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1	DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
2	WEEKLY MEETING
3	THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019
4	3:00 P.M.
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1	COMMISSIONERS:
2	Willie E. Bell - Chairperson (District 4)
3	Darryl D. Brown - (District 1)
4	Shirley A. Burch - (District 3)
5	Willie E. Burton - (District 5)
6	Lisa Carter - (District 6)
7	William M. Davis - (District 7)
8	Elizabeth Brooks - At-Large
9	Eva Garza Dewaelsche - At-Large
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12	BOARD SECRETARY: Gregory Hicks
13	Robert Brown
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15	THE CHIEF OF POLICE: James Craig
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1	Detroit, Michigan
2	Thursday, March 28, 2019
3	(At about 3:00 P.M.)
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5	CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good afternoon.
6	AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.
7	CHAIRPERSON BELL: I am Police
8	Commissioner Willie Bell. I represent District 4.
9	I serve as chairman of the board and will be
10	conducting our meeting today. On behalf of the
11	board and those in attendance thank you for joining
12	us for people viewing this meeting on your
13	government cable channel, thank you for viewing our
14	meeting. Please note, Commissioner Jim Holley has
15	requested to be excused from today's meeting. We
16	have invited Chaplain Nathan Wilson of the chaplain
17	corps to provide invocation, please.
18	CHAPLAIN WILSON: Bow your head, get your
19	heart lifted. Lord, we honor You today, we thank
20	You for Your kindness, God, we thank You for this
21	meeting, we acknowledge all the ways You direct our
22	paths. God, we acknowledge You. God, we ask You to
23	give every presenter clarity of thought and
24	articulation of speech and pray that unity be here.



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This is our prayer, Amen.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chaplain.
- 2 Starting to my far right, I'm going to ask the
- 3 commissioners to introduce themselves, please.
- 4 MS. HOLT: Amy Holt, at large.
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon,
- 6 William Davis, District 7.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon,
- 8 Shirley Burch, District 3.
- 9 MS. BROOKS: Good afternoon, Elizabeth
- 10 Brooks, at large.
- 11 VICE-CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Good afternoon,
- 12 Darryl Brown, vice-chair, District 1.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon,
- 14 Lisa Carter, District 6.
- MS. DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon, Eva
- 16 Garza Dewaelsche, at large.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you
- 18 commissioners, do we have a quorum?
- 19 SECRETARY HICKS: Yes, Mr. Chair, you
- 20 have a quorum.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Next item
- 22 will be approving the agenda for the March 28
- 23 meeting.
- 24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.
- UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Supported.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Properly moved and
- 2 supported. Discussion. Those in favor, aye.
- 3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed, motion
- 5 carried. The next item will be the March 21, 2019
- 6 minutes.
- 7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.
- 8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Supported.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Properly moved and
- 10 supported. Discussion. Those in favor, aye.
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed, motion
- 13 carried. Mr. Hicks would you introduce the board
- 14 staff, please.
- 15 SECRETARY HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 16 Just prior to making those introductions of the
- 17 board staff, I did want to indicate for the record
- 18 that media services is doing the audio-visual work
- 19 for today's meeting. Sergeant Quinn is taping the
- 20 meeting and Theresa Roberts is the court reporter
- 21 who is with us today. And if I turn my attention
- 22 immediately to my right, Mr. Robert Brown is sitting
- 23 next to me; and if we go to the first row, we have
- 24 Mr. Wyrick, who is in charge of our legal section;
- 25 Ms. Blossom, who is of course our media outreach;



- 1 Ms. White, who is of course our policy area. And
- 2 then I go to the next back -- three rows back would
- 3 be Dr. Anderson, who is the personnel director and
- 4 then Mrs. Johnson, who is in our fiscal area. And
- 5 then now we go over to Dr. Polly McAllister, who
- 6 will not introduce herself but the balance of the
- 7 OCI. That's staff here today.
- DR. McALLISTER: Thank you. Good
- 9 afternoon Board.
- 10 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- DR. McALLISTER: I'm Polly McAllister and
- 12 attending today's meeting with me today is
- 13 Supervising Investigator Akbar, Senior Investigator
- 14 Magika, Senior Investigator Sloan, Senior
- 15 Investigator Rivera, Investigator Nichols,
- 16 Investigator Statten and Investigator Steward and
- 17 Investigator Callaway. Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, chief
- 19 investigator, and thank all of the board staff.
- 20 Chief of Police James E. Craig in attendance. Thank
- 21 you. Would you care to introduce any DPD staff,
- 22 please.
- 23 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Thank you,
- 24 Mr. Chair and Board of Police Commissioners. Deputy
- 25 Chief Elvin Barren, DPD east; Chris Graveline,



- 1 director of professional standards and
- 2 constitutional policing; Sergeant Caroll, police
- 3 chief's office; Sergeant Shannon Rhinehart.
- 4 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Commander Tiffany
- 5 Stewart?
- 6 COMMANDER STEWARD: Tiffany Stewart,
- 7 commander major crime.
- 8 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Deputy Chief
- 9 Marlon Wilson.
- 10 DEPUTY CHIEF WILSON: Marlon Wilson,
- 11 detective bureau.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief, and
- 13 good to see DPD staff in attendance, we appreciate
- 14 you. Do we have any elected officials or
- 15 representatives of elected officials? Please stand
- 16 and introduce yourselves, please.
- 17 MR. CORBET: Paul Corbet, councilman, Roy
- 18 McAllister's office.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for your
- 20 attendance. Any others? We're going to move right
- 21 into the chairman's report.
- 22 On behalf of the board I want to express
- 23 our concern and support for fallen and injured
- 24 officers. Our concern for office safety and citizen
- 25 protection is ranked as two of the most important



- 1 priorities of the board. Our board receives a
- 2 weekly report from the department listing injured
- 3 officers. I would ask the chief of police, during
- 4 his remarks, to provide us with any additional
- 5 information related to fallen officers.
- 6 The Board of Police Commissioners meets
- 7 every week except for the Thanksgiving and Christmas
- 8 holiday period. We meet at police headquarters
- 9 three weeks in the month on Thursday at 3 p.m. We
- 10 also meet in the community area on the second
- 11 Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M.
- 12 On the Detroit city charter, article 7,
- 13 chapter 8, the Board of Police Commissioners is
- 14 empowered to provide civilian oversight and
- 15 supervising control of the police department. Our
- 16 citizens are justified in asking how does civilian
- 17 oversight in law enforcement help you as a citizen
- 18 within our community. Our answer is, we protect the
- 19 civil rights of citizens. Oversight organizations
- 20 like the BOPC are in the forefront in investigating,
- 21 reviewing and auditing individual cases of civil
- 22 complaint and pattern of operation by police agency
- 23 to eliminate misconduct, discriminatory police
- 24 practice, unnecessary use of force by police. Our
- 25 work is based on the supporting of effective



- 1 policing. Mutual trust and respect between the
- 2 police and the community is critical towards
- 3 increasing the quality of life for residents and
- 4 visitors to Detroit.
- 5 The Board of Police Commissioners exist
- 6 to provide civilian oversight for the work of the
- 7 Detroit Police Department. As a board, we receive
- 8 and investigate noncriminal citizen complaint,
- 9 monitor operation of the department and work with
- 10 the mayor and the chief of police to make and modify
- 11 police policy.
- I want to point to several important
- 13 items for your consideration. The board has
- 14 continued to work with NACOLE, the National
- 15 Association for Civilian Oversight of Law
- 16 Enforcement, to host a national conference on
- 17 September 22nd through the 26th, 2019 in Detroit.
- 18 On the same time, Detroit will be celebrating our
- 19 45th years of civilian oversight organization on
- 20 July 22, 2019. I'll mention several times as we
- 21 approach the September conference. We're inviting
- 22 law enforcement and other civic minded individuals
- 23 and organizations to join us at the conference. The
- 24 planning process is well underway and again we
- 25 invite participation.



