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2	STATE OF MICHIGAN
3	DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
4	REGULAR MEETING
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9	Taken at 1301 Third Street, Media Room
10	Detroit Public Safety Headquarters
11	Detroit, Michigan
12	Commencing at 3:00 p.m.,
13	Thursday, June 6, 2019
14	Before Sheila D. Rice, CSR-4163, RPR, RMR
15	Notary Public, County of Wayne
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2	CHAIRPERSON WILLIE E. BELL, District 4
3	VICE CHAIRPERSON DARRYL D. BROWN, District 1
4	COMMISSIONER EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHE, At-Large
5	COMMISSIONER LISA CARTER, District 6
6	COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH W. BROOKS, At-Large
7	COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY A. BURCH, District 3
8	COMMISSIONER WILLIAM M. DAVIS, District 7
9	COMMISSIONER JIM HOLLEY, At-Large
10	COMMISSIONER WILLIE BURTON, District 5
11	CHIEF JAMES CRAIG / ASSISTANT CHIEF DAVID LEVALLEY
12	SECRETARY GREGORY HICKS
13	ROBERT BROWN
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- 1 Detroit, Michigan
- 2 Thursday, June 6, 2019
- 3 3:00 p.m.
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- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I want to say good
- 6 afternoon.
- 7 AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We want to be on time as
- 9 always, and I'm going to call the meeting and to get
- 10 myself in order, too.
- 11 Let's try that again. Good afternoon. I am
- 12 Police Commissioner Willie Bell, and I represent
- 13 District 4. I serve as the Chair of the board and will
- 14 be conducting our meeting today. On behalf of the
- 15 board, for those in attendance, thank you for joining
- 16 us. For people viewing this meeting on your government
- 17 cable channel, thank you for viewing our meeting.
- 18 Commissioner Annie Holt has asked to be
- 19 excused from today's meeting.
- 20 Today is another sad day for the Detroit
- 21 Police Department. I am sure that each of us recall
- 22 the recent report that Sergeant Elaine Williams, badge
- 23 number S-263, died as a result of a non-duty related
- 24 injury. Sergeant Elaine Williams was assigned to Major
- 25 Crimes.



- 1 As a board, we add our condolences to the
- 2 long list of people from the department and beyond who
- 3 will miss the warm and friendly face of Sergeant Elaine
- 4 Williams. Final arrangements for Sergeant Williams'
- 5 viewing are on Wednesday, June the 12, 2019 at 3 p.m.,
- 6 3:00 to 8 p.m., at Detroit World Outreach Church
- 7 located at 23800 West Chicago, Redford Charter
- 8 Township. The funeral arrangements are scheduled for
- 9 Thursday, June the 13th, family hour 10 a.m. The
- 10 funeral is 11 a.m. also at World -- Detroit World
- 11 Outreach Church located at 23800 West Chicago, Redford
- 12 Charter Township.
- 13 I ask for a moment of silence to honor
- 14 Sergeant Williams' life and her contribution to the
- 15 city and the Detroit Police Department. Would you --
- 16 (A moment of silence was observed.)
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Today we have
- 18 invited Chaplain Stanley Mobley to provide invocation.
- 19 And please properly introduce yourself, affiliation or
- 20 whatever you might want to share prior to.
- 21 CHAPLAIN MOBLEY: Thank you, Commissioner,
- 22 and thank you all, Commissioners. Thank you for the
- 23 opportunity. I'm Commander Stan Mobley with the DPD
- 24 Chaplain Corps of Detroit Police Department. And it's
- 25 an honor to be able to stand before you today to



- 1 distribute invocation. I just ask that the spirit of
- 2 God would rest upon each and every one of us here
- 3 today, that we be in God's wisdom to continue to
- 4 navigate the business of this great city.
- 5 Father, I thank you for the opportunity to
- 6 come boldly to the thrown of grace, to obtain the mercy
- 7 and find grace and help in our time of need. I thank
- 8 you that you have given us the opportunity to come
- 9 together in unity, come together in faith and believe,
- 10 and inviting you into the very conversation today. We
- 11 lift up, Father, those who have fallen. And we pray,
- 12 Father, for the families that those who are still in
- mourning, for we thank you that the business at hand
- 14 must continue. So, Father, bless us that we have the
- 15 strength, we have the wisdom, but most of all the love,
- 16 Father, that will bind us together to come to
- 17 agreement. So we thank you that your spirit rests with
- 18 us right now as we move forward, in Jesus name. Amen.
- 19 AUDIENCE: Amen.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.
- 21 Appreciate it.
- 22 I'm going to ask the commissioners to
- 23 introduce themselves starting to my far right, please.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Commissioner William
- 25 Davis, District 7.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Shirley Burch, District
- 2 3.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Elizabeth Brooks,
- 4 At-Large.
- 5 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Darryl Brown,
- 6 District 1, Vice Chair.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Lisa Carter, District
- 8 6.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Eva
- 10 Garza-Dewaelsche, At-Large.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioners.
- Mr. Hicks, do we have a quorum?
- MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, you have a quorum.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- The next item of business will be approval of
- 16 the agenda for this afternoon's meeting.
- 17 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: So moved.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- and supported.
- 21 Discussion?
- Those in favor, aye?
- 23 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?
- Motion carries.



- 1 The next item will be approval of the May the
- 2 30th, 2019 minutes.
- 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: So moved.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 6 and supported.
- 7 Discussion?
- 8 Those in favor, aye?
- 9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?
- 11 Motion carries.
- Mr. Hicks, would you introduce the staff,
- 13 please, for the board.
- MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Prior to
- 15 making those introduction, there's a couple items that
- 16 I want to put on the record and, of course, that is
- 17 indicating that Sergeant Quinn is taping the meeting
- 18 today, Media Services is providing the audiovisual work
- 19 and Sheila Rice is the court reporter who has joined us
- 20 today.
- 21 And immediately to my right is Robert Brown.
- 22 And then if we go to the first row members of BOPC
- 23 staff, could you stand and introduce yourselves.
- MR. WYRICK: Jermaine Wyrick, board attorney.
- MS. BLOSSOM: Teresa Blossom, Police



- 1 Community Relations.
- 2 MR. HICKS: And, of course, if we can go to
- 3 Dr. Polly McCalister who will not only introduce
- 4 herself, but the balance of the --
- DR. McCALISTER: You forgot Ms. Johnson.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Ms. Johnson.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh, I didn't see you over
- 8 there, Ms. Johnson.
- 9 MS. JOHNSON: Faye Johnson, board accountant.
- DR. McCALISTER: Good afternoon, board.
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- DR. McCALISTER: I'm Dr. Polly McCalister.
- 13 And attending today's meeting with me is Investigator
- 14 Hiller and Investigator Neeley and Investigator Murphy.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 16 Chief Craig, it's good to see you this
- 17 afternoon.
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: Good seeing you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We would like you to
- 20 introduce any DPD staff. We would appreciate it.
- 21 CHIEF CRAIG: Starting with Assistant Chief
- 22 LeValley we'll go around.
- 23 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Assistant Chief
- 24 David LeValley, Office of Neighborhood Policing.
- 25 CAPTAIN HOPE: Captain Kyra Joy Hope, Chief



- 1 Neighborhood Liaison.
- 2 (Inaudible) Professional Standards.
- 3 (Inaudible) Professional Standards.
- 4 (Inaudible) Labor Relations.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I assume that -- thank
- 6 you -- we've covered all the DPD staff?
- 7 CHIEF CRAIG: That's correct.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. And
- 9 joining us is Commissioner Jim Holley, At-Large. Good
- 10 to see you this afternoon, sir.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you so much.
- 12 Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Do we have any elected
- 14 officials or representatives of officials?
- I see our good friend who needs no
- introduction, but I'm going to introduce him anyway.
- 17 The chief of staff for Council President Brenda Jones,
- 18 Steve Grady. And he will be speaking after the Chief
- 19 in terms of remarks concerning issues that the council
- 20 president wants to bring to our attention in terms of
- 21 support. So when Chief Craig finishes he will be the
- 22 next person on the agenda if the commissioners will
- 23 allow that in terms of modifying. Thank you.
- 24 Any other -- yes, sir.
- MR. CORBETT: Paul Corbett here on behalf of



- 1 Councilman Roy McCalister's office.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for your
- 3 attendance.
- 4 End of the introductions, and the next item
- 5 will be the Chairman's report. On behalf of the board,
- 6 I want to express our concern and support for fallen
- 7 and injured officers, including the recent death of
- 8 Sergeant Elaine Williams. Our concerns for officer
- 9 safety and citizen protection is ranked as two of the
- 10 most important priorities of the board. Our board
- 11 receives a weekly report from the department listing
- 12 injured officers. I would ask the Chief of Police
- during his remarks to provide us with any additional
- information related to injured and fallen officers.
- The Board of Police Commissioners meets every
- 16 week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday
- 17 periods. 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 Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7,
- 22 Chapter 8, the Board of Police Commissioners is
- 23 empowered to provide civilian oversight and supervisory
- 24 control of the police department. Our citizens are
- 25 justified in asking how does civilian oversight of law



- 1 enforcement help you as a citizen in our community.
- 2 Our answer is we protect the civil rights of citizens.
- 3 Oversight organizations like the BOPC are at the
- 4 forefront of investigating, reviewing and auditing
- 5 individual cases of citizen complaints and patterns of
- 6 operations by police agencies to eliminate misconduct,
- 7 discriminatory police practices and unnecessary use of
- 8 force by police.
- 9 Our work is based on developing and
- 10 supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and
- 11 respect between the police and the community is
- 12 critical towards increasing the quality of life for
- 13 residents and visitors to Detroit.
- 14 The Board of Police Commissioners exist to
- 15 provide civilian oversight for the work of the Detroit
- 16 Police Department. As a board, we receive and
- 17 investigate noncriminal citizen complaints, monitor the
- 18 operations of the department and work with the Mayor
- 19 and the Chief of Police to make or modify police
- 20 policy.
- I want to point to several important items
- 22 for your consideration and information. The Board of
- 23 Police Commissioners will have its annual board
- 24 training on Friday, June the 28th and June the 29th,
- 25 2019. Please mark your schedules and plan to attend



