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9	DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
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11	COMMUNITY MEETING
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13	THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 6:30 P.M.
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15	SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
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1	BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS:
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3	GREGORY HICKS, Secretary to the Board
4	WILLIE BELL, District 4, Chairperson
5	DARRYL D. BROWN, District 1, Vice-Chairperson
6	EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHE, Commissioner at Large
7	ELIZABETH BROOKS, Commissioner at Large
8	JIM HOLLEY, Commissioner at Large
9	ANNIE HOLT, Commissioner at Large
10	EVETTE GRIFFIE, Commissioner (District 2)
11	SHIRLEY A. BURCH, Commissioner (District 3)
12	WILLIE E. BURTON, Commissioner (District 5)
13	WILLIAM M. DAVIS, Commissioner (District 7)
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18	APPEARING FOR THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE:
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20	DEPUTY CHIEF TODD BETTISON
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- 1 Detroit, Michigan
- 2 Thursday, March 14, 2019
- 3 At approx 6:31 p.m.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good evening. I am
- 5 Police Commissioner Willie Bell, I represent
- 6 District 4, I serve as Chair of the Board and
- 7 will be conducting our meeting today.
- 8 On behalf of the Board for those in
- 9 attendance, thank you for joining us. For people
- viewing this meeting on your government cable
- 11 channel, thank you for viewing our meeting.
- Tonight's meeting is in District 5 and
- 13 I was waiting for Commissioner Willie Burton who
- 14 is the Police Commissioner for District 5 to
- bring some welcome remarks, but if he comes in
- shortly we will give him that opportunity.
- 17 And at this particular time invocation
- will be given by Charles Clark of the Detroit
- 19 Chaplain Corps.
- 20 CHAPLAIN CLARK: Let us pray.
- 21 (INVOCATION WAS GIVEN).
- 22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir.
- 23 Starting to my far right, I'm going to ask the
- 24 Commissioners to introduce themselves, please.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Good evening, Annie



- 1 Holt, member at large.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good evening,
- 3 Commissioner William Davis, District 7.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good evening,
- 5 Shirley Burch, District 3.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good evening,
- 7 Elizabeth Brooks, at Large.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good evening,
- 9 Darryl Brown, Vice-Chair, District 1.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Good evening, Jim
- 11 Holley, at Large.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Good evening,
- 13 Eva Garza Dewaelsche, at Large.
- 14 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Good evening,
- 15 Evette Griffie, Commissioner or District 2.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you,
- 17 Commissioners. Do we have a quorum?
- 18 SECRETARY HICKS: Yes, Mr. Chair, you
- 19 have a quorum.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Let us
- 21 move forward to approve the agenda for this
- 22 evening's meeting.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So moved.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Support.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly



- 1 move and supported. Discussion? Those in favor,
- 2 aye?
- 3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those apposed?
- 5 Motion carried. The next item will be approval
- of February 28 minutes, 2019.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Support.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly
- 10 moved and supported. Discussion? Those in
- 11 favor, aye?
- 12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Opposed? Motion
- 14 carries. Mr. Hicks, would you introduce the
- 15 Board staff, please.
- 16 SECRETARY HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 17 Just prior to introducing the Board staff I do
- 18 want to indicate at Sgt. Quinn is taping the
- 19 session this evening, Media Services is doing the
- 20 audio-visual work and Dale Rose is the court
- 21 reporter.
- Immediately to my right is Robert
- 23 Brown. If we turn our attention to the first row
- 24 we would have Ms. Blossom who is over our Media
- 25 Outreach, Ms. White who is in our Policy area.



- 1 And if we go to the second row we have
- 2 Ms. Johnson who's in our Fiscal area and then
- 3 next to Ms. Johnson of course is our HR Director
- 4 Dr. Anderson.
- 5 Then as we always do, we go to Dr.
- 6 Polly McAllister who is the Chief Investigator
- 7 for the organization who will not only introduce
- 8 herself but the balance of any OCI staff that is
- 9 here present.
- DR. McALLISTER: Good evening, Board.
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Good evening.
- DR. McALLISTER: I'm Dr. Polly
- 13 McAllister, Chief Investigator for the Office of
- 14 the Chief Investigator and attending today's
- 15 meeting with me is Supervising Investigator
- 16 Nelson, Supervising Investigator Cromwell,
- 17 Investigator Murphy and Investigator Neeley.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. I'm
- 19 going to ask Deputy Chief Todd Bettison to
- 20 introduce DPD staff, please.
- 21 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Good evening,
- 22 I'm Deputy Chief Todd Bettison and at this point
- 23 I would ask that our command officers and other
- 24 uniformed personnel introduce themselves and
- 25 we'll start with Capt. Holt.



- 1 (DPD PERSONNEL INTRODUCED THEMSELVES).
- 2 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Good to
- 4 see all of you this evening. Tonight's meeting
- 5 is the fourth community meeting of the Board of
- 6 Police Commissioners for 2019 calendar year.
- 7 We will have nine additional community
- 8 meetings this calendar year. We hope to visit
- 9 every district within the city.
- 10 I want to thank Second Baptist Church
- 11 for the use of this facility for tonight's
- 12 meeting. Many of us know the church as being one
- 13 of the most famous stations in the Underground
- 14 Railroad which facilitated some 5,000 slave
- 15 movements from Deep South to freedom.
- The mission of Second Baptist was
- 17 crafted in March, 1836 by 13 former slaves who
- 18 left the First Baptist Church due to racial
- 19 discrimination.
- 20 Second Baptist has also stood in the
- 21 forefront of service to the African-American
- 22 community through its work as part of the
- 23 Underground Railroad System to educating black
- 24 children in 1839 when it was against the law to
- 25 educate black children.



- 1 And to fighting for negro suffrage in
- 2 1843 by hosting a state convention of colored
- 3 citizens and down through the ages with community
- 4 and spiritual leadership that speaks to the heart
- 5 of the black community.
- 6 Representing Second Baptist Church
- 7 tonight is Second Baptist historian Bobby Davis.
- 8 We would like to ask historian Bobby Davis to
- 9 come forward and address the Board and give us
- 10 some highlights on the work of the church.
- I think we have a young man filling in.
- 12 That's Mr. Brown.
- 13 MR ROBERT G. BROWN: I'm Robert G.
- 14 Brown, I'm the chairman of the Historical
- 15 Committee and we have two Bobby's. Most of them
- 16 call me Bobby Brown and also the bookstore and
- 17 chairman of the tour at Second Baptist Church is
- 18 Bobby Davis.
- 19 Welcome to Second Baptist. We will
- 20 celebrate 183 years of Sunday. This is the
- 21 oldest black Baptist church in the Midwest.
- 22 (APPLAUSE.)
- MR. ROBERT G. BROWN: We have a long
- 24 history of firsts. Ralph Bunch who was able to
- 25 receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950 was a



- 1 member and baptized at Second Baptist Church.
- When Dr. King graduated from Boston
- 3 University he preached one of his first sermons
- 4 and when the Montgomery Bus Boycott was the
- 5 project, Second Baptist received a letter from
- 6 Dr. King stating that we had given more money
- 7 that any other church.
- 8 So Dr. Francis Carnegie was a member of
- 9 Second Baptist Church, the executive director of
- 10 the Urban League.
- 11 Ed Davis, the very first
- 12 African-American auto dealer was a member of
- 13 Second Baptist Church. The list goes on and on
- 14 and on.
- Rev. Holley has been here many times to
- 16 speak and my personal friend is Todd Bettison,
- 17 I've invited him so many times to come and then
- 18 Mr. Davis, so welcome and we appreciate you
- 19 coming and everything. Thank you very much.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir.
- 21 (APPLAUSE.)
- 22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Do we have any
- 23 elected officials, representatives of elected
- 24 officials in attendance this evening.
- 25 (A representative introduced himself).



- 1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any others? Any
- 2 young people in the audience this evening? Stand
- 3 up and be acknowledged. Thank all of us for
- 4 coming out for our weekly meeting and what a
- 5 history here that we all should be appreciative
- 6 of and understand that history.
- 7 If you haven't had the opportunity to
- 8 visit historically the church or the Underground
- 9 Railroad, you're missing an opportunity. You
- 10 really should know your history and this has been
- 11 really part of the Freedom Train how we arrived
- 12 and some folks don't know how we arrived, but
- 13 they should really take time to understand our
- 14 history.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: This church was a
- 16 church before the city was a city, so this church
- 17 is older than the city.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Wow, that's
- 19 awesome.
- 20 (COMMISSIONER BURTON ARRIVES.)
- 21 COMMISSIONER BELL: We will pause. I'm
- 22 going to give Commissioner Willie Burton,
- 23 District 5, an opportunity to render a welcome to
- the audience here this evening. Commissioner
- 25 Burton.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Mr.
- 2 Chairman, I want to say -- you know, thank
- 3 everybody for coming out to attend a Board of
- 4 Police Commissioners meeting in Downtown
- 5 Services.
- 6 The Board of Police Commissioners has
- 7 been around since 1974, so just want to thank you
- 8 all for coming out to the Board meeting and I'll
- 9 pass it back to you, Mr. Chairman.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir.
- 11 We'll move on to the Chairman's report. On
- 12 behalf of the Board I want to express our concern
- 13 and support for fallen and injured officers.
- 14 Out concern for officer safety and
- 15 citizen protection is ranked as two of the most
- 16 important priorities of the Board.
- 17 Our Board receives a weekly report from
- 18 the department listing injured officers. I would
- 19 ask the Deputy Chief during his remarks to
- 20 provide us with any additional information
- 21 related to injured and fallen officers.
- The Board of Police Commissioners meet
- 23 every week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas
- 24 holidays. We meet at Police Headquarters three
- 25 weeks in the month on Thursday at 3 PM.



