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| 11 | Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:30 p.m. |
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| 14 | Kemeny Recreational Center |
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1 COMMISSIONERS: 2 LISA CARTER, Chairperson (Dist. 6) WILLIE BELL (Dist. 4) 3 ELIZABETH BROOKS, Commissioner At-Large 5 ANNIE HOLT, At-Large 6 WILLIE BURTON, Commissioner (Dist. 5) WILLIAM M. DAVIS (Dist. 7) JIM HOLLEY, Commissioner At-Large DARRYL D. BROWN, Vice-Chair, Commissioner (Dist. 1) 10 SHIRLEY A. BURCH, Commissioner (Dist. 3) 11 EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHE, Commissioner At-Large 12 EVETTE GRIFFIE, Commissioner (Dist. 2) 13 14 15 GREGORY HICKS, Secretary to the Board 16 ROBERT BROWN, Executive Manager 17 18 19 REPRESENTING OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE: 20 DEPUTY CHIEF TODD BETTISON 21 22 23 24

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- 1 Detroit, Michigan
- 2 September 12, 2019
- 3 At or about 6:30 p.m.

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- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good evening. Welcome to
- the Board of Police Commissioners, and welcome to Southwest
- 7 Detroit, the original Southwest Detroit. My name is Lisa
- 8 Carter, chair of the commission, and I will be conducting
- 9 today's meeting.
- 10 I serve as Chair. And on behalf of the Board for
- 11 those in attendance, thank you for joining us. And for
- 12 people viewing us on your local cable channel, thank you
- for viewing.
- 14 Tonight we've invited Chaplain Samuel Wilson to
- 15 provide the invocation.
- 16 Chaplain Wilson.
- 17 CHAPLAIN WILSON: Thank you Board of Police
- 18 Commissioners. Let us bow our heads in prayer.
- 19 (At 6:33 p.m., invocation given)
- 20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. At this time
- 21 we'll have introduction of commissioners beginning to the
- 22 far left with Mr. Brown.
- MR. BROWN: Darryl Brown, District One.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Jim Holley, At-Large.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Willie Bell, District Four.



- 1 Eastside.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Eva Garza Dewaelsche,
- 3 At-Large, Vice-Chair, from the heart of Southwest Detroit.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Elizabeth Brooks, At-Large.
- 5 I'm everywhere.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good evening. Greetings
- 7 from District Three. Commissioner Shirley Burch.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good evening. Commissioner
- 9 William Davis, District Seven. But the whole city is my
- 10 city.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Good evening. Annie Holt,
- 12 At-Large.
- 13 MR. HICKS: Madam Chair, you have a quorum.
- 14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. At this time
- 15 I'd like to invite Mr. Andrew Bryant, Assistant
- 16 Recreational Leader here at Kemeny Center, and Ms. Armenia
- 17 Ramirez, the President of the Fourth Precinct Community
- 18 Relations Council if she's here -- is she here? -- and
- 19 former commissioner to the podium to give us welcoming
- 20 remarks.
- 21 (Applause)
- MS. RAMIREZ: Thank you, Madam Chair Carter,
- 23 Sister Eva Dewaelsche and to Southwest Detroit. I just
- 24 want to say thank you and Welcome you all here. And
- 25 Reverend Holley as always. We Welcome you, and we're so



- 1 glad that you came here to Kemeny Center.
- 2 There was a thought for a minute there to have it
- 3 at Marathon, but I'm so glad we didn't, because they had a
- 4 leak. I'm a glad you're here. So Welcome. I don't want
- 5 to keep all your time. Thank you so much.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you for all the work
- 7 that you do, Ms. Ramirez.
- 8 At this time I'd like to acknowledge Commissioner
- 9 Evette Griffie who just came in. And also is there anyone
- 10 from the community center itself? Anyone from the
- 11 community?
- 12 If not, we'll move on.
- 13 MR. HICKS: I believe Ms. Blossom will have a --
- 14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: We'll move on. At this
- 15 time, Commissioners, you have before you the agenda for
- 16 September 12, 2019. Is there a motion for approval?
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It's been moved and
- 20 supported that we approve the agenda for September 12,
- 21 2019. Is there any discussion?
- Those in favor?
- THE Board: Aye.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Those opposed? The motion
- 25 carries.



- 1 At this time, commissioners, you have before you
- 2 the minutes from September 5, 2019.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 4 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Support.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It's been moved and
- 6 supported that we approve the minutes from September 5,
- 7 2019. Is there any discussion?
- 8 Those in favor?
- 9 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Those opposed? Motion
- 11 carries.
- 12 At this time would you please introduce the BOP
- 13 staff?
- 14 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just prior
- 15 to making those introductions, I do want to indicate for
- 16 the record that Sgt. Quinn is taping the meeting tonight.
- 17 Media Services is providing the audiovisual work, and Donna
- 18 Williams is the court reporter for this evening.
- I want to start really to my right, and I'll ask
- 20 BOPC staff and then move on to OIC staff to stand and
- 21 introduce yourself. And the doctor introduce the members
- 22 of the OIC staff.
- MR. WYRICK: Germane Wyrick, Board attorney.
- MR. BROWN: Robert Brown, Board staff.
- MS. BLOSSOM: Theresa Blossom, Community