- 1 this annual training. We will be reviewing the mission
- 2 and goals of the board as well as a few of our
- 3 operation procedures. The training session is
- 4 scheduled to start on Friday, June the 28th at 12 noon
- 5 and conclude at 5 p.m. We will return to the training
- 6 session Saturday, June the 29th at 8:30 and work until
- 7 5 p.m. Within the next week, staff will release a
- 8 detailed schedule for the training session.
- 9 Again, I remind the board, we are continuing
- 10 to work with NACOLE, the National Association for
- 11 Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, to host the
- 12 National Conference on September the 22nd through the
- 13 26th in 2019 in Detroit. During the same time, Detroit
- 14 will be celebrating our 45th year as a civilian
- oversight organization on July the 22, 2019. We are
- 16 inviting law enforcement and other civic-minded
- 17 individuals and organizations to join us at the
- 18 conference. The planning process is well underway, and
- 19 again we invite your participation.
- I will be traveling this weekend to attend
- 21 the national board meeting of NACOLE. We will be
- 22 discussing the latest arrangements for the upcoming
- 23 conference. I can report that NACOLE has accepted our
- 24 recommendation to have the former federal attorney of
- 25 Michigan, Barbara McQuade, as one of our keynote



- 1 speakers. This is one recommendation we made early in
- 2 the process of planning the conference. We are happy
- 3 to see that Professor Barbara McQuade will be joining
- 4 us. And I want to say that she's enthused about coming
- 5 forward to alter her calendar to make sure that she can
- 6 attend.
- 7 Typically, I provide some historic facts
- 8 about the importance of the day in history. These
- 9 facts give context to our work and reminds us of the
- 10 contributions made by others. I am inspired by the
- 11 work of many others who have come before me. One
- 12 example of this spirit is 75 years ago today 155,000
- 13 Allied Troops, largely made up of American, British and
- 14 Canadian soldiers, stormed the beaches at Normandy to
- 15 free France from the evils of Nazi Germany.
- In the same tradition of bravery and the
- 17 commitment to work toward justice and greater social
- 18 goals, in the mid '60s former United States Air Force
- 19 member James Meredith was shot while marching against
- 20 fear in Memphis, Tennessee. Well, that should be in
- 21 Mississippi really. It's Mississippi, because
- 22 historically it happened in DeSoto County. I know it
- 23 well, because I was born in DeSoto County, not from my
- 24 town. And James Meredith spirit of resistance, but it
- 25 was reference to the civil rights movement. So it's



- 1 just a little snippet and correction on that. James
- 2 Meredith's spirit of resistance was picked up by other
- 3 civil rights leaders, including the Reverend Martin
- 4 Luther King, Jr. and Stokely Carmichael. James
- 5 Meredith would recover from the sniper's bullet and
- 6 later rejoined the March Against Fear demonstrating his
- 7 commitment to justice and equal rights.
- I also want to acknowledge the recent death
- 9 of Loren Monroe, Michigan's first African-American
- 10 appointed state treasurer and later became Detroit's
- 11 auditor general. Mr. Monroe died on Wednesday. His
- 12 contribution to financial oversight and management is a
- 13 credit to the work of state and local government.
- 14 Today we have two action items on the agenda.
- 15 The first is a resolution honoring the life and service
- of Sergeant Elaine Williams. We will read the
- 17 resolution into the record at the appropriate time for
- 18 Sergeant Williams.
- The second resolution is for Karen Swift who
- 20 is retiring from the department after 15 plus years of
- 21 service. We will read Officer Swift's retirement
- 22 resolution into the record at the appropriate time.
- We have one presentation today. We have
- 24 asked Alvin Stokes, president of the City-Wide Police
- 25 Community Relations Council, to join us and discuss the



- 1 work of the City-Wide Police Community Relations
- 2 Council. I understand that the department will also be
- 3 joining Mr. Stokes in his presentation. The citywide
- 4 network of Police Community Relations Organizations are
- 5 a vital part of policing and support to law
- 6 enforcement. On behalf of the board, I want to thank
- 7 Mr. Stokes in advance of his presentation. I also hope
- 8 the City-Wide Police Community Relations Organization
- 9 will help us mobilize for our June 13 public hearing on
- 10 police surveillance at St. John Lutheran Church located
- 11 at 4950 Oakman Boulevard in northwest Detroit in the
- 12 Second Precinct.
- And I see Ms. Butler smiling. That is she is
- 14 the president of the Second Precinct Police Community
- 15 Relations. As you well know, she attends a majority of
- our meetings, and we're looking forward to that
- 17 interaction next week.
- We will be receiving input from the citizens
- in connection with the traffic-mounted cameras and the
- 20 facial recognition technology currently under review by
- 21 the board.
- I also want to report that the Chief of
- 23 Police has transmitted to the board a request to
- 24 suspend Officer Rochelle Mayberry. Our office has
- 25 notified the DPOA of a tentative hearing scheduled for



- 1 June the 20th, 2019. Officer Mayberry has been charged
- 2 by the Wayne County Prosector with a one-count
- 3 misdemeanor. Officer Mayberry was arraigned on June
- 4 the 3rd, 2019 in 36th District Court. The Chief's
- 5 transmittal letter in connection with Officer Mayberry
- 6 also notes extensive history of misconduct on the part
- 7 of this officer. The Chief's request is for a change
- 8 of duty status without pay, but with continuing medical
- 9 benefits.
- 10 Under the Chief's report, I am requesting an
- 11 update on our crime stats and any critical issues
- 12 facing the police department. I ask for an update on
- 13 the recent announcement of a serial killer operating on
- 14 the east side of Detroit. At a recent Community
- 15 Relations Council meeting in District 4, several
- 16 concerns were raised about the announcement. Citizens
- 17 encouraged the department to prioritize this matter and
- 18 to share accurate information on the incident and the
- 19 and the histories of the female victims.
- 20 I quess there's some concern about how we
- 21 approach in terms of we don't use a certain word
- 22 anymore. There's a new concept of how we approach it.
- 23 And the Chief perhaps is going to elaborate that. They
- 24 want us to be specific, but I guess in this day and age
- 25 we have to be more in kind to be responsible in terms



- 1 of how we label people. And that was some of the
- 2 concern that we met at the Fifth Precinct police
- 3 community relations meeting last night. And we
- 4 featured the Board of Police Commissioners along with
- 5 Mr. Hicks and Mr. Brown.
- 6 Additionally, I would ask the Chief of Police
- 7 to provide information on what appears to be a higher
- 8 than normal rate of shootings in the city. As a board,
- 9 we stand with the department to eradicate the
- 10 unnecessary use of guns and the violence that it brings
- 11 to a community.
- I also ask the Chief to report on the recent
- 13 vehicle pursuit involving the Michigan State Police and
- 14 DPD that resulted in a fatal shooting of one of the
- 15 suspects.
- 16 At the end of the meeting we will have public
- 17 comments from the audience. Please make sure you print
- 18 your name on a speaker's card. Cards are located in
- 19 the back on the table or can be obtained by seeing
- 20 Mr. Brown. He will need your card before the beginning
- 21 of public comments. We hold each speaker to the
- 22 allotted two minutes.
- I ask that everyone turn off your cell phone.
- 24 I know I'm holding mine up. I've been guilty. I
- 25 didn't need a response there. Except for DPD. They're



- 1 on emergency standby. So let us try to abide by that.
- Now we're going to go to the resolution for
- 3 Sergeant Elaine Williams. If one of the commissioners
- 4 would be so kind if they have that before them to
- 5 volunteer. I didn't get a chance to designate.
- 6 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: I'll read it.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Go ahead.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: "Resolution honoring
- 10 Sergeant Elaine Williams, posthumously.
- "Elaine Williams was appointed to the Detroit
- 12 Police Department on February 18, 2005. Upon
- 13 graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy,
- 14 Officer Williams began her career at the Western
- 15 District.
- 16 "And whereas Officer Williams dutifully
- 17 served the Western District, Tenth Precinct, Criminal
- 18 Investigative Bureau, Eleventh Precinct and Chief
- 19 Neighborhood Liaison before being promoted to the rank
- 20 of sergeant on January 19, 2016, and assigned to the
- 21 Sixth Precinct, Force Investigations and Major Crimes.
- 22 On Monday, June 3, 2019, Sergeant Elaine Williams,
- 23 badge 2703, passed away.
- 24 "And whereas Sergeant Williams passionately
- 25 served the Detroit Police Department and the citizens



