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1	City of D	etroit Board of Police Commissioners 1301 - Third Street
2		Detroit, Michigan 48203 Thursday, July 18, 2019
3		3:00 p.m.
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5	Meet	ing before the Board of Police
6	Commissioners at 1301 - Third Street, Detroit, Michiga	
7	on Thursday, J	uly 18, 2019.
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10	COMMISSIONERS:	
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13	Eva	e Holt Garza Dewaelsche
14	Shir	abeth Brooks ley Burch iam Davis
15		Holley
16	CHAIRPERSON:	Lisa Carter
17	CHIEF OF POLICE:	James Craig
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22	Reported by: Sherrayna	Coleman, CSR-6485
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1	Detroit, Michigan		
2	Thursday, July 18, 2019		
3	2:55 p.m.		
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5	CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Good afternoon. I am		
6	Police Commissioner Lisa Carter representing District		
7	6. I serve as the Chair of the Board and will be		
8	conducting our meeting today. On behalf of the Board,		
9	for those of you in attendance, thank you for joining		
10	us. And for those of you viewing the meeting at home		
11	on your Government cable channel, thank you for viewin		
12	our meeting.		
13	Today we have invited Chaplain James Powell		
14	to provide the invocation. Captain Powell, if you will		
15	step to the podium, please.		
16	(Whereupon Chaplain Powell commenced		
17	with the invocation.)		
18	CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Chaplain		
19	Powell. At this time I will ask the Commissioners to		
20	introduce themselves beginning to my far right.		
21	COMMISSIONER HOLT: Good afternoon. Annie		
22	Holt, at large.		
23	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon. William		
24	Davis. District 7.		



COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon. Shirley

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- 1 Burch, District 3.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon,
- 3 Elizabeth Brooks, at large.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon.
- 5 Eva Garza-Dewaelsche, at large.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good afternoon. Willie
- 7 Bell, District 4.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Good afternoon.
- 9 Commissioner Willie Burton, District 5.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good afternoon.
- 11 Commissioner Darryl Brown, District 1.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you for your
- 13 introductions.
- 14 MR. HICKS: Madame Chair, you have a quorum.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: At this time we have a
- 16 few business items for your consideration,
- 17 Commissioners. Today we'll have the approval of the
- 18 Agenda and Approval of the Minutes from July 11, 2019.
- 19 So at this time I'll take motions to approve the Agenda
- 20 for July 18, 2019.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: So moved.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Support.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Its been moved and
- 24 supported that we adopt the Agenda for July 18, 2019.
- 25 Is there any discussion?



- 1 (No response.)
- 2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those in favor.
- 3 (Several Commissioners responded by
- 4 indicating aye.)
- 5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed.
- 6 (None responded.)
- 7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Motion carries. At this
- 8 time, Commissioners, you have before you the Minutes
- 9 from July 11, 2019.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Move to approve.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Second.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Its been moved and
- 13 supported that we approve the Minutes from July 11,
- 14 2019. Is there any discussion?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Madame Chair, reading
- 16 through the Minutes I don't see anything in the
- 17 comments from the question of Commissioner Burton for
- 18 speaking with you at the last community meeting. Is
- 19 there an abridged version of the Minutes because
- 20 there's nothing in here capturing any of that.
- MR. HICKS: Madame Chair, he may be
- 22 referencing on Page 3 second from the last paragraph, I
- 23 believe.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Oh, yeah, it's there.
- 25 Thank you, Mr. Hicks. It's towards the bottom of the



1 page. 2. COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thank you. CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Any other discussion? 3 4 (None responded.) CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those in favor. 5 6 (Several Commissioners responded by 7 indicating aye.) 8 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed. 9 (None responded.) CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Motion carries. At this 10 time, Mr. Hicks, would you please introduce the BOPC 11 12 staff. 13 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair -- I mean, 14 Madame Chair. We have a new addition to the table at 15 this meeting. Mr. Warwick is sitting next to me and 16 Mr. Brown, is of course further to my right. And then 17 if I can ask people who are members of our staff to introduce themselves, stand up and introduce 18 19 themselves. And I want to indicate just before that Ms. Shay Coleman is our court reporter for the day and 20 21 Media Services is doing the audio visual work and Sergeant Quinn is also taping our meeting as the normal 22 process. So if I can go to the first row. 23 2.4 (Whereupon the staff introduced



themselves.)

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1 MR. HICKS: And then of course we always go to Dr. McAllister to not only introduce herself but 2. also other members of the Office of the Chief 3 Investigator Office who may be present for today's 4 5 meeting. 6 (Whereupon Dr. McAllister introduced 7 herself and her staff.) Thank you. At this time 8 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: I would like to introduce the Chief of Police James 9 Thank you for joining us, sir. 10 Craiq. 11 (Whereupon the Chief's staff introduced 12 themselves.) 13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. I'd also like to welcome Commissioner Holley back from his brief 14 sabbatical. Thank you. At this time are there any 15 16 elected officials or representatives of elected If so, please stand and give your name. 17 officials? (Whereupon elected officials and/or 18 19 representatives introduced themselves.) 20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: At this time if there are no other elected officials or representatives, I'm 21 2.2 going to go into my report on behalf of the Board. 2.3 want to express our concern and support for fallen and 2.4 injured officers. Our concerns for officer safety and citizen protection is ranked as two of the most 25



- 1 important priorities of the Board. Our Board receives
- 2 a weekly report from the Department listing injured
- 3 officers. I would ask that the Chief of Police during
- 4 his remarks to provide us with any additional
- 5 information related to injured and fallen officers.
- The Board of Police Commissioners meets every
- 7 week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. We
- 8 meet at Police Headquarters three weeks in the month on
- 9 Thursdays at 3 p.m. We also meet in the community
- 10 every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Under
- 11 the Detroit City Charter Article 7 Charter 8 the Board
- of Police Commissioners is empowered to provide
- 13 civilian oversight and supervisory control of the
- 14 Detroit Police Department.
- 15 Our citizens are justified in asking how does
- 16 civilian oversight of law enforcement help you as
- 17 citizens within our community. Our answer is we
- 18 protect the civil rights of citizens. Oversight
- 19 organizations like BOPC are at the forefront of the
- 20 investigating, reviewing and auditing individual cases
- 21 of citizen complaints and patterns of operations by the
- 22 Police Department, police agencies to eliminate
- 23 misconduct, discriminatory police practices and
- 24 unnecessary use of force by police.
- Our work is based upon developing and



- 1 supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and
- 2 respect between the police and the community is
- 3 critical toward increasing the quality of life for
- 4 residents and visitors of the City of Detroit. The
- 5 Board of Police Commissioners exists to provide
- 6 oversight for the work of the Detroit Police
- 7 Department. As a Board we receive and investigate non
- 8 criminal citizen complaints, monitor the operations of
- 9 the Department and work with the Mayor and the Chief of
- 10 Police to make or modify police policy.
- I want to point to several important items
- 12 for your consideration and information. There's going
- 13 to be a surprise -- this is going to be a surprise to
- 14 some people. I currently oppose the facial recognition
- 15 by the Detroit Police Department and will vote against
- 16 the Policy Directive proposed by Chief Craig at this
- 17 time. No need for that. This technology is flawed in
- 18 my view and those flaws primarily relate to the bias
- 19 against African American, Latinos and other people of
- 20 color. Such a flaw too has no place in the Police
- 21 Department. And I also want to point out that with
- 22 some changes to the policy it may help with my view of
- 23 the facial recognition technology.
- I'm going to pause for a second to introduce
- 25 our Police Commissioner Griffie who just joined us.



- 1 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I apologize for my
- 2 tardiness. Evette Griffie, District 2.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: In the last week people
- 4 have confused my commitment to run an orderly
- 5 productive meeting as support for facial recognition
- 6 used by law enforcement. Obviously the two are not the
- 7 same. In a key way, though, they are related. Our
- 8 Board cannot have serious reflective mature
- 9 consideration of public safety issues like facial
- 10 recognition or make respectable decisions about those
- 11 matters without an orderly process. We also cannot
- 12 expect the public to follow the issues or our
- decisions; particularly, controversial or complex ones
- 14 without an orderly process.
- 15 The Board of Police Commissioners is mandated
- 16 by the Charter with supervisory control and oversight
- of the Police Department. Our 11 members deal with
- 18 serious and often grave issues with far reaching impact
- 19 on the daily lives of police officers and City
- 20 residents and their families as well as the public
- 21 safety and reputation of our entire city. As a Chair,
- 22 I do not want our work hampered or devalued with
- 23 unneeded interruptions, shouting matches, cardboard
- 24 signs and other disruptive and sometimes staged grand
- 25 standing. Democracy needs advocacy and passion but it



- 1 does not need a side show.
- 2 Given all the places on the Agenda where a
- 3 board member may speak each and every week, no
- 4 Commissioner needs to be disruptive like last Thursday.
- 5 Any Commissioner could have asked about my goals or
- 6 complained about lacking in office at several other
- 7 places on the Agenda rather than disrupt a presentation
- 8 of a community leader which our Board only does at the
- 9 monthly community meetings. As the video shows, facial
- 10 recognition was only raised once and disruption
- 11 started; however, had any Commissioner sincerely wanted
- 12 to ask or make comments about it, the Agenda has places
- 13 for that too; during New Business on the Agenda, during
- 14 the Chief of Police Report or during Old Business.
- 15 All eleven Police Commissioners voluntarily
- 16 take on the hard work of civilian oversight. There's
- 17 no salary for this position; no salary for this
- 18 position. It is completely voluntary. So everyone
- 19 makes a special commitment to be prepared on the
- 20 issues, attending meetings, making decisions, and serve
- 21 the public. We meet every Thursday is except for
- 22 holidays and most commissioners have outstanding
- 23 records of attendance and service. We do not always
- 24 agree and I know that not every board member will agree
- 25 with me opposing facial recognition. Once Chief Craig



- 1 submits his revised Policy Directive and it goes
- 2 through our standard practices it will appear on our
- 3 Agenda again for a vote. However, as a Police
- 4 Commissioner and as the Chair, I am committed to
- 5 upholding an orderly process and ensuring our work and
- 6 decisions are clear for the record and for the public.
- 7 Additionally, I encourage the attendees to
- 8 our meetings to cooperate with the orderly management
- 9 of these meetings. Our Board has several avenues for
- 10 the public to exchange with the Board. Proposed
- 11 policies and directives are posted at our website for
- 12 public inspection. Typically these postings are
- 13 available for sixty days. The Board has and hopefully
- 14 will continue to receive letters, emails and notes
- 15 directly from the public. Individuals can engage with
- 16 the Board during our meetings.
- 17 On the issue of facial recognition we have
- 18 received public comments supporting and opposing facial
- 19 recognition. At our July 13th meeting we heard from 33
- 20 individuals. At our July 20th meeting we heard from
- 21 five individuals. At our June 20th -- meeting excuse
- 22 me. At our June 27th meeting we heard from 18
- 23 individuals and at our June 11th meeting we heard from
- 24 27 individuals. While many of your questions require
- 25 research, investigation and time to answer, I assure



- 1 you that the Board listens and includes your
- 2 observation in our policy making practice.
- I want to apologize to this Board, this
- 4 honorable Board, for last week's events and I want to
- 5 apologize to Ms. Theodore Raglin (ph) who was asked to
- 6 appear last week before the Board to accept a
- 7 Resolution on her many contributions to law
- 8 enforcement. The conduct last week was embarrassing
- 9 and no citizen should ever be caught up in internal
- 10 politics of the Board. Last week should have been a
- 11 teachable moment -- should be a teachable moment for
- 12 our Board. Moving forward, I will make recommendations
- that we obtain more training for the entire Board on
- 14 parliamentary procedures. I will also investigate how
- 15 we can seek employment of a sergeant at arms.
- 16 As citizens representatives, elected and
- 17 appointed, we should not rely on using the Police
- 18 Department to handle our differences between our Board
- 19 and the public. I want to underscore the need for
- 20 cooperation and the common courtesy that you will
- 21 provide a person should they visit your home. However,
- 22 should the need surface where the security and safety
- 23 of the public and the Board is threatened I will do
- 24 what is necessary to keep order. I will ask for
- 25 recesses to cool down emotions. I will insist that we



- 1 treat each other professionally. I will hope that we
- 2 never have to experience again the disruption that
- 3 circumvents our purpose and puts us in a position where
- 4 we are not representing the interest of the community.
- 5 Today we have a full Agenda so I ask your
- 6 cooperation as we make it through the Agenda. We have
- 7 three resolutions for retiring officers; Sergeant
- 8 Vanessa Wyatt. We adopted her retirement resolution on
- 9 May 16, 2019, but with 42 years of service I think it's
- 10 appropriate that the resolution be presented to
- 11 Sergeant Wyatt. At the appropriate point on the Agenda
- 12 I will ask Commissioner William Davis to present to
- 13 Sergeant Wyatt her retirement resolution.
- We also have the Resolution honoring Deputy
- 15 Chief Elvin Barren. Deputy Chief Barren is one of our
- 16 most respected and popular deputy chiefs. Deputy Chief
- 17 Barren will be retiring from the Detroit Police
- 18 Department after 21 years of service to head the
- 19 Southfield Police Department. Congratulations to you,
- 20 sir. Corporal Victoria Eschen from the 6th Precinct is
- 21 also retired after 20 years of service from the
- 22 Department.
- The Board received a request from the Chief
- of Police to suspend without pay Police Officer Naim
- 25 Brown. Information on this suspension has been shared



- 1 with the full Board. Mr. Warwick is reviewing the
- 2 request. The BOPC has notified the Detroit Police
- 3 Officers Association and we are proposing -- presenting
- 4 a hearing on this matter on August 1, 2019.
- 5 The next graduation from the Police Academy
- 6 for 2019 will be Friday, August 2, 2019 at 10:30 p.m.
- 7 -- a.m. at the Second Ebenezer Church. I encourage the
- 8 Board to attend and show your support to new officers
- 9 and their family's who will soon be joining the police
- 10 force.
- 11 Also on today's Agenda we will present --we
- 12 will have a presentation on police recruitment.
- 13 Lieutenant James Coles and Sergeant Starr Gonzalez will
- 14 be making the presentation. Under the Chief's Report I
- 15 am requesting an update on our crime statistics and any
- 16 critical issues facing the Police Department. I also
- 17 read in the newspaper today the Chief's remarks
- 18 regarding his willingness to cooperate with the Board.
- 19 The Chief indicated that he would consider advanced
- 20 notification to the Board on the use of technology.
- 21 The Chief has also indicated that the
- 22 Department has used this technology for some period.
- 23 Clearly we have some hard local data and experience
- 24 between the Department and the local homeland security
- 25 operations to better understand how the Detroit Police



- 1 Department might use this technology. I would ask the
- 2 Chief for a written report on the past use of the
- 3 technology so that we can understand its application
- 4 and use. After such a report we can sit and really
- 5 discuss how we can move forward.
- 6 Again, at the end of the meeting we will have
- 7 public comments from the audience. Please make sure
- 8 you print your name on a speakers card. The cards are
- 9 located on the back table or can be obtained by seeing
- 10 Mr. Brown, who is seated up here in the front. He will
- 11 need your card before the beginning of public comments.
- 12 We will also hold each speaker to an allotted two
- 13 minutes. I ask that everyone turn off your cell phones
- 14 or silence your cell phones or other electronic
- 15 devices. This request does not include the devices
- 16 held by DPD personnel as many of you are on emergency
- 17 standby. I ask DPD personnel to put their phones on
- 18 vibrate so that ringing phones will not interrupt our
- 19 meeting. At this time I'm going to ask that
- 20 Commissioner William Davis present-
- COMMISSIONER BELL: Madame Chair, may I? I'd
- 22 like say on behalf of the Board that this Board,
- 23 majority of the Board, supports the Chair in her
- 24 position, Chairmanship, especially last week. I think
- 25 that its been a long weekend for the Chair. She has