- 1 Relations.
- MS. WHITE: Melanie White, executive manager of
- 3 Policy.
- 4 -- Unintelligible --
- DR. MCALLISTER: Good evening, Board. I'm Dr.
- 6 Polly McAllister, and attending tonight's meeting is
- 7 Supervising Investigator Cromwell, Investigator Callaway,
- 8 Investigator Washington, and Investigator Banks.
- 9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. At this time
- 10 I'm going to have Mr. Andrew Bryant come from the Kemeny
- 11 Center to give any welcoming remarks.
- 12 Mr. Bryant.
- MR. BRYANT: Good evening. I'm Andrew Bryant in
- 14 the recreation unit here. I just want to welcome you guys
- 15 to our new renovated Kemeny Center. Thank you for
- 16 everybody that came to attend.
- 17 (Applause)
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: At this time I'd like to
- 19 introduce sitting in for the chief of police, Deputy Chief
- 20 Todd Bettison.
- 21 DC BETTISON: Thank you, Chair. At this point --
- 22 I'm Deputy Chief Bettison, and I'd like to have our command
- 23 officers introduce themselves. And I'll start with the
- 24 commander of the Fourth Precinct, Kim Sloan.
- 25 (At 6:40 p.m., self-introduction of chief's



- 1 staff conducted)
- DC BETTISON: Last but not lease, I also see
- 3 Chris Ratlin.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. And I'd like
- 5 for the wonderful Neighborhood Police Officers for the
- 6 Fourth Precinct to please stand and give your names too.
- 7 (Applause)
- 8 (At 6:41 p.m. self-introduction of NPO Fourth
- 9 Precinct)
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you for attending
- 11 tonight's meeting.
- 12 At this time is there any elected officials,
- 13 VIPs, civic leaders or their representatives? Please
- 14 stand and give your name for the record.
- MS. LACY: Yes. My name is Mary Lacy. I'm from
- 16 District Seven Precinct 330.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, ma'am.
- If there are no others, I will go on to my
- 19 report.
- 20 On behalf of the Board, I want to express our
- 21 concern for fallen and injured officers. Our concern for
- 22 officer safety and citizen protection is marked as two of
- 23 the most important priorities of the Board.
- Our board receives a weekly report from the
- 25 department listing injured officers. I would ask that



- 1 Deputy Chief during your remarks, please provide us with
- 2 any additional information related to the quality of
- 3 injured officers.
- 4 The Board of Police Commissioners meet every week
- 5 except for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday periods. We
- 6 meet at police headquarters three weeks of the month on
- 7 Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. We also meet in the community every
- 8 second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7,
- 10 Chapter 8, Board of Police Commissions is empowered to
- 11 provide civilian oversight and supervisory control of the
- 12 police department.
- Our board investigates non-criminal citizen
- 14 complaints, monitors the department on compliance with
- 15 all laws, and reviews and modifies police policy to
- 16 eliminate misconduct, discriminatory police practices,
- 17 and unnecessary use of force by police. As a civilian
- 18 oversight agency we protect the civil rights of citizens.
- 19 Our objective is to increase the quality of life for
- 20 residents and visitors to the city of Detroit.
- I want to point out several items for your
- 22 consideration and information. The NACOLE conference is
- 23 fast approaching. I remind the Board we are continuing
- 24 to work with NACOLE (National Association For Civilian
- 25 Oversight and Law Enforcement) to hold the national



- 1 conference on September 22-26, 2019 here in Detroit.
- 2 During the same time, Detroit will be celebrating our
- 3 45th year as a civilian oversight organization.
- 4 The BOPC has secured an exciting keynote speaker
- 5 for our 45th Anniversary dinner, Christine Lopez. The 45th
- 6 Anniversary dinner is Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 5:00 to
- 7 7:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Marriott Hotel.
- 8 Christy E. Lopez is the former member of the U.S.
- 9 Department of Justice in the Special Litigation Section as
- 10 well as a visiting professor at Georgetown Law School.
- 11 Professor Lopez's work is centered on criminal justice
- 12 reform and constitutional policing. Professor Lopez led
- 13 the DOJ conducting pattern-or-practice investigations of
- 14 local police departments and negotiated settlement
- 15 agreements in Ferguson, Chicago, New Orleans, Los Angeles
- 16 Sheriff's Department, Newark, New Jersey and several other
- 17 important oversight initiatives across the country. Again,
- 18 the planning process is well underway, and we invite your
- 19 participation.
- 20 Yesterday our staff emailed a memorandum to the
- 21 board outlining the key responsibilities, state, and
- 22 location for Board participation. A copy of the same
- 23 document is included in your board package.
- I want to thank the Board member Elizabeth Brooks
- 25 for leading an effort to secure sponsorships for the



- 1 dinner. The BOPC met its fundraising goals to secure
- 2 sponsors for the 45th Anniversary dinner. Because of this
- 3 effort, all current and past commissioners entering in will
- 4 be allowed to attend the dinner at no cost. We are
- 5 actively attempting to notify commissioners of this
- 6 opportunity. I ask that each current commissioner reach
- 7 out to former commissioners and help express our gratitude
- 8 for their work as public servants and extend our offers to
- 9 join us at the dinner.
- I also want to the thank Commissioner Bell,
- 11 Commissioner Dewaelsche, and Brooks for attending the 18th
- 12 Annual Recognition Ceremony of the 9/11 attack on our
- 13 country. I understand the ceremony was well organized and
- 14 well attended. Our prayers and thoughts continue to be
- 15 with the victims of 9/11 and the thousands of first
- 16 responders who came to their aid. I understand that
- 17 Commissioner Bell gave an impressive tribute to the efforts
- 18 behind the Victim's Compensation Fund passed by Congress.
- 19 Tonight we have one resolution to honor the
- 20 contributions of my friend Ms. Marie Overall, a strong
- 21 community voice. At the appropriate time I will ask
- 22 Ms. Overall to come forward and receive her recognition.
- 23 (Applause)
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Also tonight we have two
- 25 presentations scheduled. The first presentation is our