- 1 of Detroit. Her professionalism, commitment to public
- 2 service, integrity and dedication were a credit to the
- 3 Detroit Police Department. She was highly respected by
- 4 the citizens for whom she served as a consummate
- 5 professional.
- 6 "Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
- 7 Detroit Police Board of Commissioners, speaking for the
- 8 citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department,
- 9 award this resolution in recognition of Sergeant Elaine
- 10 Williams' 14 years of dedicated and diligent public
- 11 service. Her professionalism, integrity and standard
- 12 of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens
- 13 merit our highest regards.
- "We salute you, Sergeant Elaine Williams."
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chair.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I move for adoption of
- 18 the resolution honoring Sergeant Elaine Williams
- 19 posthumously.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Support.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 22 and supported.
- 23 Discussion?
- 24 Those in favor, aye?
- 25 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?
- 2 Motion carries.
- 3 Commissioner Davis, would you do the honors
- 4 for the next resolution?
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Do you have it before you?
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you.
- 9 Appreciate it.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: "Resolution honoring
- 11 retired Senior Performance and Compliance Analyst Karen
- 12 Renee Swift.
- 13 "Whereas, Senior Analyst Karen Swift was
- 14 appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January
- 15 25, 2004 where she was assigned to the Civil Rights
- 16 Division. Her other assignments include risk
- 17 management.
- 18 "And whereas Senior Analyst Karen Swift is a
- 19 graduate of Northwestern High School. She later went
- 20 on to further her education and graduated from the
- 21 University of Detroit-Mercy with a Bachelor of Science
- 22 degree in accounting. She also maintained annual
- 23 training from the Institute of Internal Auditors.
- 24 "And whereas Senior Analyst Karen Swift was a
- 25 2013 recipient of the Chief Merit Award and was



- 1 recognized for valuable service to the department. She
- 2 was instrumental in the Detroit Police Department
- 3 achieving, maintaining and compliance with the
- 4 Department of Justice Consent Decree Judgment.
- 5 "And whereas Senior Analyst Karen Swift has
- 6 served the Detroit Police Department with great
- 7 commitment and dedication for over 15 years. Her
- 8 professionalism, commitment, integrity has been an
- 9 asset to the Detroit Police Department. She is highly
- 10 respected and a consummate professional.
- "Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
- 12 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the
- 13 citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department,
- 14 award this resolution to Senior Analyst Karen Swift for
- 15 her 15 plus years of dedicated and diligent public
- 16 service. Her professionalism, integrity and standard
- 17 of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens
- 18 merit our highest regards and best wishes for continued
- 19 success.
- 20 "We salute and congratulate you, Senior
- 21 Performance and Compliance Analyst Karen Swift.
- 22 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, "this day.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
- 24 Davis. I assume that Ms. Swift is not here, she's not
- 25 present.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I didn't see her.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The Chair would entertain
- 3 a motion.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: So moved.
- 5 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Support.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 7 and supported.
- 8 Discussion?
- 9 Those in favor, aye?
- 10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?
- 12 Motion carries. We wish her the best. Thank
- 13 you.
- 14 Chief Craig is next on the agenda.
- 15 First of all, Chief Craig, I want to on
- 16 behalf of the board express our sincere condolence and
- 17 support for Sergeant Williams and her family, DPD
- 18 family.
- 19 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: As we go forward, you have
- 21 our prayers and support.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I know you have been very
- 24 supportive of these families. I have witnessed that
- over and over again. And by all means we are here to



- 1 support you in any way that we possibly can and pass
- 2 that to the family also.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you. And through the
- 4 Chair and to the board, we appreciate your support. As
- 5 you know, much has been said about Sergeant Williams.
- 6 Certainly she was a rising star in the Detroit Police
- 7 Department, someone who was well respected and loved by
- 8 many. I know I had a chance to speak with colleagues
- 9 in her current assignment. It wasn't a dry eye in the
- 10 room. She touched everybody. I had a chance to meet
- 11 with -- they call themselves the Fab 5. It's five
- 12 young ladies in the department. They were very close
- 13 friends. They had a chance to share with me some of
- 14 the stories with Elaine and what she meant. So they're
- 15 very upset. So we appreciate your thoughts and
- 16 prayers.
- 17 Starting with crime, as of today at Homicide
- 18 we're down 13 percent, which is 13 fewer homicides this
- 19 time last year.
- 20 And I wanted to take a moment just to do a
- 21 comparison. So we're at year-to-date 91 homicides.
- 22 Last year-to-date we were at 104. And this sheet's a
- 23 little off, but in 2017 we were up above 114 homicides.
- 24 So, you know, we're continuing to move in the right
- 25 direction, but again one homicide is one too many.



- In terms of nonfatal shootings, we're down
- 2 two percent, which equates to six, six fewer homicides
- 3 in this time last year.
- We're up nine percent in sex assaults, total
- of 31 more than we did this time last year. Aggravated
- 6 assaults we're down 184 aggravated assaults with a
- 7 five-percent reduction. Overall violent crime is down
- 8 five percent. Looking at property crime, we're down
- 9 seven percent.
- 10 I know there was a question relative to a
- 11 spike of shootings. I know the week of 5-31 through
- 12 June 3rd we saw an increase. We had a total of 15
- 13 nonfatal shootings, no homicides during that weekend.
- And so we did an analysis on those shooting
- incidents, and breaking it down by size of the city
- 16 there were nine nonfatal shootings on the west side,
- 17 four on the east side. And taking it a step further we
- 18 look at factors involving those shootings. Six of --
- 19 well, 11 of the shootings had a unknown motive, but six
- 20 of the 11 there was a vehicle nexus, which is a little
- 21 different than what we've seen where a vehicle drives
- 22 by and shoots. Two involved verbal arguments, one
- 23 involved a robbery. Again, there were no homicides
- 24 during that busy weekend. And then one of the
- 25 shootings was a self-inflicted gunshot wound.



- 1 But I want to take a moment to acknowledge
- 2 the phenomenal work by our investigators, particularly
- 3 our Homicide team that has been stretched. And I'm
- 4 going to go into a minute about this most recent serial
- 5 case that we're working now and then the fact that last
- 6 night there was a shooting involving a Wayne State
- 7 officer, that they were involved in that investigation
- 8 as well.
- Just an example of some of the key arrests
- 10 that they've made, there was a -- on May 29th a
- 11 35-year-old suspect was taken in custody in connection
- 12 with the fatal shooting of a cab driver. That suspect
- 13 was arrested in that case.
- 14 Another notable case during that period was a
- 15 Army veteran. This was a news story. He was
- 16 carjacked, and because of our Green Light we were able
- 17 to identify that suspect. He was taken into custody.
- 18 There was the other high profile case
- 19 involving a young man who was involved in a -- who wore
- 20 designer glasses, and that suspect was taken into
- 21 custody.
- 22 And then you know about the amount of work
- 23 that we did in the disappearance of the five-year-old.
- 24 The department, both our federal and local, did
- 25 significant work in trying to identify and locate this



- 1 young man. We did that, and we also did arrest a
- 2 suspect. And at this point, unless Assistant Chief
- 3 LeValley has updated information, we're still waiting
- 4 on a decision from the Wayne County prosecutor as to
- 5 the status of that warrant.
- 6 So going into the crime I reported out on
- 7 yesterday, I know I had a conversation with the
- 8 Chairman kind of giving you a timeline. So on March
- 9 19th of this year in the Eleventh Precinct, the
- 10 Eleventh Precinct on the east side, 2000 block of
- 11 Coventry, we get a report of a decomposed body inside
- of a abandoned residence. Initially we thought based
- on preliminary -- I want to say a preliminary report by
- 14 the ME that this was a drug OD because it was a drug
- 15 area. But then on May 20th the medical examiner came
- 16 out with a report indicating that it was, in fact, a
- 17 murder and not a drug OD and that the cause of death
- 18 was blunt force trauma.
- 19 And then four days, five days later in the
- 20 Ninth Precinct from when we got that report there was
- 21 another victim, female victim, found in an abandoned
- 22 location. That body also was decomposing, and at this
- 23 point the medical examiner has not caused a ruling.
- 24 But what's interesting about the March 19th
- 25 and this case there was what I've been saying a very



- 1 similar signature left by the suspect.
- 2 And then June 5th, the most recent one, 3000
- 3 block of Mack in the Seventh Precinct, a person
- 4 reported that a body was in a location. We arrived at
- 5 the location, and once again we saw a female victim
- 6 partially clothed like in the other two incidents.
- 7 And that's where we're at. Now, because of
- 8 the similarities, and by design I am talking in
- 9 somewhat of a cryptic way because we have an active
- 10 investigation, and when I talk about signature
- 11 typically you talk about a serial murder there are
- 12 things that the murderer will leave at the scene, and
- 13 so it tends to suggest that it's the same suspect.
- And so one of the -- so we did a victimology,
- 15 but in terms of pattern or similarities. So all the
- 16 crimes, the three, have occurred on the east side.
- 17 Each location where the crime was committed was in a
- 18 vacant dwelling. And -- but when you talk about
- 19 victims all three were female. Of the two that we have
- 20 identified, one was African-American, one was
- 21 Caucasian, and the ages of both victims were 52 and 53.
- 22 And based on interviews with family members, both of
- 23 these victims were identified as sex workers.
- 24 And to your specific point, recognizing that
- 25 when you talk about a crime like this and you have



- loved ones that are dealing with the loss, you know,
- 2 it's very difficult when you say prostitute, street
- 3 walking prostitute. "Sex worker" seems to be the --
- 4 what can I say -- politically correct way today.
- We had a meeting, the Mayor and I, recently
- 6 with a member of the LBGTQ community who is concerned
- 7 about recent activities, and she referred to "sex
- 8 workers." And that's becoming more and more common.
- 9 And that can apply to whether it's a woman or someone
- 10 who is part of the LBGTQ community as what I have seen
- 11 has been widely accepted.
- The reason why it was important as far as the
- 13 victimology to identify the victim as a sex worker, as
- 14 you know the challenge in this case is as follows.
- 15 We're talking about abandoned residents, number one.
- 16 Many crimes have occurred, as many of you know, in
- 17 neighborhoods that will go undetected. And so as we've
- 18 seen in these cases these victims have been in these
- 19 locations for a period of time. This is not a typical
- 20 homicide where shots are heard, police are notified, we
- 21 respond out and start an investigation. Very, very
- 22 different. And so now we're dealing with how long had
- 23 the body been there.
- And, generally speaking, if a neighbor say
- 25 next door to a vacant house sees someone going into a