- 1 received a whole lot of criticism and concern. But as
- 2 you well know she is totally committed to the Board of
- 3 Police Commissioners and this community.
- I know it's a challenging task to address
- 5 when you get the outcry of the community. And some of
- 6 these remarks are very personal and out of order. I
- 7 know they come with the territory, but in that two
- 8 minutes you have the opportunity, but this overall
- 9 clowning should not continue. It is not fair to the
- 10 public. It is not fair to the Board. And we are here
- 11 to serve. This Board has a history of almost 45 years
- 12 of serving the public. So one issue should not read
- 13 that we are anti-community. I think we are
- 14 pro-community. We are pro for law and order and
- 15 constitution. I think the record should reflect that.
- 16 So we should conduct ourselves.
- 17 There's other business at hand. People
- 18 should concentrate on the business at hand and other
- 19 avenues, but this is a public safety meeting. And I
- 20 regret what transpired, but its been a long history of
- 21 this Commissioner. Some of you know extremely well
- 22 what I'm speaking of. You have witnessed that but I
- 23 want to hope we can move on. Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. Commissioner
- 25 Davis.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Whereas, Vanessa Wyatt
- 2 was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on July
- 3 18, 2977. Upon graduating from the Detroit
- 4 Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Wyatt began her
- 5 career at the 7th Precinct; and whereas, Officer
- 6 Wyatt's assignments with the Detroit Police Department
- 7 included the 11th Precinct, reassigned to the 7th
- 8 Precinct, Special Duty Section, 10th Precinct, Mini
- 9 Station Section, and the Training Academy; and whereas,
- 10 Officer Wyatt displayed tremendous knowledge and
- 11 leadership skills as a Police Officer and was promoted
- 12 to the rank of Sergeant on October 9, 1987.
- 13 As Sergeant, she was reassigned to the
- 14 Training Academy, her other assignments included the
- 15 Recruiting Division, Second Precinct, Southwestern
- 16 District, and reassigned to the Second Precinct where
- 17 she served until her retirement; and whereas, Sergeant
- 18 Wyatt was the deserving recipient of the following
- 19 awards: Meritorious Service Award, Chief's Unit Award,
- 20 both Consent Judgement Awards, two Chief's Citation and
- 21 Medals, the Ford Fireworks Awards, the Major League
- 22 Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, The Rosa Parks
- 23 Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL
- 24 Recognition Award, as well as numerous letters of
- 25 commendation from citizens and superiors; and whereas,



- 1 Sergeant Wyatt has tirelessly served the Detroit Police
- 2 Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring
- 3 communities for 41 plus years.
- 4 She has served the Detroit Police Department
- 5 and the citizens of the City of Detroit with loyalty,
- 6 professionalism, integrity and dedication, and is
- 7 widely respected throughout the law enforcement
- 8 community as the consummate professional. Now
- 9 therefore be it resolved, that the Detroit Board of
- 10 Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the
- 11 citizens of the great City of Detroit recognize and
- 12 honor the lifelong contributions and commitment to
- 13 excellence in public service of Sergeant Vanessa Wyatt.
- 14 Her display of courage and unwavering community spirit
- 15 has improved the quality of life for the citizens of
- 16 Detroit. We wish you all the best in your future
- 17 endeavors. We thank and congratulate you, Sergeant
- 18 Vanessa Wyatt. Thank you.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Madame Chair, move
- 20 to approve.
- 21 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Second.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Its been moved and
- 23 supported that we adopt the Resolution Honoring Retired
- 24 Sergeant Vanessa Wyatt. Those in favor.
- 25 (Several Commissioners responded by



- indicating aye.)
- 2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed.
- 3 (None responded.)
- 4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Motion carries.
- 5 Sergeant Wyatt, please feel free to make any comments
- 6 you'd like to make, and congratulations on your
- 7 retirement.
- 8 SERGEANT WYATT: Thank you very much. I'm
- 9 really like overwhelmed. It's really been an honor to
- 10 serve the citizens of the City of Detroit. I believe
- 11 throughout my career that you always treated people
- 12 with respect. And I found that respecting folks and
- 13 listening built relationships. And through the years I
- 14 have built some of the best relationships I think I've
- 15 ever had. I met some of the most wonderful people.
- 16 I've also worked along side some of the most bravest
- 17 and honorable men and women that served in this
- 18 Department.
- 19 My supervisors was great, my Chief and all my
- 20 Chief's were great. The Detroit Police Department
- 21 really blessed my life. It helped me to raise my
- 22 children. It bought homes and cars. So I don't have
- 23 any complaints that I can make. But I thank you all so
- 24 much for your kindness and for your support through the
- 25 years and for this award. Thank you.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. At this time
- 2 I will ask Commissioner Bell to read the Resolution to
- 3 honor Deputy Chief Elvin Barren.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BELL: We're looking forward to
- 5 this retirement celebration. Its been set and we will
- 6 read the resolution and interact with him at that time.
- 7 This is the Resolution honoring Deputy Chief Elvin V.
- 8 Barren. Whereas, Mr. Elvin Barren was appointed to the
- 9 Detroit Police Department on July, 1998, and upon
- 10 graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy
- 11 he was assigned to the Tactical Services Section; and
- 12 whereas, Police Officer Barren displayed tremendous
- 13 aptitude in his assignments, and was promoted to the
- 14 rank of Sergeant on June 14, 2006. His other
- 15 assignments included Central District and Chief of
- 16 Police Office.
- 17 He developed his supervisory skills and was
- 18 promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on December 21, 2010
- 19 and assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Training
- 20 Center and Tactical Support as the Officer in Charge;
- 21 and whereas Lieutenant Barren, still being recognized
- 22 for his distinguished service, was promoted to the rank
- of Commander on October 7, 2013 and assigned to
- 24 Organized Crime, Metropolitan Division, and Downtown
- 25 Services. He monitored the daily operations of three



- 1 precincts and operations related to sporting venues,
- 2 entertainment district, special events, Dignitary
- 3 Executive Protection and movie productions citywide.
- 4 On September 5, 2017, Commander Barren was promoted to
- 5 rank of Deputy Chief and assigned to Neighborhood
- 6 Policing Bureau East, Metropolitan Division, and
- 7 Downtown Services Division.
- 8 Deputy Chief Barren provided effective
- 9 leadership mentoring to all patrol entities under the
- 10 command, where he remained until his retirement; and
- 11 whereas, Deputy Chief Barren served as an Operations
- 12 Specialist in the United States Navy for eight years
- 13 and received an honorable discharge. Deputy Chief
- 14 Barren is also a recipient of a Lifesaving Citation &
- 15 Medal, Chief's Merit Award, Perfect Attendance Award,
- 16 Ford Fireworks Award, and both Consent Judgment Awards,
- 17 Four Year Degree Award, National Football League
- 18 Superbowl XL Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral
- 19 Award, Major League Baseball All-Star Award Recognition
- 20 Award, and numerous letters and certificates of
- 21 appreciation; and whereas, Deputy Chief Barren served
- 22 the Detroit Police Department diligently for 21 years
- 23 and daily demonstrated his loyalty and dedication to
- 24 the citizens of Detroit. His professionalism,
- 25 expertise, and leadership attest to the fact that he



- 1 represents the consummate professional.
- Now therefore be it resolved that the Detroit
- 3 Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of
- 4 the citizens of the great city of Detroit recognize and
- 5 honor the contributions and commitment to excellence in
- 6 the public service of Deputy Chief Elvin V. Barren. We
- 7 wish him the best. We will see him on the celebration
- 8 date. I move we adopt this Resolution.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Its been moved and
- 11 supported we adopt the Resolution honoring Deputy Chief
- 12 Elvin Barren. Is there any discussion?
- 13 (None responded.)
- 14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those in favor.
- 15 (Several Commissioners responded by
- indicating aye.)
- 17 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed.
- 18 (None responded.)
- 19 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: The motion carries. At
- 20 this time I'm going to ask that Commissioner Eva
- 21 Dewaelsche present the Resolution honoring Corporal
- 22 Victoria Eschen.
- 23 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Is Corporal
- 24 Victoria Eschen here?
- 25 (None responded.)



- 1 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. I have
- 2 a Resolution honoring Corporal Victoria Eschen.
- 3 Whereas, Victoria Eschen was appointed to the Detroit
- 4 Police Department on May 24, 1999. Upon graduating
- 5 from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Police
- 6 Officer Eschen began her career at the 8th Precinct.
- 7 Whereas, she dutifully served the 8th Precinct,
- 8 Northwestern District, Gang Enforcement, 8th Precinct
- 9 again, Narcotics, Firearm Investigation Team, 12th
- 10 Precinct and 6th Precinct. Police Officer Eschen
- 11 displayed tremendous diligence and aptitude in her
- 12 assignments. She was promoted to the rank of corporal
- on October 18, 2018 and continued to serve as at the
- 14 6th Precinct until her retirement.
- And whereas, Corporal Eschen has tirelessly
- 16 served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of
- 17 Detroit and its neighboring communities for 20 years.
- 18 Her professionalism, commitment to public service,
- 19 integrity and dedication has been a credit to the
- 20 Detroit Police Department. She is highly respected as
- 21 a consummate professional.
- Now therefore be it resolved that the Detroit
- 23 Board of Police Commissioners speaking for the citizens
- of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department awards
- 25 this Resolution in recognition of Corporal Victoria



- 1 Eschen's 20 years of dedication and diligent public
- 2 service. Her professionalism, integrity and lifelong
- 3 commitment to the City of Detroit and its citizens
- 4 merit our highest regards. We thank and congratulate
- 5 Corporal Victoria Eschen. Move for adoption.
- 6 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So moved.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Support.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Its been moved and
- 9 supported we adopt the Resolution honoring Corporal
- 10 Victoria Eschen. Is there any discussion?
- 11 (None responded.)
- 12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those in favor.
- 13 (Several Commissioners responded by
- indicating aye.)
- 15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed.
- 16 (None responded.)
- 17 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: The motion carries. At
- 18 this time we will have the Chief's Report by Chief
- 19 Craiq.
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, Madame Chair and
- 21 Board of Police Commissioners. Starting first with
- 22 Crime. Over the last few weeks its been a very
- 23 difficult time in terms of our non-fatal shootings, but
- 24 as of today's date we're down 2 percent in homicides
- 25 which translates into 2 fewer homicides as compared to



- 1 last year. Sexual assaults we're up 8 percent; 39 more
- 2 sexual assaults as compared to this time last year.
- 3 Overall aggravated assaults are down 1 percent, 26
- 4 fewer. Non-fatal shootings, we're up 24, which is 7
- 5 percent increase. As it relates to robberies, we're
- 6 down 84 robberies compared to this time last year, 7
- 7 percent reduction. Carjackings, we're down 63 with a
- 8 36 percent reduction. Overall violent crime is down 1
- 9 percent and overall property crime as of this date is
- 10 down 5 percent.
- I want to first start by acknowledging our
- 12 neighborhood police officers, as you know, for their
- 13 efforts in the board up campaign where they've
- 14 assisted, and we're just about complete with the east
- 15 side -- 1800 vacant dwellings boarded up. So I really
- 16 want to give acknowledgements to the neighborhood
- 17 police officers, because believe me, it has been a very
- 18 difficult job. I spoke with them yesterday. They were
- 19 certainly very excited about continuing to do this
- 20 work.
- In relation to Chief Barren I just want to
- 22 say, and more will be said in coming weeks, certainly
- 23 he was a consummate professional who was a great
- 24 partner to me and this administration. He will be
- 25 missed but we're very excited about his becoming a



- 1 chief in our neighbor Southfield. One thing I remember
- 2 most about Chief Barren, certainly his relationships
- 3 with many protest groups we've had over the last
- 4 several years, getting with the organizers. And I
- 5 believe that because of his relationship he was really
- 6 able to quell a lot of the conflict that many times
- 7 occurred in the city.
- I also want to acknowledge him for his
- 9 leadership, his oversight. As you know, he also had
- 10 the distinction of providing management oversight of
- 11 our SRT, Special Response Team. Very difficult
- 12 position to be in, particularly, when you're talking
- about barricaded armed suspects, children in homes,
- 14 full gamut, but he served as a professional. So,
- 15 again, I just want to give him, again, a public thank
- 16 you and thank him for his service excellence.
- 17 As relates to additional information on our
- 18 sick and injured officers, there is no new information
- 19 other than what was provided. And lastly, I do look
- 20 forward to our continued discussions on facial
- 21 recognition; the policy revisement. I know there have
- 22 been tremendous discussions both in the public domain,
- 23 certainly with individual Commissioners. I want to
- 24 acknowledge Commissioner William Davis. I know you had
- 25 a chance to visit the Real Time Crime Center, and to



- 1 really look at facial recognition with a different
- 2 view.
- It's certainly a very emotional topic; one
- 4 that I understand, but I will tell you those who have
- 5 had a personal view of how it the works when completed,
- 6 the rigor that goes into making a decision where to
- 7 take this lead, not to make an arrest, but take this
- 8 lead and move it up to the next phase of the
- 9 investigation, I am hoping that the Commissioners will
- 10 take advantage of the Real Time Crime Center. We're
- 11 getting a very detailed briefing on how we use the
- 12 system.
- I will tell you in advance, as its already
- 14 been pointed out, we've used the system now for about a
- 15 year and a half prior to that. We used -- the Michigan
- 16 State Police System has been in existence now for 18
- 17 years. So the interesting statistic that I just
- 18 learned was that of the five hundred only 30 percent of
- 19 the five hundred actually became leads; 30 percent.
- 20 Many of the times where these photographs are going
- into the software they're not moved forward to the next
- 22 phase of the investigation; but those that develop
- 23 leads, 30 percent.
- 24 And certainly there are some very significant
- 25 cases where this technology was successfully used. One



- 1 that certainly comes to mind is the tragic shooting in
- 2 our LBGQ community where five people were shot, three
- 3 fatal. Had it not been for the use of that technology
- 4 in leveraging other aspects of our technology I will
- 5 tell you that would have been a who done it. And
- 6 certainly there are other examples of how we
- 7 effectively used it.
- 8 The one thing I will close on and take any
- 9 questions that the Board may have is the rigor that we
- 10 have placed on the actual use of the technology. I
- 11 think many times we get confused with the technology in
- 12 and of itself will take you directly to a suspect. On
- 13 the contrary, it does not. It's technology; but it is
- 14 really the human factor. Our crime analysts are very
- 15 diligent, and once they come with a probable person
- 16 it's purely viewed and certainly supervised within ways
- 17 to make sure this is the person we want to move to the
- 18 next level of the investigation. Even then there's no
- 19 guarantee that this person will be arrested.
- 20 And lastly, this technology was never used
- 21 for surveillance. It will never be used for
- 22 surveillance. We have not used it in that manner and
- 23 its always been used on still photographs. So, with
- 24 that, I'll end and open up any questions that you might
- 25 have.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.
- 2 Commissioners.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Chief Craig, thank you
- 4 for all that you do, but as you know, in District 3, my
- 5 home, I always harp on the speeding. I'm still on it.
- 6 Sir, because within this week there were three
- 7 accidents that I witnessed; almost in one of them
- 8 because of the excessive speeding. Chief, I'm asking,
- 9 what can you do to really enforce -- and I'm saying
- 10 that we have signage that says 30 miles an hour.
- 11 People don't pay that any mind. If we would consider
- 12 changing signage to say a certain fee if they get that
- 13 ticket it would be higher. I know you have to go
- 14 through Ms. Worthy or whomever, the Council, but there
- 15 needs to be some statement to these people that are
- 16 racing up and down residential streets.
- I commend Officer Robbins does a great job.
- 18 Now he's got the digital signage back in operation,
- 19 Chief. It was out for a long time. Now its back in.
- 20 But I'm asking you as Chief how can we address the
- 21 speeding and the killing that these motorists are doing
- 22 up and down the neighborhood? It's not just on
- 23 District 3. It is all over the City. Thank you, sir.
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I might just
- 25 say that this Department, this Administration, is



- 1 committed to addressing traffic issues. It's certainly
- 2 a sore spot with me. I'm not immune from pulling
- 3 someone over. I have initiated traffic stops because
- 4 of blatant disregard for traffic signals or lanes
- 5 travelling. And then the last stopping a mother with a
- 6 child in the car who was literally on her phone texting
- 7 as she was driving. Each time I gave warnings but it
- 8 is a top priority. The best recommendation I can give
- 9 at this point is that we work very closely with our
- 10 traffic neighborhood police officers. I know they're
- 11 dealing with a number of traffic complaints. The
- 12 expectations they give, the complainant feedback, on
- 13 how those matters are handled, and to continue to
- 14 monitor and make sure they don't return.
- So it is a top priority in addition to that
- 16 because we know the driving situation is a problem. We
- 17 continue to run an overtime detail for traffic
- 18 enforcement. I'm not certain as of last week I think
- 19 the number of citations written across this City has
- 20 been significant. I'm not saying that's the total
- 21 answer. We certainly don't want to criminalize people
- 22 who may not have the funds to pay the tickets, but we
- 23 really want to get the message out to drive carefully
- 24 because that absolutely will save lives. And we all
- 25 know about the highly publicized activity on the Lodge



