MCCALISTER: I'm Dr. Polly McCalister,  
13 chief investigator, and attending today's meeting with  
14 me today is Supervising Investigator Nelson,  
15 Investigator Murphy, Investigator Hiller, and  
16 Investigator Neely.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you,  
18 Dr. McCalister.

19 SPEAKER: We can't hear you. Talk into the  
20 mic.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: We are talking into  
22 the mic.

23 MR. HICKS: We could hear you on that last  
24 one. You may want to pull it a little closer to you.

25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Now we have Chief

1 Craig.

2 Thank you for joining us today. We have  
3 the introduction of yourself and DPD staff.

4 CHIEF CRAIG: Starting with Assistant Chief  
5 White to my left.

6 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Lieutenant Sonia  
7 Russell.

8 (Inaudible name.)

9 COMMANDER BLISS: Commander Mark Bliss,  
10 support operations.

11 SERGEANT ALEXANDER: Romel Alexander,  
12 sergeant, support operations.

13 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: Deputy Chief Elvin  
14 Barren, neighborhood policing east.

15 (Inaudible introductions.)

16 SERGEANT RHINEHART: Sergeant Shannon  
17 Rhinehart, planning.

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Now, we have --  
19 do we have any elected officials joining us today or  
20 any representatives from the office or any outstanding  
21 civic leaders joining us today who want to stand to be  
22 recognized?

23 MR. CORBETT: Paul Corbett here observing  
24 on behalf of Council Member McCalister, councilman,  
25 District 2.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.

2 We have a few business items for our  
3 consideration today. First will be the approval of  
4 the agenda.

5 BOARD MEMBER: So moved.

6 BOARD MEMBER: Support.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: All right. It's been  
8 moved and properly supported. Any discussion on this  
9 motion? All those in favor?

10 BOARD: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Motion passed.

12 Also, now we have the approval of the  
13 minutes from our February 14th meeting.

14 BOARD MEMBER: So moved.

15 BOARD MEMBER: Support.

16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: It's been moved and  
17 properly supported. Is there any discussion? Seeing  
18 none. All those in favor?

19 BOARD: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Motion passed.

21 Our chairman's report says "On behalf of  
22 the board, I want to express our concern and support  
23 for fallen and injured officers. Our concerns for  
24 officers' safety and citizen protection is ranked as  
25 two of the most important priorities of the board.

1 Our board receives a weekly report from the  
2 department, listing injured officers. I would ask the  
3 chief, Chief Craig, during his remarks, to provide us  
4 with any additional information related to injured and  
5 fallen officers.

6 "The board of police commissioners meets  
7 every week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas  
8 holiday periods. We meet at police headquarters three  
9 weeks of the month and on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. We  
10 also meet in the community every second Thursday of  
11 the month at 6:30 p.m.

12 "Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7,  
13 Chapter 8, the board of police commissioners is  
14 empowered to provide civilian oversight and  
15 supervisory control of the police department. Our  
16 citizens are justified in asking, 'How does civilian  
17 oversight of law enforcement help you as a citizen  
18 within our community?' Our answer is we protect the  
19 civil rights of citizens. Oversight organizations  
20 like the BOPC are at the forefront of investigating,  
21 reviewing, and auditing individual cases of citizen  
22 complaints and patterns of operations by police  
23 agencies to eliminate misconduct, discriminatory  
24 police practices, and unnecessary use of force by  
25 police.



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

13 I want to point out several important items  
14 for your consideration. The board is continuing to  
15 work with NACOLE, which is the National Association  
16 Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, to host the  
17 national conference on September 22nd through the  
18 26th, 2019, here in Detroit. During the same time, we  
19 will be celebrating our 45th anniversary as a civilian  
20 oversight organization on July 22, 2019. We will  
21 repeat this message several times as we approach the  
22 September conference. We are inviting all law  
23 enforcement and civic-minded individuals and  
24 organizations to join us at the conference. The  
25 planning process is well underway, and, again, we

1 invite your participation.

2 So if anyone wants to get involved and help  
3 out, you can talk to Commissioner Carter. We need  
4 your help.

5 I'll remind the board members that in the  
6 month of March 2019, our plans are to conduct two  
7 community meetings. The first will be on March 7th at  
8 Western International High School at 1:30 p.m. Also,  
9 we will have our regular community meeting on  
10 March 14th in the area served by downtown services.

11 February 21st is an important date in the  
12 history of black struggle and resistance.  
13 Forty-four years ago, El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, known  
14 as Malcolm X, the head of the organization of the  
15 African-American Unity, was assassinated in the  
16 Audubon Ballroom in New York City. Malcom X and  
17 others, like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., participated  
18 in an important debate on how and why marginalized  
19 citizens, black and brown, would engage the American  
20 economic and political systems to seek change for  
21 African-Americans. As it states then, and it states  
22 today, is the survival of the community. Scholars  
23 still point to the wide gaps in housing ownership,  
24 income, and wealth between black and white citizens.

25 I want to report next week,

1 February 28, 2019, we will have a presentation on the  
2 second quarter of DPD's budget -- on the budget, and  
3 we'll have a closed session related to Police Officer  
4 Michael Collins and, at the request of Commissioner  
5 Carter, a closed hearing related to officers who  
6 impounded the car of a young woman, leaving her to  
7 walk home in the coldest weather on record and got --  
8 and was posted on Snapchat voicing some disparaging  
9 words about black females.

10 Today on our agenda we will have a  
11 presentation on the chief of police annual report.  
12 The Detroit City Charter, Section 7-806, creates  
13 several opportunities for the chief of police to  
14 engage the commission. I want to list some of the  
15 opportunities so that the audience will follow our  
16 work as commissioners. In Section 7-806,  
17 Subsection 1, it indicates that "The chief shall  
18 administer the department consistent with the  
19 policies, rules, and regulations established by the  
20 board and shall organize the department with the  
21 approval of the board."

22 In Section 7, Subsection 6, it indicates  
23 that "The chief shall submit to the board an annual  
24 report." I think of this annual report as the type of  
25 report that would be available to the general public,

1 highlighting the work of the Detroit Police  
2 Department. In Section 7, also -- Subsection 7 -- it  
3 indicates that "The chief shall submit to the board an  
4 annual operations improvement plan." The most  
5 outstanding differences is that the requirement is for  
6 a plan, not a report. The annual improvement plan is  
7 scheduled to be taken up by the board at our  
8 March 28, 2019, board meeting.

