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10 COMMISSIONERS:

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William Davis

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Reverend Jim Holley

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Evette Griffie

Elizabeth Brooks

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Willie Burton

Annie Holt

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Eva Garza Dewaelsche

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CHAIRPERSON: Willie Bell

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DEPUTY CHIEF: Todd Bettison

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5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good afternoon. I am  
6 Police Commissioner Willie Bell. I represent District.  
7 I serve as Chair of the Board and will be conducting  
8 our meeting today. On behalf of the Board, for those  
9 in attendance, thank you for joining us. For people  
10 viewing this meeting on your Government cable channel,  
11 thank you for viewing our meeting. Commissioner Lisa  
12 Carter, Shirley Burch and Darryl Brown asked to be  
13 excused from today's meeting. Invocation will be given  
14 by Chaplain Peterson. Please come forward and properly  
15 introduce yourself.

16 CHAPLAIN PETERSON: Good evening. My  
17 name is Granada Peterson (ph), Dr. Granada Peterson,  
18 and I'm a chaplain with the Detroit Police Department.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Appreciate  
20 you.

21 CHAPLAIN PETERSON: And I'd just like to  
22 welcome each and every one of you and I'm glad to be  
23 here and I came to pray.

24 (Whereupon Chaplain Peterson proceeded  
25 with the invocation.)

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Chaplain. The  
2 next item would be for the Commissioners to introduce  
3 themselves. We're going to start to my far right.

4 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you, Chair. Good  
5 afternoon. Annie Holt, at large.

6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon. William  
7 Davis, District 7.

8 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon.  
9 Elizabeth Brooks, at large. And, if it's okay with the  
10 Chair, I'd like to make an announcement. Briefly, one  
11 of our commissioners, Evette Griffie, is going to  
12 receive one of the Women of Excellency awards put on by  
13 the Michigan Chronicle. And just a couple seconds.  
14 This award is awarded to women who they feel have done  
15 great deeds. And I myself received one of the first  
16 ones when it first started in 2008, so welcome.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Congratulations.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Outstanding.

19 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: Jim Holly, at large.

20 COMMISSIONER GARZA DEWAELESCHE: Good  
21 afternoon. Eva Garza Dewaelsche, at large.

22 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Good afternoon.  
23 Evette Griffie, District 2.

24 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. The next item

1 will be Approval of the Agenda.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved.

3 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Support.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Its been properly moved  
5 and supported. Discussion?

6 (None responded.)

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those in favor, aye?

8 (Several commissioners responded by  
9 indicating aye.)

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed?

11 (None responded.)

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Motion carries. The next  
13 item will be approval of the Minutes from April 11,  
14 2019.

15 COMMISSIONER GARZA DEWAELESCHE: So moved.

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Its been properly moved  
18 and supported. Discussion.

19 (None responded.)

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those in favor, aye?

21 (Several commissioners responded by  
22 indicating aye.)

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed?

24 (None responded.)

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Motion carries.

1 Mr. Hicks, our Board secretary, would you introduce the  
2 Board staff, please.

3 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just prior  
4 to introducing the Board staff I do want to indicate  
5 that Sergeant Quinn is taping today's meeting. Media  
6 Services is doing the audio visual work and Shay  
7 Coleman is the court reporter. If you turn your  
8 attention to my right, Robert Brown is immediately next  
9 to me. And we go to the first row, Mr. Wyrick is the  
10 Board's counsel. Ms. Blossom, who is our Media  
11 Outreach. Ms. White, who is of course ahead of our  
12 Policy area.

13 In the second row Ms. Johnson who does our  
14 fiscal work. And, then if we return to the front row,  
15 Dr. Polly McAllister, who is the Chief Investigator not  
16 only will introduce herself but the balance of her  
17 staff who is present.

18 (Whereupon Investigator McAllister  
19 introduced herself as well as her  
20 staff.)

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good to see you back with  
22 us. And the next item I would introduce Deputy Chief  
23 who is sitting in for James E. Craig, that would be  
24 Todd Bettison, the Deputy Chief.

25 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Good afternoon,

1 Board. Deputy Chief Todd E. Bettison, sitting in for  
2 the Chief temporarily. Right now he's in a meeting and  
3 he will be joining us shortly. I do sometimes wonder  
4 what the E in his middle name stands for, James E.  
5 Craig. Maybe one day I'll find out. At this point I  
6 will ask that DPD sworn members introduce themselves  
7 and start with Deputy Chief Marlon Wilson.

8 (Whereupon DPD Sworn Members introduced  
9 themselves on the record.)

10 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: And then also our  
11 civilian members of the Department.

12 (Whereupon civilian members of the  
13 Department introduced themselves.)

14 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: And sitting up  
15 against the wall are much appreciated Detroit Police  
16 Reserves.

17 (Whereupon Detroit Police Reserve  
18 Officers introduced themselves.)

19 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: And also joining us  
20 our Captain of Homicide.

21 (Whereupon the Captain of Homicide  
22 introduced himself.)

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Can I have the captain  
24 that was primarily assigned to the 7th Precinct  
25 reintroduce herself.

1 (Whereupon the Captain of the 7th  
2 Precinct reintroduced herself.)

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: You changed assignments  
4 on us after all those great years. I just want to  
5 thank for your service to the 7th Precinct, which is my  
6 home precinct when I started my career. You did an  
7 outstanding job when they were with the level precincts  
8 and you separated. I just want to appreciate your work  
9 at the 7th Precinct; one of our outstanding leaders on  
10 this Department in my opinion.

11 And also I want to indicate when I was  
12 working as a young officer you was the real police in  
13 terms of your activities with the Narcotic Division. I  
14 recall that so I just want to say we appreciate you and  
15 wish you the best in your new assignment.

16 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: So she's working for  
17 me now and she has a citywide touch. With all that  
18 good work she's able to spread her wings citywide now.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: That is outstanding.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: She looks so young and  
21 you.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Let's pray for the  
23 reverend. But longevity has its place. I appreciate  
24 that. Do we have any elected officials or  
25 representatives of elected officials in attendance?



1 Stand up and identify yourselves, please.

2 (Whereupon elected officials introduced  
3 themselves.)

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any others any civic  
5 leaders?

6 (None responded.)

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: If not, I want to thank  
8 all of you for your attendance this afternoon. And we  
9 do have a birthday young lady in the audience, Ms.  
10 Sharon Pernel (ph), would you please stand up. My  
11 grandson always wants to sing happy birthday and he  
12 wants to know how old you are but we're not going to go  
13 there.

14 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Mr. Chair, if I may.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

16 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: While we're in the  
17 audience, Attorney Gina Crump (ph) is also being  
18 awarded at the same ceremony.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. I always say  
20 that coming from a family of great young ladies over  
21 the years that I don't know where we would be without  
22 you in terms of the struggle from Mississippi to Rosa  
23 Parks and we go on and on, and what's happening in D.C.  
24 I just want to commend. Reverend, I don't know how to  
25 say that, but sometimes we as brothers we somewhat --

1 you know what I'm saying.

2 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: I understand.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: He understands. We just  
4 need to challenge ourselves. I just want to thank you  
5 for your involvement in terms of being a pillar of our  
6 communities. It's always a blessing. The next item  
7 would be the Chairman's Report. I have a brief report.  
8 On behalf of the Board, I want to express our concerns  
9 of fallen and injured officers. Our concern for  
10 officer safety and citizen protection are two of the  
11 most important priorities of the Board. We are  
12 receiving weekly reports of injured officers. I would  
13 ask that Deputy Chief during his remarks provide us  
14 with any additional information related to injured and  
15 fallen officers. Board of Police Commissioners meet  
16 every week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas  
17 Holiday. We meet at Police Headquarters three weeks in  
18 the month on Thursday at 3 p.m. We also meet in the  
19 community every second Thursday of the month at 6:30  
20 p.m.

21 On the Detroit City Charter Article 7 Chapter  
22 8 the Board of Police Commissioners is empowered to  
23 provide civilian oversight and supervisory control of  
24 the Police Department. Our citizens are justified in  
25 asking how the civilian oversight law enforcement help

1 you as a citizen in our community. Our answer is we  
2 protect the civil rights of citizens. Oversight  
3 organizations like the BOPC are at the forefront of  
4 investigating, reviewing and auditing individual cases  
5 and complaints of the operation of police officers and  
6 eliminate misconduct, discriminatory police practice,  
7 unnecessary use of force by police.

8 Our work is based on the public and  
9 supporting effective policing. Trust and respect  
10 between police and the community is critical for us to  
11 increase the quality of life of residents and  
12 businesses in Detroit. The Board of Police  
13 Commissioners existed by civilian oversight for the  
14 work of the Detroit Police Department. As the Board  
15 receives and investigates non-criminal citizen  
16 complaints, monitor the operation of the Department and  
17 work with the mayor and the Chief of police to make and  
18 modify police policy.