- 1 Freeway. And while generally speaking the Detroit
- 2 Police Department does not engage in traffic
- 3 enforcement on the freeways; however, we will do it.
- In fact, in this case, as its been publicized
- 5 in addition to the one car that we impounded. Since
- 6 that investigation started we've impounded two
- 7 additional cars. So we're continuing. We're closely
- 8 monitoring that. Our freeways are not going to be
- 9 places where people will use as drag strips or side
- 10 shows. That behavior will not be tolerated.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I thank you, Chief. And
- 12 one last thing. Will you personally tell him if I
- don't get a chance to, DC Barren has been an awesome,
- 14 awesome contribution to just the whole city. But you
- 15 have that personal that he will answer the phone. I
- 16 can appreciate anybody -- sometimes authority people
- don't feel they need to speak to you, but he answers
- 18 just like DC Bettison. I commend him and he's going to
- 19 be a loss. I hate that man is leaving, I really do,
- 20 but I understand he has to go on, sir. But I wish you
- 21 could have made him the Chief to you, next to you.
- 22 That's all I'm saying. Thank you.
- 23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Madame Chair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Davis.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Chief, I will start off



- 1 by saying that since that incident of the last meeting,
- 2 16 Detroit officers have approached me. Of the 16, 12
- 3 was black and 4 was white. Every single black officer
- 4 said they would not carry out that order. Two of the
- 5 whites said that they would have to get further
- 6 clarification. And two of them said they wouldn't do
- 7 anything unless there was a full vote of the full
- 8 Board. I think you need to look at the Department. I
- 9 think we have the making of an up riot and starting in
- 10 the Police Department because of the actions of the
- 11 Assistant Chief. I think he exceeded his level of
- 12 authority and I think he acted wrongly.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: I think that I addressed
- 14 that already, Chief. I think the Board needs to hire
- 15 their own Sergeant at Arms so that the Police
- 16 Department is not involved in our issues and carrying
- 17 out our orders.
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I do agree
- 19 that we should not be involved in those kinds of
- 20 matters. I think that the Police Department was put in
- 21 a bad space. As I indicated in the press, the arrest
- 22 was a legal arrest based on attorney oversight;
- 23 however, I personally would have made a decision to do
- 24 it differently. This is not a criticism of any
- 25 decision that was made. When you talk about making a



- 1 decision, misdemeanor arrest decision, there's
- 2 discretion.
- I think that this Board when it comes to
- 4 Robert Rules of Order, having participated in different
- 5 Boards, I think it's the Board's Chair responsibility
- 6 that if one is to be removed there must be a vote by
- 7 the members of the Board. That was not done. So
- 8 ultimately it put the Department in difficult place.
- 9 The officers did not want to be put in that place but
- 10 we were. But that's behind us.
- I think moving forward we have clarity. I
- 12 certainly respect those who sit in elected or appointed
- 13 positions. And, so again, we respect moving forward
- 14 that we'll continue to work with this Board and there
- 15 may be times that this Chief is put in a position will
- 16 absolutely not do something that I feel is not
- 17 ethically correct.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Madame Chair.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burton.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I would like to be
- 22 excused. I'm not feeling so well. I will see you at
- 23 the next meeting.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Any other questions for
- 25 the Chief?



1 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: When is there a good

- 2 time, Chief, to visit the Real Crime Center?
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, we look
- 4 forward for each of you to visit again. I don't want
- 5 to speak for Commissioner Davis. I think it was
- 6 enlightening. I had-
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: It was fascinating.
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: I appreciate you saying that.
- 9 Also, everybody that goes through the demonstration,
- 10 not just us putting up a number of charts, that doesn't
- 11 do it. You have to really feel the rigor that goes
- 12 into it. And I know I had a conversation with the
- 13 Chair about the rigor that goes into it, but as the
- 14 Chief I'm certainly willing to make sure the Board
- 15 feels extremely comfortable with the use of this
- 16 technology.
- 17 I know that -- I appreciate you saying that,
- 18 Commissioner Davis. I know that we invited a local
- 19 news station today along with a newspaper writer to see
- 20 what you saw, to glean the appreciation for how the
- 21 software is used. Because like the Chair, we certainly
- 22 do not want to miss-identify anyone. When I gave that
- 23 statistic out during my initial remarks and talked
- 24 about that 30 percent, of that 30 percent there was not
- 25 one miss-identification.



- 1 Again, we're talking about well over five
- 2 hundred. But many times those analysts who put so much
- 3 rigor, it will not push a photograph forward that
- 4 frankly doesn't meet the criteria. So I'm looking
- 5 forward to all the Commissioners visiting. Certainly I
- 6 would love to be there so that I can also be an analyst
- 7 there who is very skilled at the work. And I think
- 8 from that crafting the policy together, because while I
- 9 think there is sufficient rigor in terms of supervisory
- 10 oversight now, the Chair I explained to her I would be
- 11 willing that it made this Board feel more comfortable
- on the decision on moving a photograph or a suspect to
- 13 the next level in the investigation that it would come
- 14 from the level of the Chief because it's that important
- 15 to me.
- We certainly don't want any abuse,
- 17 miss-identification, but the fact of that 30 percent
- 18 there hasn't been one that really speaks to the
- 19 professionalism of our analysts who do this work every
- 20 day. Thank you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Madame Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Brown.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Just to reiterate and
- 24 add to what Commissioner Davis said, I've had the
- 25 opportunity to go to the Real Time Crime Center and



- 1 actually use the technology. I had a complaint from a
- 2 citizen who was pulled over and was a suspect and after
- 3 further review they were actual law enforcement
- 4 officers doing work in that area that we didn't know
- 5 anything about.
- 6 So the technology is there. It is precise.
- 7 They were able to pinpoint -- because of the green
- 8 light cameras they were able to pinpoint exactly where
- 9 she was and show the car as it was driving down the
- 10 street and able to get a clear picture of that vehicle.
- 11 The analyst there was fantastic. He was very
- 12 knowledgeable with his job and he knew things about the
- 13 types of vehicles this agency had. She was very
- 14 satisfied and pleased.
- 15 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I appreciate
- 16 that, and I just wanted to remind the Board that we
- 17 only use that technology -- and again, I think one of
- 18 the misinformation that's been out there, and certainly
- 19 it is creating tremendous emotional -- and I agree.
- 20 Because if somebody were to tell you that embedded in
- 21 every green light and traffic camera is this technology
- 22 and it's constantly working and scanning people as
- they, say, let's say, entering into a McDonald's, that
- 24 is not so. It never happens. We never use it in that
- 25 way. But I think that's the distinction that must be



- 1 made. It just has never been done that way.
- 2 And I understand the emotion. I understand
- 3 the issue of misidentification. This is why it's so
- 4 critical. I don't know what other agencies are doing
- 5 as it relates to peer review. I know in the Detroit
- 6 Police Department and I know, Commissioner Davis, they
- 7 probably explained to you about the peer review process
- 8 where not one analyst makes that decision, but a second
- 9 analyst has to review it and concur. If there's no
- 10 concurrence it goes no further.
- And then even after the two analysts who have
- 12 had hours of training by the FBI who also uses the
- 13 technology, then a supervisor must concur with both
- 14 analysts. So it's not something that's taken lightly.
- 15 And I think once Commissioners see this technology and
- 16 use it up close and personal it's actually fascinating.
- 17 When you talk about violence in our city, to make an
- 18 arrest very quickly, because you know the days of old
- is where we would search through pages and pages of mug
- 20 book photos and still may not find them. Or we put out
- 21 on television a sketch of a suspect or a video image of
- 22 a suspect and wait and hope for tips coming in from the
- 23 community.
- I will tell you many times we get tips on
- 25 sketches and still photos that are on TV. Many times



- 1 people are mis-identified. As we continue our
- 2 investigative work and we determine that this is not
- 3 the suspect in that case of course we back off. I will
- 4 tell you using this technology we cannot and we will
- 5 not ever arrest somebody solely on a facial recognition
- 6 match. We won't do it. We can't do it. There has to
- 7 be other issues in investigative work that corroborate
- 8 that this image that we believe is a suspect is based
- 9 on a number of factors and it is never used in a
- 10 surveillance mode, which is another issue I know causes
- 11 great disdain and I'm understanding.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Great disdain.
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Great disdain. I understand
- 14 it. I'm very clear. And then to the disciplinary
- 15 issue I know Commissioner Brown had brought up and
- 16 certainly absolutely agree with him the community wants
- 17 to know. If someone abuses this technology what's
- 18 going to be the discipline. I look at it through the
- 19 same lens as officers being entrusted to properly use
- 20 our LEIN System. If you don't use the LEIN System for
- 21 the right reasons and you violate the rules of that not
- 22 only can you face termination but be prosecuted. I see
- 23 this in the same vain. This is very serious. One
- 24 abuse would be one too many and that's why it's so much
- 25 rigor attached to this identification process.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I probably -- of all
- 2 the Commissioners I'm probably the only one that's
- 3 still thinking 8-track mentality so I apologize for a
- 4 lot of this, but one thing I do know is about
- 5 relationships. Somehow I just feel like at some point
- 6 -- I trust you. I trust your Chief Assistant; all your
- 7 men and women. I've honored them because I trust them
- 8 and we trust you. It used to be -- it's not what it
- 9 used to be, you know, and I know it.
- 10 I feel like sooner or later that we're not
- 11 going to have a Craig for whatever reason. There's
- 12 going to -- not going to be a Bettison; people like
- 13 that. What my concern is, my friend, someone -- I love
- 14 you so much and all of your guys and gals. My concern
- is what happens after you? How am I going to feel
- 16 comfortable that a racist person doesn't in -- a person
- 17 comes in that basically don't have your passion and
- 18 your caring. This is why you've been here so long.
- 19 We've been going through this stuff and we
- 20 see things going on in this City that's beyond police
- 21 definition, relational and identification, and we don't
- 22 know why the bike lanes are there. We don't know how
- 23 they got there. We don't know how -- we don't know
- 24 nothing. I guess I'm just saying to you I don't mean
- 25 no harm and I'm not trying to be cute. I'm just saying



- 1 to you my concern is, my friend, what happens after you
- 2 and after your -- I trust you guys, but I feel like
- 3 that I've been a pastor for 47 years. I'm trying to
- 4 retire.
- 5 You can spend your whole life building
- 6 something and the person come behind you and turn it
- 7 down overnight. I just feel like -- you don't have to
- 8 answer what I'm just throwing this at you, but that's
- 9 my concern is how does it work without you; just in
- 10 case, or Bettison and White and the young lady? What
- 11 happens after you guys?
- 12 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, and
- 13 certainly one, I want to thank you for comments and
- 14 certainly confidence. Let me assure you that this
- body, this Board here, will hold any chief accountable;
- 16 any chief accountable. Accountability through civilian
- 17 oversight. That's first if you hire the right chief,
- 18 accountability-
- 19 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Excuse me. We're having
- 20 a meeting up here. Everyone needs to calm down and
- 21 control yourselves. We're having a meeting.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I will
- 23 close. I appreciate Commissioner Holley's comments.
- 24 And certainly those are issues. I've been a chief now,
- 25 this is my third department. Clearly sometimes when



- 1 the people that follow you old things happen and we're
- 2 hopeful that best practice in the police department are
- 3 institutionalized. I would like to always say that
- 4 we're a constitutional police agency. This Department,
- 5 when I joined now six years ago was under a 12 to 13
- 6 year consent judgement; not one, but two. And so the
- 7 commitment and accountability mostly, holding the
- 8 bosses accountable, were making sure the right things
- 9 are done.
- 10 It doesn't mean that our work is done. I
- 11 still have an Internal Affairs. I still have to deal
- 12 with and address officer misconduct. And so -- but
- 13 that's not a unit of Detroit. But the key really is
- 14 accountability and certainly the oversight by this
- 15 Board.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner, I want to
- 17 say that the church always goes on. I have a great
- 18 deal of respect for Chief Craig and his team, but the
- 19 bottom line is it is not about Chief Craiq. This Board
- 20 we will not be sitting here always. We need to take
- 21 emotion out of it and look at the facts, create policy
- 22 that will surmise anything. Policy will always have to
- 23 be amended as you well know. We spent 14 years under
- 24 the Justice Department scrutiny because somebody
- 25 failed. The Board does not hire a police chief. We



- 1 make recommendations of three candidates. The Mayor
- 2 normally hire the police chief. So we have to respect
- 3 that.
- 4 Chief of police have great deal of respect.
- 5 For 20 years Chief William Hart at the end of his
- 6 career he went to prison as you well know, so it's not
- 7 about the chief of police. It's not about -- not
- 8 individually. It's about the position. That's what we
- 9 have to look at. And that's why I would hope that the
- 10 people pros and cons will speak to the issue and take
- 11 emotion out of it because this Board has to deal with
- 12 the facts. If we get caught up in emotion we wouldn't
- 13 achieve anything. That's the function of this Board.
- 14 Just like the Chief operate he's giving you the
- 15 opportunity to check things out. Get the emotions out
- 16 of it. We all have opinions.
- 17 In order to move on we have to look at the
- 18 bigger picture. We're going to chief of police.
- 19 There's a retirement every other week it appears. I
- 20 retired from the Police Department, Police Department
- 21 continued on. Not to say that I was always great, but
- 22 I made a difference somewhat. And you make a
- 23 difference. It's up to the community. The bottom line
- 24 is the community. You have to hold us accountable in
- 25 terms of elected or appointed. You have to have that



- 1 type of interaction. But you have to take the
- 2 emotional part out of it. This personal stuff like
- 3 that, that's not going to get it. You don't read, you
- 4 don't do the research. You don't do the work.
- 5 Somebody gotta do the work. That's our job to do the
- 6 work. I just want to close on that note. If we move
- 7 forward on any issue let's not deal with the emotional
- 8 part. That's not our role up here. Thank you.
- 9 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I just want
- 10 to respond to one part that Commissioner Bell brought
- 11 up. I failed to bring it up in my earlier remarks,
- 12 Chief Bettison and I are currently, in addition to,
- 13 setting up times for those Commissioners who want to
- 14 have live demonstration of the software. We're also
- 15 pulling together a community group.
- I know you had conversation, Deputy Chief
- 17 Bettison, with a couple of local activists groups and
- 18 there's significant interest. So I too am looking
- 19 forward to bringing them to the Real Time Crime Center
- 20 so they can understand. And it's amazing. Everybody
- 21 we take through, the most amazing part is actually
- 22 going through and understanding the technology in a
- 23 very different way because it is a very complex issue
- 24 and that does drive emotion. So I'm looking forward to
- 25 that as well.



- 1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any other questions,
- 2 Commissioners?
- 3 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: I know I've made
- 4 this comment. Thank you, Madame chair. I know I made
- 5 this comment before, Chief, at a Board meeting and also
- 6 one on one with you, and that is I'm glad to hear that
- 7 you're going to be working with us very closely as you
- 8 draft the policy. I'm very concerned, not just with
- 9 the misidentification potential, but also of the use of
- 10 it for immigration purposes. I want to see a policy
- 11 that clearly states that it will not be used and so I
- 12 will be honing in on that section, but I've already
- 13 talked to you but that and I appreciate you working
- 14 with us.
- 15 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any other questions,
- 17 comments, Commissioners?
- 18 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair, last
- 19 week Commissioner Burch had half of the city, east
- 20 siders, at the Precinct Community Relations, and the
- 21 commander the precinct was number 11, 11th Precinct.
- 22 The Commander, Chief Craig, at that Community Relations
- 23 Meeting was very successful in explaining the layers
- 24 that are used to identify a perpetrator through the
- 25 real life technology. Now, she wasn't real successful



- 1 in bringing on the entire audience in terms of
- 2 supporting it, but again, in all of the explanations
- 3 that I've experienced, and I've been doing, I would
- 4 say, a lot of reading, her ability to explain the
- 5 layers was an opportunity that I'm thinking we might
- 6 also want to privy.
- 7 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, and again, I
- 8 think once you see the live demonstration, I'm very
- 9 excited about the story that will be aired, I believe,
- 10 this evening by WXYZ Simon Shaykhet and certainly
- 11 George Hunter of the Detroit News who both came out so
- 12 they can see the technology and use in real life. They
- 13 both had an aha moment. They had a different level of
- 14 appreciation for the technology and the use of the
- 15 technology and the rigor, more so than anything, the
- 16 rigor, associated with moving a picture forward as a
- 17 potential suspect.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Can I say on what
- 19 Commissioner just said about the meeting that was held
- 20 at our Precinct Number 11, we had representatives there
- 21 to help try to explain of the facial recognition. So
- 22 it was quite a bit going on, Chief, that it wasn't as
- 23 well organized, I would say, where the people were
- 24 fully understanding. What you're saying here now is
- 25 good for me. I'm hearing what you're saying that you



- 1 need to see. So I appreciate you as far as you would
- 2 take groups with Bettison, because I have people in
- 3 Number 3 that would want to go and visit this center.
- 4 Because the more clarity -- but it wasn't that much
- 5 clarity because we had Councilman Benson there and they
- 6 were really trying to push it through him and it got a
- 7 little mixed up there.
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I appreciate
- 9 your comments as well. This Real Time Crime Center and
- 10 all this technology, this belongs to the community. So
- I want them, those that are interested, I know we can't
- 12 have everyone, but we want to get a substantial number
- of community members, especially those. Because quite
- 14 frankly, it is confusing to those. And when you try to
- 15 explain it, it's not the easiest thing to grasp. And
- 16 then some of the information that's been put out in
- other parts of the country, candidly, is inaccurate.
- It was even a story written out of, I think
- 19 there was a white paper done by Harvard if my memory
- 20 serves me, and in it they talked about our Green Light,
- 21 and that we had Green Light in a medical office and
- 22 that we use this facial recognition at that location.
- 23 That's a straight out HIPAA violation. Again, it
- 24 suggests that we're using it as a surveillance tool and
- 25 we're live streaming. That is not the case.