- 1 We also meet in the community every
- 2 second Thursday of the month 6:30 PM, which is
- 3 the second Thursday of the month, that's why
- 4 we're here. Under the Detroit City Charter,
- 5 Article 7, Chapter 8, the Board of Police
- 6 Commissioners is given power to provide civilian
- 7 oversight and supervised control of the police
- 8 department. Our citizens are justified in asking
- 9 how does civilian oversight in law enforcement
- 10 help you as a citizen within our community.
- 11 Our answer is we protect the civil
- 12 rights of citizens. Oversight organizations like
- 13 the Board of Police Commissioners are at the
- 14 forefront of investigating, reviewing and
- 15 auditing individual cases of citizen complaints
- 16 and patterns of operation by police agencies to
- 17 eliminate misconduct, discriminatory police
- 18 practices and unnecessary use of force by police.
- 19 Our work is based on involvement and
- 20 supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and
- 21 respect between the police and the community is
- 22 critical towards increasing the quality of life
- 23 for residents and businesses to Detroit.
- The Board of Police Commissioners
- 25 exists to provide civilian oversight to the work



- 1 of the Detroit Police Department. As a Board we
- 2 receive and investigate non-criminal citizen
- 3 complaints, monitor of operations of the
- 4 department, work with the Mayor and the Chief of
- 5 Police to make or modify police policies.
- I want to point to seven important
- 7 items for your consideration.
- 8 The Board is continuing to work with
- 9 NACOLE, the National Association for Civilian
- 10 Oversight of Law Enforcement to host in Detroit
- 11 the national conference September 22 through 26,
- 12 2019.
- During the same time Detroit will be
- 14 celebrating our 45th year as a civilian oversight
- organization on July 22, 2019. I'll repeat this
- 16 message several time as we approach the September
- 17 conference inviting law enforcement and other
- 18 civic-minded individuals and organizations to
- 19 join us at the conference. The planning process
- 20 is well underway and, again, we invite your
- 21 participation.
- I want to acknowledge the month of
- 23 March as Women's History Month. According to the
- 24 Library of Congress Women's History Month had its
- origin as a national celebration in 1981 when



- 1 Congress passed Public Law 97-28 which authorized
- 2 and requested the President to proclaim the week
- 3 beginning March 7, 1982 as Women in History Week.
- 4 This celebration expanded in 1987 to
- 5 include the entire month of March.
- 6 According to population estimates by
- 7 the United States Census Bureau our nation has
- 8 325 million people. Of this 50.8 percent are
- 9 female. Women play a leading role in every
- 10 aspect or life within the United States.
- 11 Here in the Detroit Police Department
- 12 we have outstanding leadership in the person of
- 13 1st Assistant Chief Lashinda Stair, Personnel
- 14 Director Dr. Marcella Anderson and our Chief
- 15 Investigator Dr. Polly McAllister.
- Women made up about 35 percent of the
- 17 Detroit Police Department. And our sworn ranks
- 18 women make up 25 percent of our workforce. You
- 19 look around, you will see the faces of many women
- 20 who hold critical roles in all ranks of the
- 21 department from commanders, captains, lieutenants
- 22 and sergeants.
- 23 On our Board six of the 11 Board
- 24 members are female. Given these contributions, I
- 25 hope that throughout the month we all will look



- 1 for ways to acknowledge the contributions that
- 2 women make in the work force as well as mothers,
- 3 grandmothers, aunts and sisters.
- 4 And we know the historic role they play
- 5 in the African-American community. Without them,
- 6 we would not be who we are today because they are
- 7 really the focal point in terms of motherhood and
- 8 love and all that guidance that has served us
- 9 well over the years.
- 10 Finally I want to acknowledge the April
- 11 4, Women in Blue celebration at the MGM Grand in
- 12 Detroit. The celebration is sponsored by the
- 13 Public Safety Foundation and will highlight the
- 14 contributions that women make to public service
- 15 in our area.
- Today on our agenda we will take up an
- 17 outstanding community service award for Father
- 18 Timothy McCabe, nominated by Downtown Services.
- 19 Commissioner Willie Burton also asked
- 20 the Board to acknowledge three people from
- 21 District 5, Greg Dunmore, Tom Shouski and Barry
- 22 Blackwell. At the appropriate point in the agenda
- 23 each will be asked to come and receive a
- 24 certificate of recognition from Commissioner
- 25 Burden.



- 1 We also have two presentations to the
- 2 Board. The first will be from DPD Personnel
- 3 Director Dr. Marcella Anderson. The personnel
- 4 report was distributed this past Tuesday to each
- 5 commissioner as part of the package.
- The second presentation will come from
- 7 Downtown Services Capt. Franklin Hayes. My hope
- 8 is that Capt. Hayes wil discuss with the Board
- 9 some of the hot spots and -- Downtown Services
- 10 fight against crime.
- We also will have our regular report
- 12 from the Deputy Chief on behalf of the Chief of
- 13 Police. The Deputy Chief will review some of our
- 14 current crime stats and update us on any
- 15 additional police personnel with injuries in the
- 16 line of duty.
- 17 I would also ask the Deputy Chief to
- 18 update us on any critical issues facing the
- 19 department. Specifically I think the audit is
- 20 going to be forthcoming, but the Deputy Chief
- 21 might want to make comments in terms of the
- 22 second officer that was discharged by the Chief
- 23 this week.
- Towards the end of the meeting we will
- 25 have oral communication from the audience.



- 1 Please make sure you print your name on a
- 2 speaker's card. Cards are located in the back on
- 3 the table, could be obtained by seeing Mr. Robert
- 4 Brown to my far right. We will need your card
- 5 before the beginning of public comments. We will
- 6 hold each speaker to an allotted two minutes.
- 7 Without a card when we announce that there will
- 8 be no other speakers because we want to have our
- 9 meeting in a timely manner as we move forward.
- 10 At this time, I'll going to ask
- 11 Commissioner Willie Burton for the resolution for
- 12 Father Timothy McCabe.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Sure. Where is
- 14 Father Timothy McCabe. Where is he at?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Please come
- 16 forward.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Please come
- 18 forward, father. So the resolution honoring
- 19 Father Timothy McCabe.
- 20 WHEREAS, Father Timothy McCabe, SJ
- 21 Society of Jesus graduated from University of
- 22 Detroit, received a master's philosophy from
- 23 Loyola University in Chicago and a masters in
- 24 theology from Santa Clara University in
- 25 California.



- 1 WHEREAS, Father McCabe is currently the
- 2 executive director of the Pope Francis Center
- 3 located within Downtown Services boundaries and
- 4 St. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church which most know
- 5 as a downtown institution.
- 6 He has a passion for the poor and has
- 7 served the community at the center for 29 years
- 8 and whereas Pope Francis Center provides many
- 9 services for to homeless, the center provides not
- 10 only shelter, but service programs and services
- 11 to ensure the dignity and quality of life for
- 12 whom the center serves.
- Programs include showering, a medical
- 14 and dental clinic, grooming, meals, bikes,
- 15 repairs, al services and laundry. In 2018 under
- 16 Father McCabe's leadership the center serves
- 17 589,440 meals, wash 3,731 loads of laundry, 5,987
- 18 showers were taken and over 155,840 hours off the
- 19 streets for those who the center serves and
- 20 WHEREAS as a supporter of the Downtown
- 21 Services activities Father McCabe helps foster
- 22 better relationships with the vulnerable members
- 23 in the community and officers.
- 24 His philosophy is when we give and we
- 25 care for others, we are the recipients of that



- 1 same caring.
- 2 WHEREAS Father McCabe is on the Presume
- 3 of Care Board as well as sa member of St. Peter
- 4 St. Paul Jesuit Church described as having a
- 5 caring and intimate personality Father McCabe
- 6 enjoys running 10 K and half marathons.
- 7 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board
- 8 of Police Commissioners speaking for the citizens
- 9 of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police
- 10 Department acknowledges the dedicated diligent
- 11 commitment and support of Father Timothy McCabe,
- 12 his service and devotion to improving the quality
- 13 of life for the citizens in Downtown Detroit
- 14 Services and throughout the city of Detroit
- 15 merits our highest regards.
- 16 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
- 17 therefore be it resolved and this belongs to you.
- 18 (APPLAUSE).
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just want to
- 20 say this is my first time actually meeting Father
- 21 Timothy McCabe, but just looking at how many
- 22 people they have serviced throughout the city of
- 23 Detroit right here in downtown Detroit, you know
- 24 Detroit has still one of those most impoverished
- 25 cities in America.



- 1 They're doing something over here with
- 2 Father Timothy McCabe. Downtown Services, our
- 3 police officers on the beat, they doing something
- 4 right here in the City of Detroit right here
- 5 dealing with our community.
- 6 You all in the community that comes
- 7 down to the Board of Police Commissioners, you
- 8 are doing something. This is what service is all
- 9 about. Let's give Father Timothy McCabe a round
- 10 of applause; thank you.
- 11 (APPLAUSE).
- 12 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Stay right here
- 13 because we have more awards for you, all the
- 14 stunning great work that you do.
- So in my hand right here is a Spirit of
- 16 Detroit award from your Detroit City Council
- 17 signed by all nine councilmembers, so at this
- 18 point because Mary Sheffield's office is
- 19 represented, I'm going to ask you to step up,
- 20 Barry, and represent the good councilwoman.
- 21 And at some point I plan to get a
- 22 Spirit of Detroit Award too, but today is your
- 23 day, Father McCabe.
- 24 So Spirit of Detroit Award is presented
- 25 herewith as an expression of the gratitude and



- 1 esteem of the citizens of Detroit to Father
- 2 Timothy McCabe in recognition of exceptional
- 3 achievement, outstanding leadership and
- 4 dedication to improving the quality of life
- 5 signed by the City Council of Detroit, Michigan,
- 6 the prestigious award Spirit of Detroit.
- 7 (APPLAUSE)
- 8 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: And from Chief
- 9 Craig, your Detroit Police Department. The
- 10 Detroit Police Department Certificate of
- 11 Recognition to Father Timothy McCabe, city of
- 12 Detroit in recognition for the following
- 13 outstanding service and cooperation, your
- 14 involvement in the community and services to the
- 15 city of Detroit demonstrate a spirit and
- 16 commitment that is worthy of recognition.
- 17 Signed by your Chief of Police James E.
- 18 Craig and at this point I would ask that Capt.
- 19 Hayes come to the front as well because your
- 20 Downtown Services folks, the neighborhood police
- 21 officers, Capt. Hayes, the 3rd Precinct, we
- 22 thought that you were worthy of this award and
- 23 they made recommendations to the Chief, so --
- 24 (APPLAUSE.)
- 25 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Now we'd be



- 1 honored if you would allow us to take a group
- 2 photo with you.
- FATHER McCABE: I am truly humbled. I
- 4 had no idea what this actually was about, so I'm
- 5 kind of speechless but I would say this. I would
- 6 accept these awards only on behalf of the over
- 7 700 volunteers that come and help us serve
- 8 Detroit's most vulnerable citizens and I also
- 9 accept this on behalf of two of the finest
- 10 officers I've ever known, Officer Steven Shay and
- 11 Officer Steve E.
- 12 They are the most compassionate loving
- men to the downtown homeless population and they
- 14 go above and beyond the line of duty to make sure
- 15 that they're safe and taken care of, so thank you
- 16 very much for these awards, but really the heroes
- 17 are the police that put themselves out there on
- 18 the line and the people that come on a daily
- 19 basis to make sure that the homeless are fed and
- 20 taken care of, so thank you all very much.
- 21 (APPLAUSE).
- 22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner
- 23 Burton, would you rise to give a certificate of
- 24 recognition to the individuals you've been
- 25 designated, Dr. Dunmore, Barry Blackwell and Tom



- 1 Shouski, are they here? Would you please come
- 2 forward. Commissioner Burton, would you come
- 3 forward?
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I want to
- 5 acknowledge -- is Greg Dunmore here as well?
- 6 So I'd like to acknowledge two
- 7 individuals that's present with us. To my right
- 8 is Tom Shouski, community activist. Also guest
- 9 host on 910 AM radio station. He's a community
- 10 activist, very outspoken in the community,
- 11 standing up for what's right, standing up to
- 12 social justice, social issues.
- 13 He was also very instrumental in
- organizing, doing some things with D-15, the race
- 15 to win the minimum wage here in the state of
- 16 Michigan along with so many other things, but
- 17 more importantly he's also an entrepreneur and
- 18 his business is right here in the city of
- 19 Detroit.
- 20 So today the Board of Police
- 21 Commissioners would like to present a certificate
- 22 of recognition presented to Tom Shouski. We
- 23 hereby award this acknowledgment, this
- 24 acknowledges you for your exemplary service to
- 25 our community and I want to say keep up the good