- 1 Today we have several important items,
- 2 agenda items. We have a resolution to acknowledge
- 3 the service of Sergeant Eren Stephans, who is
- 4 retiring after 33 years of service to law
- 5 enforcement. We wish Sergeant Stephans and her
- 6 family a great opportunity to follow her service of
- 7 the city of Detroit. We take this retirement
- 8 resolution at the appropriate point in our agenda.
- 9 We have a presentation from the chief's
- 10 office on the annual improvement plan. On February
- 11 21, 2019 in my chair report I tried to draw out the
- 12 difference between the annual report and the annual
- 13 operation improvement plan.
- I will repeat the same message by reading
- 15 the notes from the February 21, 2019 meeting.
- 16 Detroit city charter, section 7-806 reads, several
- 17 opportunities for the Detroit chief of police to
- 18 engage the commission. I want to list some of these
- 19 opportunities so the audience will follow our work
- 20 as commissioners. In section 7-806, subsection
- 21 number 1, it indicates that the chief shall
- 22 administrate the department consistent with the
- 23 policy, rules and regulations established by the
- 24 board and should organize the department with the
- 25 approval of the board. And in section 7-806,



- 1 subsection number 6 indicate the chief should submit
- 2 to the board an annual report. The annual report is
- 3 a general purpose report that is available to the
- 4 general public highlighting the work of the Detroit
- 5 Police Department. In section 7-806, subsection 7,
- 6 indicates that the chief should submit to the board
- 7 an annual operation improvement plan. The most
- 8 outstanding difference is that this requirement is
- 9 for a plan, not a report. In the recent past the
- 10 annual report and annual operation improvement plan
- 11 have been confused. One report is general and
- 12 discussed in the department. In the past this
- 13 report has been used to highlight the leadership in
- 14 the department, celebrate some important parties
- 15 that help with the department, some of the community
- 16 endeavors associated with the department. The
- 17 annual operation improvement plan is quite
- 18 different. Again it is a plan, it is a summarized
- 19 review of the department and the chief's candid
- 20 opinion of the effectiveness of the department. The
- 21 plan should show in detail the assessment of each
- 22 command, the vision, section and unit and chief
- 23 assessment of their performance. The plan should
- 24 also make a projection indicating where the chief
- 25 and executive staff wants to improve the



- 1 organization, strategies and the operation of the
- 2 sub unit.
- 3 This plan is critical because it
- 4 communicates to the board, the mayor and the general
- 5 public on what we must do to improve the department.
- 6 Generally speaking an improvement plan should
- 7 include, one, measures to protect the citizens and
- 8 fight crime; two, ensure officer safety; three, an
- 9 evaluation of crime fighting strategy to determine
- 10 if they are working and what new opportunities exist
- on the horizon that are in keeping with our nation's
- 12 commitment to civilian control of paramilitary
- 13 organizations like the police.
- 14 Following the presentation on annual
- improvement plan we have our monthly report from the
- office of Chief Investigator Dr. Polly McAllister,
- 17 who will be making a presentation on the work of
- 18 OCI.
- 19 As a chair, I want to report on three
- 20 important issues. Responding to the chief
- 21 performance to the rank of master sergeant, I
- 22 indicated that we would take this matter up at this
- 23 meeting. I have changed my mind on approach on this
- 24 matter and will be drafting a letter to the chief of
- 25 police with several comments and recommendations on



- 1 the subject of master sergeant. The letter will be
- 2 circulated for input from the board and transmitted
- 3 to the chief. Two, I want to report to the board
- 4 the BOPC attended its budget hearing yesterday,
- 5 March 27th, before the city council. I want to
- 6 thank Commissioner Carter, Davis and Holt for their
- 7 attendance and participation along with our staff,
- 8 Ms. Johnson and Mr. Hicks and Mr. Brown and any
- 9 others I might have left out. I think I covered
- 10 everybody. I appreciate that.
- 11 Detroit councilwoman member Ayers was
- 12 interested in the amount of detail the BOPC
- 13 exercised in reviewing the police department budget.
- 14 We reported that we gave full attention to the DPD
- 15 budget. I recall that we had some 27 questions that
- 16 were asked of the department about this budget. I
- 17 will forward these questions to member Ayers for her
- 18 benefit. We also reported on January 31, 2019 we
- 19 approved a budget request from the police
- 20 department. Additionally we were asked about the
- 21 BOPC budget. The BOPC budget was approved to be
- 22 released to the nondepartment and budget department
- on October 30, 2018. Generally speaking, the BOPC
- 24 budget's largely the same as the previous budget
- 25 with a few exceptions, including a requirement for a



- 1 five percent overall reduction and reduction in
- 2 travel and training expense because of the NACOLE
- 3 conference that we'll be hosting in Detroit. That
- 4 budget also includes a 2.5 wage increase following
- 5 the pattern set across the city in labor
- 6 negotiations. Finally, the budget sought to
- 7 increase the reimbursement allotted to
- 8 commissioners. And paying a fee for the city
- 9 council to reconsider how commissions are
- 10 reimbursed, I focused on the difference between the
- 11 old board and the current board. The old board
- 12 composed of five appointees of the mayor. The new
- 13 board composed of seven elected commissioners and
- 14 four appointed commissioners. At least for the
- 15 elected commissioners, I responsibility as elected
- 16 officials have grown dramatically. We attend more
- 17 meetings than any other boards and commission in the
- 18 city of Detroit. We meet in the community 12
- 19 evenings per year as a board. We respond to and
- 20 handle constituent complaints and concern. We also
- 21 have a greater role in reviewing and setting police
- 22 policy and regulations, as well as weighing in on
- 23 budgetary or fiscal policies. To think of us as an
- 24 old civilian board is not correct. We are an
- 25 oversight board with investigative powers and a



- 1 direct responsibility to our citizens. We make our
- 2 best deal to the city council and re-examine the
- 3 method, the amount of reimbursement for the board.
- 4 We are now working directly with Councilperson Jones
- 5 to address our issues in an effort to seek a
- 6 reasonable resolution.
- 7 Also report on some discussion with the
- 8 mayor and the police chief and members of the board
- 9 related to a goal set by the mayor during the state
- 10 of the city address. The goal was to increase
- 11 electronic surveillance within the city. The mayor
- 12 and the chief of police have indicated they have a
- 13 public policy review on the subject of electronic
- 14 surveillance. We have a large number of
- 15 stakeholders who are interested in this topic. At
- 16 the appropriate time after policy information is
- 17 generated we will review the policy as a board and
- 18 weigh in on the issue of privacy, citizen protection
- 19 and other related issues. We have also been asked
- 20 by Detroit city council to join a work group on
- 21 electronic surveillance. I have assigned staff to
- 22 participate in the work group. At this point the
- 23 Board of Police Commissioners have not approved a
- 24 civilian -- I'm sorry, a surveillance strategy that
- 25 could add 1,000 cameras to our streets. We have on



- 1 several occasions supported the Green Light program.
- 2 The Green Light program is not the same as the
- 3 citywide strategy to introduce a raw network of
- 4 surveillance resource and to coordinate our
- 5 surveillance capability with other enforcement
- 6 effort. Look to the next few months to have this
- 7 discussion. As a board we will be looking for
- 8 written strategy including policy and resources with
- 9 recommendation from the mayor and chief of police.
- In our last meeting we voted on a
- 11 recommendation from the personnel committee, a
- 12 motion to approve the personnel committee for the
- 13 effects of increasing the compensation for our
- 14 personnel director. After looking at the motion and
- 15 prior on the old meeting act, we needed to place on
- 16 record the position, name and amount associated with
- 17 a personnel committee report. Therefore, I'm
- 18 requesting that we vote to ratify last weeks action
- 19 to increase the wages of Dr. Marcella Anderson,
- 20 Director of Police Personnel, to 120,000.
- 21 Under the chief's report, I'm requesting
- 22 an update on a recent newspaper report indicating
- 23 the chief had recently terminated a female officer
- 24 for misconduct. Additionally, we also ask the chief
- 25 to update us on any other critical issues facing the



- 1 department.
- 2 At the end of the meeting we will have
- 3 public comments from the audience. Please make sure
- 4 you print your name on the speaker card. Cards are
- 5 located on the table and can be obtained by seeing
- 6 Mr. Brown with his hand raised. We need your card
- 7 before the beginning of public comments. We hold
- 8 each speaker to the allotted two minutes.
- 9 In closing I want to recognize the death
- 10 of a civil rights leader who pushed Louisville
- 11 police to hire more black officers. Shelby Lanier,
- 12 who was a police officer, in fact, he was the first
- 13 black police officer to ride a motorcycle there, he
- 14 was an activist. He helped force Louisville to hire
- 15 more black officers. Eventually paid 4.7 million
- 16 settlement for 96 black Africans who had been denied
- jobs. He died and he was 82. And I had the
- 18 opportunity to work with Shelby Lanier with the
- 19 National Black Police Association, and I just want
- 20 to -- our record to reflect that he was a pioneer,
- 21 he was a trailblazer, not just in his city but
- 22 throughout the National Black Police Association. So
- 23 we wish God's speed in terms of his family, God's
- 24 blessing to the family of Officer Shelby Lanier in
- 25 terms of his involvement over the years with the



- 1 National Black Police Association. So I don't think
- 2 we get enough recognition for those who made it
- 3 happen. And you could just not come by accident and
- 4 that department change and Shelby Lanier was one of
- 5 those trailblazers, for him I have a whole lot of
- 6 respect. I just want to share that with you and we
- 7 going to move on.
- 8 I just want to recognize Commissioner
- 9 Griffe, thank you for your attendance. Commissioner
- 10 Burton, thank you for your attendance. And --
- 11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chair, I make
- 12 a motion that we ratify Dr. Marcella Anderson's
- 13 salary as we did last meeting.
- 14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Been properly moved
- 16 and second. Discussion. Those in favor, aye.
- 17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed.
- 19 COMMISSIONERS: Nay.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Noted. Two nays.
- 21 Mr. Hicks?
- 22 SECRETARY HICKS: Mr. Chair, the
- 23 ratification was approved.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir. We're
- 25 going to move on to Chief Craig. And thank you for