- 1 monthly personnel report from Dr. Marcella Anderson,
- 2 director of Police Personnel. The report will cover the
- 3 recruitment processing and hiring procedures for both sworn
- 4 and civilian employees of the police department. The
- 5 second presentation is from Commander Carrie Sloan and
- 6 Captain Russell Solano who will discuss crime fighting
- 7 strategies in the precinct as well as partnerships they use
- 8 to deliver services within the precinct. Under the chief's
- 9 report, I am requesting an update on our crime statistics
- 10 and any critical issues that are within our department.
- 11 At the end of the meeting, we will have public
- 12 comments from the audience. Please make sure to put your
- 13 name on a speaker's card. Cards are located in the back on
- 14 the table, and you can also obtain one from seeing Mr.
- 15 Robert Brown seated here in front. He will need your card
- 16 before the end of the Chief of Police Report. We'll hold
- 17 each speaker to the allotted two minutes. I ask that
- 18 everyone please place your cell phones and electronic
- 19 devices on vibrate to make sure that you do not interrupt
- 20 the meeting. Also I want to make note that we are planning
- 21 to have a vote, a Board vote, on facial recognition next
- 22 Thursday at 3:00 p.m. So please mark your calendars.
- 23 At this time we will go to Deputy Chief
- 24 Bettison -- no, I'm sorry -- to Vice Chair, the
- 25 resolution for Ms. Marie Overall. And Ms. Eva



| 1 | Dewaelsch | e, who is also from Southwest Detroit, will be |
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| 2 | presentin | g it. Thank you. |
| 3 | | (Applause) |
| 4 | | COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Ms. Marie Overall, will |
| 5 | you pleas | e come forward where I am. Thanks. It's my honor |
| 6 | to read t | his Resolution on behalf of Ms. Marie Overall. |
| 7 | WHEREAS | Ms. Marie Overall has been an active volunteer |
| 8 | | within the boundaries of the Fourth Precinct. |
| 9 | | Retired from her field, her career spans over 40 |
| 10 | | years of nursing experience. She is currently an |
| 11 | | Administrator Assistant to the Michigan State |
| 12 | | Representative for the Sixth District Tyrone |
| 13 | | Carter; and |
| 14 | WHEREAS | Ms. Overall is a board member of the Congress of |
| 15 | | Communities, a Precinct Delegate since 2018, a |
| 16 | | member of the Original United Citizens of |
| 17 | | Southwest Detroit, and a Big Sister in |
| 18 | | Sister/Friends Detroit through the City of |
| 19 | | Detroit Health Department. Her efforts have |
| 20 | | always been involved in community relations and |
| 21 | | focus on the quality of life for the |
| 22 | | community; and |
| 23 | WHEREAS | Ms. Overall is the Vice-President for the Fourth |
| 24 | | Precinct Community Relations Council and is now |
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in her second term. She has tutored students at

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| 1 | | Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and served as |
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| 2 | | mentor in VIP prevention program. She attends |
| 3 | | numerous meetings throughout Detroit, providing |
| 4 | | transportation and assistance to those in need by |
| 5 | | connecting them to community resources; and |
| 6 | WHEREAS | Ms. Overall is a caring individual and believes |
| 7 | | in Detroit and her community. When you tell her, |
| 8 | | it can't be done she will search out and find a |
| 9 | | solution. |
| 10 | NOW, THER | EFORE, BE IT |
| 11 | RESOLVED | That the Detroit Police Board of Police |
| 12 | | Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the |
| 13 | | City of Detroit and the Detroit Police |
| 14 | | Department, acknowledges the loyal support of |
| 15 | | Ms. Marie Overall. Her service and dedication to |
| 16 | | the community of the Fourth Precinct and the |
| 17 | | citizens throughout the city of Detroit merits |
| 18 | | our highest regards. |
| 19 | We thank | and congratulate you, Ms. Marie Overall. |
| 20 | | And it's signed by the Board of Police |
| 21 | Commissio | ners, all the members, accountability through |
| 22 | civilian | oversight; and it's adopted this date, September |
| 23 | 12, 2019. | |
| 24 | | (Applause) |



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MS. OVERALL: Oh, my gosh. Let he hold on to the

- 1 table.
- DC BETTISON: And I'll start out with presenting
- 3 you with the Spirit of Detroit Award. And it's signed by
- 4 all nine city council members. And it says:
- 5 "It's presented here within as an expression of
- 6 the gratitude and esteem of the citizens of Detroit to
- 7 Ms. Marie Overall for recognition in exceptional
- 8 achievement, outstanding leadership, and dedication to
- 9 improving the quality of life." By the City Council of
- 10 Detroit, and on behalf of every citizen of the city of
- 11 Detroit and the men and women of the Detroit Police
- 12 Department, as well we thank you for your service in
- 13 gratitude.
- 14 (Applause)
- 15 DC BETTISON: And also Chief Craiq would not be
- 16 outdone. Well, you know, now about the commander and the
- 17 men and women of the Fourth Precinct. And at this time I
- 18 would like the Commander Carrie Sloan to come up and stand
- 19 with me as I present the Chief's Award to you as well.
- 20 So this is the Detroit Police Department's
- 21 Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Marie Overall, resident
- 22 of the city of Detroit, in recognition for the following
- 23 outstanding service and cooperation. Your involvement in
- 24 the community and service to the city of Detroit
- 25 demonstrates a spirit of commitment that is worthy of