- 1 house, a vacant house, it may not cause him alarm, or
- 2 maybe it's been a complained of location, maybe there's
- 3 been drug use there. We all know that there have been
- 4 instances where dead bodies have been found and drug
- 5 use is going on in these locations. And so it makes
- 6 investigating this case somewhat more challenging.
- 7 And so the other part that's challenging is
- 8 when you talk about sex workers. I had a conversation
- 9 with People Magazine earlier today. Someone wrote a
- 10 book about the Grim Sleeper in Los Angeles, a case that
- 11 I was remotely involved in as a new officer. And this
- 12 was a serial murderer who was a suspect in excess of 20
- 13 years. It took the LAPD well over 20 years to identify
- 14 this suspect who killed 25 -- I believe it was 25 sex
- 15 workers in south Los Angeles and how this suspect was
- 16 to go undetected. And so when you talk about a serial
- 17 murder it's a very challenging thing.
- 18 But one thing that we did very different that
- 19 I am encouraged about, because we are talking about a
- 20 segment of our community, and I'm talking about members
- of our community who are engaged in sex work, we needed
- 22 to touch that community, open the door for dialogue so
- 23 that we can find out who this violent predator suspect
- 24 is. And the way to do that -- or one of the things
- 25 that we did and I want to applaud Deputy Chief Bettison



- 1 who is not here today, he was part of a meeting
- 2 yesterday with some of our local activists who wanted
- 3 to get involved and find a way, what could they do to
- 4 assist us in bringing some closure. And so we believe
- 5 that one of the best things to do is make contact with
- 6 these sex workers. We don't want to arrest you. We're
- 7 more concerned in trying to find out if you know
- 8 anything and can give us information relative to the
- 9 suspect responsible.
- 10 And so that process is starting. We have a
- 11 meeting with local clergy on tomorrow, because they
- 12 want to get involved and do something to assist us as
- 13 well. So we're committed to getting and solving this
- 14 crime quickly, but there are some signatures left at
- 15 each scene that's consistent. And so when I say serial
- 16 I'm very careful not to call a crime a serial crime
- 17 unless there's certain markers that I'm comfortable
- 18 with.
- Digressing for a moment, the rumor that was
- 20 circulating through social media and around the city
- 21 that in some way there was a series of young women
- 22 being murdered by a serial killer and dumped into a
- 23 dumpster was not accurate. I reported that out. In
- 24 fact, there was one such murder. The suspect in that
- 25 case has also been arrested.



- 1 So the other idea of getting this information
- 2 out so we can target those in that industry so that our
- 3 police officers, our neighborhood police officers, the
- 4 activists can reach out and meet with the women who are
- 5 engaging in this activity so we can get information.
- 6 That was the sole purpose of it, not to wait. And also
- 7 to remind them that they are absolutely a part of our
- 8 community. And the other thing is we want to prevent
- 9 any future crimes.
- 10 And so our investigation is continuing.
- 11 Since we've done that we've got a number of tips that
- 12 our investigators are working as we speak. So that's
- 13 where we're at. So I'll take any questions on that.
- 14 And I think there was one other thing.
- 15 Oh. This was the Michigan State/DPD pursuit.
- 16 There was a shooting, nonfatal shooting, several weeks
- 17 ago. And from that the investigators followed up, and
- in following up they identified a suspect that was
- 19 involved in that shooting. They were able to identify
- 20 a vehicle. They were able to locate that vehicle.
- 21 They set up on the location where the vehicle was at.
- 22 Subsequent to that they saw two suspects
- 23 leave the residence in that vehicle that resulted in a
- 24 pursuit. The pursuit ended up on the freeway. State
- 25 Police were notified. At some point they took the lead



- 1 in the pursuit, and they deployed what they call a
- 2 pursuit intervention tactic, or a PIT maneuver, which
- 3 after several attempts finally brought the vehicle to a
- 4 stop, but without as officers began to approach that
- 5 vehicle the suspect made an effort to try to run the
- 6 officers over.
- 7 Also during the pursuit the officers took
- 8 note of the fact that both suspects appeared -- or at
- 9 least one appeared to be trying to conceal what they
- 10 believed to be a handgun.
- If you will just bear with me one minute.
- 12 This is an important call.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I just want to pause to
- 14 acknowledge the presence of Commissioner Willie Burton
- 15 from District 5 and also the councilman from District
- 16 2, Roy McCalister, in attendance. And thank you for
- 17 your attendance.
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: And so as they were at the
- 19 conclusion they deployed this PIT maneuver. The
- 20 suspects tried to hit an officer. Detroit officers
- 21 then fired rounds believing that this officer was
- 22 facing an imminent threat to his life. And they knew
- 23 that they were dealing with dangerous suspects. They
- 24 were able to safely get both suspects out. As you
- 25 know, one expired. The other one was -- is still being



- 1 treated.
- 2 And as they began to conduct the
- 3 investigation the vehicle had two weapons inside of it.
- 4 One of the weapons they believe could be the same
- 5 weapon that was used in a nonfatal shooting from days
- 6 prior. The one suspect that was in the vehicle they
- 7 believe was the same suspect that was in the vehicle at
- 8 the time of the nonfatal shooting.
- 9 Today I have something every time we have an
- 10 officer-involved shooting incident that results in
- 11 injury we have what's called a 72-hour briefing. That
- 12 briefing was conducted this morning. We invited MSP to
- 13 attend that briefing since they were involved in the
- 14 response to the shooting. And during the briefing we
- 15 had some concerns about some of the tactics that were
- 16 used. And as we do when we look at the tactics we
- 17 follow up with the concerned members and provide
- 18 additional training.
- And so at this point I'll take any questions
- 20 that you might have.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have a couple.
- 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: I have one.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Get in line.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question. The women



- 1 that was found in those abandoned houses, was those
- 2 Land Bank properties?
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I'm not
- 4 certain about them being Land Bank, unless anybody else
- 5 might know. I don't know.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Also, as it
- 7 relates to the two sergeants who was involved in the
- 8 incident in Greektown, do either one of them have a lot
- 9 of citizen complaints or are involved in any lawsuits
- 10 already?
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I know the
- 12 one initial sergeant it was reported that he has some
- 13 pending lawsuits, or some that have been settled. I'm
- 14 unaware of any issues with the second one.
- Typically when I look at those issues I look
- 16 at whether or not the officer's actions in that
- 17 incident were appropriate or not. That does become a
- 18 subsequent part of my review. I certainly made
- 19 comments publicly on what I felt, and I stand behind
- 20 those comments. I believe that there was overcharging.
- 21 I'm not saying that charging would not have been
- 22 appropriate in one instance.
- I had a chance to personally look at the
- 24 video. I understood what the officers were dealing
- 25 with. I was also very critical of a ranking member who



- 1 was at the scene who I thought could have asserted more
- 2 control of the situation involving the one supervisor.
- 3 But relative to the charging it is in my judgment that
- 4 I felt they were overcharged.
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Was there multiple
- 6 videos available and was one of the videos a Green
- 7 Light video?
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: There wasn't. This was inside
- 9 of a location. There was video from a hotel. One of
- 10 the videos was a body-worn camera. I believe that was
- 11 the one where the sergeant was pinned down by the
- 12 involved suspect.
- 13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I was just curious. I
- 14 know I was told that there was a video outside and at
- 15 least three or four videos involved.
- 16 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. There -- through the
- 17 Chair, there may be outside videos showing. I was more
- 18 focused on where the encounter took place and that was
- 19 the inside of the -- it appeared to be the lobby of the
- 20 hotel.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That's all for now.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brown, then
- 23 Commissioner Burton.
- 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Chief, thank you for
- 25 the report and the work that's going on with the



- 1 department. With everything that we're involved in, I
- 2 know you're going to be on top of the issue with the
- 3 serial matter that's going on.
- 4 Just two questions. I just want to thank the
- 5 men and the officers, the men and women in the Eighth
- 6 Precinct and all of those agencies that was involved
- 7 with looking for the young man that was kidnapped. I
- 8 was out there. I was there. And I just looked at the
- 9 concern in their faces as if he was a grandson, a
- 10 brother, a nephew, a kid, and they were really
- 11 wholeheartedly searching for this young man. And it
- 12 was -- I was just very relieved that he was found in
- 13 good health and he was okay. But I just want to just
- 14 take the time to thank the department and everyone that
- 15 was involved and the agencies that were out there.
- 16 There was a lot that were out there that was poured
- into searching for this young man, and I was just glad
- 18 that it was a happy ending.
- 19 The other thing I have is that one of the
- 20 trends I'm noticing is that the population area of the
- 21 Eighth Precinct is growing, or it has grown, and it's
- 22 one of the more heavily populated areas in the city.
- 23 Is there anything that we can look at to maybe go over
- 24 these numbers and maybe add additional resources to the
- 25 Eighth Precinct?