- 1 work that you are doing and I remember 2016 we
- 2 were out there in the struggle, now we got our
- 3 sleeves rolled up for 2020, right?
- 4 MR. SHOUSKI: The fight never stopped.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So you still
- 6 feeling the burn?
- 7 MR. SHOUSKI: Still feeling the burn
- 8 and I just wanted to say that I thank you very
- 9 much, entire commission, Mr. Chairman, for this
- 10 recognition.
- 11 This is double an honor to receive this
- 12 here in a place that symbolizes the spirit of
- 13 Detroit. As Rev. Holley said before Detroit was
- 14 Detroit.
- This spirit of standing up and fighting
- 16 for justice, fighting against discrimination,
- 17 finding against criminality, is something that
- 18 this place, this church, embodies and this is
- 19 exactly what the commission embodies, this is
- 20 exactly what Detroit Police embodies.
- 21 And even though we do disagree
- 22 sometimes, we're all here coming together because
- 23 we have that same spirit and we all want to make
- 24 our city and our police department better.
- So thank you very much, Commissioner,



- 1 for the recommendation. I'm just humbled to be a
- 2 part of it.
- 3 (APPLAUSE.)
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The next one is
- 5 for -- I want -- this is a very special one as
- 6 well. They all are. Barry Blackwell, he is no
- 7 stranger to our community in District 5. He's
- 8 very hard working in our community, works for the
- 9 Hon. Council Pro Tem Mary Sheffield's office.
- 10 What he does in the community as far as
- 11 community outreach is impeccable. Let's give
- 12 Barry Blackwell a round of applause everybody.
- 13 (APPLAUSE).
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm delighted to
- 15 know him. He reminds me of so many great leaders
- 16 that organize and demonstrate and do things to a
- 17 whole 'nother level. I mean, before there was a
- 18 Martin Luther King, you know, the man was very
- 19 remarkable as far as speaking and a symbol and
- 20 organizing in the community, but what I see on
- 21 the ground level here today in the city of
- 22 Detroit in these community meetings and community
- 23 groups and how the communities come together in
- 24 District 5. District 5 knows of Barry
- 25 Blackwell.



- 1 (APPLAUSE).
- 2 MR. BLACKWELL: So good evening
- 3 everybody. I want to thank Commissioner Burton
- 4 for his leadership in District 5 and I also want
- 5 to thank this honorable body for the work that
- 6 you do every single day for the citizens that
- 7 look like me, and who are often times
- 8 marginalized. I want to thank you for that work.
- 9 I'll be honest, I was not expecting this,
- 10 Commissioner Burton, and so I am shocked in a
- 11 good way.
- 12 Angela Bassett once said when she was
- 13 receiving an Emmy or some type of an award, "I
- 14 thought I had to be dead to receive this", so I
- 15 am honored that I an able to receive my roses
- 16 today, but I'm more honored for receive roses in
- 17 a city that made me, right. I'm a Detroit boy
- 18 from Joy Road. My mom is a teacher, I grew up in
- 19 the city and so this is where I belong.
- 20 And so it's special to receive things
- 21 in a city all of you in this room, you raised me,
- 22 and so I'm honored and I appropriate it every
- 23 single day and I don't take the work that I do
- 24 for granted.
- 25 And so thank you, thank you, thank you,



- 1 thank you, thank you.
- 2 (APPLAUSE).
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you for the
- 4 hard work you're doing in the community and I'm
- 5 glad you were able to attend with us.
- 6 MR. BLACKWELL: And I have to go, I
- 7 have to go to another community meeting.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Her actually has
- 9 four meetings scheduled in this time frame but
- 10 the fact he was able to attend this meeting, I
- 11 mean that says a lot about his leadership,
- 12 because he wasn't expecting an award, but he is
- running, so let's give him another round of
- 14 applause, everybody. Thank you.
- 15 (APPLAUSE).
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Do we have Greq
- 17 Dunmore? So the next award was going to Greg
- 18 Dunmore.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Can you hold it in
- 20 abeyance since he's not here.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So I guess the
- 22 Board will hold onto this until we connect back
- 23 with Greg Dunmore; thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Let's
- 25 give the recipients, the two that were here,



- 1 another round of applause.
- 2 (APPLAUSE).
- 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: We're going to move
- 4 on to the Chief's report by Deputy Chief
- 5 Bettison, please.
- 6 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you
- 7 Chairperson Bell. Just want to say thank you for
- 8 never forgetting, Board, in each and every
- 9 Thursday that we're here you always ask about our
- 10 critically injured officers and we always take a
- 11 pledge we will never forget, so I appreciate
- 12 that.
- 13 Update on our critically injured
- 14 officers, Officer Walter Johnson who suffered a
- 15 gunshot wound in the line of duty, he's still
- 16 recuperating in a long-term care facility.
- 17 Officer Kittelberg who's from the 3rd
- 18 Precinct suffered from a quishot wound is also
- 19 recuperating at home.
- 20 Officer Christopher Thurston who had a
- 21 motorcycle accident is recuperating at home and
- 22 receiving occupational therapy.
- In regards to an update on our crime,
- 24 we're still in the first quarter, so if Chief
- 25 Craig was here he would say that in the first



- 1 quarter we don't get overly excited either
- 2 whether it's going up or down. Of course we are
- 3 trending down in most categories, but this is
- 4 still the first quarter of the year.
- 5 So in the category of homicide at this
- 6 particular point in time we're sitting on a 33
- 7 percent reduction, and just for the audience to
- 8 give you whole numbers last year at this time
- 9 2018 we had 45 homicides. 2019 we're sitting at
- 10 30 homicides.
- 11 Sexual assault, that category we are
- 12 up, we're up 19 percent and I'll circle back
- 13 around and talk about that, but with sexual
- 14 assaults those are not -- we don't have an
- 15 individual out there as far as stranger on
- 16 stranger. These -- the majority of those CSCs,
- 17 sexual assaults, fall in the category of known
- 18 offender. We're talking about folks in the
- 19 households, relatives, things of that nature.
- 20 And then also receive many reports that
- 21 we get from social service agencies, schools, we
- 22 call those law enforcement notifications LENs, so
- 23 that has created an uptick in the way that we
- 24 categorize our sexual assaults as well.
- The category of robbery, we're down 11



- 1 percent on robberies. To give you an idea 2018
- 2 we had 387, 2019 344. With the category of
- 3 robbery which of course is a violent crime, a
- 4 crime of opportunity, I'll circle around and talk
- 5 about one exciting event where we hit our 500th
- 6 Green Light location, we just celebrated that
- 7 this week with a press conference.
- 8 And with Green Light the way the
- 9 cameras are positioned it's decreasing the
- 10 opportunity for robbers to be able to rob folks
- 11 because it's cutting into their space also giving
- 12 criminal only one bite at the apple if they do
- 13 decide to commit a robbery because with video
- 14 footage we're able to solicit the community's
- 15 help and easily identify folks, get them into
- 16 custody and on the prosecution end it works very
- 17 well because you got them on HD video and it's
- 18 them and they plead out pretty quickly to that,
- 19 there's no defense.
- 20 Carjackings which is a sub-category of
- 21 robbery, 61 percent down which is significant
- 22 because that's the reason that Chief Craig
- 23 actually created the Green Light program because
- 24 when he arrived here in 2013 he said that -- and
- 25 of course carjackings was at a all-time high,



- 1 they were of course occurring at gas stations,
- 2 fast food places, they were occurring at spots
- 3 where customers typically go and businesses that
- 4 stayed open late at night.
- 5 Our aggravated assault we're up 5
- 6 percent. To give you an idea of whole numbers
- 7 1,353 in 2018, 1,427 in 2019. The category of
- 8 aggravated assault falls into the any time
- 9 someone is assaulted with a weapon, it could be
- 10 somebody pulling a gun on an individual, it could
- 11 also include our category of non-fatal shootings.
- In the category of non-fatal shootings
- 13 this year we're down 15 percent which is
- 14 significant. Last year at this time we had 447
- 15 persons shot that were not fatally injured, this
- 16 year we're sitting at 104. Not waving a white
- 17 flag of success, still much work to do.
- 18 Total violent offenses, we're up 2
- 19 percent. As a crime of property offenses,
- 20 burglaries we're down 6 percent, larcenies which
- 21 is the theft of your property, meaning somebody
- 22 stole your purse, somebody took something from
- 23 you, not physically but swiped it. We're down 18
- 24 percent in that category.
- 25 Stolen vehicles we're down 8 percent.



- 1 Last year at this time we had 1,132. This year
- 2 we have 1,037. Last year at this time -- and
- 3 often times we'll hear us say we're fighting our
- 4 numbers, fighting success. What that means is
- 5 we've been reducing crime year after year after
- 6 year.
- 7 Some folks will say it doesn't feel
- 8 like it. However, what I will say to you is, our
- 9 crime rate is still too high, but we are making
- 10 progress and we will continue working hard and
- 11 working in a smarter fashion to do so.
- 12 Total Part 1 offenses we're down 8
- 13 percent. Also, Commissioner Bell, in regards to
- 14 the other topics that you had asked me to speak
- on, this Tuesday the Chief had a press conference
- 16 where we announced the termination of Michael
- 17 Garrison and if anyone is familiar with the
- 18 racist Snapchat post that was posted about a
- 19 month and a half ago where we had two Detroit
- 20 police officers in a vehicle with the
- 21 African-American young lady where her car was
- 22 towed and they recorded it on their cell phones
- 23 and they tweeted out or put on social media with
- 24 her walking. I think everybody has seen that in
- 25 the news, so a couple of weeks ago the officer



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- 1 that actually put it out on social media, he was
- 2 terminated and his partner was terminated this
- 3 week.
- 4 Many folks came out and asked Chief
- 5 Craig immediately because it created a lot of
- 6 community outcry and the response was they wanted
- 7 those officers terminated immediately.
- 8 But officers are afforded due process
- 9 just like any other citizen is afforded due
- 10 process and we definitely allowed a full and
- 11 thorough investigation looking at all the facts,
- 12 interviewing all the witnesses, looking at all
- 13 the evidence and based off that Internal Affairs
- 14 investigation administratively the Chief
- 15 exercised his power to terminate.
- 16 Also the Chief has submitted
- information, warrant request, over to the Wayne
- 18 County Prosecutor's Office in regards to that and
- 19 she's reviewing evidence as well to see whether
- 20 or not any criminal laws were broken in regards
- 21 to that.
- 22 I've touched on the fact that we
- 23 celebrated our 500th Green Light location in the
- 24 Avenue of Fashion, it's a minority-owned
- 25 business, a fashion store called 313 and I was