19 I want to point out -- I want to point to  
20 several important items for your consideration and  
21 information. The Board is continuing to work with  
22 NACO, the National Association for Civilian Oversight  
23 of Law Enforcement, to host a national conference on  
24 September 22nd through the 26th 2019 in Detroit.  
25 During the same time Detroit will be celebrating our

1 45th year of civilian oversight on July 22, 2019. We  
2 are inviting law enforcement to join us at the  
3 conference. Planning process is well underway, and  
4 again, we invite you. Tomorrow is beginning of the  
5 Easter Holiday celebration. I think it really starts  
6 Thursday evening. But anyway, Friday is Good Friday  
7 and the Board of Commissioners will be closed, as you  
8 well know.

9 Today we have a presentation from the  
10 Detroit Police Reserve Unit. The Reserve Chief of  
11 Police, they will be making the presentation. In the  
12 Detroit City Charter Section 7.818 entitled Police  
13 Reserve, the Chief of police appointed a police reserve  
14 and set training standards for reserve officers. Our  
15 hope is that the presentation will outline the  
16 standards.

17 On the Chief Report I'm requesting an update  
18 on our crime stats and any critical issues. We will  
19 have public comments from the audience. Please make  
20 sure you print your name on the speaker cards. Cards  
21 are located on the back of the table. And if not see  
22 Mr. Brown to my far right. He would need your card  
23 before the beginning of the public comments. We would  
24 hold each speaker to the allotted two minutes. Those  
25 are my comments.

1 I do want to briefly ask Mr. Hicks, Gregory  
2 Hicks, to speak to the Ken Cockrel film that was  
3 recently shown at the DIA on Saturday at 4 o'clock. It  
4 was very interesting because it dealt with stress,  
5 which came about after the civil disturbance in 1967.  
6 And it was well put together. And Mr. Hicks presented  
7 several commentary and references to that particular  
8 piece. It was sold out. And I hope they worked out  
9 and were able to share that throughout the City of  
10 Detroit because it's a really historic piece dealing  
11 with a prominent activist attorney and also former  
12 councilman who died too soon in 1989. Mr. Hicks.

13 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think  
14 you largely covered it. This was a film. It's called  
15 Dare to Struggle. It was created by some local film  
16 makers here in the City of Detroit. Executive producer  
17 is Kenneth Cockrel's daughter Kitty Cockrel. It's  
18 really -- I think it's a documentary and it's a real  
19 walk through the days which the Department probably had  
20 one of its darkest periods during this STRESS period.  
21 And STRESS, of course, it was a police unit that  
22 was documented as, depending on your persuasion,  
23 killing or executing some 22 citizens here in the City  
24 of Detroit.

25 The film largely creates or describes the

1 circumstances in the community and the resistance and  
2 pushback that was coming from the community in reaction  
3 to the STRESS Unit. It laid the ground work, I think,  
4 for the kind of sensitivity that lead to the election  
5 of Mayor Coleman Young. And the film further documents  
6 that the second executive order issued by Mayor Coleman  
7 Young was the elimination of the STRESS Unit. It goes  
8 on, of course, to put some of the things in historical  
9 perspective and I think it's a wonderful film. It was  
10 part of the Detroit Free Press Film Festival this past,  
11 I guess, week and I've heard a number of people who are  
12 attempting to have it played again here in the area.  
13 So some of that information, if it becomes available, I  
14 will share that with the Board. I think it is one of  
15 those must see films or documentaries given the kind of  
16 work in which we are involved in here.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. As you  
18 perhaps are not aware, Commissioner John Nichols was  
19 the last one person police commissioner for the City of  
20 Detroit Police Department and he ran on the law and  
21 order platform and Coleman A. Young who advocated law  
22 enforcement reform and that was his primary platform of  
23 getting rid of STRESS. And, thereafter, what you  
24 witnessed was aggressive affirmative action that the  
25 Board of Police Commissioners lead that challenge.

1           And I got my awareness hired in 1971 by  
2 attending a hearing at Dr. Charles Butler's church on  
3 the east side of Detroit and that was lead by Ken  
4 Cockrel and others in terms of what was happening in  
5 our community. As a young person growing up in Detroit  
6 I experienced some of that police interaction just by  
7 the former Police Chief Ike McKinney indicated in his  
8 remarks that his first roll call a person, you know,  
9 I'm not going to work with that "N", you know how that  
10 go. And he started his career, I think, in the late  
11 60s. So we can see this is not the same Department.

12           I think you must be aware of the history when  
13 we're talking about black lives matter the whole issue  
14 because I shared that with The Academy class because we  
15 don't stress that in terms of DPD history. But I think  
16 you need to know the history of DPD and the history of  
17 Detroit. And Ken Cockrel played a very significant  
18 role in changing the culture in terms of how we  
19 approach it in terms of defending individuals. So I'm  
20 going to quit on that note but you really should take  
21 time out to review that.

22           If you just Google that a whole lot of that  
23 will materialize so I just want to commend Ken  
24 Cockrel's daughter and former Councilwoman Sheila  
25 Cockrel in terms of putting it together. It was really

1 a challenge. In fact, they're still indebted to trying  
2 to cover the cost but I thought it was very crucial and  
3 Commissioner Holly wouldn't know exactly we have  
4 transitioned over the years.

5 So moving on to the next item would be the  
6 Deputy Chief filling in on behalf of the Chief.

7 DEPUTY CRAIG BETTISON: Thank you,  
8 Commissioner. I'll start with crime first and our  
9 homicide numbers we have a 31 percent reduction  
10 compared to this year same time and period. As far as  
11 whole numbers, in 2018 at this time we had 67  
12 homicides. Today we're resting on 46 so you can see  
13 the reduction of 31 percent. And the crime of sexual  
14 assault that is up 11 percent. In 2018 we had 231,  
15 2019 we're at 257. Most of those are known  
16 acquaintances as far as individuals in same household,  
17 things of that nature. So we're not having issues of  
18 stranger on stranger, which is the most concerning.

19 Robbery, we continue to see robbery trend  
20 down. We're at 11 percent. It's biting our overall  
21 numbers. Last year at this time we were at 27 percent  
22 so we're down an additional 11 percent on top of that  
23 27 percent being down. In 2018 it was 604. 2019 we're  
24 at 538 but in 2017 we had 736 robberies. So it's  
25 trending down. Now, the crime of carjacking, which is



1 very concerning, we're seeing almost -- we're almost at  
2 a fifty percent reduction. We're at 47 percent  
3 reduction in carjacking.

4 So, you what that looks like, in 2018 we had  
5 73 carjackings. This year 2019, 39 so our overall  
6 strategy and what's occurring there is just continuing  
7 to push that down. We contribute a lot of that to  
8 Green Light; just strengthening the places where those  
9 types of crimes typically would occur. That was one of  
10 the reasons Chief Craig initially wanted to start Green  
11 Light and start at those gas stations and also  
12 restaurants and other places that people were  
13 frequently getting car jacked at.

14 Aggravated assault; we're down 2 percent.  
15 2,203 in 2018. This year we're at 2,165. Non-fatal  
16 shootings we're down 13 percent. Last year we were  
17 down 34 percent so 13 percent on top of that 34  
18 percent. We'll show you what that looks like in whole  
19 numbers. In 2018 we had 168 people shot at this time.  
20 2019, 147 people shot. Our total violent crime is  
21 resting with a 3 percent reduction. Our property  
22 crimes all categories are trending down. Burglary five  
23 percent reduction; larceny, which is a non-violent;  
24 theft from another person, like the stealing of a purse  
25 or something of that nature, we're down 13 percent.

1 Stolen vehicles down nine percent and total property  
2 offenses we're resting at ten percent.

3 We take -- all of these part one crimes  
4 together have a combined reduction of 8 percent. In  
5 regards to what Chairperson Bell asked in regards to  
6 our critically injured officers in the line of duty,  
7 James Kisselburg is still recovering at home. Waldis  
8 Johnson, who is still recovering in nursing care from a  
9 gunshot wound. Police officer Chrostopher Therssen  
10 was involved in a car accident and still recovering at  
11 home with occupational therapy. Police Officer Lemuel  
12 Sims is recovering at home. We expect him back to work  
13 soon from a fall at work. Officer Don Painter assigned  
14 to the 3rd Precinct, he's recovering at home as well  
15 from a critical injury suffered during police action.  
16 And officer Robert Trozak is off disabled. He'll be  
17 reporting back to the Medical Section on May 22. That  
18 completes my report, sir.

19 One additional thing I wanted to add. I'm  
20 very proud to say that our Sisterhood had an event at  
21 Cobo Hall on this past Thursday -- not Thursday -- but  
22 Tuesday. And we had over 324 girls from six high  
23 schools there and it was a phenomenal event, a day of  
24 empowerment and also a day where we had police  
25 recruiting there as well to be able to just expose

1 these young ladies to a career in law enforcement.

2           Regardless of what career they pick, it's all  
3 about just positivity and unlocking potential and  
4 opportunity for those young ladies. Our first  
5 Assistant Chief was on the panel. Chief Craig spoke.  
6 And we partnered with DPS and we brought in  
7 entertainment and it was very, very enlightening. It  
8 felt like a community.