- 1 recognition. Signed by your chief of police, Chief James
- 2 E. Craiq. Thank you.
- 3 (Applause)
- 4 MS. OVERALL: I made it. I apologize.
- 5 DC BETTISON: I'd love for you to be in this
- 6 picture.
- 7 (Photo shoot)
- 8 MS. OVERALL: To the Board, to State
- 9 Representative Carter --
- 10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We can't hear you.
- MS. OVERALL: To the Honorable Board, State
- 12 Representative Carter, my commander, my captain, and my
- 13 NPOs, I love you dearly. I am honored. I'm humbled. I
- 14 want to be remembered as an Honorable and humble servant.
- 15 I truly love you. I love my city. I love my community.
- 16 And I'm never far away. Thank you so very much. I
- 17 appreciate it. Thank you.
- 18 (Applause)
- 19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. Thank you again
- 20 for all of your contributions to our community.
- 21 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah, I'm talking. Because I
- 22 want to know why all these police officers are here? Is
- 23 this what ya'll do?
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: This is our meeting.
- 25 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: They should be patrolling.



- 1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: This is our meeting. If
- 2 you have a complaint --
- 3 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Is this a Detroit Police
- 4 Department meeting?
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: If you keep up the noise --
- 6 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: No, I'm just asking a question.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: We cannot conduct a meeting
- 8 with all of this noise.
- 9 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Is this a Detroit Police
- 10 Department or Board of Police Commissioners meeting?
- 11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: We cannot conduct this
- 12 meeting without your corporation.
- 13 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: You been doing it. I just
- 14 walked in.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I'm warning you. This is
- 16 the first warning.
- 17 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: First warning.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: First warning. And I'm
- 19 going to ask that you be removed from the meeting, because
- 20 we need to conduct our meeting. Thank you, ma'am. Thank
- 21 you for cooperating.
- 22 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Come on, Mr. Bell, you got my
- 23 back. You're my commissioner.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: At this time, we're going
- 25 to move on to the chief's report from Deputy Chief



- 1 Bettison.
- DC BETTISON: Thank you, Commissioner Carter. At
- 3 this point I will jump right into our crime statistics. In
- 4 the categories -- we continue to trend down the various
- 5 categories.
- For the crime category of homicides, we're one
- 7 percent up compared to this same point in time last year.
- 8 We have 177 homicides as of today. Last year we had 176.
- 9 In the crime and sexual assault, we're up one percent. The
- 10 whole number is year-to-date 650 compared to last year,
- 11 641. In our category of aggravated assaults, we're down
- 12 three percent. In the category of nonfatal shootings,
- 13 we're up two percent for a whole number. 2019 we had 539
- 14 compared to 2018; 529.
- In the category of robberies, we're down three
- 16 percent. And when it comes to the subcategory of
- 17 carjackings, we're down twenty-six percent. 2019 we had
- 18 165 carjackings at this time. 2018, 223. Part one violent
- 19 crime, we're at a two percent reduction. In category of
- 20 property crime, burglaries we're down seven percent.
- 21 Larceny, four percent. Motor vehicle theft, we're up one
- 22 percent. Property crimes for a total reduction of three
- 23 percent.
- Also the article that came out in the paper today
- 25 about what we saw and the article was written by George



- 1 Hunter. And it talked about a violent crime along the
- 2 Gratiot corridor. And it just said that, you know,
- 3 basically the whole avenue of Gratiot except for a couple
- 4 blocks here and there that were a lot of violent crimes.
- I can tell you that my twenty-five years of being
- 6 over the department, Gratiot has been a challenge. Even
- 7 Commissioner Bell, when you probably were a police officer
- 8 it had a lot of violent crime along the Gratiot corridor.
- 9 I thought commander deputy did an excellent job at
- 10 explaining the rational and then also some of the things
- 11 that we're doing to combat that and what we do as a
- 12 department.
- 13 There are certain corridors within the city when
- 14 you think about it from a perpetrator's standpoint where if
- 15 you are -- like we have jobs. There's other folks would
- 16 choose the career to rob, things of that nature. It's
- 17 target rich. It is an area where you know that you will
- 18 find a victim. You can think of another area that's a hot
- 19 spot as well, which is Seven Mile and Van Dyke. Some of
- 20 those spots right there, that's where we deploy extra
- 21 resources.
- We use a lot of our CompStat methods to be able
- 23 to put hot cops on the dots. However, we know that we
- 24 can't keep an officer at those locations constantly, and we
- 25 can't be everywhere. That's what we --