- 1 there celebrating there as well.
- 2 And I will tell you -- I'm not doing a
- 3 plug for them, I have no ownership in the
- 4 business, but there's some very very nice clothes
- 5 there, I was very impressed with the young man
- 6 and I will be going back purchasing some
- 7 merchandise.
- 8 So when you see me on my 313 and
- 9 looking very fashionable, you can go to the
- 10 Avenue of Fashion and get you some of that gear
- 11 also.
- With that, Commissioner Bell, I'll
- 13 entertain any questions from the Board.
- 14 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I just want to
- 15 say that I love seeing the carjacking numbers
- 16 come down because I do recall a few years ago
- 17 there being a lot of noise around the number of
- 18 carjackings and people not feeling safe in their
- 19 own neighborhoods when they go get gas and I
- 20 think -- I do think the Green Light effort has
- 21 helped in that area and I just want to highlight
- 22 that success.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other
- 25 commissioners?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the
- 2 Chair, my question is for Deputy Chief Bettison.
- 3 As you know, we've seen a lot of growth with
- 4 Project Green Light.
- 5 What should we expect in the future?
- 6 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: We're going to
- 7 continue. We have business owners and we have a
- 8 pipeline of folks that want to become part of
- 9 Project Green Light and we started out with eight
- 10 gas stations and that was back in 2015. And I
- 11 was a part of the original talking and meeting
- 12 with the gas station owners and never expected it
- 13 to get here, but just by popular demand various
- 14 businesses wanted to be a part of it, churches
- 15 want to be a part of it because it was originally
- 16 meant for gas stations, liquor stores and
- 17 restaurants that stayed open late because, like
- 18 Commissioner Griffie alluded to, it was started
- 19 to abate the carjacking problem.
- 20 So right now community members just
- 21 that overall sense of security -- and I will tell
- 22 you this too. Project Green Light, the way the
- 23 cameras are positioned, there's positioned for
- 24 the benefit of the community. Those are our
- 25 audio-visual extraction team goes out and works



- 1 with the owners not just to protect their
- 2 property, but to protect the customers.
- 3 And we make sure that the cameras are
- 4 positioned so that they can see onto the streets
- 5 as well, meaning like a bus stop or something
- 6 that is adjacent because we know that
- 7 perpetrators who commit robberies, we've studied
- 8 that and we know that when you go to the side of
- 9 the business, that's where they're going to
- 10 attempt to rob you.
- We know that by the air pump, so we
- 12 want to make sure that we had coverage of that
- 13 area and the owners that work with us.
- So with that being said, we're
- 15 expanding. We have members that want to sign up
- 16 and I will say by next year at this time we may
- 17 have 600, but here's the thing. The City of
- 18 Detroit, the Mayor's office, the City Council,
- 19 we're making an investment so that we're hearing
- 20 more analysts and that with Project Green Light
- 21 with our Realtime Crime Center that's at
- 22 headquarters the Mayor announced in his State of
- 23 the City that we're going to have a Mini Realtime
- 24 Crime Center over at the 8th Precinct and we're
- 25 going to put another one at the 9th Precinct so



- 1 that the citizens and business owners can be
- 2 assured that as more folks come online with Green
- 3 Light that we have the capacity to be able to
- 4 deliver the promise that we promised with Green
- 5 Light.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Deputy
- 7 Chief. Yes, ma'am.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BUNCH: DC Bettison, could
- 9 you share with the people regarding the Mayor's
- 10 comments on the Green Light how it would have
- 11 affect traffic lights? He did bring that up in
- 12 his speech.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: I'll do my best
- 14 to recant that. The Mayor because we've been
- 15 successful at Project Green Light, one of the
- 16 things that we're doing is with our traffic
- 17 lights, we connected the existing camera systems
- 18 to our Realtime Crime Center, so along Warren
- 19 Avenue we got guite a few cameras that have --
- 20 that are at traffic lights.
- 21 So we are connecting those to out
- 22 Realtime Crime Center but in the year 2020, by
- 23 2020 I forget the exact number, but I believe
- 24 it's somewhere -- and I'm going the say
- 25 approximate so you can't hold me to it, but I



- 1 believe it's going to be over 1,000 cameras that
- 2 will be at various traffic lights within the city
- 3 of Detroit to help us be able to reduce crime
- 4 within the city.
- 5 So that's going to be very exciting
- 6 because our officers are already working as hard
- 7 as we can, but we have to utilize technology so
- 8 that we can work in a smarter fashion and our
- 9 citizens deserve it. Thank you, Commissioner
- 10 Burch.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you. You
- 12 know, DC, I just want to say to you it does take
- 13 everybody to help the police, they can't do it
- 14 alone, so when you do see something, they ask you
- 15 to report it, is that correct?
- 16 We can only do what -- you have an
- 17 awesome job, but the community has ro raise and
- 18 tell -- see what you see, thank you.
- 19 And I also just wanted to just share
- 20 with you, DC Bettison, you all are doing a
- 21 fantastic job. I happen to visit Number 9
- 22 Precinct No. 9 and Comm. Decker is here.
- I wanted to acknowledge him and also
- 24 our 11th Precinct how the community just rises
- 25 together and what they're going to come up with



- 1 in No. 11 is what they call Coffee with a Cop.
- 2 This is going to bring more of an interesting and
- 3 different avenue for citizens to speak, DC
- 4 Bettison, so I want to commend Comm. Slappy, No.
- 5 9 and NO. 11, I know you all think I'm
- 6 prejudiced, but that is my precinct.
- 7 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you,
- 8 Commissioner Burch.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. If
- 10 there's no other remarks, we're going to move
- on to our HR report, Dr. Anderson, please.
- DR. ANDERSON: Good evening, honorable
- 13 Board and the community. I want to bring to you
- our monthly report for the month of February.
- 15 The report will provide a summary of
- 16 our HR activities for February, 2019. For our
- 17 sworn employment we are budgeted for 2,639
- 18 positions. We have 2,460 of those positions
- 19 filed, leaving us with 179 vacancies.
- We are budgeted for 683 civilian
- 21 positions. We have 600 filled leaving us with 83
- 22 vacancies.
- 23 As we go through to our sworn
- 24 recruiting numbers, the numbers are for the
- 25 fiscal year starting July 1, 2018. We've had



- 1 2,578 applicants, 375 are awaiting MCOLES
- 2 testing, 46 are in process, we've hired 73, we
- 3 have 305 listed as a lack of interest, we have
- 4 1,326 listed as temporary disqualified and 453 as
- 5 permanently disqualified.
- 6 On Page 2 of the report our numbers for
- 7 our written and physical ability are as such. We
- 8 had 39 applicants scheduled for the written, 33
- 9 appeared, 26 passed, seven failed and six were no
- 10 shows. We had 97 applicants scheduled for the
- 11 physical agility, 70 appeared, 26 passed, 44
- 12 failed and 27 were no shows.
- We had zero applicants graduate from
- 14 the Police Academy for the month of February. We
- 15 have 27 new hires, seven civilian new hires, one
- 16 police assistant which gave us a total of 35 new
- 17 hires for the month of February.
- For our residency numbers, we have 575
- 19 sworn members who live in the city of Detroit, we
- 20 have 1,826 members who are non-Detroiters. We
- 21 have 350 civilians who live in the city and 250
- 22 non-Detroiters. Of our police assistants, 33
- 23 live in the city, 26 do not.
- Our student intern program, we are in
- 25 the process of planning with Wayne State. We



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- 1 have an upcoming meeting with them. When I say
- "we", the HR team and myself. Our attrition for 2.
- 3 the month of February, we lost 18 sworn, eight
- civilians, one police assistant with a total loss 4
- of 27. 5
- Our leave of absence and restricted 6
- duty at the bottom of Page 2, for sworn officers 7
- we have 15 on continuous FMLA, 90 on intermittent 8
- 9 FMLA, one on medical, two on military, zero on
- personal/educational leave, 148 restricted, 34 10
- 11 disabled.
- 12 For our civilians we have four on
- continuous FMLA, 87 on intermittent FMLA, five on 13
- 14 medical, zero miliary, zero educational leave,
- 15 zero restricted, zero disability.
- 16 Going to our final page, our sworn
- 17 officers suspension we have 13 police officers
- that are suspended, one detective, one sergeant, 18
- 19 one commander or command staff for a total of 16.
- 20 Our monthly separations are listed
- We lost 10 to retirement, five to 21
- resignation, one to death, two dismissal for a 2.2
- 23 total of 18. We also have listed here the number
- that are in our drop program, and that's 529. 2.4
- 25 That's the end of my report.



- I want to bring your attention to the
- 2 monthly separation report and it's the last
- 3 section of your attrition tab. I added the last
- 4 names of those that are being separated monthly.
- 5 If you also go to the suspension tab we have the
- 6 last names. I thought this would be a good way
- 7 to see kind of who was suspended, who resigned.
- 8 Sometimes we have people that will resign under
- 9 charges and we have people who will resign or
- 10 people who are terminated, and this way we can
- 11 kind of correlate the names by using the last
- 12 names.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners, any
- 14 questions or concerns?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes, I have a
- 16 question. I heard you say this before, lack of
- 17 interest. This time you had 305.
- DR. ANDERSON: Yes.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Do these
- 20 applicants decide after they've taken the test
- 21 that they have no lack of interest?
- 22 DR. ANDERSON: Sometimes they don't get
- 23 to that part. We try to contact them, they don't
- 24 return our calls, we send e-mails, things like
- 25 that. They don't follow up with us, so then we



- 1 assume that they're no longer interested.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other
- 4 commissioners?
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Does it look like
- 6 the trend is more and more outside Detroiters as
- 7 being sworn or is it staying the same or how does
- 8 the trend look to you?
- 9 DR. ANDERSON: It's just kind of
- 10 staying the same. I think it's staying the same.
- 11 We are trying our best to recruit more
- 12 Detroiters. This week I went to a school
- 13 actually and I spent time at a high school that
- 14 had a criminal justice program.
- We're trying to implement additional
- 16 initiatives so that we can recruit more
- 17 Detroiters.
- 18 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I just wanted to
- 19 say as I was walking in -- I was just talking to
- 20 DC Bettison about this -- as I was walking in I
- 21 parked outside and a gentleman approached me with
- 22 his son and he said, "Hey, somebody told me
- 23 you're with the police department" and he said,
- "I really want to be a police officer."
- 25 He mentioned that he had some kind of a



- 1 legal issue and had questions about whether he
- 2 was eligible it being a misdemeanor and so I came
- 3 in, I got his information and I came in and I
- 4 talked to the DC Bettison, so I think based on
- 5 that interaction he was in the military, I don't
- 6 know whether he's actually going to be eligible,
- 7 but it does appear that there is a stigma out
- 8 there for some people about what qualifies or
- 9 disqualifies them from being eligible.
- 10 So I'm sure that you -- I know you guys
- 11 all do great work working with some of my
- 12 colleagues at the table, but I think that's one
- of the challenges is that people aren't aware if
- 14 they have some background what is permissible and
- 15 what is not permissible in order to be eligible
- 16 to be a police officer.
- 17 DR. ANDERSON: Thanks for bringing that
- 18 to our attention. I think that we could possibly
- 19 try to do some additional marketing to make
- 20 people aware because we may be missing a huge
- 21 number of people.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you for the
- 23 report. To the questions that the Commissioner
- 24 asked a few minutes ago about the lack of
- 25 interest after they passed the tests, my question