9           What's so special about this is the fact  
10 that oftentimes our young females are forgotten about.  
11 It's all types of programs for boys in schools. This  
12 was a group that's oftentimes forgotten about and we  
13 want to make sure we're reaching out. The previous  
14 year we did something called The Brotherhood. The  
15 Chief looked around and said I want something for the  
16 young ladies and we should call it The Sisterhood and a  
17 year later we accomplished that mission.

18           And we have police officers, over 17 police  
19 officers, with DPD that volunteered in these six  
20 Detroit Public Schools and they're there every week  
21 working with these young ladies. I just want to let  
22 the community know DPD is consistently involved with  
23 the youth in this City. And next month on May 22nd  
24 we're going to have The Brotherhood at Cobo Hall so I  
25 would like to invite this Board as well to that event

1 and I'll get you more information on it.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners.

3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Well, comment, I guess,  
6 basically. I hope we continue to have these trends  
7 with the carjacking and vehicle, stolen vehicle  
8 numbers, keep going down. Hopefully that will  
9 translate to our auto insurance going down.

10 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: I hope so also. I  
11 think we're all sitting here with crossed fingers and  
12 prayer hands hoping that gives us the extra leverage to  
13 say to our State Legislatures, hey give us a break.  
14 We're doing our part.

15 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Mr. Chair.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I just want to commend  
18 the Police Department on their efforts the other day.  
19 I was reading about a hostage situation in which there  
20 was a phone call in the middle of the night and at the  
21 end of the day the police was able to save the family  
22 unharmed and able to apprehend the person that was  
23 barricading the home, so good work.

24 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you so much.  
25 Our preferred strategy when we can is to always wait

1 them out. That is our preferred strategy. It's just  
2 countless and countless times of how we handled  
3 barricaded gun person situations and we wait them out  
4 and I can tell you in the majority of the cases they  
5 end without violence.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: I just want to pause and  
8 acknowledge Commissioner Burton, your attendance this  
9 evening, and thank you for coming out. Commissioner  
10 Holly and then we'll go to Commissioner Burton.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: Just a couple of things.  
12 Let me ask you this. We're like 14 percent from being  
13 50 percent in terms of homicide down. Is there any  
14 study or anything that we know of that basically sort  
15 of try to see what's going on to keep where these  
16 numbers are going south? Is there any study or  
17 anything that is going on to really help us with this  
18 kind of trend?

19 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: I would ask that  
20 Captain McGinnis (ph) would come up at this point.  
21 He's our subject matter expert on it. I would say I  
22 can't contribute it to any one thing that we're doing  
23 but I think it's collective of what everyone is doing.  
24 With those working together from our community, even  
25 the community relations piece of it, where folks are

1 trusted in this police department and they are speaking  
2 up and giving us information because we cannot solve  
3 crimes without community. I think that we're  
4 leveraging technology exceptionally well and that we  
5 are locking up the right persons for the crimes, and  
6 when you take them out of the population they can't  
7 re offend so we believe that's a contributing factor as  
8 well. But I will turn it over to Captain McGinnis.

9 CAPTAIN MCGINNIS: Through the Chair, Captain  
10 Michael McGinnis, Homicide. DC, you hit it right on  
11 the head. It's all our strategies coming together;  
12 whether it's technology through LPR, Green Light,  
13 facial recognition, RMS, CAD, all those technological  
14 improvements as well as Cease Fire, Brotherhood,  
15 Sisterhood. All these things are coming together and  
16 we're reaping the rewards right now. I think we're  
17 data driven now where we may not have been in the past.  
18 So our responses globally are where the numbers are  
19 dictating where we respond and what we should do.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: Is there anything, like  
21 the Communication Department of the Police Department,  
22 is there anything that can be done in terms of trying  
23 to encourage in terms of getting the people who really  
24 listen to people I think we're trying to get to; listen  
25 to radio, the hip hop? Is there anything that we can

1 do that Communications can say to encourage people to  
2 really find other ways of handling their conflict that  
3 may help this situation? Because I'm so -- when I look  
4 at this report week after week I'm so encouraged. I  
5 just want to say how do we -- we're 14 percent away  
6 from being 50 percent of homicide and we're close to  
7 halfway through the year. This is good.

8 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: I'm so glad you asked  
9 that question. When I talked about The Brotherhood  
10 and The Sisterhood, this was the second year doing it.  
11 So working very closely with Detroit Public Schools  
12 Community Districts oftentimes you're asked are we --  
13 do we have the right kids in the room. Absolutely we  
14 do. The principals identify the school leaders and  
15 with the school leaders some of those leaders influence  
16 culture. With working with them and working through  
17 historic practices, conflict resolution, we named it  
18 The Brotherhood because you are your brother's keeper.  
19 With that spirit of love we were hoping that we could  
20 start to change culture in the way that they looked at  
21 each other.

22 We were nervous to bring six high schools  
23 from the east and the west side all in one room at one  
24 time. I was nervous. But with a spirit of love and  
25 outpouring and being positive and working with these

1 young men, showing them how to respect each other, it  
2 was nothing but love in the room; no arguments, no  
3 conflict. And, then for the young ladies as well, with  
4 The Sisterhood, it was an actual embrace with all. So  
5 I think that's had a positive effect as well.

6 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: Thank you so much. Just  
7 a couple administerial, the minister in me, I keep  
8 looking at the injuries. Is there any way we can every  
9 now and then have a card sent to some -- I've seen  
10 these guys and gals on here, a nice card; not no  
11 Walmart, a nice card. And, second thing, could we,  
12 Mr. Chairman, have the resolution and present it to Ms.  
13 Cockrel come here and based upon the work that they've  
14 done and perhaps acknowledge in such a way that we  
15 might be able to be supportive of the project itself?

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: I support both  
17 recommendations and we can definitely do a Hallmark  
18 card and we can definitely contact the family and we  
19 can perhaps work that as soon as possible because I  
20 thought that was really profound for them to put that  
21 piece together. And we have to witness this to really  
22 appreciate it so it's a work of love but also something  
23 that we should be aware of.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton.

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question to Deputy



1 Chief Bettison. Looking at the numbers for robbery and  
2 carjacking, looking at the numbers for robberies and  
3 carjacking, what is some of the success that you all  
4 having as far as turning those numbers around? I'm  
5 seeing those numbers are lowering right here on this  
6 sheet here. Is it partially because of the new  
7 recruits that's coming? We've got more visibility in  
8 the community or is it Project Green Light or a  
9 combination of both or leadership with some of the  
10 promotions that took place not long ago?

11 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: I think you hit it on  
12 the head. I think it's a combination of it all.  
13 Community Green Light, more police officers. Because  
14 when an officer is there, if an officer is present, it  
15 does have a deterring effect. And then also our  
16 closure rates are going up as well. I would definitely  
17 ask is Deputy Chief Marla Wilson still in the room?  
18 She just stepped out but Green Light, I'll give you an  
19 example real quick. If you think about what occurred  
20 this past Friday downtown Detroit on Monroe Street we  
21 had a critical stabbing. Within an hour and a half we  
22 were able to flash the picture of the perpetrator out  
23 to the public so everybody could see who it was. We  
24 knew exactly who we were looking for and that was  
25 caught on the Green Light camera. Within another hour

1 and a half we had the individual in custody.

2           The Green Light and the cameras have allowed  
3 DPD to have that tool. And then with the other  
4 technology, the license plate readers, and I'll even  
5 say something else. Because the community has  
6 additional trust through the Board, through  
7 accountability, through all of this, our radio patrols  
8 or Detroit 300s, I would say over the past two and a  
9 half months community members have gotten their loved  
10 one who have committed violent crimes in the City to  
11 safe surrender and turn themselves in to DPD. That's  
12 the story that's not really told. How do you measure  
13 something that doesn't happen that doesn't make the  
14 headlines.

15           But I just want to give a shout out and kudos  
16 to Mr. Bey (ph). You may remember him where the fatal  
17 shooting of the three-year old on the Southfield  
18 Freeway where he, along with Former Chief Godby (ph)  
19 got the individual to turn himself in. Well, a couple  
20 weeks later he actually contacted DPD and it was a  
21 violent suspect that was hiding in the city out of  
22 Tennessee who he contacted us and facilitated a safe  
23 surrender. I just want to honor him for that. He  
24 contacted me with a carjacking suspect. I think it's  
25 all of that working towards helping us out. Thank you

1 for asking that question.

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Deputy  
3 Chief.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Any others?  
5 If not I just want to appreciate the concerns of the  
6 commissioners raising the issue. One issue that came  
7 up at the 5th Precinct Police Community Relations and  
8 also East English Village is the Spring/Summer  
9 bringing out of HTVs. And we know it was an issue last  
10 year. The young man, former State Trooper, has just  
11 been convicted, which is rightfully so; however, we  
12 still hear the debate of how are we going to deal with  
13 these young people riding in packs.