- 1 Because I know we -- our commander was
- 2 promoted or moved, but -- and I know these shoes will
- 3 be filled by the oncoming commander. But I'd just like
- 4 to take -- it's a concern for me. I know it's a
- 5 heavily populated area. There's a lot of things going
- 6 on, and I've seen a couple of the crime trends
- 7 increasing in the Eighth Precinct area.
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, we take all
- 9 of that in consideration. We take crime, calls for
- 10 service, emergency calls for service. And we're keenly
- 11 aware that the Eighth Precinct is the most dense
- 12 populated area of the city, and as such we deploy more
- 13 police officers in that area.
- In terms of my moving the commander from the
- 15 Eighth Precinct, she's one of the more tenured
- 16 commanding officers. The Eighth Precinct is a tough
- 17 precinct. And at some point it's appropriate for
- 18 someone to move. She was eager and excited to move on
- 19 to her new assignment. And so we think that the
- 20 Commander Nick Giaquinto will do a great job in
- 21 continuing to manage that precinct.
- But we do play close attention to crimes. In
- 23 fact, in my report, I didn't break it down
- 24 specifically, but the Eighth Precinct relative to -- if
- 25 we just talk about homicide, year-to-date the Eighth



- 1 Precinct is down 53 percent, and their homicides are
- 2 almost half of what they were this time last year. As
- 3 it relates to nonfatal shootings, they are up. And
- 4 nonfatal shootings this year they have had 40 compared
- 5 to this time last year it was at 27.
- 6 So we have a cease fire deployed in the
- 7 Eighth Precinct, but we are constantly evaluating under
- 8 the leadership of Assistant Chief LeValley how we
- 9 deploy.
- 10 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. Question to
- 13 the Chief. Right now we've got members of the
- 14 community are out doing -- canvassing or something of
- 15 that nature. I think it's Joanna Underwood and her
- 16 group.
- 17 What is the best way that community activists
- 18 and leaders can get involved to help bring this
- 19 criminal to justice as far as the support and DPD? And
- 20 follow-up question would be is the department still
- 21 utilizing the app, I believe it's called DPD Connect,
- 22 as far as anonymous tips and things of that nature?
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. We're certainly
- 24 extremely appreciative of all community members that,
- 25 you know, certainly want to get involved. If they're



- 1 encouraged by the meeting that took place last night,
- 2 what we're recommending that -- I mentioned in my
- 3 remarks relative to this serial murder, sexual assault
- 4 suspect, that we need to build bridges into the sex
- 5 worker community. And we think that many of our local
- 6 community leaders, our activists, our clergy, have
- 7 relationships with that particular community that we
- 8 don't necessarily have. Most of our relationships in
- 9 that community have been primarily, as you know,
- 10 enforcement. But we care about that community. We
- 11 want to keep that community safe. And the best way to
- 12 do that is we need a conversation, dialogue with that
- 13 community. And we know that some of the members of
- 14 that community will be able to get information.
- Now, conversely what will not work for me --
- 16 and recently Ms. Underwood posted some very
- 17 inflammatory information. I understand it was at last
- 18 night's meeting, very disruptive. That is not what
- 19 this city needs. You know, using profanity and
- 20 shouting and screaming is not going to help us in a
- 21 unified way identify and work to make this city safer.
- 22 That doesn't work for me, and I think I speak for many.
- 23 And I think when Stephen Grady makes his
- 24 remarks he may address it. He was at that meeting last
- 25 night. That will not work. And frankly, I have a zero



- 1 tolerance for that kind of behavior.
- 2 But anybody who wants to work we have work
- 3 for you to do. I believe if Joanna wants to do
- 4 something proactive, get out on the ground, meet with
- 5 these ladies, try to get information and work with the
- 6 police department. I truly believe that we get
- 7 information from these women we are going to identify
- 8 this suspect.
- 9 I don't want to see this becoming LA. It
- 10 took in excess of 20 years to identify this violent
- 11 predator after 25 women were killed in south Los
- 12 Angeles, 25. So thank you.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. I actually
- 14 agree with you as well, Chief. We don't need that type
- 15 of behavior, things of that nature. And I was not in
- 16 attendance at that meeting, but I definitely agree with
- 17 you.
- I do have one last question. Would DPD be
- 19 creating some type of joint task force or task force on
- 20 this matter, and would it be something posted in the
- 21 near future how community groups can come and receive
- 22 some type of training and working in conjunction with
- 23 DPD or ...
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. Yeah, we're
- 25 certainly open for any and everything. We've been



- 1 moving very quickly, as you can see. I know that last
- 2 night I'm told a very productive meeting as a
- 3 beginning. Tomorrow I'm meeting with a group of clergy
- 4 who want to get involved, who are looking for direction
- 5 as what should be the next steps. I know that our
- 6 detectives are thinking out the box on ways we need to
- 7 move forward.
- 8 I've got to tell you, and I said it in a news
- 9 report today, this suspect -- we're going to find this
- 10 suspect. I'm convinced of it. Again, it's really
- 11 interesting when you start looking into serial murders.
- 12 And I'm very cautious, because the last thing I want to
- 13 create is an overabundance of fear in the community,
- 14 but we have to call it what it is. I mean, the
- 15 signature's clear is what we have seen, but we need to
- 16 get that information out to the women who are engaged
- 17 in this kind of activity that is drawing this suspect's
- 18 attention. And so as we -- the key is as we get more
- information we want to make sure that we're very timely
- 20 about getting that information out to the community so
- 21 we can bring some closure to this very quickly.
- 22 Again, our challenge is abandoned homes. I
- 23 know even before this happened one of the things that
- 24 the Mayor and I talked -- the Mayor and myself and the
- 25 rest of the DPD team, we were talking about abandoned



- 1 homes and looking at -- and this is during the time
- 2 when we were seeing a little spike in violence -- and
- 3 looking in those neighborhoods where abandoned homes
- 4 are located, because it's as simple as broken windows.
- 5 If you have abandoned homes in an area, those are
- 6 breeding grounds for criminal activity. So if we can
- 7 board those homes.
- 8 As you know, we have returning citizens who
- 9 are working with the city who have been doing a
- 10 wonderful job in boarding up some of these houses. So
- 11 we want to be strategic about how we do that. And so
- 12 given what we've seen recently with this crime we want
- 13 to start focusing in on the east side and then we'll
- 14 move out from there.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief.
- 16 Commissioner Burch.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- The Chief, thank you so much for your
- 19 service.
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just wanted to share
- 22 with you when you mentioned abandoned houses that
- 23 really hit me, because as we took -- Mayor Duggan, he
- 24 allowed us to give him a tour. In that have he noticed
- 25 the abandoned houses that were burned down. And the



- 1 idea hit him to say why don't we concentrate on
- 2 demolishing the half burnt, it would be less money,
- 3 right.
- 4 So the same thing I want to refer to you if
- 5 you would think it's a good idea with these abandoned
- 6 houses or garages that are open for the predator to be
- 7 able to take people in to kill them or either put a
- 8 body in it, why not demolish these buildings that are
- 9 near churches if those churches have a concern I'm sure
- 10 about something that dangerous next to their property.
- 11 What do you think of demolishing these houses or
- 12 garages?
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I think it's
- 14 a great idea, and I know that's part of the strategy
- 15 that's been already deployed. I wish I had the exact
- 16 number of those type of homes, but I don't have it at
- 17 my fingertip.
- But again, I'm very excited about a strategic
- 19 response in looking at those areas where we're seeing
- 20 crime, particularly violent crime, in addressing those
- 21 abandoned homes that are accessible that criminal
- 22 activity can occur.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Question. So you said
- 24 the east side. I know you can't give it to me, but
- 25 maybe privately you can. I would like to know who --



1 CHIEF CRAIG: I don't do private. Through

- 2 the Chair.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: What --
- 4 CHIEF CRAIG: I'm police chief for the entire
- 5 city. That includes the Eleventh Precinct, citywide.
- 6 But I'm just saying I'm going to go right now, because
- 7 obviously with -- as I reported out, we had one
- 8 incident in number 11, one in 9 and one in 7. And so
- 9 we're taking a look at that footprint, because -- I
- 10 don't want to give too much out. I just know that it's
- 11 important to harden a target, and I understand some
- 12 aspects of why serial killers leave signatures. I'll
- 13 leave it at that.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No. I was just saying
- 15 clergy, when you mentioned you're meeting with clergy.
- 16 CHIEF CRAIG: Meeting with clergy tomorrow.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Tomorrow. I just wanted
- 18 to know because -- I'm not talking about me. I'm just
- 19 saying the fact I know many. I just wanted to know
- 20 later if you can tell me who's sitting at the table or
- 21 may I --
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: You want to know who's at the
- 23 table?
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: What?
- 25 CHIEF CRAIG: You want to know the clergy



- 1 that's in attendance?
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, yes.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: I know DeeDee Coleman is kind
- 4 of leading. And maybe Stephen Grady can elaborate
- 5 further on who's going to be at that meeting. And
- 6 certainly anybody here is welcome to attend.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Welcome to attend, okay.
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: At 1:30? And the location?
- 9 MR. GRADY: Russell Street Baptist.
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: Russell Street Baptist. Thank
- 11 you for that.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, thank you
- 15 very much.
- They need to know, Chief, that you're invited
- 17 to the meeting. It's not your meeting. You're invited
- 18 to that meeting.
- 19 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. It's not my meeting.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Right. They need to
- 21 know that.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: It's not my meeting.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I had an
- 25 opportunity to have a briefing from the Mayor's office,



- 1 not him, but from the Mayor's office. And the Chief,
- 2 I'm sure you've been busy, but they have started
- 3 boarding up houses in the -- assessing the area where
- 4 the crimes are taking place. They have started
- 5 boarding up houses in response to -- in terms of the
- 6 reaction so that indeed that -- so that it's not
- 7 accessible for crimes. So it's going on as we -- all
- 8 this week, and it's going on as we speak.
- 9 The other thing, Chief, now if -- if the --
- 10 Mr. Chairman, if the correct political word for "street
- 11 workers" --
- 12 CHIEF CRAIG: Sex workers.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: "Sex workers" for
- 14 women, what's for the men?
- 15 CHIEF CRAIG: They're sex workers, too.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So if -- you're not a
- 17 John anymore?
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, and let me
- 19 try to be as helpful as possible. I think when you
- 20 talk about sex workers they're the individuals
- 21 performing the service. And, as we know, there have
- 22 been a number of issues emanating out of the
- 23 Woodward/John R area where a lot of LBGTQ members and
- 24 the sex worker community. And so it's just it
- 25 doesn't -- it doesn't give to what gender or