- 1 is this.
- I wanted to make sure you knew what i
- 3 was talking about. Do you know what I'm talking
- 4 about, the commissioner meant the fact that
- 5 there's several people that basically no interest
- 6 because you called them and they didn't return
- 7 the call or if they has passed the test?
- DR. ANDERSON: In some cases yes, and
- 9 in some cases no.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So do you feel
- 11 like based on the fact we're trying so hard is it
- 12 possible that -- and I'm still looking for an
- investigation to help and I'm willing to do
- 14 whatever I can.
- 15 If I could go and talk to the person
- 16 that basically has did all this and then we just
- 17 basically -- and I just want to know why you
- 18 decided not to continue.
- 19 Is that possible, is that going beyond
- 20 the pale?
- 21 LT. COLES: Through the Chair, Lt.
- 22 James Coles, Recruiting. Sir, it would be
- 23 entirely possible, but we can't get them on the
- line. When we reach out to them, they don't
- 25 respond to it. When we e-mail them, they don't



- 1 come back to us. So yes, that would be wonderful
- 2 if we could, but we don't have the opportunity to
- 3 talk to them.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So if you could
- 5 pick me up, we go to the house and if he and she
- 6 is not there, we leave a letter. In other words,
- 7 I'm asking, can we just go based on the fact of
- 8 what we're really trying to do to make sure that
- 9 we just do everything we can.
- 10 If we could -- I'm willing to do that.
- 11 The second thing I -- and I thank you for the
- 12 report. I just want you to think about it,
- 13 because all of us here are trying so hard from
- one end to the other to help you.
- I still want to help and God has given
- 16 me a gift of persuasion and so if you could let
- 17 me use that.
- 18 The other thing, I see where you have a
- 19 relationship with Wayne State in your report and
- 20 I'm okay with that, I'm a graduate of Wayne
- 21 State, I love Mr. Hope and all the people there,
- 22 but I'm also partial a little bit now with Wayne
- 23 County Community College, so is there anything I
- 24 can do to help you to have a program in there
- 25 with -- we got a lot of young people that



- 1 basically just really need direction.
- 2 And so could you think about how we can
- 3 develop a relationship and I can help you with
- 4 that as well.
- DR. ANDERSON: Absolutely, thank you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you for
- 7 allowing me those remarks, Mr. Chairman.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BELL: I think what the
- 9 Commissioner is asking that perhaps you get that
- 10 no contact, perhaps you can give us a sit of some
- of the individuals by name, address, whatever
- 12 that is and maybe we can intervene and try to
- 13 make that effort on your behalf, on our behalf.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I want you to go
- 15 with me though.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BELL: But I'm willing to
- 17 make some telephone calls. I'm not willing to go
- door to door, but I'm willing to make some
- 19 telephone calls. The Commissioner is asking that
- 20 maybe he can work with two or three or whatever
- 21 that is in terms of reaching out.
- I think that's something that we all
- 23 might want to do in terms of a name, telephone
- 24 number, contacts, but we appreciate that effort.
- 25 So Commissioner Brooks.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I just want to
- 2 say we have a very strong relationship with the
- 3 college. We started, we've done -- oh, by gosh,
- 4 we've done all their campuses and it's time for
- 5 us to start again, but we have a very strong
- 6 relationship there.
- 7 So anyone you want to know there, and
- 8 you can sit on the board. I know everyone --
- 9 most of the people there. We started out when we
- 10 got a recruiting committee we started out at
- 11 Wayne County Community College.
- 12 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Through the
- 13 Chair, I just want to say one of the things that
- 14 could be causing a lack of interest is we have to
- 15 figure out a way to concentrate on the secondary
- 16 support system which are the families and the
- 17 friends, the dream killers.
- 18 So what will happen is I may be
- interested and I'll apply and then I'll tell
- 20 everybody and then when I get home and tell my
- 21 mom, she's like, "I don't want you to do that. I
- 22 don't want you to go get killed".
- 23 And I'm speaking from experience
- 24 because this is the conversation that I had when
- 25 I went home and told my family, so we all want --



- 1 African-American, we want police officers that's
- 2 reflective of the community, but we have to
- 3 change the narrative also in the community that
- 4 yes, your son, yes, your daughter, yes, we need
- 5 them to step up as well.
- 6 It's honorable, it's a great
- 7 profession, and you can make a decent living with
- 8 it so I want to definitely get more involved and
- 9 help out with that.
- I was a student and somebody reached
- 11 out to me and I didn't understand salary because
- 12 I came from a household where I was making \$3.35
- per hour but when they told me I could make \$13
- 14 an hour, I got interested real fast, so mom
- 15 couldn't talk me out of it at that point. So I
- 16 definitely want to help out too, Commissioner
- 17 Holley.
- 18 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Two thoughts
- 19 came to mind while we're sitting at the table and
- 20 I'm not sure if you have already worked on this,
- 21 but one, is there a referral program in the
- 22 Detroit Police Department, so do officers get
- 23 financial benefits?
- DR. ANDERSON: It's \$350 stipend.
- 25 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Has that been



- 1 successful or a good draw?
- 2 LT. COLES: Through the Chair, yes, it
- 3 has. They are very excited about bringing people
- 4 in. The only thing is they have -- the candidate
- 5 has to make it through the academy so they have
- 6 to actually start the academy.
- 7 So sometimes you have somebody that
- 8 they say shows the interest up front and then
- 9 when they start getting to the process they might
- 10 slack off. But most of the time if you have that
- officer who's supporting you, they're kind of
- 12 making sure that you go through.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I'm wondering if
- 14 we might consider increasing that to \$500 if it's
- 15 already something, that might be something we
- 16 might consider investing in.
- 17 LT. COLES: And I did want to add too,
- in a lot of instances when we talk to the
- 19 officers they actually use that money for the
- 20 candidates when they graduate. So like they'll
- 21 buy them supplies and equipment after they
- 22 graduate so they will have it.
- 23 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: That's awesome,
- 24 that's very honorable. The second thing that I
- 25 wrote down was because of my conversation just



- 1 three minutes ago was this gentleman was
- 2 ex-military.
- 3 And I asked him why do you want to be
- 4 in the police department and he said because
- 5 there's no place I can get that brotherhood from
- 6 -- like I had in the military, so it just dawned
- 7 on me that people think that -- to your point,
- 8 you know, mom and dad may say why do you want to
- 9 be in the police department, but someone who has
- 10 a military background may be more likely to
- 11 overcome those kind of obstacles.
- 12 And I'm not sure if there is a pipeline
- 13 that we have with some with the local military,
- 14 but that might be another avenue.
- DR. ANDERSON: Our field recruiter,
- 16 Sqt. Gonzales, she works with our local military
- 17 base.
- 18 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Have you been
- 19 successful there.
- 20 SGT. GONZALES: Good evening, Board.
- 21 Sqt. Gonzales. Actually we are implementing with
- 22 the direction of the director and AC Stair we are
- 23 going to start a program, it's called Pays
- 24 Program. Another big city started it.
- It's when the military are getting out.



- 1 60 days prior we are going to start a connection
- 2 with them, start an application process, do the
- 3 interview process to try to get them on board
- 4 before they even exit out of the military where
- 5 there won't o gap in-between.
- 6 On top of that, I do visit -- not just
- 7 me, my field recruiting unit, we visit -- we go
- 8 at 5:30 in the morning. There's been a couple of
- 9 command staff that come along with us that are
- 10 prior military and visit all the reserve units
- 11 when they're doing their weekend warrior to all
- 12 the different bases.
- We just had a veterans hiring event
- 14 last weekends and anything that has to do with
- 15 the military, that's a program we're doing. We
- 16 also ask just touch bases with the Hiring Our
- 17 Heroes component. We're trying to collaborate
- 18 with them to see if there's something we could
- 19 do.
- 20 Even though it's based out of Chicago,
- 21 there's still a lot of military members that have
- 22 to go to Chicago to get exited out of active duty
- 23 that we are going to start with that program.
- We might have to go down there once a
- 25 month to get this connection going, but it's



- 1 something that we're looking into to bring all
- 2 the members that's close to our area that's going
- 3 to be willing to join our program.
- 4 And that's actually -- the Hiring Our
- 5 Heroes is for all the branches, unlike that Pays
- 6 systems is just the Army, they're the only ones
- 7 that actually have something like that so far.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, I'd
- 9 like to ask the other lady something. Have you
- 10 ever thought like -- could you share briefly what
- 11 process is it when you're recruiting at that
- 12 particular place, could you just briefly tell us
- 13 the questions that you ask and then my thought is
- 14 why not try a buddy system.
- 15 Like if you're getting that person's
- 16 name and address and phone number ask them do you
- 17 have a friend or somebody that encourages you
- 18 because like Bettison said many times family can
- 19 discourage you.
- 20 Have you ever thought of maybe using
- 21 some buddy that if you can't reach that
- 22 particular person that loses interest, you can
- 23 call that other person maybe to encourage them to
- 24 at least answer the phone.
- 25 Have you ever thought about a buddy



- 1 system?
- 2 DR. ANDERSON: We have not utilized a
- 3 buddy system.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: But why not huh?
- 5 DR. ANDERSON: I think it's a good idea
- 6 to ask them when they come in when they're
- 7 interested if they no someone else that's
- 8 interested and get that person's information that
- 9 we can follow up with that person as well.
- I think that's a good idea.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: And like I'm
- 12 asking you, what particular place are you, the
- 13 location, when you're recruiting? Like I spoke
- 14 to St. Gonzales, it may be in a supermarket.
- I just want you to briefly share just a
- 16 few of the questions, what do you ask?
- DR. ANDERSON: Sgt. Gonzales actually
- 18 does still recruiting. Lt. Coles does our
- 19 recruiting. They can answer those questions
- 20 better for you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BELL: We're going to try
- 22 to wrap this up. Recruiting is a critical
- 23 ongoing matter. Each meeting we spend a lot ot
- 24 time. This department, this Board is going all
- 25 out to try to recruit.