14 They know that we do not chase them and they  
15 know we're restricted. But the community concern, I  
16 know there was debate about trying to find a site. How  
17 do you find a site in 140 square miles. It just don't  
18 work that way. It's just like hot rodders on the city  
19 streets. Any suggestions on how DPD is going to  
20 approach that particular matter?

21 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: I'll have to come  
22 back to the table with you on that one. I want to be  
23 very thoughtful with that but give us a week and  
24 we'll come back to the table and be able to outline  
25 what our strategy will be to be able to deal with the

1 ATVs because the chasing of them is an issue. I will  
2 come back to the table with a strategy.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. If you could  
4 give us some feedback. I know the difficult subject  
5 because of the nature. These are young people and they  
6 say well why do they sell them. Well, they sell them  
7 but there's nowhere to ride them public or private  
8 unless you get permission but they know that and I just  
9 was looking for some feedback. I didn't have an  
10 answer. I said well, we know and 5th Precinct  
11 responded. Yeah, it's an issue that we're going to  
12 face. Thank you for reporting out for the Chief and  
13 we're going to move on now to Reserves, Police  
14 Reserves.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Do we have a Police  
16 Reserves handout or anything of that nature?

17 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: I thought it would  
18 have been in your package.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: No, it's not in the  
20 package.

21 MR. HICKS: We did not receive the handouts.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: At some point in time you  
23 can get it to us if you don't have it at this  
24 particular time. We can move on but definitely make  
25 sure you get a copy of it. Thank you.

1 CHIEF RESERVE OFFICER: To the  
2 Commissioners, I would like to formally introduce to  
3 you our Detroit Police Reserves under the leadership of  
4 our Reserve Chief Bruce as well as our Assistant Chief  
5 of Police Lewis. And today we have with us one of our  
6 the commanding officers from the Eastern District,  
7 which is Commander Jackson, if you could stand. Thank  
8 you. As well as Commander Menton (ph). Thank you. At  
9 this time I'll turn it over to Chief.

10 RESERVE CHIEF BRUCE: Chairman Bell and  
11 Members of the Board, good afternoon. For the record,  
12 my name is Reserve Chief Linda Bruce. It's always an  
13 honor and pleasure to come before you and update you on  
14 recent activities of the Detroit Police Reserve Core.  
15 2018 was a busy year for the Police Reserves. We  
16 launched a Recruitment Committee to recruit and  
17 interview new Police Reserve candidates. We've made  
18 significant progress on our integration efforts with  
19 the Detroit -- with the Department as a whole with  
20 training for body worn cameras and an official field  
21 training program and redesigned activity logs to  
22 conform to DPD standards. And we increased our average  
23 monthly participating rate of our members by nearly 15  
24 percent.

25 Most importantly, we strengthened our

1 relationships with sworn members in the precincts.  
2 This achievement is what I'm most proud of because  
3 the Police Reserves is all about the community. As the  
4 City has begun to grow I think everyone can agree that  
5 more police presence in the neighborhood is needed. We  
6 know the Police Department has limited resources and  
7 that even today some of our citizens live in fear.  
8 My priority as reserve police chief is to concentrate  
9 our efforts in those neighborhoods and provide that  
10 visible police presence that we know deters crime.  
11 While it's not the job of the Police Reserve Core to  
12 act in a primary enforcement capacity, it is our job to  
13 assist and support the police officers that do so that  
14 they can provide more efficient police services which  
15 the citizens of our city deserve.

16 By focusing on the neighborhoods our  
17 reservists are routinely out on the streets along with  
18 our sworn officers expanding their presence, backing  
19 them up when needed and forming relationships with  
20 them. There are now many precinct stations in the city  
21 where reserve officers have become fixtures. Precincts  
22 like Number 4 where Commander Walton has such a good  
23 relationship with her Reserves that our Reserve  
24 Commander Minton (ph) is now part of the planning for  
25 larger events in the precinct. And Number 7 where the

1 precinct supervision and our reservists to attend  
2 life saving training and Number 11 where the sworn  
3 members just threw an appreciation dinner for their  
4 reserves at their own expense. I could keep going but  
5 I'm sure you're getting the picture.

6           There's a really important aspect to all of  
7 this, though. This spirit of cooperation isn't about  
8 salaried command officers that enjoy volunteer help in  
9 their commands. The real measure of our success is  
10 evidenced in how well we work together with the rank  
11 and file members. When police officers, bargaining  
12 unit members and even stewards ask us to help them they  
13 express their appreciation. Now, that is how I know we  
14 are making a difference. Chairman Bell, I know you can  
15 attest to this was not always the case. I know that  
16 you can appreciate how far we've come. But we haven't  
17 made these accomplishments on our own. They say it  
18 takes a village to raise a child, but trust me, it  
19 takes a whole lot more to run a volunteer law  
20 enforcement organization.

21           Our continued growth and success would not be  
22 possible without the excellent leadership of Deputy  
23 Chief Bettison who almost single-handedly overturned  
24 years of disinvestment in our program and paved the way  
25 for the Police Reserve Core to become a much more

1 modern, professional and valuable force of well-trained  
2 and properly equipped volunteer members. Likewise, I  
3 cannot express enough gratitude to our coordinators,  
4 Police Officer Royce Hill (ph) and Jeff Johnson who  
5 manage the day-to-day operations of our program and  
6 have been instrumental in all of our efforts to better  
7 serve the police department. At this time I'd like to  
8 turn the podium over to Reserve Assistant Chief Steven  
9 Lewis who will walk you through a brief presentation of  
10 our 2019 goals and answer any questions you may have.  
11 Thank you.

12 RESERVE ASST. CHIEF LEWIS: Members of the  
13 Board, good afternoon. For the record, I'm Assistant  
14 Chief Steven Lewis, Detroit Police Reserve Core, and I  
15 will try to keep our presentation brief to focus on the  
16 questions I know you guys have. Briefly, the Police  
17 Reserve Core was established under City Charter Section  
18 8-818 -- pardon me -- 8.818, which gives the Chief of  
19 Police the ability and the authority to appoint reserve  
20 officers and to set them up on training standards. The  
21 Chief's neighborhood liaison provides day-to-day  
22 coordination and management of the unit, which consists  
23 of about 120 active reserve officers. Our minimum  
24 monthly commitment for our members is twelve working  
25 hours a month in addition to any training or meetings.



1           We do have a command staff, our command  
2 structure, and accountability throughout the entire  
3 organization. Obviously we are lead by Chief's  
4 neighborhood liaison Deputy Chief Todd Bettison and now  
5 under him Captain (inaudible). Also welcoming Curt  
6 Blackwell (ph) who is not in this presentation, Reserve  
7 Chief Bruce and myself, run the executive team for  
8 the Reserves. We have two deputy chiefs; one for east  
9 and west. We have eastern and western reserve  
10 commanders who are with us today. We also have our  
11 Reservist Henry Dodge, who is an institution with over  
12 50 years of service to the Detroit Police Reserve Core  
13 who has our Homeland Security Outreach working with the  
14 neighboring agencies to bring in the training and  
15 information. We also have Reserve Commander Billy  
16 Brunson (ph) who runs Downtown Services for us.

17           Major initiatives for 2019. You'll have to  
18 forgive my animation is off here a little bit. I'm  
19 just going to bring this all up. Major initiatives  
20 are to continue to increase recruitment into the  
21 Police Reserve Core. Law Enforcement has taken some  
22 hits lately and it's not always easy to get people to  
23 come down here and work for free in uniform as you can  
24 well appreciate; especially when we are looking for a  
25 very certain, very specific kind of community involved

1 member because of the work that we do. But I am  
2 pleased to say that a new class is being assembled and  
3 we have a target start date. We haven't locked down  
4 the exact date.

5 We're also, for the first time, introducing a  
6 formal continuing education program, which will be well  
7 documented and run through the training bureau. It's  
8 going to be a 20-hour block. It's going to provide  
9 updates to legal issues, department policy, and for the  
10 first time ever what we're calling community  
11 interaction techniques which I'll touch on in a second.

12 We're pleased to announce that the Detroit  
13 Police Reserve website is nearly complete. We're doing  
14 some testing on it right now. We have a target launch  
15 in the middle of May, and this will serve as both  
16 recruitment apparatus as well as information about not  
17 only the reserve, but for the police department in  
18 general. We are still in the process of overhauling  
19 the Detroit Police Reserve policy and procedure manual.  
20 A new revised draft has been submitted to the Chief's  
21 office. We anticipate a release in the third quarter  
22 but that is certainly an interactive process and  
23 everybody has to weigh in on it.