- 1 orientation. So "sex worker" just covers all.
- 2 And so to -- again to those -- I apologize if
- 3 it sounds offensive, but I'm trying to be as sensitive.
- 4 I come probably from one of the most politically
- 5 correct places in the world. And when I lived in Los
- 6 Angeles you didn't refer to someone who is Spanish as
- 7 Mexican. You said Hispanic.
- And so now after meeting, the Mayor and I,
- 9 like I said, met with a member of the LBGTQ community,
- 10 and they continue to use the word "sex worker." And so
- 11 I just said, well -- and I asked before we had our
- 12 celebration down at CAYMAC yesterday is this the widely
- 13 accepted term, because I don't want to offend anyone.
- 14 And I also knew that again we're talking to family
- 15 members and loved ones who may have been part of that
- 16 industry.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Commissioners --
- 19 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I have one, one last
- 20 one. Is there a problem with who owns the property,
- 21 who owns the home before you tear it down? Because I
- 22 think that has been a problem in this city before of
- 23 ownership.
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, there's been
- 25 a robust strategy in addressing that --



- 1 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you, Chief.
- 2 CHIEF CRAIG: -- whether it's Land Bank. And
- 3 so again we're shifting our focus now to look at those
- 4 houses that need to be secured that are in those places
- 5 where crimes are -- particularly violent crimes are
- 6 more likely to occur.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief. We're
- 9 going to move on to the Chief of Staff, Steve Grady,
- 10 from Councilman Brenda Jones, council president's
- 11 office.
- I just want to say to the community it's been
- 13 a longstanding issue with abandoned houses, vacant
- 14 houses. And, if you have a community association,
- there's something you can do and the City will assist
- 16 you in terms of boarding up. That's longstanding.
- 17 This is nothing new in terms of the initiative.
- 18 You have each district manager, council
- 19 people, who have assisted the organization if you have
- 20 any in your neighborhood organized. And it's not about
- 21 east and west. It's about the city of Detroit. Then
- 22 you can step up to address that issue. And we know
- 23 about all -- they know about all the issues of dealing
- 24 with that issue. It's longstanding. And as you heard
- 25 the Mayor's statement in Mackinac, he can take certain



- 1 steps. When certain funds are ending, we have to take
- 2 another step.
- And, Mr. Grady, go ahead, sir.
- 4 MR. GRADY: To Chair Bell and to your
- 5 honorable body, I bring you greetings from yourself and
- 6 from your Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones.
- 7 Chief Craig, and to your team as well, I want
- 8 to thank you for your leadership. Thank you for
- 9 everything that you've been doing. And also we want to
- 10 offer condolences for Sergeant Williams. I knew her
- 11 myself. She was the type of person that when she
- 12 walked into a room the room started to sparkle because
- of her. So we're truly missing her presence.
- 14 And I just wanted to share some of the
- 15 activities that have been going on over the last few
- 16 days. About ten days ago I received a request from
- 17 several community activists who were doing things out
- in the community, and they wanted to know if the things
- 19 that they were doing were going to clash with other
- 20 things that were happening from the police department.
- 21 So through Deputy Chief Bettison, I reached out to the
- 22 Chief's office. Their request was to have a meeting so
- 23 that they could review some of the data and share some
- of their plans for street deployments and CB patrols
- 25 that they wanted to do and make sure they did not clash



- 1 with what the police department was doing. So we set
- 2 that meeting up.
- Oh. Also, we wanted to along with that see
- 4 if we could raise some funds or get some equipment,
- 5 material, supplies for those that would be out in the
- 6 street, things like paying for gas, water, granola
- 7 bars, things like that just so that people are not
- 8 coming out of their pockets, because they're
- 9 volunteering and doing this, you know, out of the
- 10 kindness of their heart. So we wanted to support them
- 11 as much as possible.
- We had the meeting last night. There were
- over 60 participants there. Of course, Deputy Chief
- 14 Bettison led a crew from the Detroit Police Department.
- 15 There were folks from Homicide, folks from Gang, Intel
- 16 and others, and they provided information, as much
- information as they could to the activist community.
- I'm going to give a short list of some of the
- 19 activist organizations. I already know I'm going to
- 20 miss some. So charge it to the head and not to the
- 21 heart. Detroit 300 was in the house, Pastor Moe with
- 22 LIP, the Nation of Islam, the Moorish Science Temple,
- 23 the People's Action Committee, National Action Network
- 24 as well, as well as others. There were three council
- 25 officers that were represented. Of course I was there



- 1 for Council President Jones. Member McCalister was in
- 2 the audience as well as a representative from President
- 3 Pro Tem Mary Sheffield's office. There were also two
- 4 charter commissioners that were in the audience, Nicole
- 5 Small and Joanna Underwood.
- 6 I'm going to put a pin in this just for a
- 7 moment. When we began the meeting, we had an agenda.
- 8 And what we talked about was everybody in the room you
- 9 might have an issue with someone, but what we asked
- 10 everyone to do was to put your personal issues aside
- 11 for a moment and let's work together to solve this
- 12 common problem.
- There were two people that had somewhat
- 14 negative comments. They actually came after we went
- 15 through the ground rules. So they didn't know that
- 16 that was the protocol of the room. But when we had the
- 17 outburst, and I'll call it that because that's what it
- 18 was, when we had the outburst members of the community
- 19 put the outburst in check. And not only did they put
- 20 the outburst in check, but our facilitator, Teferi
- 21 Brent, requested that members of the community also
- 22 minister to Joanna Underwood, because if you've seen
- 23 her video you know that she's in pain as well.
- 24 So we put the personal beefs aside. DPD did
- 25 their review and then we talked about some of the



- 1 things we're doing. We broke into subgroups to start
- 2 to plan what do the street deployments look like, what
- 3 do the CB patrols look like.
- I'm going to be honest with you. I've never
- 5 seen anything like this in my years and years of
- 6 community activism a group of diverse people like that
- 7 coming together. Let me tell you some of the things
- 8 that they thought about.
- 9 They thought about, okay, while we're
- 10 searching in these houses can we get some cadaver dogs
- 11 to do a sweep of the house before we board it up and
- 12 see if there's any other evidence. I think we're
- 13 working through that process now. Also, some of the
- 14 women on the -- in the group said, look, we're going to
- 15 do an outreach to -- we'll call them the ladies that
- 16 are working the streets, men, ladies, whatever they are
- 17 working the streets. We're going to do an outreach.
- 18 We're going to prepare toiletry bags. We're going to
- 19 get some clothes and things like that.
- I was on a conference call late last night
- 21 with Council President Jones, Alexis Wiley, Terra DeFoe
- 22 and Reverend DeeDee Coleman and we said, okay, as we're
- 23 touching folks in the street and if we're able to get
- 24 them to stop working in the street we have to do
- 25 something. So we reached out to Dr. Chad Audi, and



- 1 he's prepared that if we identify folks he's prepared
- 2 to offer space in his facilities, to offer drug
- 3 counseling.
- 4 So this is a holistic approach that we're
- 5 doing, and it's going to be bigger than the area that
- 6 we're in right now. We're working, according to the
- 7 data that we've been given by the police department,
- 8 three target areas. So we're having operations there.
- 9 There was an operation last night after the meeting,
- 10 Detroit 300, and other folks went out. There was a lot
- of energy in the room. I've never seen anything like
- 12 it.
- We have another deployment tonight at 6 p.m.
- 14 at the corner of East Seven Mile and Schoenherr.
- 15 That's the second target area. We'll be doing another
- 16 one tomorrow. So we're doing two areas tonight.
- 17 Tomorrow we'll be doing three. And we're just going to
- 18 continue to rotate.
- 19 BC. The BC department is taking those three
- 20 areas and they're running a GIS report of all the
- 21 abandoned properties in a one-mile radius so we'll know
- 22 the terrain of what we're dealing with.
- 23 As the Chief mentioned, there's a meeting
- 24 tomorrow that he's been invited to amongst the
- 25 religious community. And primarily it is the Council



- 1 of Baptist Pastors and Vicinity.
- I will put one correction on that. This
- 3 meeting is a closed meeting. It's for clergy only to
- 4 interact with the Chief. And what the clergy wants to
- 5 do, they want to know how can they participate. So
- 6 what message should they have on Sunday, what
- 7 information can they put in their church bulletins.
- 8 And we're also making plans to have some form of a
- 9 citywide prayer as well. Still working those details
- 10 out.
- 11 As I close, I'll let you know that somebody
- 12 has donated a thousand dollars worth of gas cards.
- 13 Pepsi Company has offered to give us cases of water and
- 14 granola bars. We've been getting various toiletry
- 15 donations. There's a lot of moving parts with this.
- And I really want to thank the Chief. I want
- 17 to thank specifically Deputy Chief Bettison, but I also
- 18 want to thank the citizens of the city of Detroit,
- 19 because Detroit comes together when there's a problem,
- 20 and that's what we're doing with this situation.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- MR. GRADY: Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You've brought us up to
- 24 date. I think we covered all the bases so we can move
- 25 on. And I just really have a great deal of confidence