9 In the recent past, the annual report and  
10 the annual operations improvement plan have been  
11 confused. One report is general and discusses the  
12 department. In the past this report has been used to  
13 highlight the leadership in the department, celebrate  
14 some important partnerships held with the department  
15 and some of the community endeavors associated with  
16 the department.

17 The second report is quite different.  
18 Again, it is a plan. It is a systematic review of the  
19 department and the chief's candid opinion of the  
20 effectiveness of the department. Early copies of this  
21 plan show a detailed breakdown of each command  
22 division, section, and unit and assesses their  
23 performance and projects where the chief and his  
24 executive staff want to improve on the organization,  
25 strategies in the mission of the subunits, all in an

1 effort to communicate to the board, the mayor, and the  
2 general public what we must do to improve the  
3 department.

4 Improvements to the department must involve  
5 citizen protections and a program to fight crime.  
6 Improvements to the department must include officers'  
7 safety. Improvements must -- improvements to the  
8 department must include also an evaluation of  
9 crime-fighting strategies to determine if they are  
10 working and what new opportunities to fight crime  
11 might be on the horizon. I've asked our staff to pull  
12 a copy of one of the older operation improvement plans  
13 and share it with the chief in the expectation of our  
14 March 28, 2019, meeting report.

15 In addition to the annual report  
16 presentation, we will also have our regular report  
17 from the chief of police. The chief will review some  
18 of our current crime statistics and update us on any  
19 additional police personnel with injuries in the line  
20 of duty. I'll also ask the chief to update us on any  
21 critical issues facing the department.

22 Toward the end of our meeting, we will have  
23 oral communication from the audience. Please make  
24 sure you print your name on a card. The cards are  
25 located in the back, or you could see Mr. Robert Brown

1 at the table here, and he can give you a card. We  
2 will need your card before we begin public comment.  
3 We will hold each speaker to the allotted two minutes.

4 Chief?

5 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair.

6 Starting with my report -- start with  
7 crime. As it relates to homicides as of today -- in  
8 your package you might see a revised daily report.  
9 This was borne out of a conversation I know that  
10 Commissioner Davis brought up. Most times when I do  
11 the report, it focused on homicides, nonfatal  
12 shootings, and robberies and carjackings. And so in  
13 this report, the change is, again, homicides, sex  
14 assaults, aggravated assaults, nonfatal shootings,  
15 robberies, and carjackings.

16 And so -- and then we have it broken down  
17 by precinct. So -- and this report -- these are the  
18 numbers as of today. So as of today, homicides were  
19 down 39 percent, which translates into 14 fewer  
20 homicides. Sex assaults, we are up 12 percent, which  
21 translates into 13 as compared to this time last year.  
22 Aggravated assaults, we are up 82, or an 8 percent  
23 increase as compared to last year. Nonfatal  
24 shootings, we are down 17 percent. There are 14 fewer  
25 nonfatal shootings as compared to last year.

1 Robberies were down 7 percent, and that translates  
2 into 21 fewer robberies. Carjackings were down  
3 67 percent, which translates into 28 fewer  
4 carjackings.

5 Overall, Part 1 violent crime -- we're  
6 seeing a 2 percent increase. Usually, as I've  
7 oftentimes said in the past, the numbers are small  
8 during the first quarter. So we'll be closing in by  
9 the end of next month at the first quarter, so we'll  
10 have a better view of the direction for the remainder  
11 of the year. Primarily, the second quarter's a better  
12 gauge. The first quarter, because the numbers are so  
13 small, it's hard to. . .

14 And then property crime -- you go down to  
15 property crime and you look that burglary's down  
16 8 percent, 71 fewer burglaries. Larcenies were down  
17 369, 22 percent reduction. Motor vehicle thefts, we  
18 continue to trend downward, a 3 percent reduction,  
19 which translates into 23 fewer thefts -- auto thefts,  
20 that is -- with an overall Property 1 crime reduction  
21 of 14 percent.

22 So with that, I'll take -- well, I'll just  
23 go through my report and take any questions regarding  
24 crime or any other updates. As it relates to the  
25 6th Precinct investigation, we're moving forward at

1 the pace that we had established. As I indicated in a  
2 press briefing on this past Monday, there was a slight  
3 right turn we took in the investigation. We were  
4 hoping to have what we call our chief's hearing with  
5 the accused officer set for this week. Because of  
6 additional information in our investigation, we're  
7 pushing it toward the beginning of next week. The  
8 beginning of next week most likely could be Tuesday.  
9 I will tell you that internal affairs has been working  
10 on this case from the time we launched over 14 days  
11 ago now. They've done a total of 55 interviews. It  
12 might be a little bit more than that now. So they've  
13 done phenomenal work, so I want to acknowledge them  
14 for the work they're doing.

15 The companion investigation, the  
16 environmental which I've talked about -- they, too,  
17 have done phenomenal work. I got a full briefing as  
18 to where that work was yesterday. They've conducted  
19 over 100 interviews in that investigation. So we  
20 should have the environmental done probably within the  
21 next couple of weeks. You can imagine, with the  
22 number of interviews and writing it up -- certainly,  
23 there were some concerns that have been brought to my  
24 attention in the environmental. One thing I want to  
25 stress is that the findings does not reflect every



1 single officer that works the 6th Precinct.

2 We have some concerns. I have some  
3 management and supervisory-level concerns. That's  
4 what's been pointed out in that environmental  
5 investigation, and we'll be addressing that, like I  
6 said, in the next couple of weeks.

7 Again, I expect that the chief's hearing,  
8 as it relates to Officer Steele, will be held early  
9 part of next week. His partner will also be scheduled  
10 for a hearing. No date to be determined as of yet.

11 And, lastly, before I take questions, today  
12 marks our 500th Green Light here in the city of  
13 Detroit. So with that, open up for questions.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Before that, I'd like  
15 to take this moment to recognize our city councilman  
16 Roy McCalister, who joins us today.

17 How are you doing, sir?

18 MR. MCCALISTER: Thank you. Pleasure to be  
19 here.

20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Chief, I like the  
21 layout better, breaking down by the precincts. Also,  
22 as one more step, I would also like to see a breakdown  
23 in the Priority 1 calls response times in the  
24 precincts also.

25 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. It's on there. We can

1 do that, create another page.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That's not a problem.