- 1 your attendance.
- 2 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Thank you and
- 3 good afternoon once again.
- 4 AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.
- 5 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: So starting with
- 6 crime, as of today's date we're sitting on 22
- 7 percent reduction in homicide. We are up 18 percent
- 8 in sex assaults, aggravated assaults are up
- 9 7 percent. We are down in nonfatal shootings
- 10 15 percent, down in robberies 10 percent,
- 11 carjackings 48 percent. Overall violent crimes
- 12 we're up 4 percent. In terms of property crimes,
- 13 we're showing an overall 10 percent reduction in
- 14 property crime. Of note is our continued reduction
- 15 in auto thefts. We show a 6 percent reduction
- 16 compared to this time last year. As you indicated
- 17 during your opening report, Chairman Bell, on this
- 18 week I terminated a probationary police officer.
- 19 I've chose to, at this point, not publicly give her
- 20 name because she has not been charged as of this
- 21 date. A short summary, on Sunday the department
- 22 received information that we had a police officer
- 23 involved in narcotics trafficking. Our internal
- 24 affairs professional standards section quickly
- 25 mobilized on that Sunday, conducted an investigation



- 1 which led into the evening hours. Two search
- 2 warrants were executed which the probationary police
- 3 officer had some access to both residents. At one
- 4 residence we recovered a small amount of heroin and
- 5 14 bundles of cocaine. Based on the evidence and
- 6 other aspects of the case, which I can't go into at
- 7 this point, she was detained, subsequently arrested.
- 8 She had a companion who is a known felon who was in
- 9 possession of a stolen gun. He too was arrested.
- 10 So that criminal investigation is still continuing.
- 11 She has been released from custody, as well as her
- 12 companion, and we're in the process of continuing
- 13 our investigation, preparing a warrant package for
- 14 review and approval by the Wayne County prosecutor's
- 15 office. So with that, I would take any questions
- 16 that you might have.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners,
- 18 questions or concerns?
- 19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah, I just have
- 20 one, it was concerning our budget issue. My notes
- 21 said the department's budget has been moved to April
- 22 1st.
- 23 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: It has.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: And since we already
- 25 approved it, doesn't that mean that any changes made



- 1 to that budget that need to come back before the
- 2 board?
- 3 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: There were no
- 4 changes.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thank you,
- 6 Chief.
- 7 CHAIRMAN BELL: Any other, commissioners?
- 8 Yes, ma'am.
- 9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you,
- 10 Mr. Chair. I read an article in today's paper, I
- 11 believe, or yesterday's paper regarding dashboard --
- 12 the Michigan State Police's implementing or
- initiating a new dashboard streaming tool. Is that
- 14 something that our department would be looking at or
- 15 is it -- how would that work, chief?
- 16 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Through the
- 17 chair, I don't know much about the technology. I
- 18 got the sense in looking at the article that it was
- 19 a streaming video that's used during vehicle
- 20 pursuits. As you know we have a very strict vehicle
- 21 pursuit policy restricted to felonies. So at this
- 22 point without knowing more about the technology, I
- 23 don't see any real benefit in pursuing it.
- 24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, thank you,



- 1 chief. I appreciate you taking swift action in
- 2 reference to the young officer in engaging in
- 3 narcotic activities in terms of the steps that you
- 4 took to address this matter. It's always --
- 5 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Through the
- 6 board, just a point to note, one aspect of this case
- 7 was done very different. Of course she was a
- 8 probationary police officer. Probationary police
- 9 officers, as I've indicated in the past, don't enjoy
- 10 the same due process or collective bargaining
- 11 agreement rights that a tenured officer has. So I
- 12 have a great deal of flexibility of moving quickly
- 13 and addressing criminal or administrative
- 14 misconduct. In this instance, given the seriousness
- 15 of the allegations, I opted to conduct her hearing
- 16 the following day, which was Monday. She was
- 17 arrested on a Sunday -- or it was a Tuesday, I
- 18 believe. Tuesday, she was still in custody, and she
- 19 was transported here to headquarters in her orange
- 20 jumpsuit and handcuffs. And some might wonder why
- 21 do it that way. We did give the union the option of
- 22 doing it telephonically or conducting the hearing in
- 23 absentia. They felt strongly that she should be
- 24 present, and so being present meant she was coming
- 25 in her jail outfit. I believe that this sends a



- 1 chilling message and a reminder to those who wear
- 2 the badge that if you decide to engage in criminal
- 3 misconduct, we will treat you as such. You can no
- 4 longer wear that badge. You've stained the public
- 5 trust, and so that was the message that was sent.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief. The
- 7 next item would be -- pause -- I'm jumping ahead of
- 8 myself. The resolution.
- 9 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you, thank you,
- 10 Mr. Chair. Is Sergeant Eren Stephens present today?
- 11 No. Okay. I have a resolution, Mr. Chair, honoring
- 12 Sergeant Eren Stephens. Whereas, Eren Stephens was
- 13 appointed to the Detroit Police Department on
- 14 October 14, 1985 upon graduating from Detroit
- 15 Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Stephens began
- 16 her career at the 7th Precinct. And, whereas,
- 17 Officer Stephens dutifully served the 7th Precinct
- 18 for several years before being promoted to sergeant
- on January 1, 1999 and was assigned to the public
- 20 information office. On September 2, 2009 she was
- 21 assigned to police medical section where she
- 22 remained until her retirement and, whereas, during
- 23 her law enforcement career Sergeant Stephens was the
- 24 deserving recipient four perfect attendance awards,
- 25 three chief's merit awards, two chief's unit awards,



- 1 two chiefs's citations, the Major League Baseball
- 2 All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral
- 3 Recognition Award and the SuperBowl Recognition
- 4 Award and numerous letters of commendation from
- 5 citizens and superiors. Now, therefore, be it
- 6 resolved that the Detroit Board of Police
- 7 Commissioners speaking for the citizens of Detroit
- 8 and the Detroit Police Department award this
- 9 resolution in recognition of Sergeant Eren
- 10 Stephens's 33 and 1/2 years of dedicated and
- 11 diligent public service. Her professionalism,
- 12 integrity and standard of commitment to the city of
- 13 Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.
- 14 We thank and congratulate Sergeant Eren Stephens.
- 15 Motion to approve the resolution, please.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Support.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly
- 18 moved and supported. Discussion. Those in favor,
- 19 aye.
- 20 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed? Motion
- 22 carried.
- UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Is retirement of
- 25 coffee and cake tomorrow?



- 1 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Through the
- 2 chair, I believe it is tomorrow. 2 P.M. and 4 P.M.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I plan on taking that
- 4 resolution for her 33 and 1/2 years. She started
- 5 her career at the 7th Precinct and I started my
- 6 career at the 7th Precinct. I think anyone that
- 7 gave 30 years that the board should really represent
- 8 and any other member is welcome to come out at 2
- 9 o'clock. I know we have graduation. We should be
- 10 finished by that time, Chief, if you don't keep your
- 11 remarks to five minutes.
- 12 AUDIENCE: (Laughing.)
- 13 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Through the chair
- 14 obviously you knew I was going to tail you.
- 15 Especially if you decide to deliver a sermon. But
- 16 leave it at that.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. We going
- 18 to move on to the monthly -- I'm sorry, no, we're
- 19 going to move on to improvement plan. It's going to
- 20 be.
- 21 LIEUTENANT LEWIS: Good afternoon. To
- 22 the board, the chief, the guests, on behalf of the
- 23 officer support operations along with Assistant
- 24 Chief James White, we're here to present to you a
- 25 brief overview of the 2019 police department



- 1 improvement plan. As required by the city --
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Excuse me, could you
- 3 introduce yourself?
- 4 LIEUTENANT LEWIS: I'm sorry, Lieutenant
- 5 Brandon Lewis of officer support operations, my
- 6 apologies. As required by the city charter, the
- 7 department must undergo constant reevaluation of
- 8 process, tactics and technologies to ensure we're
- 9 operating according to the nationally recognized
- 10 best practices. The chief of police asked his
- 11 management personnel to assess the current state of
- 12 the operations and note any needs for improvements.
- 13 As we understand the ultimate goal is to provide
- 14 optimum service for those who live, work and play in
- 15 the city of Detroit. So again as in previous years
- 16 we're providing a cursory overview of the
- information you will find in the improvement plan,
- 18 once that final document is presented to the board.
- 19 And now I'm going to bring up Assistant Chief White
- 20 to actually go through the PowerPoint presentation.
- 21 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Good afternoon,
- 22 esteemed board, chief.
- 23 AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.
- 24 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: As the lieutenant
- 25 indicated I will be providing a brief cursory



- 1 overview of the 2019 improvement plan. Also, I do
- 2 have a copy, the master copy, for the board that the
- 3 board will be receiving at the end of business
- 4 today. Obviously and consistently our efforts
- 5 continue to be to reduce crime and to that end some
- of the methodology we will use is to increase cease
- 7 fire expansion, which we are targeted to have
- 8 completed by this year, a cease fire in each
- 9 precinct. The reduction of crime obviously involves
- 10 having equipment to support that effort. So that's
- 11 the deployment of new vehicles which we are
- 12 currently in the process of doing now. Our year
- 13 three deployment is active and we are now in the
- 14 process of looking at our uniformed deployment for
- 15 next year's budget cycle. Recruiting more officers,
- 16 the goals would be to have approximately 30 -- or
- 17 correction, approximately one class per month
- 18 starting the academy throughout the rest of the
- 19 year.
- 20 Technology upgrades, our vehicles that
- 21 have been deployed contain now LoJack. We've
- 22 reengaged that relationship with LoJack, found it to
- 23 be successful. When they first launched in the
- 24 early 90s, due to some economic issues and concern,
- 25 we went away from LoJack. And now we're back