- 1 in the Chief and the community. And he's broken it
- 2 down. There's nothing else to be said, but you can
- 3 join in however you want to help.
- 4 Thank you, Chief Craig.
- 5 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, sir.
- 6 (At 4:08 p.m., Chief Craig left the meeting
- 7 and Assistant Chief LeValley is now sitting
- 8 in for him.)
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move on to
- 10 City-Wide Police Community Relations with Mr. Stokes
- 11 and DPD representatives.
- 12 SGT. HALL: Good afternoon, honorable board
- 13 and commissioners. My name is Jordan Hall. I'm a
- 14 sergeant for Chief's Neighborhood Liaison. I want to
- 15 introduce Mr. Stokes.
- MR. STOKES: Alvin Stokes, president of
- 17 City-Wide Citizens Police Community Relations.
- 18 SGT. HALL: Great. We're here today to
- 19 continue our transparency with the police department as
- 20 well as the community. So we put together a couple of
- 21 slides, a brief presentation, to make sure everyone is
- 22 aware of their community relations organization
- 23 presidents as well as events that are happening in the
- 24 city of Detroit.
- The mission of the City-Wide Community



- 1 Relations Organization oversees the individual
- 2 precincts, community relations boards and bylaws. They
- 3 develop and implement proactive community-oriented
- 4 policing with crime awareness and develop prevention
- 5 programs.
- As you guys met Mr. Alvin Stokes, he's the
- 7 president. Also through the Chair I'd like to
- 8 recognize Mr. Don Johnson that's in the audience.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Johnson.
- 10 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.
- 11 SGT. HALL: Also, Ms. Alicia Hicks is in the
- 12 audience, Ruth Barton, Ms. Ruth Barton, Treasurer, and
- 13 Bill Willborn, Sergeant-At-Arms.
- 14 Also, in addition each precinct has a
- 15 president if the community is not aware of it. So if
- 16 any of the presidents are in audience, through the
- 17 Chair, if they could just stand up. I'm going to read
- 18 it off.
- 19 MR. JOHNSON: Twelfth Precinct.
- 20 MS. McGEE: Sixth Precinct.
- 21 MR. STOKES: Tenth Precinct.
- 22 SGT. HALL: Then I'll read the names off.
- 23 Second precinct is Ms. Fredia Butler; Third Precinct,
- 24 Mr. Earnest Little; Fourth Precinct is Ms. Mini
- 25 Ramirez; Fifth Precinct, Mr. Jay Henderson; Sixth



- 1 Precinct, Ms. Mary McGee; Seventh Precinct, Mr. Damian
- 2 Benson. He's the interim. Eighth Precinct,
- 3 Mr. Maurice Gholston; Ninth Precinct, Ms. Sandra
- 4 Turner-Handy; Tenth Precinct, Mr. Alvin Stokes;
- 5 Eleventh Precinct, Ms. Kim Jackson; and the Twelfth
- 6 Precinct, of course, Mr. Don Johnson.
- 7 The City-Wide Community Relations
- 8 Organization meetings are held on the third Thursday of
- 9 each month. Actually, if you start getting there at
- 10 six o'clock, you're on time, but it starts at 6:30.
- 11 It's located at 8675 Rosa Parks in the Virginia Park
- 12 Community Plaza Shopping Center. Some of you guys are
- 13 familiar with the mini station there. So that's where
- 14 we have it at.
- 15 Also a couple other -- going forward, the
- 16 Second Precinct has their Community Relations
- 17 Organization meetings the second Tuesday at 13530
- 18 Lesure. That's at six o'clock. And that's at Schaefer
- 19 and Grand River area.
- 20 Third Precinct it's going to be a third
- 21 Tuesday of every month, 2875 West Grand Boulevard at
- 22 6:30.
- 23 Fourth Precinct it's the second Tuesday at
- 24 4700 West Fort. That's Fort and Clark area.
- 25 Fifth Precinct it's going to be the first



- 1 Wednesday at 5555 Connor. That's at 7 p.m.
- 2 Sixth Precinct it's the fourth Monday at
- 3 17567 Hubbell. It's at seven o'clock.
- 4 Seventh Precinct is at third Wednesday at
- 5 1000 Elliott, 6 p.m.
- 6 Eighth Precinct is the last Monday at 21555
- 7 West McNichols at seven o'clock.
- 8 The Ninth Precinct it's the first Thursday at
- 9 19601 Crusade. That's 7 p.m.
- 10 The Tenth Precinct is the first Thursday,
- 11 which is today, at 8675 Rosa Parks, the mini station,
- 12 at 6:30.
- 13 Eleventh Precinct it's the second Tuesday at
- 14 5100 East Nevada at 6 p.m.
- 15 And the Twelfth Precinct is also first
- 16 Thursday at 1441 West Seven Mile at 7 p.m.
- 17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Excuse me, sir.
- 18 Correction. 6 p.m.
- 19 SGT. HALL: Thank you. 6 p.m. for the
- 20 Twelfth Precinct.
- I'm sure a lot of people are aware, I know
- 22 the Board of Police Commissioners are aware of the
- 23 neighborhood police officers. They're our direct link
- 24 to the community. We're unique with the Detroit Police
- 25 Department having approximately 57 neighborhood police



- 1 officers where the community can actually contact them
- 2 via cell phone for any quality of life issues. So we
- 3 have a unique program that's implemented.
- 4 Each neighborhood police officer is actually
- 5 in a designated area. However, if you've seen them all
- 6 together, they work together to get a task done. So
- 7 any questions, even if it's not necessarily a police
- 8 matter, you guys can feel free to contact the
- 9 neighborhood police officer. And they work well with
- 10 the Community Relations Organization members as well as
- 11 the district managers and anyone else to get you guys
- 12 whatever you need.
- So a couple events will be partnered with
- 14 City-Wide Community Relations Organization. The
- 15 Chief's Senior Cupid Dance. We do bowling fundraisers,
- 16 Cars and Coffee, Showdown in Motown Car and Bike Show,
- 17 the Field Day, that's Police Olympics. We have the
- 18 Fourth Annual LGBTQ Community Chat. That's Corporal
- 19 Dani Woods. That's the liaison for all LGBTQ. Best
- 20 for Vets Clothing Drive. We have Heros and Helpers,
- 21 back to school shopping, Shop With a Cop, Target, and
- 22 also our Fallen Officers Memorial Picnic. These are
- 23 past events.
- Our upcoming event is going to be one here in
- 25 front of headquarters tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. It's



- 1 going to be Mr. Matt Garbarino. He's actually a
- 2 reserve deputy sheriff out of Kent County. He's going
- 3 to be traveling -- we're actually going to escort him
- 4 to Dearborn Police Department. He's going to be
- 5 running. He's headed at a five-mile-per-hour pace. So
- 6 we'll be out here. It's actually all the proceeds are
- 7 going to the fallen officers. And he's going to be
- 8 running four days approximately 170 miles.
- 9 And our Showdown in Motown Car and Bike Show
- 10 we're going to be partnered with the community. That's
- 11 going to be June 15th. It's going to be Saturday
- 12 downtown on Atwater Street, Atwater and Rivard. So
- 13 anybody listening definitely bring your cars. It's
- 14 free to the community.
- Of course you guys are familiar with the Ford
- 16 Fireworks. It's June 24th. The Junior Police Cadet
- 17 Program we're going to have that starting July 1st.
- 18 It's going to be approximately 1,200 or so youth. So
- 19 Sergeant Perry's going to be in charge of that. Also,
- 20 Detroit Police Field Day it's going to be tentatively
- 21 July 20th. And, of course, the National Night Out that
- 22 bridges the gap between the community and police, it's
- 23 going to be August 6, 2019.
- 24 Any questions, board?
- 25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners?
- 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. Question. You
- 3 said it's 57 neighborhood police officers. Was there a
- 4 reduction? I thought there was 59 budgeted positions.
- 5 SGT. HALL: So I said approximately. And I
- 6 would have to talk to -- well, I'll get the
- 7 information, but it was approximately 57 neighborhood
- 8 police officers when I checked with personnel, but it
- 9 may have changed.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'd like to know when
- 13 activities are going on downtown does that take the
- 14 NPOs from the neighborhood?
- SGT. HALL: So, no. Actually, deputy chief
- 16 and I we were speaking about that. It is very
- 17 important to have our neighborhood police officers in
- 18 the community, not just downtown, but everywhere in the
- 19 community. So it was actually a situation that came up
- 20 and Deputy Chief Bettison said, no, you want your
- 21 neighborhood police officer at this event they're going
- 22 to be there. So any type of issues where you want your
- 23 neighborhood police officer give our office a call and
- 24 we'll try to make it happen.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So you don't take any



- 1 service away from the neighbors and the community;
- 2 right?
- 3 SGT. HALL: No. What I'm saying is that as
- 4 the Chief mentioned, you know, we are -- we have to go
- 5 anywhere we're told, but the deputy chief did say, you
- 6 know, if we need a neighborhood police officer in the
- 7 area where you're at they'll be there.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch, you
- 9 have to understand that they are police officers for
- 10 the City of Detroit Police Department and sometimes the
- 11 Chief of police requires them to respond. It might be
- 12 a situation like this. But whatever that is, it's up
- 13 to the Chief of Police for them to have that freedom to
- 14 deploy. You just can't say they're exempt. No one is
- 15 exempt.
- Is that -- Assistant Chief?
- 17 DEPUTY CHIEF LEVALLEY: Through the Chair.
- 18 That is true. It would be rare. There are instances
- 19 such as fireworks night where the entire department is
- 20 restricted. Nobody is allowed to take the day off.
- 21 And we run the normal deployment in the precinct, but
- 22 every other person is assigned to the fireworks.
- 23 So rare instances like that, maybe the Free
- 24 Press Marathon, something like that, we might have to
- 25 pull the NPOs, but it would only be a couple times a