- One of the things I pointed out to both
- 2 reporters today as they sat in the Real Time Crime
- 3 Center, both of them, that was their first time. They
- 4 looked up and they saw these screens looking at all
- 5 these Green Light locations in real time. They said is
- 6 facial recognition on right now. I said absolutely
- 7 not. I said facial recognition is a software program.
- 8 We don't have it connected. So that was, I think,
- 9 another aha moment even for the reporters.
- 10 Again, they both -- my sense is they both
- 11 left there with a greater level of appreciation. So I
- 12 can't wait for all of you who want to come by. I want
- 13 to be there personally because I want to see the look
- on your face and we'll go from there.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I suggest that hopefully
- 16 we can get together as a group, because the Chief
- 17 doesn't have to go for two people or one. If we can
- 18 make a date later and go visit the Crime Center. I
- 19 just want to put that on the record. Is that okay?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: That's fine. I like
- 21 that. Thank you, Chief. At this time, Commissioners,
- 22 we will have the presentation to the Board from Police
- 23 Recruitment.
- 24 SERGEANT MCCORD: Good afternoon, Board. I'm
- 25 the new member to Police Recruiting. My name is



- 1 Sergeant Donna McCord (ph).
- 2 LIEUTENANT COLES: I'm Lieutenant James Coles
- 3 from Police Recruiting.
- 4 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: Sergeant Gonzalez, Field
- 5 Recruiting.
- 6 SERGEANT MCCORD: I apologize. We don't have
- 7 our Power Pointe display, but I do believe everyone has
- 8 a copy. The Detroit Police Department Recruiting falls
- 9 under the Human Resources Bureau. And our mission
- 10 statement is, "It is the mission of the Detroit Police
- 11 Department Recruiting Unit to select individuals with
- 12 the commitment, integrity and skills needed to serve
- 13 the community as a Detroit police officer." Today our
- 14 objectives are to discuss the 2019 Field Recruiting
- overview, our hiring process, which includes
- 16 application and background phase, types of
- 17 disqualifications and our fiscal recruiting goals for
- 18 2019/2020. With that I'll turn it over to Sergeant
- 19 Gonzalez.
- 20 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: Good afternoon. I'm
- 21 happy to be here to explain a little bit about our
- 22 recruiting. I handle -- myself and my unit handles the
- 23 field recruiting portion, so we are the group, the
- 24 unit, that goes out into our community to serve our
- 25 citizens, to get our citizens of Detroit to apply with



- 1 the help of our Board members and our community itself
- 2 to help this process out.
- 3 The first thing I just would like to note
- 4 that we have participated in over 160 events between
- 5 January and June of 2019. Those types of events
- 6 include, we set up tables during all major events. For
- 7 example, the Tigers game, the fireworks; anything
- 8 that's at Hart Plaza. We are out there. Actually, we
- 9 are social media focused because, let's face it,
- 10 everyone uses social media. And I'm even out dated
- 11 because I'm Facebook, but I guess the new generation is
- 12 nothing but Snapchat and Instagram so I had to learn
- 13 that. But we are out there on our Instagram, our
- 14 Snapchat social medial. We also have created over 35
- 15 jobs on college boards throughout our city -- our State
- 16 of Michigan. So when somebody clicks on from Wayne
- 17 State and they're looking for a job or career they will
- 18 see our job posting out there. So they have access to
- 19 our application link.
- 20 We also recruit at our workforce development
- 21 centers, which I believe is very important. They are
- 22 located in the City of Detroit. These workforce
- 23 development centers actually help our citizens that
- 24 maybe did not have their GED or their high school
- 25 diploma. These problems help our individuals get their



- 1 GED which makes them qualify for our department. So we
- 2 see to it to go to their graduation ceremonies or prior
- 3 to the graduation ceremonies, we give them a little
- 4 briefing about what they can do within our Department.
- 5 We also have things, thanks again to our
- 6 Board, we are allowed to set up at our Samaritan,
- 7 Northwest Activity Center and they have computers which
- 8 allows our applicants from our Detroit hiring events
- 9 that only focus on Detroit hiring events; not a whole
- 10 big career fair, but just for DPD, and we work with
- 11 Wayne County. They go there. They go through their
- 12 application process. They apply and we try to get them
- 13 moving through the process as soon as possible.
- We also do flyer distribution and it's a lot.
- 15 We are in the neighborhoods setting up fliers through
- our gas stations, our corner stores, Family Dollars,
- 17 you name it, we are there. We are at all the Apollo
- 18 Markets. If you see us, if I had a presentation you
- 19 would see some pictures up there. We are out there.
- 20 You name it. And just this month alone starting from
- 21 July 16th, I don't know if you guys are aware of the
- 22 Fiat Chrysler application process, only geared to our
- 23 City of Detroit residents only that are allowed to
- 24 attend, we had over 650 interest cards from only City
- of Detroiters that's looking for work.



- 1 So that is our job. We head hunt. That
- 2 being said, please feel free, if you have any type of
- 3 employment fair, any type of resource fair; anything
- 4 that you have within the community. We are at church
- 5 events, any kind of youth events. We are everywhere.
- 6 So if you'd like any information just give me a call,
- 7 email, guess what, we will be there. We will open up
- 8 our table, set up our tent and start recruiting. I'm
- 9 going to turn it over to Lieutenant Coles.
- 10 LIEUTENANT COLES: Okay. So when we talk
- 11 about the recruiting we talk about hiring. So in
- 12 looking at the hiring phase we have different -- excuse
- 13 me -- the hiring process. We have two different
- 14 phases; the application phase and the background phase.
- 15 So this takes you from Field Recruiting right up into
- 16 the application. We go into our application phase, we
- 17 have applications received. That's where the candidate
- 18 or the applicant puts an application in through our
- 19 system through the City of Detroit, which the system we
- 20 have just the application process we just streamline
- 21 through efforts from the Chief and through our Mayor to
- 22 get it a little bit easier to put in and faster to
- 23 apply, so we've taken care of that and it should be
- 24 going live today.
- 25 After you put in your application, the



- 1 application is reviewed by one of our individuals to
- 2 see if it has all the things that we require; to make
- 3 sure they have their driver's license picture, making
- 4 sure we have everything to process them further. We go
- 5 into the LEIN. In LEIN we run our criminal history.
- 6 Through the criminal history we determine if there's
- 7 anything that would be a disqualifier through the SOP
- 8 of the Department or through MCOLES, Michigan
- 9 Commission or Law Enforcement Standards, who sanctions
- 10 all of our officers. So if there are no
- 11 disqualifications we go forward to the LEIN,
- 12 supervisory review. That application is then reviewed
- 13 by myself or Sergeant McCord. We check to see if
- 14 there's anything additional that we may see that the
- officer may have missed. If there's nothing we move
- 16 forward to the MCOLES testing.
- When we do MCOLES testing there's physical
- 18 and the reading and writing test. So the physical
- 19 agility test is just for events. It's a high jump, sit
- 20 ups, push ups and half mile of shuttle run. It's a
- 21 timed event for the half mile shuttle run. The
- 22 individuals are informed what their requirements are
- 23 for their age group and for their gender.
- 24 After we finish the physical agility test we
- 25 also have consultation orientation and do one that same



- 1 weekend. What that it is making sure they know how to
- 2 fill out the applications for the City of Detroit;
- 3 making sure that we get all the -- that they know their
- 4 documents that we request of them so when they actually
- 5 make it to the background phase they have everything
- 6 already in process in getting it taken care of.
- 7 After that they take the reading and writing
- 8 test, which is approximately the equivalency of 11th
- 9 grade reading and writing test. They take that test.
- 10 Once they pass that test within that next week we're
- 11 trying to get them into background. So if they take
- 12 the test on Saturday, hopefully by Monday, Tuesday,
- 13 Wednesday or Thursday we actually have them in
- 14 Background where they move to the next phase.
- 15 Just to talk about when we talk about the
- 16 application phase for just a moment, as you will see,
- 17 we have some of the top ten disqualifiers for the
- 18 candidates when they come through just the application
- 19 phase. This is not an exhaustive list so it's just the
- 20 top ten. I don't have time to go through them but if
- 21 you have questions about it later we can discuss those
- 22 but these are the top that we have.
- The three different types of
- 24 disqualifications that we have are permanent
- 25 disqualification. That will be, for instance, if



- 1 someone has a felony arrest conviction. A felony
- 2 arrest conviction you cannot get hired through MCOLES.
- 3 They will not certify you. Therefore, that's someone
- 4 we would not be able to move forward in the process we
- 5 have to let them know unfortunately we cannot go
- 6 forward with the process.
- 7 We also have temporary disqualification; such
- 8 as, if someone doesn't have a valid driver's license at
- 9 the time they apply. They may have a license but they
- 10 might have a suspension or something to that effect.
- 11 If that's the case we put them as temporary
- 12 disqualification until they get their license or until
- 13 that timeframe has elapsed when they have themselves in
- 14 a position where they can come and continue to move
- 15 forward in the process. We let them know ahead of time
- 16 what length of time is going to be required.
- 17 We also have ones we deactivate.
- 18 Deactivation is only for lack of interest. And the
- 19 lack of interest is after you fill out the application
- 20 if we're trying call you to get you scheduled for
- 21 testing or we're trying to call you to get you to do
- 22 background, or while you're in background, if we
- 23 continue to call and send emails and we can't get you
- 24 on the phone and we give you a certain amount of time
- 25 when we have to try to reach out to you, if we can't



- 1 get in contact with you we'll make you lack of
- 2 interest. Again, that's only until that candidate
- 3 reapplies and or calls us and says something was going
- 4 on I'm ready to move forward.
- 5 So when we get into the background phase we
- 6 have the background investigation. That's, again, when
- 7 the individual, the candidate, will come into the
- 8 Headquarters here, will sit down and meet with their
- 9 background investigator. The background investigator
- 10 will go through the application that they have, have
- 11 them fill out some supplements, have them fill out the
- 12 MCOLES application. As well they have to do one for
- 13 us, DPD, and one for MCOLES. They'll let the candidate
- 14 know if there are any items that they are missing.
- 15 When we do that we make sure that if there are items
- 16 missing give them a timeline to have it in to us.
- 17 We're not trying to keep people on waiting forever and
- 18 we don't want to be on their timeline. We don't want
- 19 to kind of be on their timeline. Sometimes it's not as
- 20 fast as we need it to go. So we'll let them know when
- 21 we need their items. If it's something that they can't
- 22 do we will adjust the timeframe, but we'll sit down,
- 23 look at their application and make sure everything is
- 24 ready to go. At that point the background investigator
- 25 is going to start working on that file, send out the



- 1 police check, send out the employment checks.
- 2 Once they get that taken care of and we know
- 3 that the person is going to be a candidate and we have
- 4 most of their paperwork or we have the information that
- 5 we need, we move them into the MCOLES Administrative
- 6 Phase. At that time they have their oral board
- 7 examination with us. They also have a psychological
- 8 evaluation written where they come in, they have to
- 9 fill out the written paperwork for the testing, and
- 10 then they go into a psychological interview. That
- 11 written evaluation is processed. The psychologist is
- 12 going to have the information from that testing that
- 13 results from the test. So when they actually come in
- 14 to speak to the candidate they're going to look at the
- 15 candidate's file, and look at the results and then
- 16 determine that their question that they need or avenues
- 17 they have to have to discus with the candidate.
- 18 After they finish with that there's a medical
- 19 evaluation. They have to go and get a medical exam by
- 20 one of our doctors. After the doctor determines that
- 21 everything is good after they go in, they have to tell
- 22 us they have any pre-existing conditions or anything
- 23 like that. After they let us know and the doctor
- 24 evaluates them and checks them out, if they move
- 25 forward they're going to go into what we call life



- 1 scan. But on our assessment it says life scan, but
- 2 it's being fingerprinted. So they go in and get
- 3 fingerprinted. After they get fingerprinted and
- 4 they're checked to make sure they don't have anything
- 5 outstanding, then we have our final orientation and get
- 6 started into the class.
- 7 So, as we talk about that, there are some
- 8 instances where we have background disqualifiers.
- 9 Those top ten disqualifiers are listed in front of you
- 10 and we can talk about them later if need be, but those
- 11 are the top ten that we have; again, not an exhaustive
- 12 list.
- SERGEANT GONZALEZ: Some of the goals that we
- 14 have for 2019/2020 is to hire 360 applicants within
- 15 that fiscal year. One thing that I've learned just in
- 16 my short time in Recruiting is that the type of people
- 17 that we hire, they mostly communicate by text
- 18 messaging. So my proposal is going to be, Chief, is
- 19 that we get some cell phones and we text them. Because
- 20 we do email them and we call them; however, we do have
- 21 numbers that are private. So we all get those numbers
- 22 and constant phone calls of people telling us that our
- 23 warranty has expired so we don't answer those calls and
- 24 the recruits don't either, right. So what we propose
- 25 to do, and I even initiated with my Department cell



- 1 phone, is text and I get immediate responses. I think
- 2 with that we will be able to get more communication
- 3 without potential recruits.
- 4 We also would like to increase the number of
- 5 applicants into the written and physical agility
- 6 testing. And what we've done -- we do have a large
- 7 amount of people who come in who aren't physically able
- 8 to pass the test; however, we do have a reconditioning
- 9 program. And what that program is, is if applicant
- 10 comes in and fails the first initial test then we'll
- 11 have them go into what's called a reconditioning
- 12 program. So that program is something where they'll
- 13 come in on a Saturday or we propose a time they come
- in, on a Tuesday, because we all work, and mark a time
- 15 when they can come in and go to the Academy with our
- 16 physical instructors and have workout sessions to get
- 17 them physically ready to pass the test. Because at
- 18 that point they've already passed the background --
- 19 well, not the background, but the initial application,
- 20 the LIEN qualification and then they've also passed the
- 21 written qualification. So we've gotten them almost
- 22 halfway there to background. We just need them to pass
- 23 the physical part. And the physical part we can get
- 24 them to. So that's what we've been doing with that. I
- 25 really like that program. It's something that we kind



- of pulled from the military, the military does that,
- where they have candidates on hold and they're still
- 3 working out and they're engaged with the military unit.
- 4 Another thing we would like to do we're going
- 5 to implement is have our staff cross trained. So if
- 6 Sergeant McCord is not here today someone else -- well,
- 7 it would just be Lieutenant Coles -- but we have other
- 8 officers who can do application, review, LEIN, they can
- 9 run LEIN investigations, they can schedule our
- 10 candidates to come in for these different stages and
- 11 the interviewing. And we also, Chief Craig, want to --
- 12 this is courageous leadership that you've always told
- 13 us about. I think it's going to be a great opportunity
- 14 for our investigators to get some training so we can do
- 15 better interviews, I believe, in training.
- I think we really are -- we're headed in the
- 17 right direction. I'm excited about the things that me
- 18 and Lieutenant Coles have come up with just in the
- 19 short time I've been here. I think we're going to have
- 20 some great numbers in 2019/2020.
- 21 LIEUTENANT COLES: Before we go into
- 22 questions I just wanted let you all know that we do
- 23 have a new sergeant so that means we do have new and
- 24 fresh ideas that are coming into our unit. We are
- 25 definitely trying to do more than we have in the past.