3 CHIEF CRAIG: But we can do that.

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That's it.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Chief, I just have one  
6 question. On this 24-hour report that we get, are  
7 these numbers included in the numbers that you've  
8 given us for that day, or is this -- this goes on the  
9 next week report?

10 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah, this is -- when I give  
11 this report out, this is as of today. Although when  
12 you look at this other sheet that said "Reported  
13 through February 17th" -- that does not include these  
14 numbers. So this is the most current report, and  
15 these numbers will be reflected in the next week's  
16 report.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: All right. Thank you.  
18 No more questions?

19 All right. Next we'll have a presentation  
20 to the board. It will be the chief of police again,  
21 annual report.

22 COMMANDER BLISS: Good afternoon, board --

23 BOARD: Good afternoon.

24 COMMANDER BLISS: -- and Chief Craig.

25 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.

1                   COMMANDER BLISS: I'm Commander Mark Bliss  
2 from the office of support operations, to present to  
3 you the 2018 annual report. Each year, Assistant  
4 Chief James White assembles the committee that puts  
5 together our annual report. There are two members  
6 that have been on this committee that have really been  
7 steadfast in really pushing this report forward. I  
8 would like to identify both of them. They will be  
9 briefing you out today on our annual report and its  
10 current stats. The first is Lieutenant Sonia Russell,  
11 and then also Sergeant Romel Alexander. Lieutenant  
12 Russell will take it from here. Thank you.

13                   LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Good afternoon, board.

14                   BOARD: Good afternoon.

15                   LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: I am Lieutenant Sonia  
16 Russell of the crime intelligence unit, and this is  
17 Sergeant Romel Alexander from support operations, and  
18 we are here on behalf of the 2018 annual report  
19 committee to discuss the annual report. If there are  
20 any other annual report committee members, could you  
21 please stand at this time and introduce yourself?

22                   (Inaudible introductions made without the  
23 microphone.)

24                   LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Thank you.

25                   This year's annual report will focus on our

1 bridging the gap between our community and the  
2 department. We will focus on our neighborhood police  
3 officers' accomplishments within their respective  
4 precincts. With that being said, we will also be  
5 discussing the 2018 highlights and accomplishments.  
6 Just to name a few, of course, the deployment of  
7 tasers department-wide, license plate readers,  
8 doubling Project Green Light locations from 238 to  
9 474 -- and these are year-end totals from our prior  
10 year -- of course, the opening of our new location,  
11 which you are familiar with, the office of the chief  
12 investigator; our DPD city initiative, Baker to Vegas,  
13 and it was 20 of our department participating in a  
14 race in Las Vegas, Nevada, amongst other departments.

15 We will discuss our promotions,  
16 appointments, recruitment. And let's not forget about  
17 the breast awareness -- breast cancer awareness  
18 vehicle, in which chief neighborhood liaisons and our  
19 neighborhood police officers generated approximately  
20 \$5,000 and donated it to the American Cancer Society.  
21 Let's not also forget about the Tactical Service  
22 Section vehicle, which is a tribute to Lieutenant  
23 Shawn Wesley. Let's also remember that we had  
24 deployment of new cars.

25 Some of our chief's initiatives that we'll

1 focus on, and just to name a few, will be the chief's  
2 Cupid Dance, which is held on Valentine's Day for our  
3 elderly citizens in our community; our DPD sisterhood  
4 and brotherhood, which is mentoring programs for our  
5 youth; Halloween in the D, which is formerly Angels'  
6 Night, which is now a community festive event; and our  
7 newest initiative, the Wayne State University  
8 Leadership Academy, which is preparing our future  
9 leaders of our department and our community.

10 I'm going to turn it over to Sergeant  
11 Alexander.

12 SERGEANT ALEXANDER: Good afternoon, board.  
13 Chief.

14 BOARD: Good afternoon.

15 SERGEANT ALEXANDER: So there is a part of  
16 the annual report that, in my opinion, probably brings  
17 about the most excitement and possibly a little  
18 anxiety and certainly maybe a little (inaudible) for  
19 AC White 'cause he does -- in anticipation of what  
20 we're going to come up with. That is the cover  
21 (indicating), all right -- which is extremely  
22 important. It -- it gives you an insight into what  
23 the book is going to be about. Right? It's the  
24 eye-catcher. We're always excited about that, and,  
25 like I stated before, that as a committee, that

1 probably gets us the most worked up and excited at the  
2 same time.

3 We -- we typically wait till the end for  
4 that. The creative juices get flowing heavily, to say  
5 the least, and because of that, we don't want to give  
6 that away just yet. I mean, as in the past, as you  
7 can see, I think we outdid ourselves on each -- each  
8 year, and I'm confident -- I think you guys will --  
9 you, the board, will be as well -- that we will do  
10 that again this year. So that being said, I'm going  
11 to leave that for later and just have it as a surprise  
12 for everyone. And, with that, I will take any --  
13 or -- we will take any questions the board may have.

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question: How is the  
15 plate readers working?

16 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: So currently, at this  
17 time, the license plate readers are used as an  
18 investigative aid to help us with case closure, so  
19 it's going very well. It's monitored out of the  
20 real-time crime center.

21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Does it work  
22 automatically or -- for the vehicle in front of it, or  
23 do you have to engage the system to start to read the  
24 plate?

25 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: So there are a couple

1 of things. Anytime -- we have a hot list, and what a  
2 hot list, like -- for instance, when a vehicle was  
3 stolen -- so we have license plate readers on our  
4 vehicles that's on the street, approximately 79, and  
5 so if an officer's on patrol, of course, the ding  
6 comes on to activate there's a stolen vehicle. We  
7 also have stationary locations as well throughout the  
8 city of Detroit, and they also give us notice at the  
9 real-time crime center.

10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the chair.

11 Good afternoon. Just a quick -- so this is  
12 an overview of the annual report; this is not the  
13 annual report. And when will the annual report itself  
14 be ready?

15 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Oh, yes, ma'am.

16 Through the chair.

17 That's correct. The annual report will be  
18 ready in April. We will be ready in April for  
19 distribution.

20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. And second  
21 question: In your -- in the '19 -- I mean 2018 annual  
22 report theme -- and I don't know that this is a  
23 part -- should be a part, but an initiative that was  
24 instituted was the towing initiative. Is that going  
25 to be a part of the annual report as well?