- 1 It's a difficult task. It's not the
- 2 most attractive job in Detroit or this nation,
- 3 but we are spending 110 percent trying to
- 4 recruit, that is clear since I've been on board
- 5 of this Board since 2014.
- 6 So we just need to do our part
- 7 aggressively, so can we sort of close it out
- 8 somewhat?
- 9 DR. ANDERSON: Yes. Just for a point
- 10 of clarification, I do want to make clear that
- 11 those that are listed as lack of interest have
- 12 not necessarily completed the entire process and
- 13 all of a sudden decided they're no longer
- 14 interested.
- They may have applied, but not uploaded
- 16 their proper documentation, for example their
- 17 driver's license and things like that. They may
- 18 have applied, but not went through with
- 19 completing and passing their MCOLES exam and
- 20 that's when we shift them also into that lack of
- 21 interest.
- 22 So when you do seek out and try to go
- 23 knocking on the doors and getting -- we want to
- 24 do that for those who have at least gone halfway
- 25 through the process so that we don't waste the



- 1 Commissioners' time as well.
- 2 Also I want to thank you all for
- 3 recommending Wayne County Community College and
- 4 also sharing that you have those points of
- 5 contact. We reached out to Wayne State just to
- 6 get the process back rolling because for some
- 7 reason they discontinued the internship program,
- 8 but I will reach out to you so that you can put
- 9 me in contact with their contacts so that we can
- 10 incorporate Wayne County Community College and
- 11 local universities.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BELL: And thank you. We
- 13 have a great relationship with Wayne County
- 14 Community College. Our former director James
- 15 Jackson is head of Public Safety and there are
- 16 several former police officers in all ranks that
- 17 teach in Wayne County Community College so we
- 18 have had two meetings there, we have ongoing
- 19 fairs, so there is a bonding there with Wayne
- 20 County.
- 21 Dr. Ivy and their team are committed to
- 22 providing public safety in terms of different
- 23 areas of not just policing, EMT and etc, etc, so
- 24 we have a working relationship.
- 25 Thank you, Dr. Anderson.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I got to hook up
- 2 though.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Rev. Holley got to
- 4 hook up. He going to report out next month.
- 5 We're going to move on to Downtown Services.
- 6 CAPT. HAYES: Good evening, esteemed
- 7 Board, colleagues, my Downtown Services team,
- 8 community members and quests.
- 9 I'm Franklin Hayes, Detroit Police
- 10 Department Captain, commanding officer of
- 11 Downtown Services.
- 12 Downtown Services is a Detroit Police
- 13 Department entity that provides police services
- 14 to the 2 square miles of downtown Detroit. Our
- 15 boundaries or the Fisher Freeway to the north,
- 16 I-375 Freeway to the east, Rosa Parks Boulevard
- 17 to the west and the Detroit River to the south.
- Organizationally we fall under the
- 19 Chief's Neighborhood Liaison. Under the
- 20 leadership of Deputy Chief Todd Bettison Downtown
- 21 Services, Gaming, Special Events, and the 3rd
- 22 Precinct make up that cluster of entities under
- 23 -- we call it C&L.
- 24 Downtown Services touts a very diverse
- 25 composition of personnel assigned to complete its



- 1 mission. As sworn officers civilian traffic
- 2 controllers, neighborhood police officers, sworn
- 3 police officers, police assistants as well as
- 4 officers specialized training and utilize
- 5 specialized tools such as mountain bikes.
- 6 Some of our functions includes traffic
- 7 management, again mountain bike patrols, foot
- 8 beats, response vehicles and patrol beats as well
- 9 as motorcycles and scooters.
- 10 Traffic control is a large function of
- 11 what it is that we do. Both vehicular and
- 12 pedestrian, our officers successfully ensure the
- 13 safe and orderly flow of traffic and adequate
- 14 safety for each spectator in downtown. Whether
- 15 it be they live, work or play that is our
- 16 mission.
- 17 This uniform presence in traffic
- 18 coordination along with crime suppression is also
- 19 utilized in the event of we have any protests or
- 20 demonstrations. Downtown Services is also unique
- 21 because we are the gateway to the U.S.
- 22 On our southern border we have the
- 23 Detroit-Windsor Tunnel that estimates show that
- over 13,000 daily use that to both exit and enter
- 25 the U.S. That encompasses passenger vehicles,



- 1 tour buses as well as commercial vehicles.
- 2 High visibility, and again, crime
- 3 suppression around some of the venues in downtown
- 4 Detroit is also an essential function. Some of
- 5 these venues include Comerica Park, Fox Theatre,
- 6 St. Andrews Hall, the TCF Exhibition Center or
- 7 formerly known as Cobo Center, Ford Field, the
- 8 Music Hall, the Gem Theatre, Masonic Temple,
- 9 Filmore, Orchestra Hall, Detroit Opera Hall and
- 10 we even assist with Chene Park.
- In this very corridor we're in
- 12 currently is Greektown. I's like to acknowledge
- 13 two of the Greektown merchants that are in
- 14 attendance today, Mr. Spiro Vanvacus, owner of
- 15 Pappi's as well as Mr. Yani Dianesapoous, owner
- of Golden Fleece and Exodus, two very very
- 17 responsible business owners in the Downtown
- 18 Services footprint.
- 19 As I mentioned, some of the venues that
- 20 we police, there's been conversation, I was
- 21 actually looking in the crowd for Mr. Peter
- 22 Rhodes who had a grave concern that the resources
- 23 and the taxpayers' dollars is costing the City
- 24 for these for-profit venues.
- I'm very happy to report that the City



- of Detroit has recouped those tax dollar funds.
- 2 From 2007 from the stadiums alone we recouped
- 3 \$700,348.87 and in 2018 we recouped \$1,297,227.20
- 4 for a grand total of \$2,003,576.07.
- 5 (APPLAUSE.)
- 6 CAPT. HAYES: I'd like to bring up the
- 7 second in command, 1st Lt. Pride Henry to address
- 8 year-to-date statistics and our crime-fighting
- 9 strategies.
- 10 lst LT. HENRY: Good evening, Board
- 11 members. My name is Lt. Pride Henry, I work
- 12 Downtown Services up under Capt. Hayes. So what
- 13 I'm going to report out tonight is our crime
- 14 data, our crime trends and our crime strategies.
- 15 We talk about our crime data, we talk
- 16 about our weekly comparables, our 28-day
- 17 comparables and our year-to-date comparables.
- I'm happy to report that we are
- 19 actually trending down in all categories with the
- 20 exception of one. Now, we know our biggest
- 21 thorn, there are larcenies and motor vehicle
- 22 thefts, but I'll go through these real quickly.
- So when we go across the board, weekly
- 24 comparables, 28-day comparables and year-to-date
- 25 comparables murder we're zero across the board.



- 1 We talk about CSC. Weekly comparables
- 2 100 percent decrease. Talk about same category,
- 3 28-day comparables, 75 percent decrease.
- 4 Year-to-date comparables 25 percent decrease.
- 5 Talk about robberies. We look at
- 6 comparables, zero. We talk about 28-day
- 7 comparables 100 percent decrease. We talk about
- 8 year-to-date comparables 43 percent decrease.
- 9 Aggravated assault, weekly comparables
- 10 50 percent decrease, 28-day comparables, 53
- 11 percent decrease and year-to-date comparables 35
- 12 decrease, overall total for crime victims 37
- 13 percent decrease.
- Now, we drop down to our property
- 15 crimes. Weekly comparables 0 percent. 28-day
- 16 comparables -- I'm, burglary, forgive me.
- 17 28-day comparables, 33 percent
- 18 decrease. Year-to-date comparables 11 percent
- 19 decrease. Larcenies as I spoke of, one of our
- 20 problematic areas, weekly comparables.
- We have a slight uptake 73 percent.
- 22 Now, I'm going to circle back around to that.
- 23 28-day comparable, 34 percent decrease.
- Your year-to-date comparables 28
- 25 percent decrease.



- 1 Motor vehicle theft, we had a spike in
- 2 that, 20 percent increase for the weekly
- 3 comparable. 28-day comparable is 78 percent
- 4 increase. Our year-to-date comparables represent
- 5 a 13 percent increase, but I'm going to circle
- 6 around to that number, it's actually a decrease.
- 7 For total offenses, weekly comparables
- 8 63 percent increase, 28-day comparables 25
- 9 percent decrease and year-to-date comparables 23
- 10 percent decrease.
- 11 For overall year-to-date increase of 25
- 12 percent. So as I stated before, one of our
- 13 problematic things that we have to address are
- 14 our larcenies. As of March 12, 2019, we show a
- 15 28 percent decrease. We went from 252 cases in
- 16 2018 to 182 cases in 2019.
- 17 How were we able to do that? We
- 18 partnered with Commercial Auto Theft on
- 19 surveillance operations and apprehended those
- 20 that are breaking to vehicles. We continue with
- 21 our current deployment strategies of pro-activity
- 22 and high visibility and sustain the current
- 23 trends.
- We do pro-active enforcement and
- 25 apprehension of those that illegally park. We



- 1 partner with 3rd Precinct on tow details and
- 2 Municipal Parking on illegal parked vehicles.
- When I talk about our current trend as
- 4 far as motor vehicle thefts, I stated before that
- 5 we had a 13 percent increase. The last 28 days
- 6 we show a 7 percent increase of motor vehicle
- 7 thefts from 15 to 16.
- 8 Our strategies are to continue our
- 9 collaborative efforts with Commercial Auto Theft
- 10 to covertly monitor our hot spots, but as also
- 11 stated that number is actually a 20 percent
- 12 decrease.
- We've had a significant arrest of an
- individual that was responsible for 10 of the 36
- 15 vehicles that were stolen which is representative
- 16 of a 20 percent decrease. This individual alone
- 17 we were able to get a five-count warrant and he's
- 18 currently in custody awaiting trial.
- 19 Our ongoing strategies to address our
- 20 motor vehicle thefts as well as our larcenies or
- 21 that we have great communication with our key
- 22 stakeholders. We talk to them on a regular basis
- 23 about educating their employees as well as
- 24 patrons on securing their valuables and
- 25 importance of legal parking and secured parking.



- 1 We have great community programs and
- 2 with that I'd like to introduce Sgt. Steven
- 3 Shank.
- 4 SGT. SHANK: I'm neighborhood police
- officer Steven Shank and it's my pleasure to be
- 6 called a neighborhood police officer. Being a
- 7 kid who grew up in Southwest Detroit, went to
- 8 Detroit Holy Redeemer, growing up on Rathbone and
- 9 Springwells, still have our house there.
- 10 When Chief Craig brought this
- 11 neighborhood police officer position here, I'm
- 12 like wow I just get to go around the community
- 13 and hang out with folks and sit on the porch with
- 14 them, have something to drink and talk about
- 15 what's going on, what their needs are.
- We begged for that when I was growing
- 17 up. When I was growing up Latin Counts were
- 18 running heavy through that area and we were
- 19 stretched out a lot by maybe you, Commissioner
- 20 Burton.
- 21 But anyhow, let me not get off track
- 22 here. My captain was very specific, stick with
- 23 the bullet points and I'm already off the bullet
- 24 point.
- 25 But no, I just really enjoy it and



- 1 working with a fine crew that I have,
- 2 neighborhood police officer Steve Englebretson,
- 3 and Officer Denise Wallet.
- 4 She was out directing traffic to make
- 5 sure you guys got in here safe. She might be
- 6 watching the parking lot. They're always
- 7 working. It's a neighborhood ting. It's just in
- 8 our blood.
- 9 But some of the tasks that we do as
- 10 neighborhood police officers, we get petitions
- 11 through the City Clerk's office and we have to
- 12 make sure that that how -- we look at how that
- 13 affects our community. You just can't put up a
- 14 tent next to the Holiday Inn when people --
- 15 quests are flying in from other states.
- We go in and investigation those things
- 17 and see if it fits in with what we're trying to
- 18 do in our community. So those are the petitions
- 19 for the City Clerk's office. We go and do
- 20 investigations on those.
- 21 We work in partnership with our beat
- 22 officers, businesses, community groups and
- 23 clergy. Father Tim deserves another round of
- 24 applause, Commissioner Willie Burton.
- 25 (APPLAUSE).