- 1 engaged with them and it has been deployed on a
- 2 number of our vehicles that are in our fleet, and
- 3 the officers are actually very happy to have it.
- 4 The board may have also recognized that we are
- 5 piloting a new program in number 8 -- no that was
- 6 not number 8, in number 7 and number 9, and that is
- 7 blue lights on the scout cars. And one of the
- 8 things that we're looking at with the blue lights on
- 9 the scout cars is, are they more visible, are
- 10 officers more illuminated and also does it reduce
- 11 accidents. We took a look at a few studies around
- 12 the country and we found that they are. In fact,
- 13 cars with blue lights are involved in less accidents
- 14 than cars that have the traditional red and blue.
- 15 So the Chief has authorized us to test this and
- 16 pilot it and it is underway now. Positive results
- 17 from the field, positive results from the community
- 18 and if it looks like it's something we're going to
- 19 deploy citywide, we're going to do a communication
- 20 to the public so they recognize our cars look a
- 21 little bit different. The other thing on the scout
- 22 cars that is unique, because it's the officer's
- office, we were able to add approximately an inch
- 24 and a half to the compartment where the officers
- 25 utilizing their computers and give them more leg



- 1 room. A new safety belt system has been added to
- 2 the vehicles where the officers no longer have to
- 3 reach in and pull over the seat belt. We found that
- 4 in doing that, it can lead to a use of force. Some
- 5 citizens were spitting on the officers, biting the
- 6 officers. We have a new seat belt system in the
- 7 back of the vehicle now where the officer basically
- 8 pulls what looks like a plunger and quickly applies
- 9 it, as opposed to the traditional lock and latch
- 10 mechanism. One other added feature to the vehicle
- is when officers are out on traffic stops,
- 12 oftentimes as they turn around to walk back to their
- 13 car at night, the lights on their scout car blinds
- 14 them. The new technology on the vehicles, the
- 15 lights actually pick up the fact that the officer is
- in front of the vehicle, changes the pattern flow of
- 17 the lights in front as to not blind the officer and
- 18 cause the officer to stagger out past their safety
- 19 zone into oncoming traffic.
- 20 We continue to look at expanding Green
- 21 Light. We are over 500 Green Lights now. We have
- 22 also added a component traffic NPO's which are well
- 23 received. Number of issues that were coming up to
- 24 the chief's office, certainly everyone is very
- 25 excited about the NPO program, but this added



- 1 component has enhanced that program completely. We
- 2 are in the process now and getting ready for a
- 3 budget cycle next week to discuss the expansion of
- 4 the real time crime center. Also, as the board is
- 5 well aware, the DPD tow unit and there's also
- 6 ongoing work to work on the retention of officers.
- 7 Next slide. Also the board is aware that
- 8 Merrill Plaisance is about 95 percent complete.
- 9 There's a few cosmetic improvements that we need to
- 10 make and security upgrades. One of those security
- 11 upgrades is to add Genetec to Merrill Plaisance and
- 12 feed that Genetec line into the real time crime
- 13 center to provide 24 hours of security to that
- 14 facility.
- The 3rd Precinct, we are finishing the
- 16 parking lot configuration now. The 3rd Precinct, I
- 17 believe, is 2875 Grand Boulevard, corner of Grand
- 18 Boulevard and the Lodge. The board will remember
- 19 that we purchased that building a couple years ago.
- 20 The community over there has flourished. The
- 21 investment in the property has already revealed
- 22 itself as a good one for the department. As we've
- 23 been offered a number of times now to move from that
- 24 building from different businesses that wanted to
- 25 purchase it. But we are locked into that location



- 1 and we are in the process now of completing the
- 2 interior work, which we are scheduled to be done
- 3 with in April. And the parking lot is the next big
- 4 renovation that we need to do, because that will be
- 5 a service center for the community, as well, for
- 6 liquor licenses and other community needs, such as
- 7 accident reports.
- 8 The 6th Precinct renovations, final
- 9 meeting on that was today, one of the reasons I'm a
- 10 few minutes late for this meeting. And we are
- 11 scheduled to launch the 6th Precinct on Monday, and
- 12 that will be the parking lot, the door system,
- 13 glazing of the front of the building. The board
- 14 will remember that, there was a very tragic incident
- 15 many years ago at the 6th Precinct where there was a
- 16 shooting of a number of members of the Detroit
- 17 Police Department, including a command officer.
- 18 That building now will be reinforced with
- 19 bulletproof glass and there will be a natural
- 20 partition put up separating the citizens but not
- 21 creating a barrier where they can't communicate, but
- 22 just a safety barrier put between the operations
- 23 desk and the citizens, as well as an item called a
- 24 man trap. Where, when you walk in -- very similar
- 25 to what you see at banks where, if you don't have



- 1 weapons you will be able to proceed through.
- 2 10th Precinct, renovations are about 99
- 3 percent complete, they're listed as 95 percent
- 4 complete. There's been a complete upgrade to that
- 5 facility. Windows, locker rooms, we were stalled
- 6 there as an issue and it may have been brought to
- 7 the board's attention with regard to potential
- 8 asbestos. That's when we were doing construction.
- 9 We brought in environmentalists and they looked at
- 10 it and we were fine to proceed, and we're just about
- 11 99 percent complete there.
- 12 The 11th Precinct, that will start this
- 13 summer. We have had to move some dollars around to
- 14 reset the priorities over there. We will not be
- 15 launching the gun range at number 11 this year, as
- 16 we thought we were. We reprioritize that project
- and we're going to use that money on the lobby, the
- 18 signage and the concrete out front. We just got
- 19 approval for the Mount Elliot tow lot improvements
- 20 to be completed, and that's a building that is
- 21 already in the department's inventory that we own.
- 22 That's part of our lease consolidation plan that
- 23 we'll be moving forward on completing outfitting
- 24 that building for our primary tow operation.
- Then we move into the violent crime as



- 1 the chief indicated. We continue to trend in the
- 2 right direction with crime. Though as the chief
- 3 always says, it's not time to celebrate, we must
- 4 continue to reinforce our strategies. The
- 5 information that I presented to you thus far does,
- 6 in fact, reinforce those strategies. Equipment,
- 7 supplies and technology certainly leads the officers
- 8 to a point where they can more efficiently enforce
- 9 the law and reduce crime. We just provided just a
- 10 snapshot of our statistical data for the boards
- 11 review. Next slide.
- 12 Response time continues to trend in the
- 13 right direction. March 25th, though it's
- 14 highlighted here and one of our better reductions in
- 15 response time, we took a snapshot and we continue to
- 16 trend in the right direction. Ten minutes and 51
- 17 seconds as the board can see on March 25th for
- 18 priority one response time. We just put a slide
- 19 here for the board, more comprehensive in your
- 20 packet but just so that you can see the 514 total
- 21 Green Light locations.
- 22 Next slide, here is the Internal Career
- 23 Enrichment Program that has proved beneficial. Many
- 24 participants of the Career Enrichment Program, both
- 25 internal and external. The external have joined the



- 1 department through a number of different programs
- 2 and then the Internal Career Enrichment Program has
- 3 bolstered morale within the department. Continue to
- 4 increase community business partnerships. One of
- 5 the components with the real time crime center is a
- 6 great relationship with the community, as well as
- 7 the businesses that participate. The captain at
- 8 real time crime hosts a summit, if you will, a
- 9 quarterly to discuss the issues that's trending with
- 10 the Green Lights. Continuing our crime reduction
- 11 strategy, increase transparency through technology,
- 12 our body worn cameras. And very, very proud of our
- 13 last audit of the body worn cameras. I believe it
- 14 was a member of the board asked CompStat where we
- 15 consistently had a hundred percent use across the
- 16 board, that is the first time we've seen that.
- 17 We're very happy about that; that means that the
- 18 technology is working, the officers are using it.
- 19 Oftentimes the officers were trying to use it, we
- 20 were running into some technology glitches, but we
- 21 seem to have merged those issues and are producing
- 22 the results that we anticipated.
- 23 And then finally, before I take any
- 24 questions, as this product has been being worked on
- 25 now for a couple of months, we've had a major



- 1 incident that would have ordinarily made this book
- 2 that I want to discuss and that we are intending on
- 3 adding, and that is the improvement to the 6th
- 4 Precinct as a result of the environmental audit.
- 5 The board is certainly well aware of the issues with
- 6 number 6. There's some issues that we're going to
- 7 debrief on next week with the executive team
- 8 regarding the environmental audit upon its
- 9 completion. I want to stress to the board that the
- 10 environmental audit is, in fact, just that. It's an
- 11 environmental audit, a global view of what's
- 12 happening at the precinct. It is not an
- 13 investigation or an internal affairs investigation
- 14 which did, in fact, run concurrent with the
- 15 environmental audit. Some of the issues with the
- 16 environmental audit that the chief and I have
- 17 discussed at great length is this feeling of the
- 18 environment as it relates to how the officers can
- 19 relate to the supervisors. There is a racial tone
- 20 deafness amongst some, if you will. Maybe not
- 21 conduct that one would see openly in the environment
- 22 but certainly when certain issues come up, the
- 23 appropriate response from supervision was not always
- 24 and consistently delivered. I will not get into
- 25 specifics right now because I am not prepared to,