1           LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Yes, that is -- I'm  
2       sorry. Yes, that will be a part of the annual report  
3       as well. That's another one of our -- actually, it's  
4       going to be in the front as a major highlight.

5           COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.

6           COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Through the chair.

7           COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, sir.

8           COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So it's in April;  
9       right? You talking about April?

10          LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Yes, sir.

11          COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Is it normal where we  
12       get a -- a view of it before we -- that we have it  
13       here before it's on that -- we have a chance to look  
14       at it a year -- a week before so that we can have  
15       some. . .

16          LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: No. So through the  
17       chair, no, sir. Normally, what happens is that we  
18       distribute the books once they're completed.

19          COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Do you know what --  
20       the date that you have the -- the day you have the  
21       report in April is the day we'll see it for the first  
22       time?

23          LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: That is correct, sir.

24          COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay. And I'm just  
25       asking.



1 CHIEF CRAIG: We can -- through the chair.  
2 We'll make it available in advance of the  
3 public release. So if it's a week in advance, we can  
4 just make it available.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: We can have a  
6 confidentiality with it, but something of this  
7 magnitude -- I would think that we need to digest it  
8 so we can be intelligent -- intelligent questions. So  
9 I appreciate that, Chief. Thank you so much.

10 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Any more questions?

12 Thank you.

13 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So the question of  
15 the book, the front of it --

16 I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman.

17 So we still -- I thought you were gonna  
18 unveil the -- the -- are you trying to get out of  
19 here? Is that what you're trying to do?

20 (Laughter.)

21 SERGEANT ALEXANDER: No, sir. No, sir. We  
22 just feel as though --

23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: To wait till your  
24 time in April? I thought you said today. You were  
25 going to unveil it today.

1 SERGEANT ALEXANDER: No, sir. No, sir.

2 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay.

3 SERGEANT ALEXANDER: You'll see the cover,  
4 sir, like the chief indicated, that week before public  
5 distribution.

6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: 'Cause the last one  
7 you had -- that just -- that was the bomb. I don't  
8 know how you're going to beat that one.

9 SERGEANT ALEXANDER: Well, we'll continue  
10 to raise the bar. I'm sure we'll surpass it this  
11 year.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Now, you're doing so  
13 good. 20- -- 2017 -- so '18 comes after '18 -- '17.  
14 So '19 -- I'm in the year '19, so where am I -- what  
15 am I missing here?

16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: It's a recap.

17 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Yes, sir. It's always  
18 a year prior -- behind.

19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So I'm voting on  
20 something that already took place?

21 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Voting? No.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Just -- obviously, I  
23 don't know; so -- but don't be -- don't be unkind to  
24 me. I mean, just tell me. I don't know. I'm just  
25 asking. I don't -- I see '17 -- we're in the year

1 2019, and you -- am I having -- am I going to approve  
2 a budget for 2019, or am I going to approve the budget  
3 that's already took place in 2018?

4 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Through the chair.

5 This already took place, sir, in 2018.

6 This is just a overview of all the accomplishments and  
7 highlights of the department from the year 2018.

8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Gotcha. Thank you  
9 very much. I'm sorry. I didn't know.

10 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Oh, no problem, sir.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you,

12 Mr. Chairman.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: You're welcome.

14 Thank you.

15 Just -- Commissioner Holley, just have your  
16 picture ready so we can put it on that cover.

17 (Laughter.)

18 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Yes, sir.

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: You may want to

20 consider that one.

21 All right. Thank you.

22 LIEUTENANT RUSSELL: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: All right. Our board

24 secretary --

25 Mr. Hicks, do we have any BOPC standing or

1 ad hoc committee reports?

2 MR. HICKS: No, no reports have been  
3 handed. I did want to note that the policy committee  
4 did meet today and is involved in a series of meetings  
5 over the next month where it is going to process  
6 and -- the existing directives in which we have on our  
7 side of the organization -- those directives, based on  
8 the work of the policy committee then will be  
9 submitted back to the department, and we will be  
10 looking for concurrence with the department. At that  
11 point, the item will come in front of the full board,  
12 and the presentation will be made for the full board,  
13 for the full board to act upon the policies. And I  
14 believe we have -- in today's meeting we reviewed five  
15 directives. In the next couple of meetings we'll  
16 be -- we have another ten that we have to review.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: All right. Thank you,  
18 Mr. Hicks.

19 Chief, I did have one question for you. I  
20 want to back up a little bit. It was the duty status  
21 of Officer Justin Marroquin. What is his current  
22 status?

23 CHIEF CRAIG: Justin Marroquin is currently  
24 working on restricted duty and is scheduled to return  
25 to police medical on February 28th.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

2 All right. Do we have any old business?

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman?

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, sir.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Talking about old  
6 business, there was on -- there was -- January 24th  
7 board meeting. I requested some things. We've been  
8 talking about the organizational chart for the board,  
9 and some of the things I requested was the identity of  
10 salary of each current commission staff members'  
11 listed on a proposed organizational chart, a copy of  
12 the job description for each staff person, their core  
13 competence education requirements, and compensation  
14 range for the position.

15 Also, I requested for the proposed salary  
16 range for any vacant position, the actual duties and  
17 responsibilities of each current staff member. This  
18 is not just a listing of job responsibilities; we need  
19 to know what they actually did in furtherance of the  
20 commission mission. A copy of their evaluation would  
21 be helpful, historical data on what the salary was for  
22 the position for the last four years, a review by the  
23 commissioners on request of individuals' performance  
24 evaluations. It also can, you know -- we can have  
25 this discussion in a -- in closed session, but these

1 are some things that I requested for and have not  
2 seen. And I wanted this to be provided within  
3 21 days, so 21 days is -- was up last week.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. As I recall,  
5 Commissioner Burton --

6 Mr. Hicks, I believe the chairman may have  
7 directed you to -- you guys to get together to make  
8 sure that he gets information.

9 My suggestion would be that we talk with  
10 the chair. But we're going to go into closed  
11 section -- closed session at our next meeting, I  
12 believe, and I think that could be something that  
13 could be brought up and discussed then. Okay?