- 1 SGT. SHANK: Because what he's been
- 2 able to do with the homeless community -- you
- 3 know, people, like I said, I'm from Southwest
- 4 Detroit. I did not see as many panhandlers in
- 5 Southwest as I do downtown and someone says well,
- 6 that's the honey pot, that's where the money is
- 7 at and you ain't joking.
- People are coming down there in droves,
- 9 especially the Mayor was walking around the other
- 10 day and his team asked I've been seeing a lot
- 11 more Caucasian males and females panhandling
- 12 downtown and it's just something -- there's
- 13 someone at the tunnel, there's someone everywhere
- 14 and it's this big heroin epidemic. It does not
- 15 culturally, ethically, it hits us all. It's like
- 16 a cancer.
- 17 And he's been strategic, Father Tim, in
- 18 getting them the help they need. They come in,
- 19 they can shower and get fed, but also we try to
- 20 get them the help they need through substance
- 21 abuse programs and full wrap-around services,
- 22 nurses and give them a chance.
- 23 And we always hit them with the
- 24 question of why can't today by the day. And it's
- 25 a beautiful program and we support that. Officer



- 1 Englebreckson was just part of a major major drug
- 2 arrest. I can't get too much into it, but it's
- 3 ongoing, but took a lot -- thousands of dollars
- 4 or heroin off the street just this past Friday,
- 5 beautiful thing.
- 6 (APPLAUSE).
- 7 SGT. SHANK: We participate in these
- 8 services. I do a seniors -- we got a couple of
- 9 senior apartment buildings downtown. We do a
- 10 program called Seniors Scam and Cinema where we
- 11 take the seniors to the movies, but we also --
- 12 Chief Bettison, it's not just a time for me to go
- 13 watch a good flick, but we educate our senior
- 14 population on the new scams that are plaquing
- 15 them.
- We educate communities in crime
- 17 prevention, all the new companies coming downtown
- 18 and we answer, of course, calls of service to
- 19 help out as facilitator and a support component
- 20 to our officers that are out here answering runs.
- 21 So I'm privileged, I'm honored, thank
- 22 you for having me today.
- 23 (APPLAUSE.)
- 24 CAPT. HAYES: So within this downtown
- 25 footprint there is I call them three small cities



- 1 as well in which you can go and enjoy just about
- 2 any amenity you want and not have to come out for
- 3 about a week, those are the casinos.
- 4 The casinos responsibilities, again, of
- 5 the Gaming Unit which is a function of Downtown
- 6 Services to monitor the safety and welfare of the
- 7 patrons, both the interior and exterior as well
- 8 as the parking areas again, those larcenies from
- 9 autos.
- 10 As I say, those that have it, or that
- 11 honey pot, most people are going to the casino
- 12 with it. So we definitely want to be mindful of
- that and again with the special events that are
- 14 hosted, the traffic control and congestion there.
- 15 I'm happy to have to commanding officer
- of Gaming here, Lt. Tonya Wilson-Golson who's in
- 17 attendance today and she oversees that function
- 18 ot Downtown Services.
- 19 Our 2019 initiatives include a
- 20 continued deployment of pro-active enforcement
- 21 and strategically doing so to combat the heroin
- 22 issue that we have down here.
- As Sgt. Shank eluded to, we are
- 24 aggressively monitoring that. It's -- the opioid
- 25 epidemic is touching too close to home to too



- 1 many.
- 2 Our Green Light, this Greektown
- 3 corridor that we're in, this was a first Green
- 4 Light corridor so we monitor that in addition to
- 5 the other 24 locations that are in the Downtown
- 6 Services footprint, as well as liquor and vice
- 7 inspections.
- 8 Again, our homeless initiatives, and to
- 9 sustain the relationships that we have with not
- 10 only our private but public sector partners.
- 11 The 2019 strategic plan of Downtown
- 12 Services is one of consistency, sustainability
- 13 and evolution. We know how downtown is rapidly
- 14 changing and as being the Detroit police
- 15 Department entity to ensure that all those that
- 16 live, work and play in this area that we stay out
- in front of it, stay abreast of emerging crime
- 18 trends and once we do find those we hold them
- 19 accountable and set a tone of responsible
- 20 enjoyment of downtown Detroit.
- 21 That concludes the Downtown Services
- 22 presentation, Mr. Chair and I'll gladly field any
- 23 questions that you have.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Captain.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, I just



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- 1 want to commend you, excellent what you all are
- 2 doing, just superb, especially that young man
- 3 that spoke about neighborhoods. He put the
- 4 neighborhood first as far as saying when the
- 5 visitors come, their heart was just into making
- 6 sure that their neighborhood is safe and doing
- 7 well.
- 8 And just one correction. If I made a
- 9 mistake, forgive me, but when you mentioned Chene
- 10 Park, am I wrong in remembering that Mayor Duggan
- 11 said it's called now Aretha Franklin, so I just
- 12 want you to put that they changed it, am I right
- 13 or wrong.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Not officially yet.
- 15 CAPT. HAYES: Through the Chair, we
- 16 haven't staffed Aretha Franklin Park yet because
- it happened after, we've only staffed Chene Park,
- 18 but Aretha Franklin Park, we look forward to
- 19 working there as well again.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commission Brown
- 21 and then Commissioner Holley.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Captain, excellent
- 23 report, appreciate all the work you guys are.
- 24 Yes, I've seen the drop in everything because I
- 25 hang out downtown a lot, particularly over there



- of Paradise Valley and I've seen the drop in the
- 2 issues with the B&Es and autos and excellent job
- 3 on rolling out with cats and everybody. You guys
- 4 do an excellent job down here with containing a
- 5 lot of the problems and ridding a lot of the
- 6 problems that are down here.
- 7 The other thing I want to know is, it's
- 8 getting warm, somebody has already asked me where
- 9 are those guys at that's going to be on them
- 10 bikes. They want to know how many people you all
- 11 going to have on bike patrol, are you still going
- 12 to have the officers riding around and how many
- 13 -- one of them asked me how can they be selected?
- 14 CAPT. HAYES: Well, through the Chair,
- 15 we just equipped 27 officers in Downtown Services
- 16 with bike gear and through our charitable
- 17 partners and philanthropical arms of some of our
- 18 partners downtown we received over 40 bikes that
- 19 were donated to that for just that.
- So we've got 40 bikes. Don't be
- 21 surprised, commissioner, if you see me out there
- on one as well. And by all means, anyone who
- 23 would like to be a part of that, they can e-mail
- 24 me or just connect with me on GroupWise of
- 25 anything and we could use all the good help we



- 1 can get.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Maybe we can get
- 3 the commission out there riding out there ne day.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner
- 5 Holley?
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I should know
- 7 this and I thank you for the report. When it
- 8 comes down to the people on the street, I come
- 9 down Nick's -- the street where Nick's on that
- 10 street right by -- behind the casino, I come down
- 11 that street every day taking my daughter to work
- and then when you see 14,000 people coming
- 13 through the tunnel, what's the attitude to the
- 14 ordinance in terms of how can I help the father
- in terms of people sleeping on -- if you're
- 16 talking about coming to downtown Detroit and to
- 17 see people sleeping on the street and I don't
- 18 know how to say this, but I'm -- obviously as a
- 19 preacher I'm very much concerned about the people
- 20 panhandling coming out of the tunnel with 14,000
- 21 people coming in and seeing -- that's the first
- 22 thing you see when you come out of the tunnel is
- 23 somebody asking you -- got a sign up.
- I quess what I'm asking, what's the --
- 25 the Mayor came through the town. What's the



- 1 attitude or the ordinance or is there anything
- 2 that can be done?
- For example, I usually give a little
- 4 bit extra money to ask them to leave. If I give
- 5 you this amount of money would you leave, and
- 6 obviously I know that doesn't work, but I try to
- 7 think -- tell myself that it does, but what is
- 8 the attitude and then I'll leave you alone?
- 9 CAPT. HAYES: Through the chair, so you
- 10 touched on two different things. First of all
- 11 the homeless as well as those that are
- 12 panhandling.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I mean, these
- 14 guys are sleeping every night.
- 15 SGT. HAYES: So just to the sleeping
- 16 portion, we cannot criminalize being homeless, so
- 17 we can't arrest our way out of that. Through
- 18 some of the initiatives that we worked with
- 19 through the Department of Neighborhoods, Tara
- 20 Defo from the Mayor's Office, when we had the
- 21 polar vortex we went out, our team went and found
- 22 those that were out and that were homeless and to
- 23 bring them shelter. Some of them won't go, they
- 24 will stay out there.
- That element, they don't want to come



- 1 into a shelter. That's why Father Tim is so
- 2 instrumental because they may come in and take a
- 3 shower, have a meal, wash their clothes, but they
- 4 don't want the help.
- 5 We constantly try to bring the
- 6 resources to them.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I just want to
- 9 thank you. I walk the River Walk and I thank you
- 10 all. You all do great service and I look forward
- 11 to seeing you as soon as the weather gets a
- 12 little warmer, but truly thank you, you all -- I
- 13 watch you tell people to turn down their music, I
- 14 watch you tell guys about their pants hanging,
- 15 and you all -- you do it very politely, so thank
- 16 you very much, for keeping the River Walk safe.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Captain,
- 18 outstanding report, outstanding ongoing
- 19 involvement Downtown Services.
- 20 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Through the
- 21 Chair, if I may, I just want to say publically
- 22 Capt. Hayes, thank you. Since you've been
- 23 assigned to Downtown Services you've been very
- 24 innovative, creative in managing traffic,
- 25 fighting crime and doing it all and also you were



- 1 the creator of -- what is it -- block the block,
- 2 is that it, or don't block the box?
- 3 CAPT. HAYES: Yeah, don't block the box
- 4 campaign. If I can get into that --
- 5 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Very briefly.
- 6 CAPT. HAYES: Traffic management is
- 7 huge and the downtown that we have today wasn't
- 8 the same downtown two years ago. People are
- 9 coming downtown now that have never been and one
- 10 of the issues that we found was keeping
- intersections clear when the lights change.
- 12 Often times people believe that the
- 13 green light means that it's their turn to go, but
- it doesn't mean that it's safe to go.
- 15 So they would pull up in the
- 16 intersection and then the light would turn red
- 17 and then they're stuck, so then opposing traffic
- 18 couldn't get through.
- 19 For those that are going to a concert,
- 20 it may be a headache or a nuisance, but to those
- 21 that are in need of service, whether it be a
- 22 police officer, whether it be a fire truck,
- 23 whether it be an EMS, those intersections are
- 24 blocked and there's no place go and we can't get
- 25 there.