- 1 I think at some point we might get to a point where we
- 2 get stale and we need new ideas, so I think it's
- 3 extremely helpful to bring in new talent and try to do
- 4 more. With that said, do you have any questions?
- 5 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, before we
- 6 move into questions, since the request was made in the
- 7 public that yes, I agree with you. You all should have
- 8 cell phones where you can text the applicants. That's
- 9 a great observation. I would never have thought but
- 10 let's definitely move forward quickly. The other thing
- 11 I wanted to bring out in public is one of the things
- 12 the FCA affairs, I know that was a great idea to go and
- 13 focus on Detroiters as potential candidates, but one of
- 14 the things that we talked about and I wanted the Board
- 15 to hear, many times candidates would fill out these
- 16 little information cards but they don't follow up. So
- 17 we propose that there will be a mini application
- 18 process right at the fair, a one-pager, fill that out
- 19 and that would start the process going forward so we
- 20 don't run into this where they thick the card, fill it
- 21 out and then we don't hear from them again.
- 22 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: Correct. So that's
- 23 called our interest card. So out of the 650 people
- 24 what we do as recruiters, we will send them an email
- 25 immediately and we also send them a text message with a



- 1 direct link. But as of today we have the mini -- it's
- 2 not mini -- but briefer application process. And
- 3 because we've had that and we were provided -- since
- 4 they're saying we're getting some new computers for
- 5 them to actually apply when we're at these events, we
- 6 had three loaned out from the Mayor's Office and just
- 7 today 26, I believe filled out their applications. So
- 8 they actually filled the application out to get them
- 9 moving. So that was amazing and I was very happy and I
- 10 came back to tell the director it was amazing that they
- 11 were able to fill the application out that quick.
- So, hopefully with our text message link that
- 13 we will be sending, we reach out to the applicants at
- 14 least twice. Once they fill out this card saying hey
- 15 I'm interested, while I understand we get busy, so
- 16 we'll try to send messages so that way they can go
- 17 right from their phone and apply.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. We're going
- 19 to start to my left.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I just wanted to tell
- 21 them can the Commissioners get recondition training?
- 22 LIEUTENANT COLES: It's a fabulous program.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Holley.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: When is the next
- 25 graduation and how many are Detroiters at the next



- 1 graduation? I'm trying to make a point here.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: August 2nd.
- 3 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: We'll have to get back
- 4 with you on the demographics.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: But normally a
- 6 graduation basically is more, just say more since I've
- 7 been here, it's been more non-Detroiters than
- 8 Detroiters?
- 9 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: I would say it varies.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I know you will say
- 11 that. I guess, it's no way in the world that a Board
- 12 would not be happy with the work you guys are doing.
- 13 With 116 different affairs and all that you do, but a
- 14 guy like me, I only see -- I just want to see at the
- 15 end. Chief, I had a dinner with -- a lunch with
- 16 Matthew Snyder of the United States Department of
- 17 Justice about another matter, but he praised you so
- 18 much, the relationship you guys have. But I just
- 19 brought up the fact that is it a possibility of getting
- 20 a grant; just the possibility of what it could be. I'm
- 21 not trying to go over your head or anything; just
- 22 trying to get information.
- Because when I see, Madame Human Resource
- 24 Lady, when I see 1800 people that's been turned away
- 25 sometimes in these reports -- and this has nothing to



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- 1 do with the fact -- I mean, you guys are working so
- 2 hard. You can't take people to the water and make them
- 3 drink if he's not thirsty. But I do feel like -- I
- 4 just feel like, and I've been doing this. The first
- 5 time I was on the Board and nobody listened to me. The
- 6 second time nobody seemed to be listening to me, but
- 7 I'm saying to you there needs to be a boot camp. There
- 8 needs to be something that basically say we're really
- 9 serious so that we will have a net when these people
- 10 fall off and have money to basically help them.
- I mean, when you talk about disqualification
- 12 based on agility, I mean, I've got 1400 different
- 13 reasons why you have here people being disqualified. I
- 14 feel like that can be corrected. It just means that I
- 15 know you don't have the resources but I'm asking,
- 16 Mr. Chairman -- Mr. -- Chief, that -- and the problem
- is, Chief, is that, for example, the Labor Department
- 18 has something like 18 million dollars they have to
- 19 spend by October.
- I guess I'm just asking, and I've been asking
- 21 Madame Chairperson -- Ms. Human -- you know, I've been
- 22 asking you to get on board. And you know I've never
- 23 been invited to anything, but normally if it's this
- lady here and she ask you to do this she would have
- 25 been mad but I'm a nice guy. I'm just saying to you



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- 1 that I really feel like there ought to be a net that we
- 2 really try to get these people, catch them and get them
- 3 through this thing. I'm just trying to ask you,
- 4 understand, I'm resourceful. I don't have any money
- 5 but God has blessed me with resourcefulness. I'm just
- 6 saying to you if I'm coming to you and telling you that
- 7 I know where we can find the money to do something like
- 8 this it hurts me that I'm not asked. I'm not mad at
- 9 nobody and I'm not trying to put you on the spot
- 10 because I voted for you, you know, I love you, you know
- 11 that. But I'm just telling you I see the work you're
- 12 doing.
- But at the end of the day when I go to the
- 14 graduation, that's what I'm looking at is the result.
- 15 It has nothing to do with your work. It's unbelievable
- 16 what you do. It's unbelievable what the Board people
- 17 do. And I'm not trying to say that I'm the messiah or
- 18 that I am all of this and the bag of potato chips with
- 19 the dip; that's not me. What I want to do is to be a
- 20 blessing to you and try to help. I'm just saying this
- 21 guy is crazy about you, Chief. And I think if we ask
- 22 him for some help he will give us some help in this
- 23 area from the Justice Department.
- I'm sorry to be so long, Madame Chairperson,
- 25 but I haven't been here in a month so I gotta make up



- 1 for the time.
- 2 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I want to
- 3 respond in part. I understand and appreciate your
- 4 compassion, Commissioner Holley. One of the things
- 5 that we did, because so many candidates were being
- 6 disqualified because of physical, we started the
- 7 reconditioning program because we knew if we could get
- 8 them in early and start the reconditioning and it was
- 9 done on Saturday that was still going. I like the idea
- of the courageous thinking of the new sergeant to in
- 11 addition to Saturday's session, also Tuesday. You'd be
- 12 surprised how many candidates get washed out. And,
- 13 let's face it, police officers have to have a certain
- 14 level of fitness to do this job.
- 15 Also background investigations. We have been
- 16 very creative in relaxing it. We know there are
- 17 Detroiters that have made some mistakes in their lives,
- 18 and we do everything we can to make some adjustments.
- 19 If they get a record expungement, there are certain
- 20 things that won't go against them. I can't do a lot
- 21 with felonies because you might remember that MCOLES,
- 22 the State accredited agency, will not support certain
- 23 crimes so that's an issue too.
- 24 Then lastly, and you talked about this boot
- 25 camp under the leadership of First Assistant Chief, it



- 1 was something I brought from Los Angeles. We started
- 2 something called a magna school. Magna school is when
- 3 we go into a high school in the City of Detroit, we're
- 4 talking about students attending high school, and the
- 5 thinking is you go through this police magna program
- 6 and when you graduate, because in Detroit at 18 years
- 7 old you can be hired as a police officer, the thinking
- 8 was to make that easy transition from high school out
- 9 of the program into the Detroit Police Department. And
- 10 so we had two schools originally. We lost one. We
- 11 still have one up, First Assistant Chief, and we still
- 12 have one school going. We're looking at Cass Tech as
- 13 another potential school. So we recognize if we can
- 14 have high schools with this boot camp like you're
- 15 talking -- you know, we still have our explorer scouts
- 16 who generally that's also a segway from scouting right
- 17 into the police department. So I will get with my
- 18 friend Snyder and then see what kind of federal grants.
- 19 We do pursue federal grants for hiring. I don't know.
- 20 Maybe we can talk off line and figure out what specific
- 21 grants and we'll run with that.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I can deliver you three
- 23 high schools.
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: We would be -- because you
- 25 think about it, these schools are located in the City



- 1 of Detroit. They live in the City of Detroit so we are
- 2 hiring Detroiters. That's why I believe so much in
- 3 this police magna program in high school.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: First, I wanted to
- 6 comment on the energy of the team. Every time you get
- 7 up and speak the energy is so high and you're positive
- 8 and smiling. I think that's the first step to
- 9 recruiting high school kids to see that face and feel
- 10 that energy. So I want to tell you that all of you
- 11 that's on the team, I love the energy and how much
- 12 excitement and passion you put into this.
- I did have a question about Golightly if you
- 14 have a program -- we had at one time a campus that was
- 15 where we would talk about issues around certain
- 16 qualifications and communications. I know you do some
- 17 work there so keep Golightly in your root because they
- 18 have a great program in criminal justice and we at some
- 19 point were disqualified and had to come back. We had
- 20 at one time had a candidate that was disqualified, and
- 21 had to come back before the Board and talk about some
- 22 communications around where there was for certain
- 23 reasons that you can be disqualified and come back and
- 24 talked about communications back to those applicants
- 25 after that period had kind of had gone by to say we'd



- 1 like for you to try to apply again depending on the
- 2 offense, reason for disqualification. So I just wanted
- 3 to ask if you put anymore thought into that to think
- 4 about how you can go back to the candidate pool that
- 5 was disqualified and how they may be able reapply
- 6 again.
- 7 LIEUTENANT COLES: Yes. Through the Chair,
- 8 we have discussed ways that we can get back in touch
- 9 with these candidates. A good part is going to be
- 10 through the cell phone technology because why send out
- 11 mass cell phone text messages to them. We went through
- 12 the last year's worth of disqualifications that we had
- and in those areas where we had candidates who might be
- 14 able to come back and extracted that information.
- 15 We're in the process of getting that together so we can
- 16 send something out.
- We're putting classes together as fast as
- 18 we're trying to get them together. We actually are
- 19 doing it. We just need a little more time to get it
- 20 completed. So hopefully by the next time I come up
- 21 here we'll have some results for you. But hopefully
- 22 it's going to be coming before the end of the year
- 23 we'll have something. But we have a task force
- 24 reaching out and we will do so.
- 25 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: And before --



- 1 Sergeant, before you leave can I get your email because
- 2 I have an applicant.
- COMMISSIONER BELL: I just want to say we're
- 4 on the cutting edge. Commissioner Dewaelsche and
- 5 Commissioner Brooks have been working the last four
- 6 years with recruiting. I don't know if you have an
- 7 update, but you need to know when we were hiring in the
- 8 '70s it was extremely difficult to hire African
- 9 Americans. Under Coleman Young it was tough and now
- 10 we're more competitive now than ever trying to reach
- 11 out in so many ways. The concern of the military,
- 12 because people cannot qualify for the physical part of
- 13 it, which we're dealing with too. The number one
- 14 reason people can't qualify, keep in mind that the
- 15 public school discontinued phys ed. They just brought
- 16 it back recently.
- 17 So when you talk about these young people are
- 18 not engaged physically; they're driven everywhere. If
- 19 you talk to any coach in the City of Detroit how
- 20 difficult it is to build a team. Talk to Pal, you go
- 21 to Cass, it's difficult to get these kids to come out
- 22 for sports because they're in the technology. They
- 23 don't mobilize. So we have to commend this team in
- 24 terms of being very aggressive.
- I think when Commissioners get upset about



- 1 the numbers, but the number are there. In the majority
- 2 of the classes we've been on board its been
- 3 non-Detroiters that we have witnessed. But we interact
- 4 with the class and interact with the graduation. They
- 5 are non-Detroiters; black or white. They do not live
- 6 in Detroit. But we're interested to expand our energy
- 7 to deal with it. A whole lot of young people don't
- 8 want to be police officers. So we all recruit. I just
- 9 want to commend the Chief and the team. We will
- 10 continue on in terms of addressing how we're trying to
- 11 reach out. We're doing recruiting every day but this
- 12 Commissioner is fully engaged and I want to commend you
- in terms of the technology in terms of where you're
- 14 trying to go from email to text; whatever you want to
- 15 call it. We have to be up to date in terms of reaching
- 16 these young people. That's the bottom line.
- 17 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I just want
- 18 to also add that if there are any community members who
- 19 want to help us in this effort and they know young
- 20 people that are interested in a career in law
- 21 enforcement we would welcome the help from anybody. I
- 22 know Todd, you spent a lot of time. If any of our
- 23 community partners are interested in working with us in
- 24 bringing young people to us I would welcome it.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Yes,



- 1 Chief, and I just want to indicate that Commissioner
- 2 Brooks at every single meeting requests assistance from
- 3 people who are in the audience. She not only asks if
- 4 you have people who are interested in applying to
- 5 please give those names to her, she also asks if you
- 6 have any events that recruiting can go to. So if you
- 7 have been coming to our meetings you would know that.
- 8 So I would just like to reiterate what Sergeant
- 9 Gonzalez indicated about having events for FCA at the
- 10 different Detroit at-work centers, at SER Metro where I
- 11 work we have them almost daily. We have people coming
- in on a daily basis who are inquiring about those jobs.
- 13 And I have indicated to you, some of the
- events that we've had, and you have been there,
- 15 recruiting has been there during those larger events
- 16 that we have. But people are coming into the centers,
- 17 Samaritan, SER Metro and Northwest Activity Center on a
- 18 daily basis applying and asking for those positions.
- 19 So if you could have a permanent table there that would
- 20 be good or at one of the centers. But, if you can't,
- 21 on those days where we have organized activities
- 22 because they are coming in for fairs, like mini job
- 23 fairs, definitely I know that you're there and that you
- 24 know about those.
- 25 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: Actually, every day



- 1 they're out at the Big three, what I call the Big
- 2 three, Northwest, Samaritan and SER Metro, and us
- 3 recruiters are spread thin. We are at each one of
- 4 them. It's from 10 to 11 at your shop and 2 to 3.
- 5 We're there twice a day. We'll do our little speech.
- 6 Today was the big one. There were supposed to be 1100
- 7 people. So it's all hands on deck at the one that we
- 8 had today.
- 9 So unfortunately when it's the big event like
- 10 today we have to all be together at that one just so we
- 11 can get the mass of individuals so we could reach them.
- 12 But every day for the last three weeks we have been at
- 13 all three for the morning and afternoon shift.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: And I just want to
- 15 add one thing. They're coming in inquiring about the
- 16 FCA jobs. Our salaries for Detroit Police are
- 17 competing with those salaries. Some of them are going
- 18 to be higher. Some of them are going to be lower
- 19 depending on the positions. But we're asking people to
- 20 consider the Detroit Police Department and then when
- 21 they see what the salary is it's just not high enough.
- 22 I'm sorry. We all agree, even the Chief, that we have
- 23 to raise the salary for our officers.
- 24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Through the Chair, we
- 25 just posted our new updated salary for the Detroit



- 1 Police Department, and I'm not saying that it is nearly
- 2 enough, but it is increased. The starting salary is
- 3 44,000.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: That's much better.
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Through the Chair.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Brooks.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I just want to thank
- 9 all of you all. I know I have not been meeting with
- 10 you like I normally do but I'll get back to it.
- 11 Sergeant Gonzalez, a teacher approached me a couple
- 12 weeks ago to tell me that you had come to her school.
- 13 She was very, very impressed that there were a lot of
- 14 young people there that were interested in applying to
- 15 become a police officer. She praised you.
- 16 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: Thank you, ma'am. I
- 17 would like to say the last thing about my -- I can tell
- 18 you this. When I came on the job I was not aware that
- 19 you came on at 18. I believe you needed a college
- 20 degree or military. I'm seeing to it that this
- 21 graduating year of 2019 there should not have been one
- 22 high school graduate in the 12th grade who did not get
- 23 a presentation from myself and my team in all City of
- 24 Detroit public schools. So they all were presented to
- 25 so they know this is an option for them.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Well, she thanked you
- 2 so much and she said to me to tell you that. But I
- 3 also wanted to talk about the schools. We lost one
- 4 school? That I did not know.
- 5 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: You're referring to Cody
- 6 High School. They transferred over to fire. They're
- 7 trying fire this time around. We still do have our law
- 8 enforcement that they are getting shipped off to our
- 9 Golightly Centers, our technical centers, that do the
- 10 law enforcement. We actually brought Golightly here to
- 11 our headquarters, gave them a tour of the building, had
- 12 a presentation between -- we had the helicopter out
- 13 here. They all thank Director Anderson because she
- 14 went there and actually taught a session at the school
- 15 as well so they can get an insight of DPD and see the
- 16 life of DPD. So we are definitely involved in all of
- 17 our high schools.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Just a couple more
- 19 things. Remember when I got the group to come and I
- 20 haven't been able to get back because they're really
- 21 interested in coming at least once a year.
- 22 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: That's no problem. We
- 23 can set it up with a date. Whatever reason they
- 24 weren't able to come on their end, we can come and set
- 25 it up.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: My last thing, I will
- 2 be in touch. I have quite a few. This is summer. I
- 3 have quite a few events that people have given me. And
- 4 also, if you do need volunteers, I can find some.
- 5 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: We love that. Bring it
- 6 on. I'm going to step up, Detroit, because we need all
- 7 the help we can get.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank very much.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair, I've
- 10 been at some of the Detroit At Work where DPD has been
- and has done a phenomenal job as you've shared with the
- 12 collection of those blue cards. We have an officer who
- 13 Commissioner Brooks knows, Officer Anderson. What she
- 14 does is she -- these are all Detroiters age group from
- 15 18 up through maybe even 60. She even shares her age
- 16 as a motivator for any person who is like shy of 40 and
- 17 is reserved. So it is a very successful campaign and
- 18 we really appreciate you being there.
- 19 You're aware that Detroit Work will have, I
- 20 think, three more of the employment opportunities so
- 21 I'm sure we can look forward to you being at those
- 22 events. And also I think at one of them Detroit Works
- 23 the officer shared that you're going to be at the
- 24 NAACP.
- 25 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: Yes, ma'am. That's next