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, your  
15 point of procedure -- is it -- would it be -- I mean,  
16 a lot of things that the -- he has a right to have,  
17 but these are kind of things that basically I would  
18 not want to be discussed, about people's salaries and  
19 things like that. Is it possible that the  
20 commissioner, who I admire and think so much of --  
21 that he can have a meeting with HR and the secretary?  
22 They could sit down and go over what he's asking for  
23 so he could be satisfied based upon his inquiry? I'm  
24 concerned about privacy and -- and the things he's  
25 asking for -- it's okay, but I do feel like it's not

1 something of public -- public interest.

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. I understand  
3 your point, Commissioner Holley.

4 Hold on, Commissioner Bell -- I mean,  
5 Burton.

6 First of all, all of their information is  
7 public information. I mean, anybody can try to get it  
8 but -- except for the personal stuff --

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair --

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Hold on, sir.

11 -- the personal issues about their  
12 salaries. I agree with you about that. And I think  
13 if we -- if they want to get together and work it out,  
14 I think they need to get together and work that out.  
15 But for the most part I think he should have -- the  
16 secretary should have the information prepared, and we  
17 can discuss it in a closed session where it's not  
18 going to be viewed by the public. Since we already  
19 slated to have a closed session at our next meeting, I  
20 think that that would probably be the appropriate  
21 place to --

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: That's fine.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Commissioner Burton, I  
24 have one question for you concerning that. Are you  
25 asking for all of the salaries or anything

1 specifically?

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well, you know, these  
3 positions are, you know -- are -- are involving public  
4 dollars, and this is something that each one of us as  
5 commissioners should want to take a look at as far as  
6 exercising our (inaudible) responsibilities. So yes,  
7 I am concerned with that information, and I would  
8 like, you know, for the full board to be able to look  
9 at that as well.

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman?

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Just -- I don't mean  
13 to be adversarial in any way. He's the only one that  
14 wants it. If he's the only one that wants it, let him  
15 have it with the human resources and the secretary. I  
16 don't want to know. I got the lady next to me -- she  
17 don't want to know. The lady next to her -- she don't  
18 want to know. I'm just saying to you if he wants to  
19 know, he has a right to that, but I don't want to  
20 waste my time or -- along this right here because I  
21 feel like I don't -- it's not important. It's just  
22 important to him. And he has a right to do that. So  
23 I'm asking that you would consider my -- my -- my  
24 trying to get law and grace at the same time.

25 (Laughter.)



1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: All right. We'll give  
2 you some mercy, too.

3 (Laughter.)

4 But in all fairness to his request --

5 Commissioner Burton, can you schedule an  
6 appointment with Mr. Hicks and Dr. Anderson that --  
7 that -- that you guys can get together and work out  
8 whatever situation --

9 -- that information that he wants?

10 MR. HICKS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. We'll take  
11 care --

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: We already know what  
13 he's asking for, so if y'all set up a meeting -- just  
14 bring it to the meeting. Just be ready to go.

15 MR. HICKS: Sure. We'll have that meeting.  
16 I do want to indicate that following the last request  
17 that the commissioner made, I did meet with the  
18 commissioner afterwards and did provide -- not all of  
19 it because we did not have the entire listing here,  
20 but as a government entity, we're -- this is public  
21 information. They are -- it's available, and I  
22 pointed out and made copies for the commissioner as to  
23 some of this information, especially as it relates to  
24 the compensation range and schedules and so forth. So  
25 we're more than happy to do that. We will take your

1 advice to put together a meeting and have that  
2 information available.

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I did  
4 not get what I initially had requested and --

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Let me  
6 interrupt you there, Commissioner Burton. He did say  
7 that he didn't give you all the information; he just  
8 admitted that. So we're not going to beat that horse  
9 today. So what we could do is when you meet with him,  
10 copy me and -- and Commissioner Bell so that if one of  
11 us wants to show up for this meeting, we can make sure  
12 he has all of the information. You can copy to me and  
13 the past chair, Commissioner Carter, if she wants to  
14 come --

15 -- just so that somebody can be there to  
16 verify he's getting the information that he wants.

17 MR. HICKS: Sure, and the head of the  
18 personnel committee.

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. We're going to  
20 move on. Any new business? All right. So  
21 announcements: Our next meeting will be Thursday,  
22 February 28th, at 3:00 p.m., here at headquarters,  
23 1301 Third Street. Our next community meeting will be  
24 Thursday, March 7th, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. It's going to  
25 be at Western International High School. That's at

1 1500 Scotten Street in Detroit. I encourage all of  
2 you, if you can make it, to come there so we can  
3 interact with the kids in the school so they can --  
4 especially our NPOs. We want to make sure that  
5 they're there. And they would love to see the chief.  
6 Just throwing out some hints here. They would love to  
7 see the chief.

8 So our oral communication and public  
9 comments section -- we have -- if you -- you'll be  
10 limited to two minutes. Everyone have their cards in?  
11 You can give them to Mr. Brown.

12 And you can start that now.

13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Is it -- we over  
14 already?

15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Efficiency.

16 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I currently have  
17 seven cards. Your first speaker will be Ms. Fredia  
18 Butler followed by Mr. Tom Wilson.

19 MS. BUTLER: Good afternoon.

20 BOARD: Good afternoon.

21 MS. BUTLER: Chief, commissioners, in every  
22 occupation there will be a person or persons who do  
23 not follow rules or step outside of the guidelines of  
24 that occupation. They may fall short of the  
25 expectations of the position, morally or

1 professionally. The concern should be what is done  
2 about violations.

3 February 7, 2019, in your board meeting,  
4 Chief James Craig gave his crime stats and spoke about  
5 a concern that took place in the 6th Precinct. He  
6 stated what he has done and is continuing his  
7 investigations of the identified officers and others.  
8 Commissioner Willie Burton, in my opinion, began to  
9 badger Chief Craig. Chief Craig continued to explain  
10 that there is due process, and he must adhere to those  
11 guidelines. Commissioner Burton took an  
12 unprofessional stance, ignored Chairman Willie Bell,  
13 and continued to address his remarks toward Chief  
14 Craig on matters that were not part of Chief Craig's  
15 report.

16 Commissioners, when there is a disagreement  
17 with the speaker, there is a respectful way of  
18 responding. In my opinion, Commissioner Burton  
19 disrespected Chief Craig, Chairman Bell, and the  
20 police department. I hope that all commissioners,  
21 coworkers, officials, and guests be treated with  
22 respect. When we disrespect ourselves, we will  
23 disrespect others. Each of us is responsible for our  
24 behavior. Thank you.