- 1 but one of the things I wanted to point out is that
- 2 there have already been a number of changes at
- 3 number 6 up to and including the installation of a
- 4 new captain, Captain LaShanna Potts. You will
- 5 remember LaShanna Potts from chief's office, working
- 6 chief's neighborhood liaison, doing a phenomenal job
- 7 and I'm sure the chief may want to add something to
- 8 that. Chief installed her last week and it is
- 9 already paying dividends, we've heard a lot of
- 10 positive from the officers. She's engaging the
- 11 officers. She's been on my phone all day
- 12 complaining about the conditions of the building and
- 13 asking me when are we going to get it done. She's
- 14 already engaging the officers, she's making all the
- 15 roll calls and they're happy to have her, and we're
- 16 happy and proud of her for being there. And I will
- 17 entertain any questions from the floor.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, to my
- 19 right.
- 20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Two things. As it
- 21 relates to the environmental audits, are you
- 22 planning on doing a lot of them all across the city
- in different precincts or what's the game plan?
- 24 LIEUTENANT LEWIS: To be directed by what
- 25 Chief James Craig tells me in regards to the



- 1 environmental audits. This is the area that he
- 2 selected for this one and I'm not sure where you are
- 3 with that from there, chief.
- 4 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Through the
- 5 chair, this is our third audit.
- 6 LIEUTENANT LEWIS: Yes, sir.
- 7 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: There's been a
- 8 lot of conversation about the core report. And
- 9 certainly there have been some recommendations in
- 10 that report that we adopted. The environmental
- 11 audits was an outgrowth of that report and there's
- 12 been some talk and I know the chairman and I had a
- 13 conversation. I think I brought it up at last
- 14 meeting that I offered a word of caution that we not
- 15 paint the entire police department with a broad
- 16 brush as being racist. I also had an opportunity to
- 17 visit with the 6th Precinct last week. I may have
- 18 reported out to this body last week about that
- 19 visit, very diverse group. Most were very
- 20 encouraged, spoke very candid. One of the things
- 21 that Chief White didn't necessarily bring it up and
- 22 I might have brought it up last week, but one of the
- 23 things that really jumped out in this environmental
- 24 audit, which I shared with the members of 6th
- 25 Precinct that were attending at briefing, is that



- 1 the 6th Precinct is racially divided. That was
- 2 consistent among both black and white officers. But
- 3 I say that also with a word of caution to say that
- 4 it's racially divided does not mean that every
- 5 member of the 6th Precinct engages in racist
- 6 behavior. That is not the case. Also, I think I
- 7 said last week that there was a small group of
- 8 officers, some who took on the role of informal
- 9 leader, that certainly embraced troubling behavior
- 10 that was infectious to some, but it is not
- 11 reflective of the entire station. So to the point
- of continuing environmental audits, yes, we will.
- 13 It's not necessarily done to look at issues of race.
- 14 It could be an issue of leadership. Could be an
- 15 issue of what Dr. McAllister reveals. Let's say if
- 16 we see an increased number of demeanor complaints
- 17 emanating out of, say, the 8th Precinct, that may be
- 18 a cause to go in and do an environmental audit.
- 19 James can you talk briefly about the first two
- 20 audits, if you recall? I know we went into, was it,
- 21 gaming.
- 22 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Yes. We went
- 23 into gaming and found a number of issues with just
- 24 deployment.
- 25 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Supervision.



- 1 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Supervision, the
- 2 overall feeling of the environment. A number of
- 3 changes came out of that. One of the things most
- 4 recently, the chief moved them, moved them out of
- 5 the location that they were in at number 7 and moved
- 6 them to the 3rd Precinct, and that makes a lot of
- 7 sense because now you've got direct supervision from
- 8 a command level over a unit that the audit revealed
- 9 that it desperately needed. That's one of them.
- 10 And chief, I don't remember the other one off the
- 11 top of my head, I want to say 5, but I don't know if
- 12 that's right.
- 13 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: It was 7 and
- 14 we've made some changes in 7. So the point is --
- 15 this body, the Board of Police Commissioners, as you
- 16 were out in the community, you could be in a
- 17 particular part of the city and you start hearing a
- 18 series of complaints and you may say to me, I think
- 19 there's an issue coming out of the 5th Precinct.
- 20 And so we would take a look at the 5th Precinct.
- 21 This was probably the more robust of the three
- 22 audits. Of course, we're talking about in excess of
- 23 a hundred interviews. We are in the process now of
- 24 putting together an executive summary which should
- 25 be completed within a week.



- 1 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 2 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: So our commitment
- 3 is to make sure that you have an advanced copy so
- 4 that it will be made available to the public and you
- 5 can have further discussions about that. It should
- 6 also be noted that while I'm recommending caution on
- 7 painting the department with a broad brush, I'm also
- 8 suggesting that in this assessment there are some
- 9 broad recommendations that we can apply department
- 10 wide so that we don't have a reoccurrence of this
- 11 magnitude in any other station.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The second thing,
- 13 last night I was at the 6th Precinct police
- 14 community relationship meeting, community meeting,
- 15 and Captain Potts presented herself quite well, was
- 16 well received by the community; it was standing room
- 17 only. And most of the command staff and police
- 18 officers was there also.
- 19 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Outstanding.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Chief White, thank
- 23 you, excellent report. My concern is with the Green
- 24 Light, that there seems to be a lot of citizens
- 25 still think it may take away their privacy. I just



- 1 want to offer a suggestion to see what you think as
- 2 the chief. Intersections within a neighborhood, and
- 3 if there's a Green Light partner in that area, could
- 4 that be hooked in the neighborhood, because a lot of
- 5 crimes is right in the neighborhood, breaking in
- 6 peoples houses. Is there a way, perhaps, that could
- 7 be a hook-up, and I do have a solution of how you
- 8 would pay for it but I don't want to say it here on
- 9 the air, but there are ways that we need to watch
- 10 the criminal in the neighborhood, you know, not just
- 11 on the major streets. So think about connecting
- 12 that Green Light to the traffic lights in the
- 13 neighborhood. Also, consider the alleyways. Some
- of the alleys are so clean that you can go through
- 15 them, just to help us as far as citizens. Another
- 16 question is regarding the loud music at night, I'm
- 17 talking about 12 o'clock and 1 o'clock. When they
- 18 -- not just going through the neighborhood, but they
- 19 sit parked in front of homes. My question is how do
- 20 the officers really patrol at night? Do you have
- 21 like a certain number of officers that stay out late
- 22 at night to see what the criminals may be doing?
- 23 How do you do that?
- 24 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: I'll start with
- 25 the answer to your last question and try to remember



- 1 the other two. Through the chair, yes, 24 hours,
- 2 7 days a week, the officers are out there on patrol.
- 3 If you have a problem, noise complaint, that type of
- 4 thing, we can certainly put you in contact with the
- 5 commander of your precinct as well as the NPO. The
- 6 NPO will change their hours, if they need to, to
- 7 deal with the issue that you have. With regards to
- 8 the Green Light in the neighborhoods, we are --
- 9 right now we are not there. There's some other work
- 10 that needs to be done, but there is conversation
- 11 about the implementation of Green Lights into
- 12 residential, but we are not there yet. And
- 13 regarding, I believe, your last question was about
- 14 security concerns or correction; it was about
- 15 privacy concerns. So you see the competing interest
- 16 even in the question that you asked. Bringing it to
- 17 the neighborhoods while navigating this issue of
- 18 privacy. So those are the things that we are
- 19 discussing right now.
- 20 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Through the
- 21 chair, I want to address something very
- 22 specifically. I respect constitutional policing and
- 23 I respected rights of privacy. When you make
- 24 statements, and this is the second week you brought
- 25 it up about cameras in the alleyways, many folks had



- 2 looking in someone's backyard. That part, that
- 3 curtilage, is not the public space. What we're
- 4 talking about the public space, only the public
- 5 space. So when you're talking about going into
- 6 neighborhoods, unless everyone in that neighborhood
- 7 is signed on and say, we want -- there are some
- 8 neighborhoods that will install their own
- 9 surveillance or I should say, cameras to prevent
- 10 crime. But we're not concerned with surveilling,
- 11 for the sake of surveilling. This is about public
- 12 spaces, and I would openly reject any notion of
- 13 putting in alleys where it could possibly look into
- 14 people's backyards. That would not be something I
- 15 would support.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You have another
- 17 question?
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: One more, thank you.
- 19 When you start the renovation on number 11 and you
- 20 said you're going to do concrete, right.
- 21 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Yes, ma'am.
- COMMISSIONER BURCH: Would you please
- 23 consider the curbs, like when you step on the curb
- 24 from the parking lot. If you could put some kind of
- 25 coloring, whether it be orange, so some of the



- 1 seniors would know there's a step there. Sometimes
- 2 it's evasive the way a curb is. But sometimes there
- 3 are ways to lighten it to know there's a step here
- 4 for them to step up or step down. Do you know what
- 5 I'm saying?
- 6 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: I do, I do. I'll
- 7 let the facilities manager know.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you,
- 9 Mr. Chair. Just to piggyback on Commissioner
- 10 Burch's question about the surveillance cameras.
- 11 There was also an article in today's paper about a
- 12 representative in one of the districts asking people
- in the community to sign petitions to have it done.
- 14 That may be one way that we can get the community to
- 15 support that. But the question I have has to do
- 16 with the 6th Precinct renovations that you talked
- 17 about earlier. You indicated that there were going
- 18 to be some unique kinds of protective windows or --
- 19 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Bulletproof
- 20 glazing.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Bulletproof
- 22 kind of protective barriers. Are there plans to do
- 23 that in other precincts as well, or is it just the
- 24 6th Precinct because of what happened?
- 25 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: So through the