- 1 That was one of the mandates that
- 2 Deputy Chief and the Chief tasked me with and
- 3 said you better fix it, so got a chance to see
- 4 what other cities were doing. We adopted a
- 5 program that came out of Baltimore as well as
- 6 Washington, D.C where at each intersection where
- 7 we have those issues there are signs right up on
- 8 the light pole "Do not block the intersection".
- 9 We piloted that here in Detroit, we
- 10 started on Larned between Washington Boulevard
- 11 and Randolph. It was extremely successful. From
- 12 there we branched up to Congress and it will be
- 13 branching out and that truly has been one of the
- 14 many successes that the Downtown Services team
- 15 has had to help manage the traffic.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you.
- 17 (APPLAUSE.)
- 18 COMMISSIONER BELL: We going to move on
- 19 to committee report. I know Commissioner Brooks
- 20 wants to speak.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: No, I'm going to
- 22 save my report because we spent so much time on
- 23 recruiting. I will let you know that I had the
- 24 opportunity to speak with the Department of
- 25 Neighborhoods, the general manager Raymond



- 1 Solomon let me speak. They were carried away
- 2 with recruiting.
- I left fliers, I didn't have enough; I
- 4 left cards, I didn't have enough. But they have
- 5 been calling me. Now, the person that works with
- 6 Raymond Solomon wants to see a video for all the
- 7 districts and they wants my report because I
- 8 spoke from my heart about how important it is
- 9 that we recruit, and they wanted my report.
- 10 And of course I just spoke, so I did
- 11 put it together, but I'm not going to do it at
- 12 this particular meeting, I will do it next week.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you,
- 14 Commissioner Brooks. Any other committee reports
- 15 at this time? If not, we're going to move on to
- 16 the Board Secretary.
- 17 I just want to remind the commissioners
- 18 that Item 3, 4 and 5 is strictly when the
- 19 commissioners that was not going to be discussed,
- 20 so we're going to move on to the Board Secretary
- 21 reporting.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: May i say one
- 23 thing. For the Commissioners that are on the
- 24 Recruiting Committee, get ready, we're going to
- 25 have one, so I just wanted to let you all know;



- 1 thank you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Mr.
- 3 Hicks.
- 4 SECRETARY HICKS: Yes, Mr. Chair. I
- 5 simple want to call your attention to the six
- 6 items that are listed on the agenda. These are
- 7 incoming communications and they're not listed on
- 8 the agenda for action today, they really
- 9 represent transmissions largely from the Chief.
- 10 They would be directives that are
- 11 transmitted to us for our review. There will be
- 12 other letters that relate to graduation
- 13 ceremonies and things of that sort.
- 14 And then there's, of course,
- 15 promotional appointment recommendations which we
- 16 are currently reviewing and we'd hope to finish
- 17 that review inside the next couple of weeks and a
- 18 report will come to the Board in connection with
- 19 that.
- 20 As a final item, I would like to
- 21 indicate that earlier in the agenda Father McCabe
- 22 resolution was not voted upon, so it would be
- 23 necessarily for someone to put a motion on the
- 24 floor.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Motion to



- 1 approve.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly
- 4 moved and supported. Discussion? Those in
- 5 favor, aye?
- 6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed?
- 8 Motion carries.
- 9 SECRETARY HICKS: That conclude my
- 10 report for tonight.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Any old
- 12 business?
- 13 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Yes,
- 14 Mr. Chair. I just wanted to remind the Board
- 15 Secretary that we indicated that we would be
- 16 having a quarterly update about the medical
- 17 marijuana situation in Detroit.
- It was brought up that we are now being
- 19 touched by the opioid crisis. Maybe that could
- 20 be added to that agenda item, but I don't see it
- 21 on our schedule and I think it's a very
- 22 important issue because, as you know, I want us
- 23 to keep the number to 75 that are located in
- 24 Detroit and I will bring that up every chance
- 25 that I have, but I do -- I would like to have



- 1 them come and give us an update on medical
- 2 marijuana and how it's affecting Detroit.
- 3 And I would like to be in an evening
- 4 community meting if at all possible; thank you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you,
- 6 Commissioner.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have something
- 8 for old business. You know, I want to move that
- 9 we allow committee meetings to be open to any
- 10 commissioner as well as open to any member of the
- 11 public that attend Board of Police Commissioners
- 12 committee meeting, so my motion is I move that we
- 13 allow committee meetings to be open to any
- 14 commissioner as well as open to the public.
- Do I have a second from anyone?
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm not quite
- 17 sure I understand what he's asking.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: For clarify, so
- 19 we have different subcommittees, whether it's the
- 20 Budget Subcommittee or -- I want to put a motion
- 21 on the table where any commissioner is able to
- 22 sit in on those committee meetings as well at any
- 23 member of the public as far as good transparency.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Sir, we can table
- 25 this suggestion. There are an Open Meetings Act



- 1 that we have to abide by in terms of how many
- 2 commissioners can attend any forum. As far as
- 3 the public issue, that is not in the realm of who
- 4 we conduct ourselves.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, if
- 6 you take a look at City Council and any other
- 7 elected branch of body they allow their committee
- 8 meetings to be open to the public just like City
- 9 Council as well as the County Commission.
- 10 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Mr. Chair, I
- 11 don't believe there was a second to the motion on
- 12 the floor.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well, I had
- 14 Commissioner Brown's support on that motion
- 15 before as well as --
- 16 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I didn't hear a
- 17 motion, so without a motion.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commission is
- 19 calling for an order of the day, so we're going
- 20 to move on. Any other new business?
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, Mr. Chair.
- 22 In the 3rd District we're going to have a
- 23 transformation of the Highland Park Reservoir,
- 24 the water reservoir. It belongs to Highland
- 25 Park, but it sits in Detroit. There's going to



- 1 be a transformation from blight to beauty between
- 2 two cities.
- If you want to know about it, see me
- 4 after but we're going to tell the story from the
- 5 1930s to the 1960s what went on in that area, the
- 6 North End, before the Davison Freeway and before
- $7 \quad I-75.$
- If you're interested, please see me
- 9 after; thank you.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.
- 11 Commissioner Holley?
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman,
- 13 according to my notes we did approve the March
- 14 14th agenda but according to my notes we did not
- 15 have a motion for the February 28.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BELL: We addressed the
- 17 February 28, we did not address the last meeting,
- 18 but we can do that at our next meeting.
- 19 We did call the meeting to order, so we
- 20 must have something to that effect, so we'll make
- 21 had correction at the next meeting.
- 22 SECRETARY HICKS: Mr. Chair you acted
- on, of course, the agenda and the last full set
- 24 of meetings which would be the 28th. The meeting
- 25 for the Youth Forum which was largely a program



- 1 as opposed to a traditional meeting, that has not
- 2 been prepared as of yet.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.
- 4 Announcements. Our next meeting will be on
- 5 Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 3 PM at Detroit
- 6 Public Safety Headquarters.
- 7 Our next community meeting with be on
- 8 April 11, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the 11th Precinct
- 9 The Wellness Plan, 4909 East Outer Drive.
- 10 Oral communication from the audience.
- 11 You're going to have two minutes to speak.
- 12 Please give your name and Mr. Brown is going to
- 13 designate how many speakers that we have at this
- 14 time.
- 15 MR. ROBERT BROWN: Mr. Chair, two
- 16 speakers. The first speaker will be Diana
- 17 Wilcoxin followed by Mr. Mack Betts.
- 18 MS. WILCOXIN: Good evening, honorable
- 19 Board. I came before this Board at your last
- 20 community meeting and I praised the Chief of
- 21 Police and I praised this Board for not acting as
- 22 I and many in the community regarded as hastily
- 23 as it related to the Snapchat situation.
- I also want to praise the Chief, the
- 25 Department of Police and this Board again for not



- 1 acting hastily as it related to the second
- 2 firing. Due process is a cornerstone of our
- 3 democracy and it should be adhered to at all
- 4 times, and often times when we're dealing with
- 5 issues that are sensitive, we often jump the gun
- 6 and when we do, there are severe consequences hat
- 7 has to be made, go again, I applaud you.
- 8 I want to ask this Board to, on behalf
- 9 of the community, to take a very cautious and
- 10 considered approach when it comes to connecting
- 11 our camera systems in the city of Detroit with
- 12 realtime cameras, 1,000 plus has been reporter
- 13 tonight.
- 14 Detroiters, like all Americans, have a
- 15 right to privacy. When we park on the streets in
- 16 the city of Detroit we have to input our license
- 17 plate number in order to pay for parking. Now we
- 18 will be surveilled by cameras all over the city.
- 19 There are privacy issues to be
- 20 considered and I would ask this Board and the
- 21 police department to take a very careful and
- 22 cautious look at it.
- We don't want to be sued by people who
- 24 feel they have been aggrieved. We also don't
- 25 want our citizens to feel that they have to use



- 1 us in order to have their privacy rights
- 2 enforced. Thank you so much.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you of
- 4 reminding us ot due process and we will take the
- 5 item up in reference to what you just mentioned
- 6 about expanding the Green Light to the traffic
- 7 light. I think it's something we should do on
- 8 the agenda and we will schedule that in the near
- 9 future to have type discussion and have community
- 10 input too before we make a formal process of how
- 11 we're going to approach that. Thank you.
- 12 Yes, sir.
- MR. BETTS: Yes, my name is Mack Betts.
- 14 I feel privileged and honored to be here at this
- 15 honorable committee of honorable Board or
- 16 commissioners.
- But I got a problem and that problem is
- 18 with parking and, believe it or not, several
- 19 times I've got a parking ticket when the money
- 20 was already in the meter. I mean, you know, the
- 21 ticket was before the time was up.
- 22 And then I got -- I went to court --
- 23 asked to go to court. I didn't get no notice and
- 24 they, I mean you don't know if you don't pay,
- 25 then it's more and I'll tell you, it's unlawful.



- 1 It's a lot of white collar crime going on with
- 2 the average worker, whether they're under orders
- 3 or whether they just hate us, I don't know.
- 4 And I ain't throwing no dirt on the
- 5 City. I hope everybody can understand how I feel
- 6 and this just ain't happening to me, it's
- 7 happening to people that visit Detroit just as
- 8 well and they ain't got time to respond and all
- 9 that.
- 10 And I would also like to say what
- 11 happened to the neighborhood precincts, I forgot
- 12 what they call them, there's a proper name for
- 13 them. The mini station.
- I was told once when I attended a
- 15 meeting that they ain't got the known for it.
- 16 Somebody got to front it, all these billionaires.
- 17 Make your all requests, please.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, sir, just
- 19 update with you, I come out of the mini station
- 20 era. The neighborhood police officer totally
- 21 exceeded the expectation of a mini station, n
- 22 just a building, and I come out of that era of
- 23 mini stations.
- It's nothing like a neighborhood police
- 25 officers throughout the city of Detroit, so you



- 1 need to get to know them, work with them.
- 2 The first item you raised about
- 3 parking, that is not in the area -- Municipal
- 4 Parking Department could address those concerns
- 5 about tickets, etc, they are the ones that
- 6 enforce that.
- 7 MR. BETTS: Thank for your direction,
- 8 but I'm going to contact the Department of
- 9 Justice in Washington.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay, thank you,
- 11 sir. If there's no other business before this
- 12 body, I want to thank all of you for your
- 13 attendance evening. It's been a great dialog,
- 14 we're looking forward to more.
- 15 Board?
- 16 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Motion to
- 17 adjourn.
- 18 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Second.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly
- 20 moved and supported. Those in favor, aye?
- 21 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed"
- 23 motion carried, we stand adjourned. Thank you.
- 24 (Proceedings concluded at
- 25 8:21 p.m.)



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