- 1 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: But you can be here?
- 2 DC BETTISON: Excuse me. That's where we're
- 3 aiming to leverage or technology. And we believe that by
- 4 leverage technology with our traffic-mounted cameras that
- 5 we're proposing to place in places where we have those
- 6 issues -- like in the reports it talked about the Gratiot,
- 7 Seven Mile -- we believe that that can be a deterrent.
- 8 We know that with our Green Light program we have
- 9 seen historic hotspots because of the cameras and because
- 10 of the advertisement, it has deterred crime. And it has
- 11 been a benefit to be able to get a video of folks, clear
- 12 video, so that we're able to follow up with apprehending
- 13 the right folks. So that is my report. And I'm open to
- 14 any questions from the Board.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioners do you have
- 16 any questions?
- 17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner --
- 19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question.
- DC BETTISON: Yes, sir.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: What corridors are like that
- 22 on the west side? I know I hear about a number of them on
- 23 the east side. But what corridors have the highest on the
- 24 westside.
- DC BETTISON: One point is Joy Road -- I think



- 1 about Joy Road at Southfield. Joy Road and -- Seven Mile
- 2 and Southfield as well. Evergreen, Seven Mile, Six Mile
- 3 corridor. And then also Plymouth. Those are some of the
- 4 areas as well. Typically wherever you find businesses and
- 5 folks congregating, you know, trans -- when it comes to
- 6 business, things of that nature, bus stops; wherever you
- 7 go, intersections where it's a lot of people at all times
- 8 of the day and night, that's typically where you will find
- 9 higher crime. And that would be locations based off of our
- 10 crime analysis that we would definitely want to be able to
- 11 institute our traffic-mounted cameras to be able to help us
- 12 out.
- 13 And then also what we've done is with our Green
- 14 Light locations we have had the businesses, our
- 15 neighborhood police officers and others as well. Even
- 16 community members have went to the gas stations and other
- 17 businesses where they didn't feel safe and said, we want
- 18 you to participate in those Green Light programs. And when
- 19 they have -- I can give you one, a location at Grand River
- 20 and Wyoming. Redford and Sheffield, there's a gas station
- 21 there. They actually helped assist, paid for a Green
- 22 Light.
- COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Oh, I'm very connected with
- 24 it.
- 25 DC BETTISON: Yeah. And I, you know, I stay in



- 1 constant contact with them. And it prevented and deterred
- 2 a lot of crime there. So they don't have the same issues
- 3 at that gas station that they did prior to Green Light.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Oh, I know that personally.
- 5 DC BETTISON: Yes, sir. So Green Light has been
- 6 very successful.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Are there many Green Lights
- 8 up and down Gratiot?
- 9 DC BETTISON: They do have some Green Lights down
- 10 Gratiot, and of course we'd like there to be more Green
- 11 Lights. And where the Green Lights are, we have seen a
- 12 reduction at those locations. So even though crime is
- 13 trending down, it's not where we want it to be. But we
- 14 have seen a reduction compared to years past.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Do you think crime is
- 16 trending down with the population loss in those areas?
- 17 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, thank you, Mr. Davis.
- 18 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah, they're dying.
- 19 DC BETTISON: You know, that's one of the common
- 20 themes. That's the question that's always asked is the
- 21 population loss. But Detroit is a hot spot destination for
- 22 people coming here. So based on residents that live here
- 23 --
- 24 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: What neighborhoods? They come
- 25 to four neighborhoods.



- 1 DC BETTISON: Excuse me.
- 2 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: No. Don't excuse me.
- 3 DC BETTISON: They have public comments. There
- 4 will a time for you definitely to put your.
- 5 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah, after they take about two
- 6 hours.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay, this is the second
- 8 warning.
- 9 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Don't warn me.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Next time we're going to
- 11 have you removed from the meeting.
- 12 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Jail time.
- 13 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I'm not going to jail.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you, deputy.
- DC BETTISON: Thank you, sir.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: By the Chair.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Brown.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Deputy Chief, just looking
- 19 at -- you know, on the report there's a breakdown at the
- 20 bottom. Response times, keep time, travel time. What do
- 21 you need to do to improve on this? You said we had
- 22 twenty-two service calls. And you set the cue to nineteen
- 23 minutes, So they got an average per minute per call. What
- 24 are we doing to alleviate that and to increase the response
- 25 time and eliminate a lot of the traffic time? So are the



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- 1 officers, are they patrolling within the precinct area, or
- 2 are they having to come from other precinct areas to have
- 3 to respond? Because that's what -- is that increasing the
- 4 response time and things like that?
- 5 DC BETTISON: So with our response time, it
- 6 averages. It averages anywhere from eleven to twelve
- 7 minutes typically. But one of the things that we work to
- 8 do and assure that we do with priority one, that's a
- 9 life-threatening event that's typically that's occurring.
- 10 So when we have those on board, we're going to deploy
- 11 whether it be from a neighboring precinct so that we can
- 12 get officers there as fast as possible.
- So it can be situations where if the units are
- 14 tide up -- you could have a shooting or a stabbing or some
- 15 type of incident that could tie up the units from that
- 16 precinct. Within the Third Precinct yesterday -- the day
- 17 before yesterday, we had an individual that was at I-94
- 18 Service Drive who was contemplating suicide and had stepped
- 19 over the other side, you know, in danger of jumping. So
- 20 with that being said, that tide up a lot of units. Units
- 21 got there. So when that occurred, now the dispatcher will
- 22 have to send units from adjoining precincts to handle those
- 23 calls for that precinct. So that's what we do, and it
- 24 fluctuates. But one of the things that we're always
- 25 constantly mindful of doing is ensuring that our units are