- 1 chair. Yes, but I wanted to qualify it. We already
- 2 have it at 5, because 5 is a new construction. We
- 3 have it at 8 because 8 is a new construction. We
- 4 have money for renovations at 6, so it just makes
- 5 sense. So as we go through and renovate, you know,
- 6 the scale to economy, we will try to do that. But
- 7 to go in now after the fact and, lets say, a number
- 8 4 or a number 3, actually 3 does have it; 3 has
- 9 glazing along the front panel. But to go on to 4
- 10 right now, that's not something we would do, not
- 11 yet. We just haven't budgeted for it.
- 12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But it would be in
- 13 the plans for the future to do it across all the
- 14 precincts.
- 15 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: I don't want to
- 16 say that just yet. So what we looked at was --
- 17 which precincts were most vulnerable. When you look
- 18 at the design of 6 and the way it's set up with that
- 19 -- because it used to be a bakery. So the whole
- 20 front is glass. So it's designed so you could see
- in and based on the incident it became a higher
- 22 priority. When we built the new precinct, we said
- 23 let's just do it now. So as we go through this
- 24 budget cycle, we will look at -- I will sit down
- 25 with the chief, here's what we got left and we'll be



- 1 guided by which one is most vulnerable from that
- 2 point.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Respond to a question?
- 4 : I'll respond to your question. We
- 5 actually have 72 neighborhood watch organizations,
- 6 block clubs, that have signed on in support of Green
- 7 Light.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 9 COMMISSIONER GRIFFE: Thank you. So just
- 10 two points, one is on the point that my colleague,
- 11 Commissioner Brown, just made around the locations
- 12 with the windows. I'm just pleased to hear that not
- 13 every precinct we're going through and blanketing
- 14 that, because when I walk into the precinct in my
- 15 neighborhood it is welcoming and it's open and
- 16 inviting. People -- I think that helps produce that
- 17 neighborhood feel, so I like the fact that we are
- 18 kind of being cautious and putting in the most
- 19 valuable. The second question is, can you refresh
- 20 my memory, I know there's some kind of engagement
- 21 survey. As you were talking about the audit, it
- 22 made me wonder how we're checking the pulse of our
- 23 officers. Is it twice a year, is there any kind of
- 24 survey that goes out that's anonymous, that officers
- 25 can then kind of place, you know, say, express



- 1 grievances or things that they're happy about and
- 2 maybe use that as a way of determining where you
- 3 might do more audits in the future?
- 4 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Through the
- 5 chair. So chief has an advisement committee which
- 6 consists of an officer from every command in the
- 7 department that meets monthly in the chief's office.
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair. Yes, in
- 9 fact I have an officer advisory board that I meet
- 10 with once a month from across the department,
- 11 recognizing I can't meet in every station. And they
- 12 act as a liaison between -- and they're not the same
- 13 officers every month. But I meet with those
- 14 officers, they bring information to me from other
- 15 officers in the command. They take information
- 16 back. I also do it with supervisors. I had my
- 17 meeting with supervisors yesterday given everything
- 18 that has gone on recently about supervision and the
- 19 audit. And so I was supervisory advisory board
- 20 consisting of both lieutenants and sergeants. And
- 21 it's worked out very well. There are things that I
- 22 find out. In fact in one of the officer advisory
- 23 boards it became clear that one of the officers
- 24 wasn't providing leadership. It was based on some
- other issues and based on what came out of that



- 1 meeting. That command officer was reassigned, as an
- 2 example.
- 3 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Remember your
- 4 final question about the glass, the esthetics of it,
- 5 you really won't notice much of a difference. We're
- 6 using the same paints, we're just putting that type
- 7 of glass in -- to you, you'll be able to see
- 8 through.
- 9 COMMISSIONER GRIFFE: Okay. Thank you.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Chief, I just, well
- 11 maybe a couple of questions. Excellent report, I
- 12 liked the information and everything and the way the
- 13 department is going. Was there any surveys that
- were sent out about the types of vehicles that we're
- 15 going to be deploying because I know a lot of the
- 16 officers, they tend to leaning towards the SUVs.
- 17 And I don't know if there was a survey that went out
- 18 to see how many of those we're going to purchase and
- is that something that's suitable for the
- 20 department.
- 21 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Through the
- 22 chair. So I spent many hours talking to Chief James
- 23 Craig about vehicles, Chryslers and Fords and SUV's.
- 24 And I had to prove on more than one occasion that a
- 25 survey went out and that the officers were most



- 1 comfortable with the Explorer. Trust me on this
- 2 one.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I know they said it
- 4 had a lot of -- it had more room in it.
- 5 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: So, initially we
- 6 were going with the Charger and then we heard back.
- 7 Chief asked that we go out and talk to the end user,
- 8 don't just make the decision. So we went out and
- 9 did a number of tests. We grabbed the biggest
- 10 person we could find in the department and the
- 11 smallest person we could find in the department, put
- 12 them in the car. They didn't like the Charger. It
- 13 was uncomfortable, it didn't fit. I came back with
- 14 that information. We looked at a couple other
- 15 vehicles that didn't fit our fleet; there were a
- 16 number of issues. One, we didn't have the repair
- 17 facilities for the small repairs. Some other
- 18 financial considerations that were made. We worked
- 19 through GSD. GSD brought us four cars. The two
- 20 that were selected was the Impala for the detective
- 21 vehicle, as well as the Explorer for the patrol.
- 22 And we were initially going to do 75/25 on the
- 23 Taurus and the Explorer, 25 being the Explorer. But
- 24 hearing from the officers that it was much more
- 25 comfortable in the Explorer, we flipped with the



- 1 chief's approval and went to a 100 percent
- 2 deployment on the Explorer.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay, and then
- 4 another issue, I know we keep talking about these
- 5 cameras, cameras, cameras. With the possibility of
- 6 this measure being approved and accepted by the
- 7 community with the additional cameras at the -- not
- 8 the Green Light, just the ones they were putting at
- 9 the intersections to tie in DPW. Is there any plan
- 10 of rolled out, anything preliminarily that we could
- 11 look at to see how that's going to be implemented
- 12 and how it's going to be monitored.
- ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Yes, I just want
- 14 to make sure I understand the question. Could you
- 15 --
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: If the community
- 17 accepts the additional tie-in with the DPD cameras
- 18 and the additional cameras at the intersection, I
- 19 know that's what the concern is, if they're there,
- 20 is there any plan on how that's going to be rolled
- 21 out and monitored? Is it still going to be
- 22 monitored through the real time crime center and all
- 23 that?
- 24 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Yes. Through the
- 25 chair. There is a plan. Absolutely we can share



- 1 the plan. The cameras actually -- the traffic
- 2 management cameras are the ones you're speaking of
- 3 that will have the dual layer of being able to tie
- 4 into the real time crime center. So the idea would
- 5 be the traffic management camera will do traffic
- 6 management work. Traffic management sits at real
- 7 time crime, currently. If there's a police
- 8 incident, then we will tap into that resource and
- 9 use that traffic management camera. Somebody robs
- 10 or shoots somebody, they hit an intersection, then
- 11 we'll be able to then use the traffic management
- 12 camera to attempt to track them. But the primary
- 13 use of that camera remains that of a traffic
- 14 management camera.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other
- 16 commissioners? I want to thank you, Assistant Chief
- 17 White. I just wanted to add -- to support for you
- 18 that will raise -- I think this board supported on
- 19 record -- I just want to add my professional opinion
- 20 of my interaction with you going on our sixth year,
- 21 you've been professional. We have come before this
- 22 board numerous times and we have had dialogue with
- 23 you in meetings and you always been straightforward.
- 24 If you don't have the answer, you've always gotten
- 25 back with us. But I have just been impressed with



- 1 your leadership and all, Assistant Chief. We have
- 2 spent a great deal of time with you, I just want to
- 3 go on record that I support you as assistant chief,
- 4 as being a man who really speak to the issues and
- 5 able to break it down and forthcoming. I just want
- 6 to say that Willie Bell is supportive of you being a
- 7 very upright type assistant chief that reflects on
- 8 all assistant chief and the chief of police in terms
- 9 of your endeavors. I just want to thank you for
- 10 that.
- 11 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: I appreciate that
- 12 board, thank you very much.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At this time we move
- on to the OCI report, Dr. Polly McAllister, please.
- DR. McALLISTER: Good afternoon.
- 16 AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.
- 17 DR. MCALLISTER: For the month of
- 18 February we had a one percent decrease and
- 19 considering we had a 22 percent increase in January,
- 20 I think the one percent is a blessing. This chart
- 21 kind of like shows all the precincts and where
- 22 they're actually at. The 8th Precinct had 11. Last
- 23 month the 8th Precinct had a -- they were only at 8,
- 24 they had an increase by two. And always -- we have
- 25 unknowns that are always high. Since I've been here