24 We are working to equip and train reserve  
25 personnel in body worn cameras. This goes initially

1 from Steve last year. We started that process now and  
2 it's continuing. We should have it completed in the  
3 second quarter. So some technical issues have jumped  
4 in the way and prevented us from getting that done just  
5 yet. We also have -- we're ready to release now a  
6 comprehensive performance for due process and a DPR  
7 member development plan. This is in parallel with the  
8 training curriculum on the continuing education. It's  
9 going to begin this month and the review process will  
10 be formally introduced in the forth quarter. We're  
11 going to start training on the new reviews and we're  
12 actually going to run in the forth quarter our first  
13 review cycle. This scores reserve members in twelve  
14 broad categories based on reserve and unreserved  
15 performance.

16 Last but not least, uniform and personal  
17 equipment. DC Bettison has been instrumental in  
18 getting us new uniforms, ballistic vests and duty  
19 equipment on order. They are being deployed to the  
20 entire reserve core and we hope to have that wrapped up  
21 by mid summer. It's a great accomplishment because it  
22 had been nearly ten years since we had new uniforms and  
23 equipment within the Reserve.

24 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: You can thank the  
25 Board. They approved the budget.

1 RESERVE ASST. CHIEF LEWIS: Thank you, Board.  
2 And if there's anything else -- I won't get greedy.  
3 Some numbers of interest for 2018, some of this  
4 continues into 2019. Reserve officers contributed over  
5 three thousand volunteer hours in 2018 in the  
6 precincts. Overall, we've had over 35 thousand hours  
7 between all of the training, administration, downtown  
8 details, but three thousand hours just in precincts,  
9 just out in what we call our visibility controls on the  
10 streets. This is an increase of nearly 15 percent.  
11 65 percent of all detail time are across the entire  
12 portfolio of hours was in neighborhood precincts; very,  
13 very important for us.

14 In the past twelve months reserve officers  
15 conducted over one thousand one hundred special  
16 attention site visits at Green Light locations. So  
17 when we talk about carjacking, violent crimes in these  
18 Green Light locations going down, recognize that every  
19 single weekend you have reserve officers that are just  
20 in those areas over and over again. It makes it an  
21 unattractive place to hang out when the police cars  
22 are rolling through every ten and fifteen minutes. In  
23 2018 reserve officers provided additional coverage for  
24 approximately 40 neighborhood community events. These  
25 are church details, community fairs, things of that,

1 neighborhood block club parties. We're looking to hit  
2 about sixty of them for 2019 but that number keeps  
3 increasing.

4 Now, the continuing education program. It  
5 took us about a year to put this together. It's not  
6 easy to come up with a 20-hour block for reserve  
7 officers that span a wide variety of experience and  
8 length of service, but it's focused in four core areas;  
9 legal, which is a refresher on statutory and case law.  
10 Most importantly, how these legal developments impact  
11 reserve officers. We're part sworn police officers and  
12 there's a certain nuance to what we do. That's very  
13 important so that's a part of our legal training  
14 strategy. Obviously departmental, which is an update  
15 on DPD policies and procedures and also newly developed  
16 reserve procedures. Working with the training  
17 bureau there's tactical training on use of force, but  
18 more importantly, deescalation, communication and  
19 emotional intelligence; how to handle those situations  
20 so that we don't have to get into a use of force  
21 situation. This is something that's very -- it's time  
22 consuming training. It hasn't been an area of focus in  
23 the past, but part of our program is really wrapped  
24 around that how do you deescalate a situation.

25 And then something that we started with

1 Lieutenant Possel (ph) when she was with us. This is  
2 what we really call civic education. We see ourselves  
3 as ambassadors of the police department and of the  
4 city as a whole. It's very important to train our  
5 members on resource awareness; what resources are  
6 available for people in the community. We don't want  
7 to turn people away when they flag us down for  
8 something. We don't want to call a uniformed officer  
9 away from patrol to come and answer a question because  
10 somebody doesn't know how to file an accident report or  
11 they don't know how to go down to 36th Court for  
12 landlord tenant disputes or issues of civil matters.  
13 These are things we can help with. They're not law  
14 enforcement. They're not taking away from a bargaining  
15 unit member. They're helping them be more efficient by  
16 providing information and it serves the stewards of the  
17 City. So this is a big part of our 20-hour block.  
18 There's resource pamphlets that we put together for  
19 every social service that's known to man available to  
20 our residents or visitors of the city of Detroit. All  
21 reserve officers will be getting a copy of that.

22           Just a real quick look at our road map.  
23 We're through the first quarter where we have our auto  
24 show campaign and body worn camera training kickoff.  
25 Into the second quarter we're finalizing tiered

1 membership strategy. We're doing our supervising  
2 training. We're getting ready for the fireworks, which  
3 of course is a big event. We're getting ready for  
4 Cinco De Mayo, which is a big event. Carrying through  
5 into the third quarter, as I said, we want to have body  
6 worn cameras complete. We wanted to have our new  
7 manual released. We're working on some mock disaster  
8 drill training in partnership with other volunteer  
9 organizations. More to come on that. And we'll end  
10 out the year with hopefully graduating our new class.  
11 Are there any questions for the Board?

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners.

13 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: I'm very impressed with  
14 this report. I just gotta ask you. If it's too  
15 personal just tell me. Why aren't you the real McCoy?

16 ASST. CHIEF RESERVE LEWIS: Well, I am the  
17 real McCoy. I'm a real reserve officer.

18 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: I guess I'm asking the  
19 question -- and I'm sorry. People like you and these  
20 young people on the wall, I don't understand, because  
21 I've got 200 of you and I'm 55 short of my goal of  
22 being a police officer. What -- how can I get you  
23 across the line?

24 ASST. CHIEF RESERVE LEWIS: So I think I can  
25 answer that by saying every person has their own

1 reasons. Speaking for myself personally, I've been  
2 with the Police Reserve Core for almost 17 years. I  
3 joined thinking I was going to become a police officer.  
4 And, to be honest, two years in the 9th Precinct along  
5 side patrol officers I decided that wasn't for me. I  
6 decided I could serve the Department better by helping  
7 in the capacity that I do. I think that that's really  
8 the case with most of our reserve officers. I think  
9 that most people-

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: So that is sort of the  
11 case with most of them?

12 ASST. CHIEF RESERVE LEWIS: Most people don't  
13 want to do this for the living. They want to help the  
14 people that do this for a living. That's what I do.

15 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: When I took over the  
16 Reserves and really got to know them and looked at  
17 their bios and saw the wealth of talent and the quality  
18 of the people; some of the reserve officers own their  
19 own multi-million dollars businesses, Ph.Ds, pilots,  
20 and they just want to give back. They may have always  
21 wanted to be a police officer but life took them in a  
22 different direction where they're entrepreneurs but  
23 they still want to come back and volunteer to give to  
24 the City of Detroit and they do it in a professional  
25 manner.



1 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: I've never heard of  
2 anything like this in all my life.

3 ASST. CHIEF RESERVE LEWIS: I can say,  
4 through the Chair, I can say that we have -- one thing  
5 that unites us in the Reserve Core and that's the  
6 spirit of volunteerism. We like to say this country  
7 was founded on volunteer work. There was a time when  
8 a police officer was a part-time and volunteer  
9 profession and yet we changed it and it needs to be a  
10 full-time profession but that spirit is still there.  
11 And for our members that bring these skills, as the  
12 Deputy Chief said, from the private sector into the  
13 police department, I think that that's probably been  
14 instrumental to why we have this cooperation.

15 There was a point in time where reserve  
16 officers just were extra people to work parades and  
17 work sporting events. And Chief Bruce and I's  
18 philosophy is that we have programs for that. We have  
19 secondary employment. Pay your fair share. We're in  
20 the neighborhoods. We're here for the citizens that  
21 pay the taxes and that live here and that's why we do  
22 this; so if we have members that have a data analysis  
23 background and they can come and write applications for  
24 crime analysis to do their thing, which we've done.  
25 We've had people working on a program manager by trade.

1 So if I can put together something that helps run an  
2 event that's why we do this.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: I'll leave you alone.  
4 So Chief, then maybe I'm just the only one. Is there  
5 any way that we can acknowledge these people and the  
6 work that they do and the kind of talent and so forth  
7 that they are? In other words, we do a whole lot of  
8 accolades and things for a lot of people. That's fine.  
9 But I've never seen -- this is -- I think the City  
10 needs to know about people like this who  
11 basically-

12 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: I agree with you one  
13 hundred percent. I will get with my media relations  
14 folks and work with your team so we can properly  
15 acknowledge and do a showcase on the reserve officers.  
16 I think that will be a great thing to really showcase  
17 the level of professionalism and expertise and broad  
18 talent that these folks volunteer to give to the City  
19 of Detroit.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: Let me ask you this. I  
21 really -- nothing.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair. I  
23 think that I understand your enthusiasm, Commissioner  
24 Holly, because I too was sitting here writing questions  
25 to ask about how what was the opportunity for a

1 reservist to transition into being sworn officers and  
2 to understand that it's a conscious choice that you're  
3 making to give back to your City, that's quite  
4 commendable on your part and thank you.