- 1 being police officers when other units are out there on the
- 2 board that we're something to them as well. And constantly
- 3 we're in a state of readiness when it comes to hiring.
- 4 So that's how the community can assist us as
- 5 well. We're hiring. We definitely need more officers, and
- 6 we are actively recruiting. And we're primarily trying to
- 7 recruit Detroiters to be Detroit Police officers.
- 8 MR. BROWN: So is there a plan? You know, like
- 9 firefighters have a back door; twenty. So we know that if
- 10 Unit 48 down the street had to leave here, the closest
- 11 engine in this area is going to be a backfilled. Engine 29
- 12 is going to come over here to do this. So that's something
- 13 that we already have. And all the departments have been
- 14 notified and are aware of what their responsibilities as
- 15 far as activity in the event there's a priority run that's
- 16 going to tie up things.
- DC BETTISON: One of the things we have -- it's
- 18 not just the units from the precinct as well. When we have
- 19 events that tie up units, we have our TSS Units that are
- 20 employed. We also have our Special Ops Unit. So our
- 21 Special Ops Unit typically are doing investigating type
- 22 work. But when we see response time is backing up then the
- 23 dispatch has the option, and at that point they can start
- 24 going on priority one type runs as well. Then we have our
- 25 night watch commander also. We have shift commanders that



- 1 are constantly watching the response time. So --
- 2 Unintelligible -- will inquire and say, okay, we need to
- 3 put more resources here. And it'll come a time often where
- 4 the dispatch will notify the night captain, etc., where
- 5 units are moved from westside to eastside and wherever they
- 6 need to be moved with that unit to supplement and augment
- 7 the precinct that's experiencing a backfall.
- 8 MR. BROWN: Okay, thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Bell.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, Madam Chair. I just
- 11 want to say, I think Mr. Hunter overlooked the overall
- 12 process in terms of combating crime in the Ninth Precinct.
- 13 He just looked at Gratiot. Gratiot is coming back alive in
- 14 terms of activity on Gratiot and Seven, Gratiot and Van
- 15 Dyke. I've been on Gratiot Avenue most all my life. You
- 16 know, I grew up in the area of Gratiot and Van Dyke and
- 17 worked Mack and Gratiot and worked Gratiot and Gunston.
- 18 Ninth Precinct and Fifteenth Precinct in that area.
- 19 So I think the whole Cease Fire -- and a whole
- 20 lot of NPOs, we have really dealt with that area '05 and
- 21 high profile, and chief -- Unintelligible -- properly
- 22 really driven crime down so they we're over all. So just
- 23 you talking about one major artery. We used to have about
- 24 ten or twelve throughout the City of Detroit. And respond
- 25 time -- when you get five thousand police officers, respond



- 1 time was a critical issue then. Nothing has changed in
- 2 reference to -- I think the department is in a better
- 3 position to make a shift, manage manpower with all the
- 4 information they have gathered and in terms of dealing with
- 5 that.
- The ones that work the precinct; you understand
- 7 when we tie up scout cars on miscellaneous as well as
- 8 something serious that's a man. That's a car down. So
- 9 that's a reality. So we -- I think when you argue like
- 10 this someone's slanted, you know. But I understand this
- 11 current stuff, but just don't say we have a problem on
- 12 Gratiot Avenue. I drive Gratiot. Gratiot is a major
- 13 artery from the servers on Eight Mile. Every day people --
- 14 now we're seeing more business. Like you said Green Light
- 15 is increasing. I know they're working on that. I just
- 16 want to make that comment. Thank you.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: You have a question.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. Thank you, Madam
- 19 Chair.
- To DC Bettison, I just wanted to share with you
- 21 as far as how you've changed from calling police officers
- 22 to calling you law enforcement officers, because that's
- 23 what you are. And I wanted to say to you the fine job that
- 24 I know you're doing. But regarding Gratiot, have you
- 25 considered perhaps going to the different churches, schools



- 1 in the area and the neighbors that they can form block
- 2 clubs, so they can be some eyes for the police to be able
- 3 to assist you in what you don't see when you're not there?
- 4 Have you considered doing a survey to see how
- 5 many churches are in the area and schools to perhaps, like
- 6 I said, to form block clubs? And the business people, I
- 7 understand -- isn't Faygo on Gratiot? And Better Made is
- 8 on that street, right?
- 9 DC BETTISON: Yes.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So we want to keep those
- 11 businesses. We don't want them to leave Detroit. So
- 12 that's just a suggestion if you had not thought about that.
- DC BETTISON: Through the Chair. Commissioner
- 14 Burch, our commander of the Ninth Precinct and Neighborhood
- 15 Police Officers are very much engaged with the community.
- 16 They have a very large Ninth Precinct Community Relations,
- 17 over a hundred folks there. And they have block clubs, and
- 18 they also have radio patrol. So they're very much engaged.
- 19 And also even at 4205, we're having conversations
- 20 and the community itself has taken -- and some of the old
- 21 school -- when it comes to Cease Fire, some of the gang
- 22 members have agreed to put down their guns. And they have
- 23 said that we want to turn the red zone into the safe zone.
- 24 And that's coming from them. And, you know, we want do as
- 25 much as we can to empower them. Because we know that a lot