25 BOARD: Thank you.

1 MR. BROWN: Mr. Wilson, followed by  
2 Mr. Eric Blount.

3 MR. WILSON: Fellow commissioners,  
4 Detroit's finest, fellow citizens, I am Thomas  
5 A. Wilson, Jr., and I'm here to address the racist,  
6 self-incriminating video by Officer Steele called  
7 Black Girl Magic Walking. I know there's protocol to  
8 follow in terms of Officer Steele having due process,  
9 but after he's had his due process, I hope that he's  
10 never allowed to put on the uniform of the Detroit  
11 Police Department again. Detroit's finest don't need  
12 him patrolling the community, as the Detroit's finest  
13 are better than the kind of officer he is.

14 I wonder had this been a young lady who  
15 looked like him, would he have allowed her -- would he  
16 have allowed her to take a video and title it White  
17 Girl Magic Walking, or would he have given her a pass  
18 and let her go about her business and not have her  
19 walk home alone in the dark, sub-degree -- sub- --  
20 below-zero, dangerous, freezing weather? Detroit's  
21 finest is better than him. It's obvious that Officer  
22 Steele doesn't ascribe to the -- I'll use the word  
23 "model" that was at the top of the first screen, which  
24 says -- the logo said this: "The DPD is a model of  
25 sustained self- -- self-sustained policing excellence

1 that places neighborhoods and people first." By his  
2 actions, Officer Steele did not put the neighborhood  
3 or citizens first.

4 It was dangerously cold that night, and, I  
5 mean, it's just beyond me how somebody could be that  
6 callous, to put that young lady out of the car and,  
7 you know, let her walk in the dark, you know; so --  
8 but, anyway, I've said what I wanted to say, and I'm  
9 not going to belabor the point. But that guy should  
10 not be allowed to wear another Detroit Police  
11 Department uniform again.

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Wilson.

13 MR. BROWN: Mr. Blount followed by Mr. Bill  
14 Wellborne.

15 MR. BLOUNT: Good afternoon, board --

16 BOARD: Good afternoon.

17 MR. BLOUNT: -- and Chief. For the  
18 record, my name's Eric Blount, lifelong Detroiter.  
19 Unlike the previous speakers, I would like to look  
20 toward the future. It was almost two years ago at  
21 Sacred Heart Church that I rose my concerns or voiced  
22 my concerns about how this board votes on critical  
23 issues and how important I think it is that the public  
24 know how each board member voted. So my concerns were  
25 around these closed sessions. I think I understand

1 some of the reasons why, but when those closed  
2 sessions result in a vote, I think we not only need to  
3 know how each commissioner voted, but we need to know  
4 the reason behind it.

5 One friend that sits on the bench said,  
6 "Hey, wait a minute. Even with the Supreme Court  
7 decisions you get to know and understand and read the  
8 dissenting point of view." So for each closed session  
9 vote, I would like a roll call in public to know how  
10 each commissioner voted and, if possible, a dissenting  
11 opinion. And I say this because I am concerned about  
12 what really happens in the closed sessions, and -- and  
13 this commission seemed to rest on the Open Meetings  
14 Act and how it allows for closed sessions. I'm not a  
15 lawyer, but I can read. I would like to know what  
16 chapter and verse in the Open Meetings Act allows for  
17 closed sessions. Thank you, board.

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Blount, let me  
19 just point one thing out to you. All of our minutes  
20 are posted online, and on those minutes, when we come  
21 out of closed session, we take a vote, and that is  
22 done in public. So everyone that votes on any  
23 issue -- that's done right before the public. It's on  
24 video, and it's in our minutes, and you can go back  
25 and review all of those closed session votes, and you

1 can see how each commissioner voted.

2 Now, for talking with them about their own  
3 personal opinion of how they voted, I would just  
4 charge with you something, that you would probably  
5 want to meet with that commissioner to talk with them  
6 one-on-one. But I just wanted to let you know that  
7 that information is captured in our minutes of how the  
8 commissioners voted.

9 MR. BLOUNT: If I could just -- what I've  
10 experienced here -- that sometimes it's -- it's a yea  
11 or nay. We don't get individual commissioners saying  
12 how they voted, and you almost have to look or know  
13 the audible sound that's coming from --

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: You're talking about  
15 two different things. You're talking about two  
16 different things. We usually do a roll call vote; am  
17 I correct?

18 MR. BLOUNT: No.

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: On the closed session  
20 issues, we've had roll call votes.

21 MR. BLOUNT: I've known and seen it not to  
22 be a roll call.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: We'll take that under  
24 consideration and make sure we do that so it can  
25 really reflect in the minutes how the commissioners



1 voted. But, to my understanding, I think we have done  
2 it, and it's in the minutes of -- of -- the results of  
3 those votes and the outcome of those -- those topics  
4 and issues that we vote on. We go into closed session  
5 because we discuss personnel issues, and that's -- we  
6 can do that under the Open Meetings Act to discuss  
7 personnel issues, and that's why we go into closed  
8 session. It may be some sensitive information; it  
9 could be under investigation; it could be an active  
10 investigation or anything like that. And it's  
11 information that should not and shall not be revealed  
12 to the public at that time when we're being asked to  
13 make a decision. That's why we go into closed  
14 session.

15 MR. BROWN: Mr. Wellborne followed by  
16 Ms. Faith.

17 MR. WELLBORNE: Good afternoon.

18 BOARD: Good afternoon.

19 MR. WELLBORNE: My name is Bill Wellborne,  
20 and I'm here to -- well, first of all, I'm back. I've  
21 been gone for about 10 weeks, and I've been doing a  
22 lot of traveling presentations.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Welcome back.

24 MR. WELLBORNE: But I'm here to let the  
25 chief know that -- I just want to personally thank

1 Sergeant Spruce and the guys at the 11th Precinct.  
2 Now, in the last year, they've had three things that  
3 they've done: They had the first responders and  
4 military, then had their Veterans Day Parade, and they  
5 just had -- last week they had the Valentine's Day  
6 luncheon, which -- they invited all of us, all the  
7 Tuskegee Airmen (inaudible) and -- the Tuskegee Airmen  
8 and the Triple Nickles -- invited us, too. And they  
9 do this every year, and these guys go all out.