5 ASST. CHIEF RESERVE LEWIS: Thank you very  
6 much, ma'am. So over the past ten years we have, that  
7 I am personally aware of, we've had eleven members of  
8 the Detroit Police Reserve become full-time Detroit  
9 Police Officers. We recently had an officer that  
10 couldn't get into the next academy class. He was a  
11 reserve officer who recently graduated so he went at  
12 his own expense, put himself through the academy up  
13 north, then came back and got hired lateral here in  
14 Detroit. He is now in field training out of the 3rd  
15 Precinct, Officer Danny Tims (ph).

16 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you for sharing.

17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: How many reservists  
18 would you like to expand to? I know you said you have  
19 120 now?

20 ASST. CHIEF RESERVE LEWIS: That's a very  
21 good question. I mean, I'd like to say give me a  
22 thousand, but the reality is that the equipping,  
23 training and equipping, there are capacity issues.  
24 Chief Bruce and I feel that 300 is a good comfortable  
25 target number for what we can realistically equip,

1 train and employ without significantly more resources  
2 from the Department and manpower.

3 Out of the 120 we have two police officers  
4 that are coordinators for that 120 active and that  
5 doesn't count 30 that are inactive for various reasons.  
6 And there isn't another unit in this Department that  
7 manages and oversees that number of people is so few.

8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second question. Do any  
9 reservists ever go to any City of Detroit high schools  
10 or community colleges and talk to students?

11 ASST. CHIEF RESERVE LEWIS: I'd have to get  
12 back to you on that. I'm not personally aware of any  
13 speaking engagements. I know we have been active with  
14 DPS Police on different details, but I don't know of  
15 anything, any presentation.

16 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: When we talk about  
17 the level of professionalism in the reserves we  
18 actually had one reserve officer that is a teacher at  
19 Cass Tech so he's there every day but I see your point,  
20 though. That may be something that we can definitely  
21 expose our youth to as well; a great recruiting  
22 opportunity.

23 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I just want to  
24 congratulate you on such a wonderful report. And I'm  
25 listening to all of this. I work with recruiting.

1 I wasn't trying to recruit any of the reserve officers  
2 but please leave the schools to us. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: You heard Commissioner  
4 Brooks.

5 ASST. CHIEF RESERVE LEWIS: I know where I  
6 stand.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: I just want to say, as we  
8 all know, we should know that Chief Craig's father is a  
9 former police reservist.

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: You know everything.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Not everything. But his  
12 father is -- you have to understand the history of  
13 Reserves. When I joined the Department in 1971 we as  
14 African American pushed to join the Police Department  
15 Reservist which was primarily white. When African  
16 American started to join the Reservists, DPUA activated  
17 in terms of they was taking the role of police officer.  
18 So that was a great deal of accreditation to moving to  
19 where you are today in terms of training to certify  
20 you. Even though it was volunteering, serving the  
21 community, but as we know, as we start integrating  
22 the Reserves and I took it on myself, along with other  
23 African American officers, making sure that Reservists  
24 had a seat in our scout car. That we welcomed them.  
25 We appreciated them. And now you have gone to full --

1 I guess in terms of accreditation, the training and the  
2 background, and you know you're going to get the  
3 uniform. It's a commitment. Some of them do not have  
4 a desire to be the real police, as I call it, but it's  
5 about volunteering. Reservists, policing and fire  
6 fighters, as you know, that's the backbone of a lot of  
7 communities, is volunteering.

8 So I just want to appreciate your effort. If  
9 anything we can do. As you know, we need to really  
10 recognize you. Perhaps we can do that our 45th  
11 anniversary, recognize you, appreciate you, because I  
12 know this why Chief Craig has an endeavor to making  
13 sure you get what you need. Because of his  
14 relationship with his dad who was a reservist. And  
15 that's encouraging because I think we have one of the  
16 top reservist programs in the State if not in the  
17 country because every graduation an officer joins the  
18 police department the first individual you meet at  
19 Greater Grace or Second Ebenezer is the reservist.  
20 You're on those doors and I really appreciate that  
21 interaction and you're there at the end welcoming  
22 people. So those things, and like I said, committed  
23 to the precinct. So I can't say enough. And I'm  
24 glad you're updating us where we are and where we're  
25 going to go. Very impressive.

1 ASST. CHIEF RESERVE LEWIS: Thank you very  
2 much.

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a couple  
6 questions. First I'd like to start with a statement is  
7 that I'm very aware of the work that the reservists do  
8 in the community. You guys, you know, deserve a lot  
9 better, you know, for the work you guys do. I would  
10 love to see the reservists continue to expand. One of  
11 the questions I have is where you guys are right now  
12 today as far as fleet, and if we don't have an answer  
13 about that today then maybe we can talk about it later,  
14 I just want to know how comfortable you are with the  
15 fleet. Is there enough cars for the reservists when  
16 they go out, you know, things of that nature. I just  
17 want to know about ya'll comfortability (sic) because  
18 you are all are a part of this Department. You all,  
19 you know, do so much in the community, and I would love  
20 to see the reservists, you know, make up at least 30,  
21 40 percent of whatever the numbers are for DPD as far  
22 as the size. I would love to see you all get to be  
23 that large in size of a body.

24 ASST. CHIEF RESERVE LEWIS: So I'll go ahead  
25 and say, you know, equipment continues sometimes to be

1 an issue. Our command officers for doing the best that  
2 they can with what they have. But the vehicles,  
3 particular vehicles, have been an issue for us. We  
4 make do and we get a lot of mileage out of finding a  
5 car here, a car there, but at this point we have no  
6 dedicated fleet for us that's modern. And the few cars  
7 that are made available to us on a regular basis but  
8 some of these are 2000s. They're not modern vehicles.  
9 We've got the old black cars, a few of them.

10 We do have access to vehicles that are not  
11 used by patrol, but as you know, patrol comes first.  
12 Patrol comes first, ops come second, investigators  
13 come third and then we're at the bottom. So if there's  
14 anything that the Board would like to do to assist us  
15 with that, I've got all kinds of time for those  
16 discussions.

17 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. I  
18 will jump in real quick. I just had a conversation in  
19 a meeting specifically on the fleet with the operation  
20 support side of the house and they've committed to me  
21 of getting eight vehicles for the reserves dedicated  
22 and they'll be housed over at the 3rd Precinct, which  
23 is central in the City. They'll be able to come over  
24 there and get them. Also, each precinct, when it's a  
25 reserve detail, should make available a vehicle for



1 them to go out and do the voluntary work for us as  
2 well. They are primarily for us and I'm working to  
3 make sure they get an upgrade in those old vehicles  
4 that they currently have. I took care of the uniforms.  
5 Now it's on to the fleet.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Good question  
7 and good response. Any further questions?

8 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I don't have a question  
9 but I think it would be wonderful if you all were part  
10 of our NACO Conference.

11 ASST. CHIEF RESERVE LEWIS: We'd love to be.  
12 Matter of fact, I wrote it down and was talking to the  
13 Chief as you guys announced it.

14 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Because I don't know  
15 how many other States have police reserves like we have  
16 here.

17 ASST. CHIEF RESERVE LEWIS: Almost every  
18 State has them. Maybe I'm -- I'm not just unbiased,  
19 but I'd like to think that we're the best. One final  
20 bragging point, I will say that MCOLES, when they got  
21 the statutory authority to set minimum reserve  
22 standards, they came to us. We worked in partnership  
23 with the training bureau. We created the state of the  
24 art reserve curriculum, which will be adopted as the  
25 MCOLES standard when they're released. That's

1 something that we all played a hand in. It's probably  
2 my most favorite achievement about being in this  
3 position.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Outstanding. The next  
5 item, do we have any standing ad hoc committee reports?

6 (None responded.)

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: If not, Mr. Hicks, Board  
8 Secretary.

9 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to  
10 draw your attention to four items on the Agenda.  
11 Customarily these are items that come into the  
12 organization. They're not set for discussion or action  
13 in tonight's meeting, but we do want to alert the Board  
14 of incoming correspondence. We had two requests for  
15 the use of BOPC subpoena by Internal Affairs.

16 Also, sent to the Board, the 45th interface  
17 memorial service, an invitation, and that's to take  
18 place Friday, May 3, 2019. And, if you recall, we had,  
19 I thought, an excellent panel discussion at the last  
20 community meeting. And one of the participants in that  
21 panel discussion, Dr. Woods, had an article in which  
22 Commissioner Dewaelsche asked be distributed through  
23 all of the Board and that was taken care of and I hope  
24 you all have had an opportunity to receive it and  
25 review it. Unless you have any particular questions

1 for me that would be my report for the day.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: I just want to say that  
3 the forum last week was outstanding. Commissioner  
4 Burch is not here. I want to commend her efforts in  
5 putting that together. But one of the suggestions I  
6 would like to make, that when we do forums like that, I  
7 think we need to limit our business portion of it and  
8 just focus on the forum and spend -- like if we're  
9 going to Western High School, whatever it is, because  
10 it's a long drawn out process, some of the people when  
11 we wrapped it up thought it was all over and that was  
12 one suggestion, Commissioner Burch needs to just focus  
13 on that particular forum and suspend any other business  
14 because as we move to try to do A and B it's difficult  
15 and people are there from all walks of life; senior  
16 citizens. Like I say, it's a long evening for them and  
17 we need to take them into consideration not to do a  
18 drawn out; just focus on that hour or so. Because I  
19 thought the Q and A was good in the subject matter.  
20 Then you go to the business portion so it goes in a  
21 whole totally different direction. So if we can keep  
22 that in mind. I know we had that discussion in the  
23 past but we need to be consistent not to do a drawn out  
24 three hour format regardless of what we do. Keep that  
25 in mind, Commissioners. We need to try and structure

1 in that manner. I think it would be more productive  
2 because the forum was excellent but it's a long, long  
3 evening, and people in the second half pretty much  
4 walked. So I want to say that was really very  
5 critical. Commissioner.