- 1 week, I believe the 25th, at Cobo Hall. Like I said,
- 2 you guys say a career there we're there. If we're not
- 3 invited we're crashing it.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLT: And the fallacy that our
- 5 young people do want to be police officers is not what
- 6 we experienced at some of those job fairs. My
- 7 observation too is that it's mostly females that are of
- 8 course your status would do a better job of who are
- 9 submitting these blue cards. The young men will stand
- 10 up to some degree and apply, but it's not a lot of
- 11 positive energy when it comes to perhaps our African
- 12 American males. So there is a negative attitude as
- 13 relates -- well, it's not new. But bottom line, you're
- 14 doing a fantastic job and thank you.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Through the Chair, I
- 16 want to thank you for -- I want to commend you for your
- 17 efforts, what you're doing to recruit. Here's my
- 18 question. You mentioned Apollo. Have you went to any
- 19 of the other markets I recommended?
- 20 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: Yes. I believe we hit
- 21 all three. One day it was crowded inside and we just
- 22 sat on the corner right out front. And it was kind of
- 23 amazing for the traffic with our big old banner that
- 24 says we are hiring. But they are very receptive of us.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: The other thing is maybe



- 1 we need to do a side bar with Commissioner Brooks that
- 2 I have an idea, Chief, that has something to do with
- 3 what I wanted to ask them. Regarding the recruiting,
- 4 have we ever considered speaking with the juvenile
- 5 detention? In other words, these gentleman that have
- 6 the rotating door, seem to have a little trouble, but
- 7 they still come back out and they go back and repeat.
- 8 Sometimes they're repeating because they have nothing
- 9 else to do and no one is really teaching them to have a
- 10 better life. So I would like to have a side bar, but
- 11 what do you think of the idea of approaching the
- 12 juvenile detention center?
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I know
- 14 that's a separate issue. Yes, we are open and have
- 15 done those kinds of things. In fact, Deputy Chief
- 16 Bettison and I are working with two young men right now
- 17 who have been, I guess, in a significant amount of
- 18 trouble in their young lives and we're working with
- 19 them to try to steer them on another path. But not
- 20 just them because they have tremendous influence in
- 21 their respective neighborhoods; we're hoping to get a
- 22 forum among these young men and see if we can start
- 23 having that conversation so they can make better
- 24 decisions. The two that visited us last week seem to
- 25 be very positive on working with us.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: And one more thing,
- 2 Sergeant Gonzalez, since you said you're into events, I
- 3 hope the audience picked up this flyer, Neighborhood
- 4 Day. Do you know about that?
- 5 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: I'm not certain. I
- 6 didn't pick up that flyer so I don't know which one
- 7 you're referring to.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Neighborhood Day 8 Mile
- 9 and Dequindre August 3rd. It's all over the City so
- 10 I'm getting my bid in.
- 11 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: Got you. We're there.
- 12 Also, we do go to Job Corp if you're familiar with Job
- 13 Corp for our youth. So that is one of the areas that
- 14 you're referring to. And I love our Job Corp that's
- 15 here. Not only are we connected to our Job Corp that's
- 16 here, some of our Detroit Young Youth get shipped off
- 17 to the Flint location and to Grand Rapids. So even
- 18 though we say Grand Rapids it might be a little
- 19 distance but they're still our Detroiters that's
- 20 getting shipped off over there for whatever reason.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I want to commend this
- 22 Commissioner right here. She's kind of new but I want
- 23 to commend her because she is so supportive of
- 24 everybody in this City; that if she hears of something
- 25 going on positive she will come and support. I thank



- 1 her for that because she doesn't have to do it. I
- 2 thank you and Commissioner Bell that we all have to
- 3 work together in this City. When something is going on
- 4 let's have good press; not the negative press. Let's
- 5 have good press. That's all I want to say.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: One last question on the
- 7 negative side, perhaps, of your application,
- 8 disqualifiers, you have something called insufficient
- 9 integrity. What does that look like?
- 10 LIEUTENANT COLES: Through the Chair,
- 11 insufficient integrity is when we have an applicant
- 12 that does not tell the complete truth at all on their
- 13 application. It's times when they fail to submit
- information that we need as far as maybe even with
- 15 their arrest history. They leave out some of the
- 16 history of their arrests and then we have to reach out
- 17 to each one of the police agencies that they've lived
- 18 in and they will send us information about arrests that
- 19 they've had. When we speak to the candidate this is
- 20 just for instance they'll say oh I forgot about that
- 21 and maybe it was a year ago or two years or just
- 22 something where we know blatantly or they say it wasn't
- 23 them. We get the paperwork so we have the information.
- 24 We have the mug shot and then we have somebody telling
- 25 us no that wasn't me. In those areas where they just



- 1 can't tell the truth they can't be hired.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. Let me piggy back
- 3 on that as well. Even at the Fiat application they
- 4 don't call it insufficient integrity, but they do
- 5 caution applicants about lying about anything. And
- 6 they let them know that if their application is
- 7 processed and they've been hired that they can be fired
- 8 if they were discovered lying on the application. So
- 9 thank you for sharing.
- 10 LIEUTENANT COLES: Yes, ma'am. And through
- 11 the Chair, just an additional note, in most of those
- 12 cases too, what I do is I visit the application
- 13 orientation process. So when we have individuals that
- 14 right before get to background I will make sure that we
- 15 have a discussion about integrity and what I expect
- 16 from them and what the Department expects from them as
- 17 far as filling out the application.
- 18 If they may have forgotten something on their
- 19 application when they initially filled it out, if they
- 20 do disclose it in most of those instances we will give
- 21 them the opportunity to give us a statement as to why
- 22 it accidentally happened.
- 23 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: Can I answer a few
- 24 questions?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Very quickly, ma'am.



- 1 SERGEANT GONZALEZ: I just wanted to make
- 2 sure that I explained that the Mayor and the Chief are
- 3 initiating a media campaign so you'll soon see
- 4 billboards, videos, different things on Facebook,
- 5 Instagram, Snapchat. We're going to hit every market
- 6 because we're targeting Detroiters. This initiative is
- 7 strictly for Detroiters.
- 8 Also, with the condensed application we will
- 9 be also hosting application preparation sessions.
- 10 We're going to meet prior to have applicants come out
- and let them know everything that they need so when
- 12 they do apply that they're prepared. Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, ma'am.
- 14 Thanks for your report. We're going to move the
- 15 Agenda. At this time do we have any Standing Committee
- 16 or Ad Hoc Committee Reports?
- 17 (None responded.)
- 18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: At this time we'll have
- 19 the Report from Board Secretary, and Mr. Hicks,
- 20 everything is printed already for the Commissioners so
- 21 if there's anything in addition let us know now in your
- 22 report. Thank you.
- MR. HICKS: Thank you, Madame Chair. I did
- 24 hear you and I do indicate that you have seven items
- 25 that are listed on the Agenda. These items have been



- 1 transmitted. I did want to point out that in one of
- 2 them you should note that the Chief has requested
- 3 suspension without pay for a particular officer and the
- 4 other items are listed on the Agenda. If you have any
- 5 questions please raise them.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Hicks.
- 7 Any old business?
- 8 (None responded.)
- 9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Any new business?
- 10 (None responded.)
- 11 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Announcements. Our next
- meeting will be Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 3 p.m. here
- 13 at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters located at
- 14 1301 3rd Street Detroit, Michigan. Our next community
- meeting will be Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- in the 5th Precinct at the Carolyn Cheeks-Kilpatrick
- 17 Room at the Samaritan Center located at 5555 Conner
- 18 Street. At this time we will have Oral Communication
- 19 from the audience. Please give your name and limit
- 20 your comments to two minutes, please.
- 21 MR. HICKS: Madame Chair, I hate to break the
- 22 protocol, but I should have also mentioned in that
- 23 report that we did receive a Proposed Directive from
- 24 the Chief on Mobile Fingerprint Technology. That
- 25 Proposed Directive has been posted at our website and



- 1 is available for citizens to inspect so as we move
- 2 through the evaluation process. You are not the only
- 3 ones that have access to that information. It is
- 4 accessible by all people in our community.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Hicks.
- 6 Mr. Brown.
- 7 MR. BROWN: Madame Chair, I currently have 28
- 8 speakers. I will call them five at a time. Our first
- 9 speaker will be Ms. Tawanna Petty followed by Mr. Eric
- 10 Blount, followed by Ms. Faith, followed by Brenda Hill
- 11 and Ms. Bernice Smith.
- MS. PETTY: What is happening in Detroit with
- 13 facial recognition technology likens me to biometric
- 14 experiments on the level of the Tuskegee experiment.
- 15 It is the largest biometric experiment on a
- 16 concentrated demographic of black people in modern
- 17 history. Project Green Light and related facial
- 18 recognition harkens me back to the days of the lantern
- 19 laws of the 1800s when black men were forced to -- were
- 20 required to walk with a lit lantern in front of their
- 21 faces under the guides of safety if they weren't in the
- 22 presence of a white person.
- In some cities and countries this technology
- 24 is already used to target Muslims. DPD may not use it
- 25 for that purpose but what if ISIS wants to. Even if



- 1 this technology becomes accurate it is subject to human
- 2 bias; coupled with the pressure to solve crimes it
- 3 becomes extremely dangerous. It is for this reason
- 4 that I join the growing course of people around the
- 5 world to resist this flawed technology. Oakland,
- 6 California became the third city to ban Government and
- 7 police use of facial recognition technology just this
- 8 Tuesday.
- 9 It is my prayer that Detroit becomes the
- 10 forth city to ban police and government use of this
- 11 technology. It is my hope that Michigan becomes the
- 12 first State to ban this technology. Chief Craig
- 13 referenced Michigan facial recognition technology. Two
- 14 wrongs don't make a right. Our Michigan Secretary of
- 15 State has given every ID that comes through their
- office since 1998 to the State Police for over 20 years
- 17 without consent. We must stop this pervasive
- 18 non-consentful use of this technology. The Mayor just
- 19 publically said that he objects to facial technology.
- 20 If that's the case there's no reason to vote for it.
- MR. BLOUNT: Good afternoon, Board and Chief.
- 22 For the record, my name is Eric Blount, a lifelong
- 23 Detroiter. I must say people have said a lot of
- 24 wonderful things about the Chief, but somebody's got to
- 25 tell the truth about what a lot of people think. There



- 1 is a lack of interest -- I mean, a lack of trust with
- 2 you and with the Detroit Police Department. I mean, it
- 3 goes back even to these meetings. The FBI Crime Data
- 4 was disputed for years so we couldn't rely on what you
- 5 said for the crime data.
- 6 Now with facial recognition it was done for a
- 7 year before people really knew about it, including City
- 8 Council and the Board of Police Commissioners. When it
- 9 comes to discipline, Mark DS got a pass. I don't know
- 10 how many of you know who Mark DS is, but he was charged
- 11 with a felony and yet not suspended without pay.
- 12 Chief Craig, I do admire you for recommending
- 13 suspension without pay for Corporal Jones but that
- 14 still has not happened yet. There is so much distrust
- 15 and so many reasons for people to distrust the Detroit
- 16 Police Department, this Board and you, Chief. I just
- 17 can't go on and on. Thank you.
- 18 MS. HILL: My name is Brenda Hill. I'd like
- 19 a little latitude in time because I'd like to thank a
- 20 couple of the officers as well as James Craig. About
- 21 four years ago he allowed me to create a group of
- 22 mothers who lost their children and it was called
- 23 Inactive Really Cold Case, and just this past week we
- 24 got justice for one of the mothers after nine years of
- 25 the two individuals that killed her son.



- 1 And so with that being said, Craig and
- 2 Bettison, and I'm not disrespecting them. I just know
- 3 a lot of them have gotten promotions. Elaine Bryant,
- 4 Captain Slappy (ph), all the detectives that helped on
- 5 the case. Mine at the time was Charles Weaver (ph).
- 6 And so with that being done, I have hope today that my
- 7 own case can be solved and those that are out there in
- 8 the viewing and listening audience, I needed to tell
- 9 them that so they can have some hope to hold on a
- 10 little longer. We never thought that that case would
- 11 be solved and these officers did that because you asked
- 12 the Chief and Bettison could we do this.
- 13 It's a rare thing to a mother having some
- 14 justice even though she doesn't have her son. The rest
- 15 of us can still believe with all the bad things that
- 16 are going on in this world, in this City, that maybe
- 17 because we don't have our kids and we have to wake up
- 18 every day knowing that maybe some day we'll have
- 19 justice. So I'd like to thank them for that.
- I have a problem with the over policing at
- 21 these community meetings. We've had more than 15
- 22 officers at every meeting and there's never been a
- 23 threat, a physical threat, a verbal threat, but yet the
- 24 community meetings are turning into something like we
- 25 had in the '60s and '70s. That must stop.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Ms. Hill.
- 2 MS. HILL: Oh, and I don't want facial
- 3 recognition right now.
- 4 MR. BROWN: Ms. Faith, Marie Thornton,
- 5 Valerie Glenn, Cindy Darrah, Joanna Underwood, Michell
- 6 George.
- 7 MS. FAITH: Welcome to this honorable Board.
- 8 For the record, my name is Ms. Faith and I appreciate
- 9 every one of you and the good that I see you down
- 10 through the years. I know there's been a lot of
- 11 controversy. There's been a lot of different things
- 12 but you always been level headed and you've been
- 13 professional and proven integrity. Every statement
- 14 that was made, every comment that was made, every
- 15 circumstance has always been balanced every time and
- 16 for that I admire and respect you for that.
- 17 And I just came from another meeting that
- 18 they helped me also down through the years. And I just
- 19 want to say to Commissioner Bell, you're the daddy of
- 20 them all. You keep everybody in line. And
- 21 Commissioner Holley, ya'll work like a trio. You're a
- 22 well oiled machine. And the rest of the ladies and
- 23 rest of the commissioners, well oiled machines, and I
- 24 appreciate ya'll so very, very much.
- I want to honor somebody in their absence.