- 1 year. It's not a normal occurrence.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief. I
- 4 understand -- I think we have five per precinct.
- 5 That's normally the ratio of how we --
- 6 DEPUTY CHIEF LEVALLEY: Yeah. They run four
- 7 to six --
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Four --
- 9 DEPUTY CHIEF LEVALLEY: -- per precinct.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: -- depending on, you know,
- 11 whatever that is, but basically, as you well know, they
- 12 do a outstanding job. I know any time you call them
- 13 you have whatever you want them there, in fact, they
- 14 call 24/7. We know that from our experience.
- 15 Yes, sir. Go ahead. Any other questions or
- 16 concerns?
- 17 I just want to share this with all of -- I
- 18 think there's got to be a clear message to all the
- 19 police community relations. That's what they are.
- 20 They are not a political entity. And sometimes I think
- 21 they need -- we need to convey that message to them.
- 22 That is one forum -- it's public safety only. They're
- 23 under the DPD banner. It's not politics, it's not
- 24 private business. They under that banner. Because
- 25 sometimes I see those gender they want to distort it



- 1 and be involved. That is not the role. I see -- as
- 2 you well know, some of our officials are elected people
- 3 and that process, but we understand that, but that is
- 4 not the role of City-Wide or each precinct. You under
- 5 that banner. And sometimes I think the change of
- 6 leadership or change of commission they need to have a
- 7 clear message that it's strictly public safety.
- 8 Am I right or wrong?
- 9 MR. STOKES: You're absolutely right.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We need to make sure we're
- 11 under that banner and they don't get distorted, and I
- 12 think that happens sometimes. They get off into this,
- 13 off into that, but that is not their role. It's
- 14 strictly public safety.
- 15 SGT. HALL: Absolutely.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you.
- 17 Outstanding.
- 18 Mr. Stokes, go ahead. I'm sorry. I cut you
- 19 off.
- MR. STOKES: Thank you, Chair. The purpose
- 21 of City-Wide, it says this organization shall provide a
- 22 voluntary forum, A, for the exchange of ideas and
- 23 solicitation of the cooperation between the Detroit
- 24 Police precincts and their community relations. We're
- 25 really the go-between between all the police community



- 1 relations and the police department. We're the
- 2 umbrella.
- 3 We've had issues where people will go down
- 4 and register their name to open up a bank account,
- 5 which is not necessary because we're under the umbrella
- of City-Wide and we're already registered.
- 7 But going back to the NPOs, NPOs are great.
- 8 I've went to every precinct there is. And every word
- 9 that I've gotten from the citizens and the presidents
- 10 are the NPOs are great. My only thing with the NPOs
- is, and I've said it here before, it's unfair to them
- to go to 50 different meetings when those 50 different
- 13 presidents can come to the community relations meeting
- 14 at the precinct.
- We need to build up our precincts community
- 16 relations. We're the ones who are supposed to educate
- 17 the citizen as far as the dos and the don'ts, the help.
- I went to a forum for Wayne County Treasurer.
- 19 I volunteered that we will be the voice. There's not a
- 20 person in the city of Detroit that should be losing
- 21 their home to taxes right now. So we're going to be
- 22 the voice to get that word out to the citizens of
- 23 Detroit on how to keep their homes.
- Just like with the police department,
- 25 anything that the police department need from us we are



- 1 available. I mean, that's what we're here for. And I
- 2 want to thank the board for giving us this opportunity
- 3 to come before you, and if there's anything that we can
- 4 do we truly appreciate you.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And we thank you for your
- 6 leadership for many, many years. I know it's not a
- 7 easy task to be --
- 8 MR. STOKES: I would volunteer.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: -- and Willborn and you
- 10 have stayed the course, and we really appreciate you.
- 11 MR. STOKES: I want to thank Don Johnson,
- 12 because I'm really following in his footsteps. And he
- 13 has taught me a lot and I truly appreciate that. And
- 14 I'm trying to carry on the banner.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- MR. STOKES: Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I guess we're okay.
- 18 Outstanding.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any standing or ad hoc
- 21 committee reports?
- Mr. Hicks, board secretary.
- MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I do want
- 24 to call your attention to the four items listed on the
- 25 agenda. Again, we list these items on the agenda as



- 1 either internal or external communications that flow
- 2 through the office. They're not set on the agenda for
- 3 action for the particular meeting, but this really is a
- 4 good place for you to anticipate, for example, some of
- 5 the activity that's coming up in the next couple of
- 6 weeks or so forth.
- 7 That will bring me directly to item number
- 8 one, for example, which is a GIS crime mapping report,
- 9 which we prepared for you. And this is really in
- 10 preparation for your next week's meeting when you go
- into that particular precinct. You will have a
- 12 geographic look at where -- how crime is actually
- 13 occurring inside of the precinct.
- In addition to that, we've -- we're trying to
- 15 prepare the board for the discussion that's going to
- 16 take place with reference to the police surveillance,
- 17 broadly police surveillance issue. Specifically, it's
- 18 for the directive in which the Chief has already
- 19 transmitted and is currently under review that has to
- 20 do with the traffic-mounted cameras and the facial
- 21 recognition technology. What you have said to the
- 22 community in advance is that they will be given an
- 23 opportunity to come in and talk to you about their
- 24 particular concerns relative to that type of advanced
- 25 technology.



- 1 So in that regard we have been sending
- 2 varying articles and things like that to your
- 3 attention. Some of them have been generated by us.
- 4 Others have been generated by board members who have
- 5 asked us as they go through their readings to share
- 6 things with the balance of the board.
- 7 And then the last item that I really want to
- 8 just indicate, it was sent out I believe yesterday,
- 9 because we just received it yesterday, and that was a
- 10 request by the Chief of Police, which was referenced in
- 11 the Chairperson's report earlier and that is a change
- of duty status for Police Officer Rochelle Mayberry.
- 13 And with that, commissioners, that would be
- 14 the items which I wanted to flag for your attention
- 15 this evening. If there is any questions that you have,
- 16 we stand ready to respond.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: On that note, old
- 18 business?
- 19 New business?
- 20 Announcements. The next meeting will be on
- 21 Thursday, June the 13th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Second
- 22 Precinct, St. John Lutheran Court at 4950 Oakman
- 23 Boulevard. And our next community meeting will be on
- 24 Thursday, July 11th, 6:30 p.m. Tenth Precinct, Durfee
- 25 Innovation Center at 2470 Collingwood Street.



- 1 Now we move on to public comments. You have
- 2 two minutes, and please give your name and respect the
- 3 process. Thank you.
- 4 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I currently have one
- 5 card for Ms. Bernice Smith. That will be your only
- 6 speaker.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. Smith.
- 8 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, Mr. Chair. While Ms.
- 9 Smith is approaching, if any of the commissioners are
- 10 still having any difficulty with their E-mail, can they
- 11 simply communicate that to us. We've been trying to
- 12 resolve this E-mail issue for some period of time.
- 13 So I did see Commissioner Dewaelsche.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm still having
- 15 problems.
- 16 MR. HICKS: Did I hear a third?
- 17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair, I
- 18 just can't change the password.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I want to thank the
- 20 Vice Chair Darryl Brown for helping me get into the
- 21 E-mails, but I haven't been into my E-mail since we I
- 22 guess switched over to Outlook or something of that
- 23 nature.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: A month now, I think.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I tried to get into



- 1 Outlook a few -- I think a few days ago, but for some
- 2 reason it's still got the --
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: See Mr. Brown. He helped
- 4 me get into the process with my -- everything. So see
- 5 Mr. Brown and he will help with --
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: That Brown.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yeah. I'm sorry.
- 8 Mr. Brown, Commissioner Brown. Yes, no problem. He
- 9 will help you also. So let's try to get that resolved,
- 10 okay. Let's try to get that resolved this month.
- 11 Okay. I'm sorry.
- 12 MS. SMITH: I don't have any -- Bernice
- 13 Smith. I am so filled right now I can hardly even
- 14 talk, because Commander Hope gave me the best news that
- 15 anybody can get. As you all know, I was bringing in
- 16 complaints about West Grand Boulevard and the action
- 17 that was there with the car being repaired and the
- 18 squatters taking over property. I'm the most happiest
- 19 woman in the world, because she gave me the best news
- 20 that any woman can get because of the fact -- why I'm
- 21 interested in that area, my children still live there,
- 22 and I raised them in that area, West Boulevard there
- 23 between Hancock and Warren. And my daughter has the
- 24 most beautiful home in the next block down the street
- 25 from where all this incidents happening and my son is



- 1 in the next block. So I am very thrilled and happy
- 2 with the news she gave me. They're going to make up --
- 3 they're going to take care of it. And I'm so proud of
- 4 my police department, and whatever I ask them to do
- 5 they will take care of it.
- And you must forgive me. I had a birthday
- 7 Friday. So I'm very happy to be here again to see all
- 8 you guys. Everybody can't say they 87 years old. I'm
- 9 just delighted. I'm just a happy woman today.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You go, girl. You go.
- 11 You go, girl.
- 12 MS. SMITH: Thank you so much for everything
- 13 that you've done for my children, not only me but my
- 14 children.
- 15 (Applause.)
- MS. SMITH: And I'm very happy and I thank
- 17 you so much.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Happy belated birthday.
- MS. SMITH: Thank all of you guys. Thank you
- 20 again.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: On that note, before the
- 22 Chair will entertain a motion for adjournment --
- 23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: -- I would hope that you
- 25 keep Sergeant Williams' family in your prayers and



1	support the DPD family. We must be prayerful and be
2	thankful for her service and as we go forward and for
3	other officers, you know, that's dealing with
4	bereavement or illness, whatever that is, because as we
5	celebrate D-Day and we recognize that the what we
6	have achieved in this country, we should be thankful
7	that we have this opportunity.
8	Commissioners, it's been properly moved and
9	seconded for adjournment.
10	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.
11	CHAIRPERSON BELL: Discussion?
12	Those in favor, aye?
13	COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
14	CHAIRPERSON BELL: Motion carries. Thank
15	you.
16	(The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.)
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