- 1 of this we hear from them is a lack of opportunity, and
- 2 it's also a poverty issue that's going on as well.
- And not saying that poverty causes crime, but it
- 4 is a relation. And if more opportunities come to the city
- 5 via employment, really looking at it from a holistic
- 6 standpoint that we are seeing a reduction in crime in the
- 7 city. And we expect to continue to go down. The Detroit
- 8 Police Department is going to continue to do community
- 9 outreach, to engage the churches. We have over a hundred
- 10 chaplains right now on our department. And many of our
- 11 chaplains are very much engaged in the Ninth Precinct as
- 12 well.
- So we're going to keep on working and leveraging
- 14 our technology to get further reductions in crime.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you. I also wanted to
- 16 follow up on Captain -- I think her name's Holt? Is that
- 17 Captain Holt? She's back there.
- I want to thank you, because it was a concern
- 19 about two weeks ago of citizens that were coming that had
- 20 an issue. That lady to me, she really exuberates her role.
- 21 And I really don't know her, but I see you back there. I
- just want to thank her, because she -- two complaints came
- 23 and she said, Ms. Commissioner, I took care of it myself.
- 24 I'm just saying how some of us just work. And that lady
- 25 back there needs accommodations, this Captain Holt.



- 1 (Applause)
- 2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any other questions,
- 3 comments, commissioners?
- 4 Thank you. I'd like to acknowledge
- 5 Commissioner Willie Burton, District Five came in about
- 6 ten minutes ago. Thank you for joining us, sir.
- 7 At this time we will have the presentation from
- 8 Dr. Marcella Anderson from the Human Resources report.
- 9 DR. ANDERSON: Good evening, Honorable Board.
- 10 I'm here this evening to provide for you the monthly HR
- 11 Report for the month of August.
- 12 For the month of August we had two thousand six
- 13 hundred seventy-one budgeted positions. Two thousand four
- 14 hundred ninety-four of those positions are filled. For the
- 15 month of August, we had six hundred sixty-seven budgeted
- 16 positions; and out of that, we have six hundred four that
- 17 are filled. Applicants for sworn positions for this fiscal
- 18 year, we had one thousand two hundred ninety-four
- 19 applicants. Five hundred sixty-nine are awaiting MCOLES;
- 20 twenty-three are in process; nine were hired; two lack of
- 21 interest; five hundred seventy-seven were temporarily
- 22 disqualified, and one hundred fourteen were permanently
- 23 disqualified.
- 24 For our MCOLES testing for the month of August,
- 25 we had ninety-four applicants scheduled. Sixty-five



- 1 appeared; forty-seven passed; eighteen failed. For the
- 2 physical agility portion of that exam, we had two hundred
- 3 forty-three scheduled. One hundred eighteen appeared.
- 4 Forty-six passed, and seventy-two failed.
- I want to extend an invitation to the Board of
- 6 Police Commissioners. If you're interested in visiting
- 7 the Police Academy when we conduct these tests on
- 8 Saturdays, if you want to get with the Chair, we can
- 9 decide a date where you all can come and take a look and
- 10 walk through the process so you can see exactly what's
- 11 required.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Can you provide us with the
- 13 dates and then we can determine that.
- DR. ANDERSON: Absolutely. We're typically there
- 15 every Saturday -- Every Saturday before a holiday. We're
- 16 there every Saturday.
- 17 So we're going to also talk about our
- 18 graduates. For this fiscal year we've had twenty-nine
- 19 police recruits graduate. Our next graduation is on
- 20 September 20th. So that's next Friday. Total hires.
- 21 We've hired, again, twenty-nine sworn officers. We have
- 22 hired six civilians for this month. And that's a total
- 23 hire of thirty-five.
- 24 For residency we have five hundred seventy-three
- 25 sworn officers who live in the city of Detroit, and we have



- 1 three hundred thirty-two civilians who live in the city,
- 2 and thirty police assistants.
- For our attrition rates, we have twenty sworn.
- 4 We lost twenty sworn officers this month, eleven civilians,
- 5 and no police assistance for a total attrition loss for the
- 6 month of thirty-one.
- 7 Our leave of absence restrictive duty for sworn
- 8 officers are as follows: Eighteen are on continuous
- 9 FMLA; thirty are on intermittent FMLA; five are on
- 10 medical leave; we have one hundred forty-seven on
- 11 restrictive duty; sixty that are disabled, and we have
- 12 twenty-four outstanding.
- 13 Sworn personnel suspensions. We have nine
- 14 officers that are suspended: One detective, two sergeants,
- 15 and one command officer, for a total of thirteen.
- Monthly separations; we've lost twenty sworn
- 17 officers. And we have five hundred seventy-eight officers
- 18 in the drop. On --
- 19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Excuse me. We're going to
- 20 take a five minute recess.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Madam Chairperson.
- Ladies and gentlemen, I don't mean no harm, but I
- 23 really want you to know that we'd really like to have this
- 24 meeting in such a way that everybody has the chance to talk
- 25 at the right time. I really don't want where we basically