- 1 Officer Pastor (ph). He is the civilian officer over
- 2 at Number 5. I have talked to her for guite a few
- 3 years also and she has always been level headed and
- 4 professional and she's always been informative and
- 5 knowledgeable of her job. She has not taken me under
- 6 her wing as a family member or anything. She's doing
- 7 her job. She's very professional. I'm not her blood
- 8 relative but she's doing her job and I admire and
- 9 respect her for that. And I honor Commissioner Brooks
- 10 for helping that way also and Commissioner Burch. The
- 11 guys always get their honor so I'm honoring the ladies
- 12 today and the women in blue. Ya'll keep on standing.
- 13 I appreciate ya'll very, very much.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Ms. Faith.
- MS. THORNTON: For the record, my name is
- 16 Marie Thornton, Precinct Delegate 147 in District 6. I
- 17 was bought to come here because of what happened on
- 18 July 9th. I did not appreciate that and apparently
- 19 that Deputy Chief didn't appreciate you apologizing
- 20 because he got up and left. I think some of the
- 21 comments should have been for him as well.
- I saw Chief Craig at the City Council meeting
- 23 asking for four million dollars trying to convince them
- 24 that these facial recognition was not anything like
- 25 Green Light but Green Light to me is a starter kit for



- 1 facial recognition. Oh, but before I begin, when I
- 2 came in here under the Open Meeting Act why did they
- 3 take my ID downstairs and put it in a machine? It made
- 4 me think about facial recognition and programing.
- 5 Under the Open Meeting Act they're not supposed to make
- 6 you sign or take your ID and all this other stuff. So
- 7 I need somebody to explain that to me.
- 8 But I didn't like you supporting that Deputy
- 9 Chief and you on TV and I'm sitting up in there, I'm a
- 10 dialysis patient, don't have that much energy, but you
- 11 gave me the energy to come today to tell you I don't
- 12 want facial recognition. I am going to take that tour
- 13 since I represent a community and maybe I might change
- 14 how I feel about it but I doubt it because it seems
- 15 like it's an invasion on my privacy.
- You're absolutely right. This is you all's
- 17 meeting. This is not the police officer meeting. And
- 18 for you to do it in front of Commissioner Burton and
- 19 say you thought it was legal, really it wasn't because
- 20 I got trained in the Open Meeting Act and disorderly
- 21 conduct.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up. Thank
- 23 you.
- MS. BROWN: Ms. Smith.
- MS. SMITH: Good afternoon, Chief,



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- 1 Commissioners, I am very upset because number one, I
- 2 did speak to Commissioner Bell when I saw the display
- 3 last week on TV. I got several calls because my
- 4 children thought I was here and I told them no I wasn't
- 5 because they was fearful for my safety. But in the
- 6 meantime, I just want to let the agitators know this is
- 7 our police meeting. I have been coming here ever since
- 8 the existence. Matter of fact, I'll let everybody
- 9 know, even the Commissioners, that I looked up the
- 10 history of the Police Department in regards to who was
- 11 first on not only the Commission, it wasn't a
- 12 commission then. It was People's Crime. And Coleman
- 13 Young was grateful enough to put me on there along with
- 14 Joe Madison and Albert Damar (ph), an Arab from the
- 15 President of the Grocer's Association and a Latino that
- 16 came from Southwest Detroit who was president of their
- 17 organization.
- Now, saying that I think I have the right to
- 19 make this, not make it, but to make -- acknowledge
- 20 that, like I said, a police meeting. This is not the
- 21 Charter Meeting and we do not tolerate the performance
- 22 that was going on last week. It was said, and I've
- 23 taken several notes and I'm not going to go into all
- 24 the notes but one thing really hit me good. Someone
- 25 stated that the Board nominated our Chief. If you look



- 1 up history you will know the Mayor always select a
- 2 Chief. And ever since he's been here, and I'm not such
- 3 a person that's going to kiss behinds, but I think he's
- 4 done a wonderful job. When I give him a criticism he
- 5 takes it and he says he'll do better.
- 6 So don't come here and complain about the
- 7 police being here because you need it because you
- 8 performed last week like heathens. So therefore I will
- 9 tell you this. This is our police commission. The
- 10 people who come here they do not need to be here
- 11 because we do not tolerate all of this. Get a sergeant
- 12 of arms, Carter, and put them out. That's all I have
- 13 to say. Put them out.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Glenn.
- 15 MS. GLENN: My name is Valerie Glenn. I am
- 16 Precinct Delegate 171 District 5. I have several
- 17 concerns about the stress level-
- 18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Can you please respect
- 19 this process right here so we can hear the community.
- 20 MS. GLENN: Chair Carter, a large reason why
- 21 we are here is because you didn't respect the process
- 22 last week.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: I think I did.
- MS. GLENN: No, you didn't.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: I did. And we're not



- 1 here to argue that.
- 2 MS. GLENN: That's all right. But the
- 3 concern that I've had is the stress level in the
- 4 community right now, the last three meetings, community
- 5 meetings, that I've been in, we've been, quite frankly,
- 6 over policed. I'll start out with the police and it
- 7 was stress level. We are at the level of fearing that
- 8 we are at a level where all the police officers don't
- 9 look like most of you. All of them treat us like --
- 10 can you ask Ms. Bernice to be quiet. Reverend Holley,
- 11 can you do anything with her? I'm very sorry. I hope
- 12 this is not my time. I'm very concerned about the
- 13 stress level that's been caused in the community.
- 14 For instance, at the Tuesday evening City
- 15 Council meeting we had a one-to-three ratio of police
- 16 officers per citizen. That's too many. Half of them
- 17 were hidden in a side room where we weren't supposed to
- 18 know they were there. We're not that threatening. We
- 19 don't do anything to deserve that. Just before that of
- 20 course we had the removal of Commissioner Willie Burton
- 21 by a group where he's supposed to be a part of the
- 22 oversight committee. And in my opinion Commissioner
- 23 Burton didn't do anything to deserve that. And that's
- 24 just my opinion, okay.
- Then we had two activists; one activist at



- 1 the City Charter Meeting, removed and arrested and
- 2 another senior activists, and surprise, surprise, it
- 3 was not me, that was threatened to be arrested and that
- 4 was Ms. Harris. Oddly enough, most of these people
- 5 were NAN members, Commissioner Davis. All of them were
- 6 NAN members as a matter of fact. So I'm beginning to
- 7 think that maybe we're being targeted.
- 8 Now, I do appreciate -- my husband was a
- 9 police officer, Elmor Simons.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Time, ma'am. Thank you.
- 11 MS. GLENN: Okay. Well, I'll write this all
- 12 down. I'm really, really disturbed. And Madame Chair,
- 13 we love you and your husband, State Rep Carter,
- 14 however, this isn't right what's going on right now.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Cindy Darrah.
- MS. DARRAH: How much would a Police State
- 17 cost or how much does it in using the technology in the
- 18 industry? It means you layoff and reduce the jobs. So
- 19 is this Green Light going to mean that we'll have fewer
- 20 police? Now, the Charter Commission in their last
- 21 meeting said that they were going to hire their own
- 22 separate security force because they didn't feel safe
- 23 enough with eight or ten officers in the Coleman A.
- 24 Young Erma Henderson Auditorium.
- Now, Damiko Williams (ph), he was arrested.



- 1 Now, the first time they started after him I saw it so
- 2 I ran through the aisle and followed him and then later
- 3 on it came up with a camera so everybody went and sat
- 4 back down and we settled all that. Many times the
- 5 officer would come up to me and say, you know, he said
- 6 this is a warning. It was more than once that this
- 7 happened and I asked him how many warnings I was going
- 8 to get.
- 9 But I was white. Damiko was black. And when
- 10 we had an intermission I didn't go right out to go to
- 11 the bathroom but by the time I go to the bathroom
- 12 they're taking him down the elevator. So I never found
- out. They haven't dropped the charges. I just asked
- 14 somebody. He is out of jail. I don't know how long
- 15 they kept him. I know the last time I was in Nevada I
- 16 was like those little kids, those immigrant kids, that
- 17 sleep on the floor, and I just wondered how come they
- 18 discriminate. Why aren't their parents sleeping on the
- 19 floor too or maybe I didn't get all the news right.
- 20 But of course we have our own people here sleeping on
- 21 cement floor with no heat over there the time I was
- 22 there.
- 23 So but I just want to recommend a different
- 24 procedure for both the charter meeting and for this
- 25 meeting. I would like you to think about having where



- 1 you allow public comment before each important vote. I
- 2 don't consider these votes on giving recognition awards
- 3 to people important, but these policy votes, every one
- 4 of them, if you want people to be orderly you have to
- 5 give them a chance to participate before you take the
- 6 vote, not afterwards at the end of the meeting.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: I hear what you're
- 8 saying. Ma'am, your time is up.
- 9 MS. DARRAH: If you have public comment in
- 10 the beginning of the meeting for people who want to
- 11 come and say something-
- 12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up.
- MS. DARRAH: -that they've been thinking
- 14 about-
- 15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up. I hear
- 16 what you're saying and I agree with you that people
- 17 should be able to have-
- MS. DARRAH: They're just in the peanut
- 19 gallery and they have very little influence. If
- 20 they're not allowed to have their voices heard-
- 21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. Your time is
- up, ma'am.
- MS. DARRAH: -I think that your-
- 24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up, ma'am.
- 25 Your time is up ma'am.



- 1 MS. DARRAH: One other thing I want to say.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up, ma'am.
- 3 MS. DARRAH: I want you to study the
- 4 Constitution-
- 5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up.
- 6 MS. DARRAH: -as a Commission.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up.
- 8 MS. DARRAH: -and I want the police officers
- 9 annual-
- 10 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up.
- 11 MS. DARRAH: -well, weekly or monthly
- 12 studying the Constitution and enforcing the law and
- 13 respecting it so that they can teach other people that
- 14 they know something and they're not just abusing power.
- 15 Really, they don't know-
- 16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: We have 20 more people
- 17 behind you. Can you please relinquish-
- 18 MS. DARRAH: I think that San Francisco and
- 19 Cambridge-
- 20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up, ma'am.
- MS. DARRAH: -say they don't want the Green
- 22 Light it may just be unconstitutional. Maybe we can
- 23 take it all the way to the Supreme Court.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Underwood.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: My name is JoAnna Underwood.



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- 1 I'm a City Commissioner of the Detroit Charter
- 2 Commission and clearly the Board of Police
- 3 Commissioners are not operating the way the Charter
- 4 states it's supposed to operate. Also, I'm very
- 5 concerned about our police force almost half white.
- 6 We've been able to maintain a 60 percent or greater
- 7 black police force for the last 40 years. Well, all
- 8 the conditions of Detroit has been the same. So the
- 9 failure of the Chief to maintain that is to be looked
- 10 at.
- 11 Also, the Green Light expansion program was
- 12 approved without a policy. I was there at the City
- 13 Council meeting and they approved it without a policy
- 14 -- they approved the funding without a policy. You
- 15 cannot name me not one Michigan city where we have over
- 16 five hundred law enforcement agencies not one is half
- 17 black. When you look at majority white cities not one
- 18 of their police force is half black. So there's no
- 19 justification for a city like Detroit who is majority
- 20 black to have almost a half white police force when the
- 21 white population only represents ten percent of the
- 22 population. Our police force should be 75 percent
- 23 black or greater.
- And also, to add to the Chief, I do think
- 25 that his program is good as far as the expansion with



- 1 the training program with the boot camp. I would like
- 2 to extend that if you can use community block grants.
- 3 You don't have to take it out of the public safety
- 4 budget or the general fund budget; and also include it
- 5 to middle schools and make it a summer program
- 6 requirement. And, also for the high schoolers, make it
- 7 a credit because they have to give community hours in
- 8 order to get their high school diploma.
- 9 Also, I got plenty of ideas but I would like
- 10 to write down and submit it officially to the Board and
- 11 I would like to work with the Board to implement those
- ideas as far as making sure we have predominant black
- 13 police force because this is Detroit and our
- 14 representation of our police force must reflect the
- 15 population. I don't care if people get upset about it.
- 16 But that's a fact. This is a majority black city and
- 17 we need majority black police officers.
- 18 MR. BROWN: The next five will be Mr. Thomas
- 19 Kalish, Former Commissioner Reginald Crawford, Ms. D.
- 20 Etta Wilcoxon, Ms. Christal Bonner and Ms. Andrea
- 21 Barber.
- 22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon, Chief
- 23 Craig and to Commissioner Carter and the Board of
- 24 Police Commissioners. Chief Craig, I do want to thank
- 25 you for your comments. We felt that Commissioner



- 1 Burton should not have been arrested so thank you for
- 2 that because I got calls across the City as well. The
- 3 reason we were concerned about the facial recognition
- 4 because in Lansing House Bill 48.110 that the
- 5 Legislator Robinson and also Senator Lucille wanted to
- 6 ban facial recognition so that was the issue that we
- 7 had with the Board voting for facial recognition.
- I was at a City Council meeting, even the
- 9 City Council members was asking Mr. Stallworth, I think
- 10 he's involved with public policy in Lansing, that they
- 11 were not getting the information they needed on facial
- 12 recognition. So that's the issue with the disparity.
- 13 So that was my concern. I know you couldn't hear me at
- 14 the last meeting because of the sound, but the issue is
- 15 that we do not want the disparity.
- It's always Detroit, and I just received an
- 17 email about Mayor Duggan this morning about this facial
- 18 recognition. I got on my email that he said he opposed
- 19 facial recognition. The issue is that -- and I don't
- 20 know if that's true or not, but he stated that so the
- 21 issue is that's the problem that we have with that.
- Now, dealing with the law enforcement program, and
- 23 Commissioner Holley, I'll get with you about this.
- 24 Chief Craig, there was a young man at the school board
- 25 meeting who, I think that's the school Cody, we do want



- 1 more law enforcement with our high schools. It need to
- 2 be not just be Cass Tech, not just Golightly, we need
- 3 at least ten high schools.
- 4 But the issue that we're having is emergency
- 5 management. This is why we have a problem at this
- 6 Charter Commission. My prayer is, and I wrote the
- 7 Attorney General, that she would dismiss Commissioner
- 8 Weaver. We're having these issues because it's
- 9 emergency management. And one of the issues that I
- 10 will be fighting, unless we change the issue with our
- 11 politicians, Mayor Duggan is going to have to deal with
- 12 this waiver.
- We're having problems through emergency
- 14 management and I don't think Carol Weaver should use
- 15 the police force during these meetings. Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Kalish.
- 17 MR. KALISH: My name is Thomas Kalish. I'm
- 18 here on behalf of Taking Back Pride Initiative. Last
- 19 month, early last June or early this June, at Motor
- 20 City Pride a handful of Neo Nazis showed up to march.
- 21 They were armed. They carried shields. They were
- 22 incredibly violent. They were incredibly agitational.
- 23 Motor City Pride knew months in advance that they were
- 24 coming and they informed the police department that
- 25 they were coming. We knew this was going to happen and



- 1 it happened. They showed up. They were in the free
- 2 speech zone. A number of different people were in the
- 3 free speech zone protesting. I know they are always
- 4 kept in the free speech zone. We're always kept on the
- 5 other side of street.
- 6 But for some reason the police formed up
- 7 around these Nazis. These people who advocate for
- 8 genocide; specifically of LGBQ people, who have
- 9 executed genocides and the police pushed their way
- 10 across the street into the line, the very large line of
- 11 hundreds of people waiting to get into this event.
- 12 This is a violation of protocol for protest.
- 13 This is a violation of protocol for extremely dangerous
- 14 people who were carrying long guns. This has been --
- 15 there will never -- pardon me. There are a lot of
- 16 photos of the Detroit Police Department marching under
- 17 a Swatza. That is an image that will never be
- 18 forgotten there. This is a group of people who
- 19 advocate for genocide and the police protected them
- 20 from unarmed people who were waiting to get into a
- 21 festival. They marched them down the line.
- We have been waiting for accountability. We
- 23 have been waiting for an investigation. We have been
- 24 waiting for condemnation at least but nothing has come.
- 25 Chief Craig, I believe you defended the actions of the



- 1 police department that day. We are still waiting. And
- 2 if we are going to keep waiting then we will understand
- 3 you have chosen a side. I just want to state that that
- 4 has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for your time.
- 5 MR. BROWN: Former Commissioner Crawford.
- 6 MR. CRAWFORD: My name is Reggie Crawford,
- 7 retired Detroit police officer, former Detroit Police
- 8 Commissioner, live in the City of Detroit. Good
- 9 evening, Commissioners, good evening, Chief Craig.
- 10 Since 1974 in the history as the Commission was anyone
- 11 ever arrested; not a citizen but definitely not a
- 12 police commissioner was ever arrested at a police
- 13 commissioner meeting. As the young man just stated,
- 14 Commissioner Burton was arrested last week but not one
- 15 Neo Nazi was arrested. They urinated in public. They
- 16 called the black police officers niggers and monkeys
- 17 but not one of them was arrested; that's a fact.
- I'm opposed to the social -- I'm sorry --
- 19 facial recognition. We've had facial recognition for
- 20 years in the City of Detroit around the country. Any
- 21 time you have a person of interest or a suspect you put
- 22 that image or that picture out on the 6 or 11 o'clock
- 23 news people identify that person; that's called
- 24 community policing. So we've had it. It's out there.
- 25 That identification is virtually a hundred percent.