10           And I told Sergeant Spruce, "I'm going to  
11 give you guys the kudos because you guys do a good  
12 job." So everybody don't have to do that. If you're  
13 out there in the cold weather, especially with the  
14 Valentine's -- the Veterans Day Parade -- it was cold  
15 that day -- I mean, extra cold, because I was up in  
16 Frankenmuth myself for the one up there, and Colonel  
17 Jefferson wasn't -- was down here. And it was cold.  
18 These guys got out there, and they put on a good  
19 parade, and they do it every year, and they honor the  
20 veterans, which I think is great. And I just wanted  
21 to personally thank them and make sure that -- I just  
22 want to make sure that they really know how we feel as  
23 a group. And, also, us and the -- the Triple  
24 Nickles -- a lot of people don't know who the Triple  
25 Nickles are. They're a black parachute group from

1 World War II.

2 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Why do you call them  
3 Triple Nickle? Why do they call them Triple --

4 MR. WELLBORNE: That's their nickname.  
5 They were a bunch of black paratroopers that did a  
6 special job that no one else could do, kind of like  
7 the Tuskegee Airmen. We would get special jobs that  
8 other people didn't do, so they would call on us to do  
9 it. And they did an excellent job of it. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you, sir.

11 MR. BROWN: Ms. Faith followed by Mr. Don  
12 Johnson.

13 MS. FAITH: Welcome, to the board.

14 BOARD: Good afternoon, Ms. Faith.

15 MS. FAITH: And happy belated Valentine's  
16 to everyone (inaudible). I appreciate everything  
17 that's been said thus far in the meeting. And  
18 pertaining to the annual report that's coming out, I  
19 can hardly wait for the accomplishments and all the  
20 achievements all done through the year. And I want to  
21 say, too, the things that chief was speaking of, about  
22 the thing that was on here about -- anyway, I'm  
23 getting old now. I don't remember everything.

24 But I do want to honor the chief today, and  
25 I want to honor all of the board members as well as

1 the citizens of the city and how you all work  
2 together. Even when there's sensitive matters that  
3 come up and there's a disagreement, one way or the  
4 other it still balances out. And then I see you all  
5 working because of the presentations that's put up on  
6 the screen. And it's -- the Green Light program --  
7 I'm astounded by it. And if there was no Green Light  
8 program, it certainly would be more dangerous for the  
9 proprietors that have businesses, and that I really  
10 appreciate you all have the Green Light program and a  
11 cease-fire program also.

12 And, also, at the last meeting that -- I  
13 want to comment on that, how they're helping the  
14 children with the police program and the community  
15 center over there, and they're wanting to have more  
16 mentors to come out. And the questions and answers  
17 that they had was wonderful just to hear. I believe  
18 that was the 9th Precinct that there was -- being --  
19 talked about that, and I wanted to honor them today.

20 And one -- one more person, Officer  
21 (inaudible). I've spoken to her over the years, and  
22 I'm astounded by the way she continues with the  
23 policies and the procedures when I call in to speak  
24 with her from time to time. So I want to give her her  
25 roses while she can smell them.

1           Also, Commissioner Brooks -- when I first  
2           came, she was very, very professional. She did not  
3           have no partiality toward me or anybody else, and  
4           that's the way all of you are, including the chief.  
5           You all keep on keeping on, and I always appreciate  
6           you. I don't care what I hear. I know what I'm  
7           seeing for years since I've been coming. I appreciate  
8           you.

9           COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: We appreciate you,  
10          too.

11          COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.

12          MR. BROWN: Mr. Johnson followed by  
13          Mr. Scotty Boman.

14          MR. JOHNSON: Good afternoon --

15          BOARD: Good afternoon.

16          MR. JOHNSON: -- to this wonderful board.  
17          Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

18          Chief, always good to see you.

19          And I just wanted to make -- I'm Don  
20          Johnson from the 12th Precinct, president of the  
21          12th Precinct community relations for now 30 years,  
22          and I just wanted to make you aware that,  
23          unfortunately, we have rededicated ourself because,  
24          unfortunately, we take for granted the policy,  
25          procedure, and protocol it takes to solve a crime. We

1 want the resolution to be as fast as the crime itself,  
2 but we have to have due process. So what we're doing  
3 in the 12th Precinct is making sure that we take a  
4 better look at that and explain it to our people,  
5 because crime is gonna be crime. We're going to  
6 resolve it; it might not be as fast as you would like  
7 it to happen. That's No. 1.

8           Number 2 is I wanted to let you know that  
9 there have been people from different precincts  
10 complaining about the 7th and 8th Precinct having  
11 their problems. Working with City-Wide -- Mr. Alvin  
12 Stokes, who is the president -- I was the president of  
13 City-Wide for 15 years -- we have resolved those  
14 issues within the 7th and the 8th Precinct. Those  
15 issues are about policy, procedure, and protocol.

16           Unfortunately, when you get new people in  
17 your organization, and we ask them about Robert's  
18 Rules, and they say, "Who is that?" we know we got a  
19 problem. So whenever new people come on, we have to  
20 explain these things to them, and sometimes it takes a  
21 long time for them to get it. But we have restored  
22 order in 7 and 8, and they're doing well, so I don't  
23 want you to get any miscommunications that we're not.

24           Last but not least, on March the 7th, at  
25 7:00 o'clock, the 12th Precinct will be honoring those

1 wounded and officers who have been killed in the line  
2 of duty with our memorial plaque on our memorial wall  
3 at 7:00 p.m., March the 7th. That's our first meeting  
4 back. We would love to see your face in the place  
5 because -- folks, let's just face it -- our police  
6 officers, men and women in blue, have a very difficult  
7 job, and, believe me, when you see this plaque -- this  
8 plaque touches every officer and everything that they  
9 do. Thank you. Have a great day. Keep up the good  
10 work.

11 MR. BROWN: Mr. Boman?

12 And, Mr. Chair, that will be your last  
13 speaker.

14 MR. BOMAN: Okay. I have two things.  
15 First of all, just harkening back again to past  
16 issues. We still have not had a -- addressing -- I  
17 have never heard this board address the matter that  
18 there is a training issue regarding use of force as  
19 exemplified by the matter in which Dwayne Jones beat  
20 on Lakeisha Williams at an emergency room and the fact  
21 that many officers feel they were trained to do that,  
22 and trainers say they train other officers to do that.  
23 That's -- there needs to be a policy change. I mean,  
24 it's bad to drop people off in the cold and take their  
25 vehicles, too, but this is something that goes back to

1 this matter of policy. Apparently, there's --  
2 apparently, there's -- a lot of people feel this is  
3 acceptable policy, and that needs to be fixed.