- 1 for the past year, unknowns are always excessively
- 2 high. We've been trying to get it down, this is as
- 3 low as it's ever been for an entire year. That's a
- 4 good thing.
- 5 These are our CCR allegations received in
- 6 February. We did have a decrease of 19 for
- 7 demeanor, which was good. Procedure is still kind
- 8 of high. For service we had an increase of 6. We
- 9 did have some new recruits that went out. Normally
- 10 that's when we see the increase in procedure. So
- 11 we're hoping that we can kind of like get a balance
- 12 and bring them down. So if you look at this you'll
- 13 probably say, well, what's the difference between
- 14 the CCR allegations and the CCR. So a citizen calls
- in and we give them a CCR number. They can say that
- 16 they had an issue with the officer's demeanor,
- 17 force, harassment, entry and procedure. That's five
- 18 different allegations that we'll look at but it's
- 19 under one CCR. So the numbers kind of like don't
- 20 always match, but that's why.
- 21 This was a good thing for us this month,
- 22 January, when we had profanity; we had 6 and for the
- 23 F-word, we had 7. For February, this is the lowest
- 24 it has been since we started monitoring for you,
- 25 Commissioner Bell. For February we had one use of



- 1 profanity and two use of the F-word and zero
- 2 offensive slurs. So either the supervisors are
- 3 really engaging their officers and you're kind of
- 4 like getting it and knowing that the body worn
- 5 cameras are picking up everything. So this was a
- 6 plus plus for us, as well as the department. These
- 7 are our citizens complaints that we actually closed.
- 8 In February we closed 101 CCRs compared to 135 in
- 9 January, and 82 in December. It fluctuates, our
- 10 hope is that we get to a point where they're
- 11 balanced and maybe you see 555 and 6, but that's
- 12 going to come with some work and our continued
- 13 efforts of going to the academy and speaking to the
- 14 new recruits. So this is our electronic evidence.
- 15 I think it was really good this month. Fifty-three
- 16 out of 60 incidents were actually captured on body
- 17 worn camera. Eight incidents were captured on the
- 18 in-car videos, which is great. So the officers are
- 19 using them. When they malfunction that may be an
- 20 issue or maybe the citizen filed a complaint after
- 21 the 90 days of us actually being able to capture the
- video, but this is good. And as always we started
- 23 capturing the false allegations. This really helps
- 24 us when we go into the academy and we talk to the
- 25 new recruits and we talk to them about body worn



- 1 cameras, why it's so important. Out of 24
- 2 allegations that's being proven false just by the
- 3 body worn cameras. It speaks volume to why they
- 4 should always wear them. So it says a lot. And we
- 5 started reporting on different issues that we were
- 6 having as far as the body worn cameras. One was
- 7 officers turning off body worn cameras during a
- 8 raid, officers reporting for overtime, no body worn
- 9 cameras available, battery issues, no video capture
- 10 for the body worn cameras not functioning or not
- 11 being activated and citizens filing complaints after
- 12 90 days. This started from August 2016. So these
- 13 are just notes. Some of these may have been
- 14 corrected because as we talked to the department, I
- 15 think the battery issues are being worked on now.
- 16 The officers turning on body worn cameras were
- 17 trying to work with narcotics section and gang intel
- 18 to find out what is actually going on as far as what
- 19 occurs during that time. And these are our citizens
- 20 complaints closed, based on seniority and rank. For
- 21 lieutenants, we had an increase by one. Sergeants,
- 22 we had 11. We had a decrease by 6. And for police
- officers, we had 109 and we had a decrease of 3. We
- 24 had 32 members between the years of 10 to 19 were
- 25 down by 10. And if you remember when we first



- 1 started doing the presentation, they were
- 2 excessively high. We were trying to determine why
- 3 would a senior officer get to the point where
- 4 they're finally at the end of their career and they
- 5 would have a lot of demeanor and service complaints.
- 6 Twenty-two sworn members with 20 to 29 years, so
- 7 we're down by 15. Seven sworn members with 30
- 8 years, we're down by 2. And as always we want to
- 9 let everybody know how they can file a citizens
- 10 complaint. They can call our office at 596-2499 or
- 11 they can find us online or they can fax us at
- 12 596-2482. They can stop by our office at 900
- 13 Merrill Plaisance or at any precinct. And for our
- 14 goals, we completed the review of our SOP and
- 15 Commissioner Bell is reviewing that now. What we
- 16 want to continue to do is build relationship with
- 17 DPD and continue with our theme to improve and
- 18 inspire. Questions?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner, any
- 20 question or concerns?
- 21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I'm looking at
- 22 February, the CRRs, so does that mean that the 10th
- 23 Precinct had none?
- 24 DR. McALLISTER: If there's a zero.
- 25 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: It's not even a



- 1 mention of the 10th.
- DR. McALLISTER: They probably had zero.
- 3 CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG: Okay. That's it.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Dr. McAllister,
- 5 excellent report, as always. In reading the CCRs
- 6 I'm noticing that there were several of them that we
- 7 couldn't substantiate the issues because it went
- 8 past the 90 days. Is that something that the board
- 9 needs to look at and talk with the chief of working
- 10 to expand how long -- that footage from the camera
- 11 to stay available for us to review.
- DR. McALLISTER: That would be helpful.
- 13 I don't know if IT has that capability, however,
- 14 what we've been doing is when we go into the
- 15 community, we talk to the citizens and we stress if
- 16 it happens on Monday, call us on Monday or call us
- 17 on Tuesday. Don't wait until six months down the
- 18 road to say, hey, this happened, I need you to
- 19 investigate it, because the video is gone. So we've
- 20 been just trying to educate the community on this
- 21 DPD process. Instead of trying to alter how we
- 22 capture the data, which we may not be able to
- 23 extend, so I think it's easier to educate the
- 24 community.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay, thank you. Any



- 1 other commissioners?
- 2 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the chair.
- 3 Thank you, Chief Inspector Dr. McAllister. When you
- 4 showed the stats last month relating to the CCR's
- 5 involved in the 8th Precinct.
- DR. McALLISTER: Yes.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So I took the
- 8 opportunity to speak with two of the officers at the
- 9 precinct. And without me really truly understanding
- 10 the variables that you used, both of them came up
- 11 with demeanor and procedure. And they were
- 12 suggesting that because it is a precinct that is
- 13 being populated by a younger police force, they do
- 14 however expect those numbers to go down with
- 15 additional training and mentoring. So thank you.
- DR. McALLISTER: You're welcome.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you,
- 19 Dr. McAllister, for a wonderful report. I heard you
- 20 just mention that you all have been going into the
- 21 community and there's no reference of that in your
- 22 report. It would be nice to know where you've been
- 23 and what communities you visited.
- 24 DR. McALLISTER: For the training we've
- 25 done downtown services, the 7th Precinct and we've



- 1 seen a big decrease in their citizens complaints.
- 2 But we can give you a list when we go into the
- 3 community as we have.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: You can add it to
- 5 your report.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: And may I just
- 8 add, along with Commissioner Carter's request, of
- 9 the different academy classes that you go to, I mean
- 10 maybe those major activities, just a brief bullet
- 11 point on each one I think would be helpful because
- 12 you do a lot more than just the citizens complaints.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Dr. McAllister,
- 15 speaking as a commissioner that goes -- I try to go
- 16 to all of the academies that she has mentioned.
- 17 Excellent. I truly enjoy speaking to the young men
- 18 and woman. And I'm the type of person that needs
- 19 feedback. So watching you and listening and you
- 20 show the videos and all these things. In other
- 21 words, when these officers go out into the real
- 22 world, they're going to be affected by, okay, I'm
- 23 all by myself, so now I've got to make decisions
- 24 somebody might not know. So I brought up the word
- 25 integrity. And you must hold that. That's



- 1 something that you going to have to have as an
- 2 officer. Here's my suggestion to you. Perhaps if
- 3 before they graduate and go across the stage to
- 4 receive the badge and all that, maybe like in a
- 5 certain period of time, bring them back and put them
- 6 in a classroom setting and say, how's it really
- 7 working out there for you. Maybe that will help
- 8 them stay on the straight and narrow, because
- 9 sometimes they're intimidated by their seniors. And
- 10 maybe if we talk to them more and more as a whole
- 11 board, speak to them and see, how you doing on the
- 12 job for real now. Would you take that into
- 13 consideration?
- DR. McALLISTER: I'll talk to Assistant
- 15 Chief White to see if it's feasible.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You're doing
- 17 excellent, though, excellent.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other concern? I
- 19 just want to weigh in at this time, Dr. McAllister.
- 20 I'm going to ask you to -- we have four
- 21 commissioners assigned to the citizen complaint
- 22 committee.
- DR. McALLISTER: Yes.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm going to ask the
- 25 next 30 days, April 1st, all the citizen complaints



- 1 be restricted to those four individuals. I want the
- 2 committee to take a serious look in terms of where
- 3 we are and put out a consent agreement and make some
- 4 suggestions consistent with the policy that were
- 5 recommendation. So that would be the restriction
- 6 for the next 30 days. I think we need to review in
- 7 terms of where we are with that. Hopefully, we have
- 8 four commissioners on that body. If there is an
- 9 additional person, but I think we can handle that
- 10 type of caseload. I think there will just be a
- 11 charge, you know who you are and basically I want
- 12 you to weigh in on it and report back in terms of
- 13 May, from the committee. I want to hear from the
- 14 committee in terms of their takes. Therefore, I
- 15 think we need that type of target group to take a
- 16 serious look at who we are. And with agreement that
- 17 some of the commission is not available and we can
- 18 probably share that with all the commissioners in
- 19 terms of that issue. We went through a lengthy,
- 20 very extensive financial for them to bring the
- 21 report to get out from under that. We want to make
- 22 sure we're consistent with that in 2019. Other than
- 23 that, excellent report. We appreciate you.
- 24 Mr. Hicks, board secretary.
- 25 SECRETARY HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.