- 1 We talk about the facial recognition
- 2 technology, which is only 77 percent accurate with
- 3 whites and 30 percent accurate with blacks, I don't
- 4 know why anyone in the City that's 82 percent black in
- 5 their right black mind would want to bring us some
- 6 technology that is flawed and misidentifies black
- 7 people; so it's beyond me.
- 8 And what occurred last week where a
- 9 commissioner was arrested, a citizen, at the commission
- 10 meeting, made history. And I say that will be the last
- 11 person arrested at a commission meeting. Thank you.
- MS. BROWN: Ms. Wilcoxon.
- MS. WILCOXON: Honorable Board, to the
- 14 residents of the City of Detroit, I am D. Etta
- 15 Wilcoxon, and I came here primarily today not to speak
- 16 so much to this Board but to speak to the record.
- 17 Detroiters have been robbed of their right to fully
- 18 vote and to be true recipients of the Federal Voting
- 19 Rights Act through Emergency Management. Detroiters
- 20 have been robbed of their right to be Americans as
- 21 their Mayor and their City Council were stripped of all
- 22 of their powers that they did not freely relinquish
- 23 through the Emergency Management.
- 24 Detroiters have been robbed of their right to
- 25 self-governance through home rule that is enjoyed by



- 1 other Michiganians across the State of Michigan.
- 2 Detroiters have been robbed of their right to use their
- 3 tax dollars to educate their children as their schools
- 4 were taken over due to emergency management.
- 5 I am asking this Board in its official
- 6 capacity to please, please, please do not take from
- 7 Detroiters their people/civilian oversight department;
- 8 i.e, the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners or
- 9 Commission by arresting and handcuffing our elected
- 10 officials. The optics were not pleasant. In fact,
- 11 they were downright disgusting.
- We have to engage ourselves in public
- 13 protocol that is indicative of the caliber of the City
- 14 that we love so much. We all as human beings have a
- 15 learning curve and we expect everyone to cut their
- 16 teeth on somebody, but what happened last week should
- 17 be a wake up call for all of us. We should have
- 18 learned an extremely valuable lesson. And again,
- 19 Detroiters have been robbed of far too much to tolerate
- 20 this kind of indignation. Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Bonner.
- MS. BONNER: Hello. Christal Bonner, retired
- 23 Detroit Public Schools special ed teacher and current
- 24 special ed teacher for the State of Michigan and mental
- 25 hospital. Picture this. A group of us are walking



- 1 down the street. ISIS forever, death to America, ISIS
- 2 forever, death to America. Do you think that the
- 3 Detroit Police Department would walk calmly with us?
- 4 Not at all. To me and to millions of other people, the
- 5 KKK, Nazi organizations or anything similar to that,
- 6 has no right and are not covered under the 1st
- 7 Amendment. They are a hate group and they're
- 8 responsible for killing millions of people in Germany.
- 9 You have some Jewish people today that will say wait a
- 10 minute, Nazis walking down the street marching and the
- 11 police are supporting them? That is crazy. And all
- 12 the millions of deaths that they're responsible for of
- 13 my African ancestors.
- 14 And for you, Mr. Craig, to say on the TV that
- 15 well both sides said something that wasn't nice. You
- 16 sort of sounded like Trump, Number 45, when that lady
- 17 was murdered down there in Charlotte (sic) with a car
- 18 by one of these people. It wasn't good on both sides,
- 19 it wasn't. They should not be allowed, and I don't
- 20 know why we continue in this country to perpetuate
- 21 systemic racism. Groups like that have no first
- 22 amendment right. And what you should have done was got
- 23 a paddy wagon and put those people in there and got
- 24 them off the street; that's what you should have did.
- You're going to have this commissioner being



- 1 arrested last week? Are you serious? He's a duly
- 2 elected official for District 5 and he's arrested for
- 3 speaking? And then look at the crowd here-
- 4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up, ma'am.
- 5 MS. BONNER: I'm going to talk into this mic
- 6 and I don't need a mic.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up, ma'am.
- 8 MS. BONNER: This place is almost empty. Why
- 9 is it almost empty? Because you guys sit up here and
- 10 talk for two hours. Didn't this thing start at 3 p.m.?
- 11 It started at 3 p.m. You didn't start calling in
- 12 people to speak from the community until two hours
- 13 later.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up, ma'am.
- 15 MS. BONNER: That is not good and it's not
- 16 good community work or whatever guys are supposed to be
- 17 doing up here.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay. We hear you.
- 19 Thank you, ma'am.
- 20 MS. BONNER: You need to shorten down your
- 21 time and let people come up here and speak.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. So there are
- 23 some people -- there are other people that-
- 24 MS. BONNER: And you should let anybody that
- 25 want to speak in here, ya'll should speak. Because if



- 1 you're going to take up about two hours or so then
- 2 anybody here should be able to speak.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, ma'am.
- 4 MR. BROWN: Your last four speakers will be
- 5 Mr. Ernest Little, Ms. Yolanda Greer, JoAnne Warwick
- 6 and Ms. K. Hearn.
- 7 MS. BARBER: Good afternoon, Commissioners,
- 8 Chief Craig. My name is Andrea Barber. I am a
- 9 resident of east side of Detroit, particularly 6 Mile
- 10 and Gratiot area, which I am -- I think is the 9th
- 11 Precinct area. I have lived over in that area since
- 12 1983. Prior to that I was living on the west side with
- 13 my family. My issue is I have -- right now my family
- 14 and my neighborhood has endured a lot. We have endured
- 15 a lot of drug use in the neighborhood. I have called
- 16 police several times.
- 17 To much avail I have received a lot of
- 18 passing the buck. I call the precinct. They tell me
- 19 my NPO, I think it was Aubrey Wade, but I think he
- 20 after some issue that was in the news, he's no longer
- 21 there. I was then told it was Brad Hawkins who was my
- 22 NPO. Then I called and tried to speak with him and
- 23 said he's no longer with the precinct. Prior to that I
- 24 spoke to a Lady Azar (ph) who has been no help. She
- 25 was supposed to be coming to the neighborhood to walk



- 1 the block. She has done nothing for us.
- I was trying to speak to a gentleman I will
- 3 be speaking to in a minute, but I need help in my
- 4 neighborhood. I have spoken to police and they have
- 5 come out. I understand that there are other pressing
- 6 issues; murders, homicides, robberies that happen, but
- 7 at some point I do expect them to show up within -- I
- 8 know sometimes it might take 30 minutes or 45 minutes
- 9 or so, but two, three, four five hours later or just no
- 10 shows is just completely unacceptable.
- 11 So I need some answers. I need some phone
- 12 numbers. I need some people to talk to. I'm not sure
- 13 if this is on television or not but I do have
- 14 information so I guess if you call me a snitch. You
- 15 call me whatever, but I'm tired. I'm 40 years old and
- 16 I am tired of what's going on in my neighborhood. It's
- 17 got to change. Thank you.
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, Deputy Chief
- 19 Bettison, get her information. And I need a report
- 20 back. Thank you.
- 21 MR. LITTLE: My name is Ernest Little. I'm
- 22 the President of 3rd Precinct Police Community
- 23 Relations where Franklin Hayes is the Commander and
- 24 Ronald Clox (ph) is the Captain. I come here today
- 25 because I live in the 5th District, which is for City



- 1 Council and I know each person up here is politically
- 2 connected because each one had to get at least 300 to
- 3 even a thousand signatures to be a police commissioner
- 4 or be appointed by Mayor of the City of Detroit.
- 5 Most people also know me from Fighting 13.
- 6 And, contrary to popular belief, I understand a lot of
- 7 the politics. And one of the greatest persons we're
- 8 going to leave is Barren; the one that's going to be
- 9 the City of Southfield. He actually could cool the hot
- 10 heads down and bring order to the elevator that was
- 11 going up with the protestors. I hope that moving
- 12 forward we will have other people that can maintain the
- 13 same decorum and that we can have peace. Because
- 14 contrary to popular belief, like Andrea, I invited her
- 15 to this meeting because we have more pressing issues in
- 16 the streets of the City of Detroit. That's the most
- important thing is the police are to maintain order.
- 18 If they have to maintain the order in here or you have
- 19 to move on and have a private security guard, because
- 20 when I came in the building I had no problem giving my
- 21 ID because that's what we do when we vote.
- 22 Another thing, Marie Thornton, she actually
- 23 served with me on the board. I appointed her to the
- 24 community group. It was -- at that point Kilpatrick
- 25 was in office in the Central District. So contrary to



- 1 popular belief we're all inter-connected; the
- 2 protestors and the protestees (sic). But what we have
- 3 to do is learn how to respect each other and apologize
- 4 like we did last week and move on with the important
- 5 work keeping the Detroit police and Chief Craig and
- 6 whoever take that position always maintain order and
- 7 constitutional policing for everybody in this City no
- 8 matter what nationality. Because contrary to popular
- 9 belief, English, Spanish and Arabic will always be in
- 10 Detroit, if not others.
- 11 MR. BROWN: Ms. Greer.
- MS. GREER: Good afternoon to the police
- 13 commissioners, to our honorable chief of police, Chief
- 14 Craig. I love Detroit. I was born and raised in
- 15 Detroit, but my primary concern today at 62 years old,
- 16 when I look down at the eyes of these children, when I
- 17 was coming up, oh, my God, children were our future.
- 18 Are they our future today? When you make these
- 19 decisions please, please, please, sir and ma'am, please
- 20 consider these children. Don't take them for granted.
- 21 Children are different today. They learn a
- 22 lot. They're up all night learning and they sleep when
- 23 they come to school. So don't take for granted that
- these children don't know that you're here and what's
- 25 going on. I teach and I tell my children, Chief Craig,



- 1 I say to them watch the news, stay current with events
- 2 because I was taught as a child if you try to stay
- 3 current with events you'll know what's going on at your
- 4 next door neighbor's house.
- 5 Some people in the community don't even know
- 6 their neighbors. You can't borrow sugar, eggs, peanut
- 7 butter or whatever else they have in their kitchen.
- 8 When I was coming up that was the neighborhood. We had
- 9 neighborhood block clubs. If you're going to be a
- 10 police in Detroit and everyone should be a police in
- 11 Detroit organizations like crime stoppers, we've called
- 12 crime stoppers only to be told it's settled only to go
- 13 back in those communities and see the crime is still
- 14 high there.
- So something is Earthly definitely wrong
- 16 here. There are shipments coming here with drugs.
- 17 They're stopping them; opioid, crack cocaine,
- 18 heroinism. I don't know. In Detroit I haven't been in
- 19 everybody's backyard, but are they growing weed? Are
- 20 they growing crack cocaine? Are they making heroine?
- 21 I don't know how you do this stuff. I'm not a
- 22 scientist or a pharmacist, Chief, but these drugs have
- 23 caused the dismantling of our young people and
- 24 everybody seems to be making decisions. But why -- ask
- 25 yourself why when you're making these decisions why are



- 1 the drugs still here in Detroit? Why are we still
- 2 locking up our young men?
- I heard today about you getting in the
- 4 community. You're recruiting. I was recruited in the
- 5 City of Detroit for police. I passed all my tests
- 6 except for that physical test you're talking about,
- 7 Chief. I couldn't do the sit ups. I ran. I climbed
- 8 the poles. I passed my test, but when it come to the
- 9 sit ups and the push ups I lacked skills there so they
- 10 told me go run the steps-
- 11 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Ma'am, your time is up.
- 12 MS. GREER: I'm still running for Detroit.
- 13 Ya'll run for Detroit.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, ma'am.
- 15 MR. BROWN: Ms. Warwick.
- MS. HEARN: Good evening. I'm Kitty Hearn
- 17 here representing Detroit Community Technology Project
- 18 and I'm grateful I was able to stick around today. I
- 19 appreciate the call to look at the bigger picture as
- 20 relates to facial recognition technology. I wonder
- 21 what questions we're asking as to what other
- 22 municipalities have outright banned facial recognition.
- 23 Is it merely a PR move? Is it failure to reach
- 24 consensus on policy or is it possible that we are less
- 25 interested in best practices?



1 Another question I want to raise is whether we are eligible for a refund of the real time facial 2. recognition software we aren't going to use since it 3 carried over a one million dollars price tag. As a 4 former PR professional I do understand the desire to 5 separate Project Green Light from facial recognition, 6 whether that's streaming or still, but the data works 7 contract does paint the two as peas in a pod. This is 8 9 not my opinion. It says here "to purchase facial recognition licensing software and equipment for the 10 Detroit Police Department Green Light locations." 11 12 This contract details in a decision to 13 obfuscate the use of the technology for two years does 14 not strike confidant in my heart. That a mere policy 15 will somehow protect Detroiters from technology whose 16 creators now caution against its use. The fact that DPD, this Board and the City Council each had a hand in 17 moving this data works contract through without fully 18 19 researching and comprehending its broader implications is not particularly inspiring. 20 21 You are within your right to label me as emotional, paranoid or even annoying, but I hope that 2.2 23 you can understand that my criticism of this technology is not a criticism of the DPD. It's not a criticism of 2.4

this Board. You are right that this is a complex

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- 1 issue. I do trust that this body will do its due
- 2 diligence in providing accountability for civilian
- 3 oversight. Thank you.
- 4 MR. BROWN: Madame Chair, I do not have a
- 5 card for the gentleman who is about to speak.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: No, you have to have a
- 7 card so no. Go ahead, ma'am.
- 8 MS. WARWICK: So my name is JoAnne Warwick
- 9 and I am a resident of District 5. I wasn't planning
- 10 on coming here today -- well, excuse me. People
- 11 advised me that I should go take care of my own
- 12 business, but you know what, it was really disturbing
- 13 to see Commissioner Willie Burton arrested. There were
- 14 other ways of handling that; like turn the mic off or
- 15 something. I wasn't there. But anyway, hopefully
- 16 that's not going to happen again. I showed it to a
- 17 friend of mine who has done, sort of, policing and he
- 18 was voted best ambassador in Oakland, California and he
- 19 couldn't believe it. He also can't believe that the
- 20 people in Flint don't have clean water and that there
- 21 are water shut offs going on in this city. So I just
- 22 want to say I'm against the facial recognition
- 23 technology.
- And when you were talking about recruitment
- 25 and you stated insufficient integrity, well, I'm not



- 1 against police, but frankly, I think we have
- 2 insufficient integrity on the police department, and
- 3 I'll direct it to you, Commissioner Craig. I don't
- 4 know how in a city when there's water shut offs, when
- 5 there are people losing their homes for like three
- 6 thousand dollars, that you could go ahead and allow
- 7 this 50 percent discount policy for police and fire.
- 8 That's a clear violation of the Charter. You have
- 9 counsel who went to law school and understand what the
- 10 market exception is. The way to make that legal is you
- 11 give it to all Detroiters. So I have a big problem
- 12 with that; that you guys are going to get a fifty
- 13 percent discount when all these houses weren't boarded
- 14 up. Where are our priorities?
- I don't completely dislike you, Police Chief
- 16 Craig, but I do have a problem with this; that you
- don't apparently see the problem with that. And
- 18 there's been over policing in my neighborhood and I
- 19 have great concerns there will be another '67. What
- 20 preceded '67 before; people being pushed out, excessive
- 21 policing, and it could blow and I don't want to see
- 22 that happen.
- MR. BROWN: Madame Chair, the young lady came
- 24 to speak gave me a card that says "concerned citizen".
- 25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We already have the



- 1 tools that we need when the police have body cameras
- 2 and they have cameras on their cars. So if they drive
- 3 through our, quote, hood and focus more on our houses
- 4 and the people going in and out of the community then
- 5 we will be safe. We got all that. We don't need all
- 6 these other cameras and things that they got in China
- 7 and now they're using it to harass their people and
- 8 jail them and all this. That's not cameras and things.
- 9 But now DPD officers are not protecting and
- 10 serving the citizens of color in this city. They are
- 11 observed daily in our community sitting around all day
- 12 hiding and riding, doing traffic details against the
- 13 citizens to trail them, nail them, bail them and jail
- 14 these people. They don't protect our safety at all.
- 15 There are too many citizens being car jacked, shot,
- 16 stabbed, robbed and murdered daily. This is a
- 17 travesty, appalling and unacceptable. We pay taxes for
- 18 protection services and deserve better protection for
- 19 the citizens than we are currently receiving. These
- 20 officers who work details must be reassigned to protect
- 21 the citizens' lives first in this City. People of
- 22 color and black lives do matter in Detroit and in
- 23 America. No justice, no piece.
- MR. BROWN: Madame Chair, that was your last
- 25 speaker.



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1	CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank, Mr. Brown. Is
2	there a motion for adjournment?
3	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved.
4	COMMISSIONER BROWN: Support.
5	CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Its been so moved and
6	supported that we adjourn. Meeting is adjourned.
7	Thank you.
8	(The proceedings concluded at 5:54 p.m.)
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