4           Second of all, when I was here, I heard  
5 some criticism of Commissioner Burton. And I just  
6 wanted to make it clear that I was present at that  
7 meeting also, and I don't think he was berating the  
8 chief; I think he had a strong opinion that he wanted  
9 the chief to resign the post of deputy mayor, but I  
10 don't think that would be berating the chief. It was  
11 expressing an opinion that he's entitled to and an  
12 opinion that I share, though perhaps I expressed it a  
13 little differently.

14           Also, he's been persistently supporting  
15 transparency -- and we had one person already bring up  
16 the issue of the closed meetings -- asking for  
17 transparency, asking for more information. We heard  
18 him asking for more information today, and in light --  
19 in spite of the majority of the commissioners,  
20 including the chairman who is not here, shutting him  
21 up or quieting him down or simply just voting to  
22 conceal rather than to open things up. So I can  
23 understand why he might be frustrated when the chair  
24 is trying to shut him up. And if continuing to talk  
25 when the chair is trying to silence him -- supporting



1 transparency is considered rude -- then so be it.

2 But, I mean, I think it was appropriate that if  
3 someone is trying to shut him up, that he get the --  
4 get his request out there before, you know -- before  
5 the time is up. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Boman, before you  
7 walk away, I think you're misinterpreting the fact  
8 that -- I don't think our officers were stating that  
9 they're trained to beat people, and I would appreciate  
10 if you wouldn't come before this board and make those  
11 statements. But what I would encourage you to do,  
12 sir, is talk with the chief's office, and go over to  
13 the academy and talk with the training staff over  
14 there and see how these officers are trained and  
15 prepared. I mean, they're trained to neutralize a  
16 threat, so whether -- whether -- it doesn't matter  
17 what it is or who it is. They're trained to  
18 neutralize a threat.

19 Now, the things that you saw -- you didn't  
20 see the whole scope of what went on. Okay? But what  
21 I would encourage you to do is to stop misinterpreting  
22 the words, that these officers are saying they're  
23 trained to beat people, because those are just callous  
24 words. The men and women of the Detroit Police  
25 Department are not trained to just beat people. So I

1 would appreciate it if you wouldn't come before this  
2 board and make those statements.

3 MR. BOMAN: Except that they are true,  
4 because I could forward you the video clip of them  
5 lining up and doing that at this very location.

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I've seen the video,  
7 but none of them said they are trained to beat people.

8 MR. BOMAN: He did exactly what any one of  
9 them would do, and we could see exactly what he did.  
10 So yes. If A equals B and B equals C, then it equals  
11 C.

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Make sure you go over  
13 to the training academy.

14 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair, I would  
15 offer the gentleman to meet with Assistant Chief James  
16 White, who will facilitate an opportunity to go  
17 through policy. And, if necessary, we'll invite you  
18 to come to the academy and watch our training sessions  
19 on how force is deployed and when it can be deployed.  
20 That's an open invitation.

21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the chair,  
22 maybe the civilian police academy might be helpful as  
23 well.

24 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair,  
25 absolutely. They are exposed to it, and I know we

1 have members here who are alumni, and I'm certain they  
2 would be more than willing to participate in that.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you, Chief.

4 Commissioner Dewaelsche.

5 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you,

6 Mr. Chair.

7 At the last meeting, I was not here, but I  
8 understand Ms. Brooks gave a report on some job fairs  
9 that are being held, and she asked Sergeant Gonzales  
10 to give us an update. And she's here.

11 And, Ms. Brooks, may I ask her, on behalf  
12 of our committee, to give an update because we're  
13 having a job fair today?

14 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: So that would be  
16 great.

17 Am I right? Sergeant? Could you please  
18 come to the. . .

19 SERGEANT GONZALES: Hi. Sergeant Gonzales.  
20 We are currently having our second job fair at  
21 Northwest Activities Center. It was today from 10:00  
22 to 5:00. As of 2:15 when I left, we had approximately  
23 41 applicants, qualified applicants, actually sit down  
24 on the computers and apply. With the extra 34 that  
25 sent out -- just had their interest card which -- they

1 was not able to stay for both 'cause the computers --  
2 but that's a total as of 2:15. I have not got a  
3 update.

4 But if it was not for you, ma'am, to allow  
5 us to use these buildings for free -- the computers,  
6 the staff -- we wouldn't -- this wouldn't happen. So  
7 we, with DPD -- we appreciate it.

8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you so  
9 much.

10 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question: Before you  
12 walk away, do you know how many of those was  
13 Detroiters?

14 SERGEANT GONZALES: It was a big amount  
15 that was -- that came from the city because I always  
16 ask, like, "Where are you from?" And they're from the  
17 local area, and that's the good thing about it. The  
18 three that we are hosting -- it's all in the city, and  
19 it's all -- we have southwest, northwest, and one in  
20 the east side, so it makes it available to all of our  
21 citizens in Detroit.

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: And, Mr. Chair,  
24 if I could clarify --

25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Let Commissioner

1 Brooks --

2 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Oh, no. Thank you  
3 very much, Sergeant Gonzales. I just want to make one  
4 statement, and it's not about recruiting because I  
5 know you do a great job. We talk about police  
6 officers. They have personalities. Any job you have,  
7 you can use your personality any way you want to, even  
8 though you've been trained. That's all I wanted to  
9 say. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: And just to  
11 clarify --

12 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

13 -- we're working in conjunction with the  
14 Detroit Employment Solution Corporation, who is -- who  
15 funds the one-stops, and SER Metro operates the  
16 one-stops. So we've always been working with the  
17 city -- with the Detroit Police Department. So thank  
18 you for all of your work.

19 SERGEANT GONZALES: It's definitely a team  
20 effort. There are some business cards up there for  
21 you guys that -- just to start passing them out at  
22 churches, corner stores, I mean, to anyone that you  
23 might find interested. That goes to all my DPD  
24 members as well. It takes a village, so recruit some  
25 good people.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: All right. Thank you.

2 So if there's no other business, move to

3 adjourn.

4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved,

5 Mr. Chairman.

6 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Support.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: All those in favor?

8 BOARD: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: All right. We  
10 adjourn. Thank you.

11 (The meeting was concluded at 4:02 p.m.)

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