6 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Yes, Commissioner  
7 Bell. We could possibly still approve items in our  
8 Agenda. This is also the time we get our reports from  
9 OCI and from the HR director so maybe what we could do  
10 is alternate weeks where we would given that -- I'm  
11 sorry -- not weeks, months. The one month we would  
12 give that report-

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yeah, we could alternate.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: -and then one  
15 month do the panel.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: We definitely want to  
17 reschedule the HR report to come later on, maybe about  
18 3 o'clock, but I think that's something that would be  
19 in favor of not having a long drawn out, because  
20 sometimes church service can go on and on. Thank you,  
21 Mr. Hicks. Any old business?

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, I -- you  
25 know, there's been discussions about having our

1 meetings open to the public. I think exercising our  
2 judiciary responsibilities to those that elected us in  
3 the community, we should have our committee meetings  
4 open to the public to be more transparent. If one is  
5 questioning on the BOPC transparency then, you know,  
6 that becomes a problem and a whole nother conversation.  
7 But I move today that we allow all committee meetings  
8 to be open to the public according to, looking at the  
9 City Charter Section 7-802(n), looking at the Open  
10 Meetings Act on the Attorney General's website. So my  
11 motion today is to move that all committee meetings be  
12 open to the public and prior -- before that motion I  
13 also would like to ask also under old business is I did  
14 request for a legal opinion from the Board's attorney  
15 based off of having the meetings open to the public and  
16 I'd like to have that legal opinion.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Wyrick. I just want  
18 to indicate there's no motion on the floor but Mr.  
19 Wyrick is going to speak to the issue.

20 MR. WYRICK: Good afternoon, honorable Board.  
21 Through the Chairman, I'm the Board attorney. Speaking  
22 very succinctly, one of the things you may recall I do  
23 every week is I send out an attorney report more or  
24 less updating legal issues. Speaking very clearly to  
25 your issue, Commissioner Burton, in my report yesterday

1 I very specifically highlighted that particular portion  
2 of the Charter that you make reference to, Charter  
3 Section 780-2. In Section 780-2 of the Charter it very  
4 specifically states that -- it doesn't say that all  
5 meetings have to be open. What it says, rather, is  
6 that all meetings must be in accordance with the Open  
7 Meetings Act and there's a difference between the two.

8 In fact, the Statute that I showed you  
9 yesterday when you came in my office, is actually the  
10 State Statute on the Open Meetings Act. And under that  
11 specific statute it says that certain meetings must be  
12 open to the public but there are certain exemptions and  
13 exceptions to that as well. Unless a meeting is --  
14 unless there is what you call the quorum, which is  
15 basically the meeting as we have constituting right now  
16 and decisions are being made, meetings such as  
17 committee meetings, especially as relates to certain  
18 issues such as issues that we go into closed session  
19 about, personnel issues, employment application issues,  
20 things of that nature, all meetings do not have to be  
21 open to the public neither under the State Statute nor  
22 under the City Charter.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That's not totally  
24 accurate. This is a public body.

25 MR. WYRICK: Well, I'm not going to debate

1 you, but if you read specific-

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I will seek-

3 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Point of order, you  
4 were not recognized by the Chair.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton, you  
6 asked for a response. He responded to the issue. It's  
7 not a debate. That's why we have an attorney to the  
8 Board to address that. And he also submitted to you  
9 documentation in reference to the particular Act.

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My motion-

11 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Point of order-

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: You do not have the  
13 floor. So, Mr. Wyrick, you put it in writing. Thank  
14 you. Any other questions from any other commissioners  
15 in reference to the Open Meeting Act?

16 MR. WYRICK: Thank you, Chairman Bell. And,  
17 just to enlighten you more, when I get upstairs I'm  
18 going to delineate more specifically the State Statute.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.  
21 Through the Chair. Through the Chair. I think you  
22 have to acknowledge me.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: I haven't acknowledged  
24 you, sir. Any other-

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know what, this

1 level of disrespect would not be allowed. You know,  
2 when you shut down a commissioner you disenfranchise  
3 a hundred thousand voters that live in the 5th  
4 District. Now, I did say politely, Mr. Chair and I  
5 paused, and then I come back and I say Mr. Chair and  
6 I'm still not acknowledged.

7 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Mr. Chair, can we  
8 allow him to bring his motion forth and we can as a  
9 body decide what we want to do?

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, the motion is  
11 ongoing at every meeting. There is no second to the  
12 motion.

13 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I think he wants to  
14 bring it up again.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chair, my motion is  
16 to -- is I move that we allow the committee meetings to  
17 be open to the public the way they ought to be. You go  
18 to City Council. You go to the County Commissioners,  
19 you go to any other public body-

20 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Point of order, you  
21 make a motion. You say the motion. You're done.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have the floor.  
23 These meetings are open to the public except for the  
24 BOPC. And, we talk about transparency, we talk about  
25 being the bridge of accountability between the Police



1 Department and the community, our residents. But when  
2 we don't resemble that here at the BOPC-

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: The Chair is going to  
4 request a recess for five minutes.

5 (Off the record at 4:19 p.m.)

6 (Back on the record at 4:23 p.m.)

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: The Chair is going to  
8 reconvene the meeting at this particular time.

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, I was  
12 reclaiming my time still under old business, but I have  
13 seen where this body have hired-

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Sir, do you have a  
15 motion?

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The Board secretary,  
17 the Board's attorney, the Board's community person; all  
18 of these persons were hired under the personnel  
19 subcommittee with one entity where a full Board didn't  
20 -- was not even informed on how many applicants applied  
21 for the positions or looking at letters of  
22 recommendation or even resumes. This bad practice  
23 must stop and it must stop here. My motion that I put  
24 out there, I move that all committee meetings be open  
25 to the public.

1 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the Chair.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

3 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I'd like to make a  
4 second motion that we postpone his motion indefinitely  
5 so it does not have to come before this body again.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You can't-

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Its been properly moved  
8 and seconded. Discussion.

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, I'm an  
10 elected official. I'm going to bring this -- I pledge  
11 to Detroit residents that I will bring my motion back  
12 before this table each and every week. And for you-

13 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Mr. Chair, I just want  
14 to point to the fact that the motion I just made is  
15 clear adherence to Robert's Rules of Order which I  
16 would advise my colleague to look up if he has any  
17 questions.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those in favor of the  
19 motion?

20 (Several Commissioners responded by  
21 indicating aye.)

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed?

23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Opposed.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Motion carries.

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My motion will be back

1 up next week.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Excuse me. Any new  
3 business?

4 (None responded.)

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Announcements. Next  
6 meeting will it be Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 3 p.m.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have new business.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Sir, I have moved on to  
9 Announcements. The next community meeting will be  
10 Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 6:30 at 14221 Southfield.  
11 I also want to share with you announcement that we made  
12 last week. Reverend Jim Holly, Pastor of the Historic  
13 Little Rock Baptist Church, will be hosting a law  
14 enforcement appreciation day on May 19th at 2019 at 10  
15 a.m. at Little Rock Baptist Church. The Chief of  
16 Police command staff will be honored at the ceremony  
17 and the Board is invited on May 19th.

18 Oral communication from the audience. We  
19 have two minutes and we encourage you to respect the  
20 process that we give you two minutes. Mr. Brown.

21 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I have three cards.  
22 Ms. Faith followed by Dietta Wilcoxon and Ms. Michelle  
23 George will be your last speaker.

24 MS. FAITH: Good afternoon, Board. I  
25 appreciate every one of you continually, consistently

1 appreciate every one of you and the hard work that I  
2 see ya'll do all down to the years that I've been  
3 coming. And this should be, I believe, my third or  
4 forth year in coming to the meetings. It's always,  
5 always astounding. I like your words, astounding and  
6 outstanding, Commissioner Bell, because they're  
7 appropriate to this wonderful Board. And also, the  
8 people in the audience and the commanders and officers  
9 as well as the attorneys.