- 1 I actually do not -- we did not have any incoming
- 2 communications, so I actually do not have any items
- 3 in which I wanted to place in front of the board.
- 4 If you have any questions, of course, I'm prepared
- 5 to entertain them.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mr. Hicks.
- 7 Old business.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I
- 9 move that we allow the meeting minutes to be open to
- 10 any board member that wishes to attend a committee
- 11 meeting on the BOPC, as well as any member from the
- 12 public that want to sit in on these committee
- 13 meetings. And I also would like to have a legal
- opinion from the board's attorney.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I second the motion.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Been properly moved
- 17 and second of the motion by Commissioner Burton.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like a roll
- 19 call too, Mr. Chairman.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Hicks, would you
- 21 conduct a roll call vote.
- 22 HICKS: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Through the chair.
- 24 I need a clarity on the motion.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Could we get clarify



- 1 on the motion. Mr. Burton can repeat the motion.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So the clarity is
- 3 that we have -- we have committee meetings, they
- 4 should be open to any member that wishes to attend
- 5 those committee meetings from the BOPC, but they
- 6 also should be open to members of the public. They
- 7 also should be posted and no one should be denied to
- 8 attend a committee meeting.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Is that clarity?
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I quess I don't
- 11 understand what is different now as it relates to
- 12 Commissioner Burton the need to make the motion?
- 13 How does it differ?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The issue is that we
- 15 have to meet the criteria of the open meeting act,
- 16 and we cannot have a quorum to attend the committee
- 17 meeting then you in violation. Traditionally the
- 18 meetings are not a public issue similar to how the
- 19 council operates. We don't have a consistent policy
- 20 in terms of meeting. They have a SOP in terms of
- 21 how they operate. This board since 1974 hasn't
- 22 operated in that vain, but we can have the attorney
- 23 weigh in on it in terms of that type of request in
- 24 reference to the issue that was brought up. Does
- 25 that give you clarity?



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Thank you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Once before
- 3 Commissioner Burton referenced council, Detroit city
- 4 council, indicating that they have open meetings.
- 5 There are occasions when their meetings are closed.
- 6 Again, I'm really confused as to what it is we're
- 7 supposed to be voting.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We talking about
- 9 committee meetings.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton,
- 11 we are not following consistently the council in
- 12 terms of their mandate, how they operate or the
- 13 Wayne County Commission. That issue has been
- 14 raised. We are not under that type of operation
- 15 SOP. So he's raising that issue that we should have
- 16 that type of operation.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Okay, thank you.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So, you know with
- 22 city council and the other entities, my
- 23 understanding after talking with several members on
- 24 the city council, also talking with our legislators
- 25 up in Lansing, commissioners can sit in on those



- 1 committee meetings, you know, but they cannot vote,
- 2 to my understanding. Let's say if this comes into
- 3 like a quorum type situation, scenario, they cannot
- 4 vote, but they can participate and sit in and listen
- 5 in as citizens. I think when these meetings are not
- 6 posted, the community are not aware or informed of
- 7 these committee meetings and things are being
- 8 addressed on Wednesday meetings that I'm not
- 9 prevalent to attend because of the chairman and
- 10 because of the Board Executive Secretary Hicks, then
- 11 this is preposterous, because we need to be included
- 12 in what's going on out of these meetings. Whether
- 13 it's a Wednesday meeting or any other meeting or at
- 14 any other committee meeting -- I mean committee
- 15 meetings, and the public should be able to attend
- 16 those committee meetings.
- 17 COMMISSIONER GRIFFE: Can we call a vote?
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Vote's been called.
- 19 Mr. Hicks, will you conduct the roll call.
- 20 SECRETARY HICKS: Thank you, Mr.
- 21 Chairman. Commissioner Griffe.
- 22 COMMISSIONER GRIFFE: No.
- 23 SECRETARY HICKS: Mr. Burton.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 25 SECRETARY HICKS: Commissioner



- 1 Dewaelsche.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: No.
- 3 SECRETARY HICKS: Commissioner Carter.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No.
- 5 SECRETARY HICKS: Commissioner Brown.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 7 SECRETARY HICKS: Commissioner Brooks.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: No.
- 9 SECRETARY HICKS: Commissioner Burch.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No.
- 11 SECRETARY HICKS: Commissioner Davis.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 13 SECRETARY HICKS: Commissioner Holt.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I'll abstain.
- 15 SECRETARY HICKS: Commissioner Bell.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No.
- 17 SECRETARY HICKS: Three members voting in
- 18 favor, one abstain. The balance of the commission
- 19 voted against the motion. The motion did not
- 20 prevail.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mr. Hicks.
- 22 Mr. Burton, you do not have the floor.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You do not have the
- 25 floor. Any new business.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I have a question.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 3 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: You all just voted down
- 4 transparency.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yesterday the BOPC
- 6 went before city council concerning our budget, and
- 7 I watched the video. You and Mr. Hicks indicated
- 8 that the budget came before this board and was voted
- 9 on and approved by this board. And I did send
- 10 Mr. Hicks an email asking when was this done,
- 11 because it hasn't been done since I've been here and
- 12 I've only missed maybe one meeting, maybe two. I
- 13 know I missed one and I went back and reviewed the
- 14 videos. The only budget that we approved that we
- 15 voted on resolution was for the police budget. So
- 16 I'd like to know when was that done and where is the
- 17 resolution for that to adopt it.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brown,
- 19 there is no resolution to the effect, but we will do
- 20 the research and get back with you in terms of
- 21 responding to your concerns.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other new
- 24 business? Announcement: The next meeting will be
- on Thursday, April 4th at 3 P.M., Public Safety



- 1 Headquarters at 1301 Third Street. The next
- 2 community meeting will be on Thursday, April 11,
- 3 2019 at 6:30 P.M., 11th Precinct Wellness Plan, East
- 4 Medical Center, 4909 East Outer Drive. Oral
- 5 communication from the public, at this time we will
- 6 ask you to come to the mic. Please give your name
- 7 and limit your comments to two minutes, and Mr.
- 8 Brown will be my (inaudible).
- 9 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your first and
- 10 only speaker will be Ms. Deetta Wilcoxen.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- MS. WILCOX: To this honorable board,
- 13 chief, department, let me say that I come before you
- 14 today representing a very large contingent of
- 15 Detroiters who are extremely concerned about the
- 16 expansion of the Green Light project. I want to say
- 17 to the department that I caution you in being a
- 18 proponent of this kind of activity, because if we
- 19 are going to have cameras policing the city of
- 20 Detroit, we don't need officers. And I will say
- 21 that I have gone on board for a number of decades
- 22 now fighting for better pay and for better
- 23 recognition for our officers. The people that I
- 24 represent commend you for your efforts. Having said
- 25 that, we are talking about Green Lights at private



- 1 businesses. We're now talking about alleyways and
- 2 thoroughfares and neighborhoods and now our schools.
- 3 What's left? What's left? We have our students in
- 4 Detroit public schools of which I am very proud of
- 5 saying things like, Amanda Hill, our time is for
- 6 black liberation group, black youth project. One
- 7 hundred in Detroit said the group is it teamed with
- 8 Detroit area youth uniting Michigan on a Green Light
- 9 black futures campaign to prevent project Green
- 10 Light from expanding into schools. After schools
- 11 there are cause -- after shootings, rather, there
- 12 are cause to put more cops in schools and guns in
- 13 hands of teachers, Hill said. Increase police
- 14 presence is not what keeps us safe. Investing in
- 15 resources in our neighborhoods is what keeps us
- 16 safe. Kids need counselors, not cops. Our youth do
- 17 not need to be criminalized. They need to be
- 18 invested in. Putting a bunch of cameras in schools
- 19 to criminalize youth for standard infractions is not
- 20 going to help us to succeed. Brooks said, increased
- 21 police presence makes many students feel less safe.
- 22 Black and brown kids' schools are over policed as it
- 23 is, Solomon said. There is too much already. It's
- 24 excessive, it's a waste of money that could be used
- 25 for counselors and books. I caution this board to



1	extend the Green Light project any further than it's
2	already been extended and I caution this board to go
3	back to the drawing board and bring together all of
4	the stakeholders that are necessary to make a sound
5	and reasoned decision as it relates to the
6	perpetuation of the Green Light program in the city
7	of Detroit. Thank you so much.
8	THE CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
9	Mr. Brown, is that it?
10	COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
11	UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I move to adjourn.
12	COMMISSIONER BROWN: Motion to adjourn.
13	CHAIRPERSON BELL: Move and supported,
14	those in favor, aye. Opposed. We stand adjourned.
15	Thank you for your attendance.
16	(Proceedings concluded about 4:26 P.M.)
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