10 I was listening to the comments that was  
11 being made about the Green Light Program as well as the  
12 other programs that are being sponsored by DPD and I  
13 would like to welcome the Board Commissioner Holt. I  
14 was so impressed by her when I saw her the first time  
15 and also Commissioner Griffie. I mentioned that she is  
16 going to be honored and this is good talent here. I'm  
17 glad ya'll picked her and also Commissioner Holt and  
18 Commissioner Davis. When I first started he was just  
19 speaking like I do in the comments and now look where  
20 he's gone because of the honored Board here. I don't  
21 know if you're at large or appointed by the Mayor or  
22 voted by the office, but the work you're all doing I'm  
23 amazed.

24 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: What about me?

25 MS. FAITH: And also Chief Bettison. I will

1 give him his proper awards here because he stood when I  
2 first came. And, Commissioner Brooks, I want to honor  
3 them especially because they came to help me when I  
4 needed them. I am no longer homeless. I have  
5 somewhere to live now. Thank you. Commissioner Bell,  
6 astounding and outstanding work. You did not coddle me  
7 like a baby. You helped me to stand up straight.  
8 Continue. Outstanding astounding work.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

10 MR. BROWN: Ms. Wilcoxen followed by Ms.  
11 George.

12 MS. WILCOXEN: To this honorable Board, I am  
13 Dietta Wilcoxen here to speak to on behalf of the  
14 residents of the City of Detroit to ask this Board on  
15 the record to state whether or not there are procedural  
16 safeguards in place that respect both the U.S. and the  
17 Michigan Constitution as it relates to the equal rights  
18 protections that are supposed to be afforded to public  
19 comments and whether or not procedural due process  
20 rights are protected by this Board. I'd like for the  
21 record to reflect what the Board's position is as it  
22 relates to the equal protection and due process rights  
23 of the residents of the City of Detroit as they relate  
24 to public comment.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: I don't understand.

1 MS. WILCOXEN: I'm sorry.

2 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: I don't understand.

3 MS. WILCOXEN: You weren't here last week,  
4 Reverend Holly.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: I'm asking the Chair.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir. She's speaking  
7 to the citizens coming before us to have two minutes to  
8 speak. We would have our attorney to address that  
9 issue. I guess he might be prepared to address that at  
10 this particular time.

11 MR. WYRICK: I would say succinctly the  
12 answer is yes. And one of the interesting things that  
13 will be included-

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: What is the question?

15 MR. WYRICK: Whether or not we abide by  
16 basically the constitution and equal access to  
17 speaking. One of the interesting aspects to the Open  
18 Meeting Statute as well is that a public body can set  
19 regulations and rules and standards in terms of members  
20 of the community speaking at the meeting as well.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, we allow in all our  
22 meetings, as you well know, historically since 1974,  
23 like any other public body, we give the public an  
24 opportunity to speak two minutes and sometimes it's  
25 give or take. We don't really put the clock and maybe

1 we need to do a clock. But basically you have that  
2 opportunity. I'm not aware of that being an issue, but  
3 you raised your concern and that's why you do have that  
4 privilege.

5 MS. WILCOXEN: I raise it not for my concern,  
6 Mr. Chair, but I raise it for the concern of the  
7 residents of the City of Detroit. The Equal Protection  
8 Clause of both the U.S. Constitution and the State of  
9 Michigan Constitution provides that people who are  
10 similarly situated, as you well know, Counselor, are  
11 treated the same way. If a party is given two minutes  
12 to speak all parties are to be given a minimum of two  
13 minutes to speak.

14 This Board has been very laxed in the manner  
15 in which it has treated public comments. There are  
16 people who have spoken for three, four and five minutes  
17 and have not been stopped. There are other people who  
18 have not been given an opportunity to speak to for the  
19 allotted two-minute period. So I'm asking the Board to  
20 go on the record so that the residents of the City of  
21 Detroit know unequivocally that the constitutional  
22 provisions of both the State of Michigan and the United  
23 States Constitution will be abided by by this body as  
24 it relates to citizens who are similarly situated.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Ms. Wilcoxen, now, are

1 you asking that we restrict any comments to two  
2 minutes?

3 MS. WILCOXEN: No, sir. I'm asking that you  
4 abide by your own dictates, which indicate, as you  
5 indicated earlier, that a person who speaks before this  
6 body during public comment will be given two minutes to  
7 speak. That has not always been the case and because  
8 it has not been the case I want this Board to go on  
9 record indicating that it will comply by its own  
10 regulations.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Let me suggest that you  
12 just brought it to our attention but we can abide. I  
13 think there's some flexibility of this Board to a  
14 minimum of two minutes and have that leeway to echo  
15 that concern. We don't have to say cut off at two  
16 minutes. I think this Board makes that decision, but  
17 we will take into consideration what you have  
18 suggested. The attorney responded. You feel that way,  
19 but having been a majority or even one person opinion,  
20 but thank you for bringing it to our attention.

21 MS. WILCOXEN: I don't merely speak for  
22 myself, Mr. Chair. I speak on behalf the residents of  
23 the City of Detroit.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: And we are elected by the  
25 people also. Thank you. Next question.



1 MS. GEORGE: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Let  
2 me hurry up.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Could you identify  
4 yourself.

5 MS. GEORGE: Ms. George.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Ms. George, you've been a  
7 long-term person attending this meeting and we give you  
8 two minutes. Sometimes we cut whatever that is. I  
9 think that we have been fair across the board. But we  
10 don't put it on the clock but we do give you the  
11 opportunity. Mr. Brown try to monitor it and hold the  
12 card. Sometimes people do comply and they do not. So  
13 we've been flexible.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLY: She's got one minute or  
15 two?

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: She's got two minutes.  
17 Once you introduce yourself you've got two minutes.

18 MS. GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and to  
19 the Board of Commissioners. First of all, I wanted to  
20 Deputy Chief Bettison, to let Chief Craig know thank  
21 you for the workshop with the Sisterhood. I think that  
22 Crime Prevention 101 -- and also Corporal Woods. I  
23 also would like to know that any area of the 2nd Police  
24 Precinct, and I don't know if we have to do a study,  
25 but there have been gunshots. People have been calling

1 9/1/1 and I don't know if they have to do a log, but  
2 there have been a lot of gunshots coming out of church  
3 on Sunday there were twelve gunshots. Thank God  
4 Central AME, the people were not coming out. We were  
5 running back into the church, but the police did come  
6 out.

7 I don't know -- I know a former City Council  
8 back in the day was going to get with Chief Craig. I  
9 know Commissioner mentioned one time about the sound  
10 but there have been a lot of gunshots at night in the  
11 2nd Police Precinct. I don't know who you want to call  
12 just to see how many calls they've received from 9/1/1  
13 so I wanted to bring that up.

14 Also I wanted to talk about there's something  
15 called speed therapy where these Chargers are coming in  
16 the City, some are from the City, and all this figure  
17 eight and it makes all this smoke, especially at the  
18 Warren area, and then they go to Dearborn. I don't  
19 know. That needs to be addressed, but there's been a  
20 lot of speeding with the Chargers. And also I know the  
21 reserve officer, which was a wonderful Power Point  
22 presentation. That's something we are working on  
23 because I am hearing through the City grapevine there  
24 is a shortage of cars. And as we try to move with this  
25 Charter and get with this corporate to put that money

1 into police as I work on the police salaries that's  
2 something. I thank you.

3 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that was your last  
4 speaker.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: I want to thank all of  
6 you for coming out to our afternoon meeting. I want to  
7 thank all of you. Some of you come quite often. We  
8 really appreciate you. And we try our best to  
9 accommodate you at each meeting and regardless of  
10 what's going on. Like we talked about trying to  
11 streamline some of the things we do but we also  
12 included a Q and A during the mental health. That was  
13 another time allotted. So we try our best. We're all  
14 volunteers as you well know. Some are elected. Some  
15 are appointed. But we do work for the community and we  
16 hear you and we hear your concerns. When there's  
17 consensus sometimes we can respond but sometimes you  
18 get that one person, you know, address that. But we do  
19 still hear you so we try our best to accommodate you.  
20 That's why DPD staff is here. That's why our staff is  
21 here.

22 Each meeting that we try to accommodate you.  
23 But we do not have desire to restrict you, but as you  
24 well know, City Council has the same format and when  
25 we appear we have to abide by the Council President.

1 And there's always leeway of how she approach things,  
2 how they approach things. We try our best. And each  
3 person in terms of chairing, this meeting try to work  
4 within the framework of the Board. If not we get a  
5 reprimand. I don't really work that way, but I will do  
6 a better job. But sometimes when people want to say  
7 something we try our best to accommodate them. So if  
8 not you need to give us some feedback. Thank you. The  
9 Chair will entertain a motion for adjournment.

10 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So moved.

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Its been properly moved  
13 and supported. Discussion.

14 (None responded.)

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those in favor aye.

16 (Several Commissioners responded by  
17 indicating aye.)

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed?

19 (None responded.)

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Motion carries.

21 (The proceedings concluded at 4:39 p.m.)

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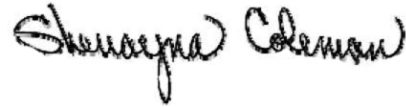
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