- 1 have to put somebody out. It's not necessary. We're all
- 2 grown, and we all love this city. I'm just begging you,
- 3 respect the Chair; protect the process. There is a time
- 4 that you can speak to us. I'm saying to you, it's
- 5 difficult for us to really take care of the city's business
- 6 with you walking in here and engaging in a conversation.
- 7 Now some of you -- I come here enough to know
- 8 that some of you it's your first time. I want you to
- 9 understand that we do not have this kind of meeting. So
- 10 I'm just begging you, begging you, pleading with you,
- 11 please respect the process so that we can really have a
- 12 wonderful, wonderful meeting and make sure we ensure that
- 13 -- Unintelligible --
- 14 This is not a question and answer; it's a --
- 15 Unintelligible -- that I've asked the chairman for. And
- 16 I'm just asking if you would please to really respect the
- 17 Chair. That's all I ask. Thank you so much.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: You can continue with your
- 19 report at this time. And I apologize for interrupting.
- 20 DR. ANDERSON: Yes, Madam Chair. I just wanted
- 21 to add that next week I will facilitate the oral interviews
- 22 for over four hundred police officers that are testing.
- 23 They're doing the oral interview portion of the test for
- 24 promotional exams. So that will take place next week.
- 25 Additionally, Commissioner Brooks is planning to



- 1 hold a recruiting meeting after the NACOLE conference. We
- 2 have not had a recruiting meeting in months. So we're
- 3 going to have that after the NACO conference, and
- 4 Lieutenant Wilson will be standing out -- Unintelligible --
- 5 Last but not least, if you're interested in
- 6 employment with the Detroit Police Department or the City
- 7 of Detroit, please go to Detroitcomish.gov and select
- 8 employment.
- 9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Madam.
- 10 Questions for Dr. Anderson, please.
- 11 Commissioner Burton.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Thank you, Dr. Anderson,
- 14 for your report. I just have one question. I remember in
- 15 a previous meeting you stated that we were going to -- I
- 16 was very excited to here this -- said we were going to be
- 17 increasing the starting rate for our police department.
- 18 And I just wanted to make sure that we're tracking the
- 19 impact that was weighed on attrition. So I know that's
- 20 probably most likely too early to tell to have a positive
- 21 impact, but at some point in the future when do you feel
- 22 it's been enough time for you to assess whether there has
- 23 been -- Unintelligible --
- DR. ANDERSON: Yes, Commissioner. I sent a
- 25 follow-up email after that meeting.



- 1 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Oh.
- 2 DR. ANDERSON: And I need to make sure that
- 3 everyone has access to their emails or that I have a valid
- 4 email address for you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay.
- DR. ANDERSON: Because there was a second,
- 7 because there was an error in that report.
- 8 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Ahh, okay.
- 9 DR. ANDERSON: Yes.
- 10 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay.
- 11 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Madam, what is --
- 12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: What is the beginning --
- 13 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Yes.
- 14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: What is the salary?
- DR. ANDERSON: I'm going to have to -- I want to
- 16 say that we're at the \$40,000 mark. That was the starting
- 17 salary. And depending on education and things like that,
- 18 an officer could come in and receive a tad bit more after
- 19 they complete the academy. But the starting salary is
- approximately \$40,000.
- 21 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: And through the Chair. Is
- 22 that an increase from the previous years?
- DR. ANDERSON: It's just a small increase. We
- 24 were at, I believe, thirty-nine. The low thirty-nine.
- 25 Yes. And when this fiscal year budget kicked in, we went



- 1 to forty.
- 2 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Thank you.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any other questions for Dr.
- 4 Anderson?
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Davis.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: You said you're going to be
- 8 interviewing next week four hundred people?
- 9 DR. ANDERSON: We're going to interview over four
- 10 hundred police officers that tested for promotion. So we
- 11 have officers who tested for detective, who tested for
- 12 sergeants, who tested for lieutenants. And then we have
- 13 also officers who tested for sergeant. So we have over
- 14 four hundred that will be interviewed. We have an outside
- 15 company that's coming in to oversee the testing. And we
- 16 have over forty-five assessors, police officers, deputy
- 17 chiefs, lieutenants, coming from all over the United
- 18 States.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Roughly do you know about
- 20 how many of those live inside the city of Detroit? I know
- 21 you may not know exactly.
- 22 DR. ANDERSON: I do not know exactly. These are
- 23 our current officers that have been with the department.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any other questions?



- 1 Commissioner Bell.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, Madam Chair.
- I just -- Dr. Anderson, I just want to say we
- 4 had an opportunity to visit the Academy, and just
- 5 recently, on two different occasions speaking to incoming
- 6 recruits. I'm impressed with the caliber of people that
- 7 educational-wise, work experience that we are recruiting
- 8 and hiring in. Notwithstanding the issue about salary,
- 9 you though, benefits, but they look at the opportunity of
- 10 DPD, which is not offered to the other surrounding
- 11 departments. And we also have some young people;
- 12 eighteen, nineteen that's recently graduated that want
- 13 police careers. So I think we're pushing all the right
- 14 button and getting the right people.
- I know it's always been a challenge. But I just
- 16 hope that commissioners will take advantage to interact
- 17 with them and get an idea. Also visit the precinct. I'm
- 18 speaking to young officers, two or three years. Commander,
- 19 you and I went to the fifth precinct, it and was well
- 20 received, well spoken. So that's not -- Unintelligible --
- 21 we embrace. Because we have a very young empowerment.
- 22 But the salary issue is not in your ballpark. As
- 23 we well know, that is something to negotiate with the
- 24 mayor. It's negotiated and the union's involved. And the
- 25 mayor is very olden to and council is olden to increasing



- 1 salary. They're doing everything possible. But this is a
- 2 city that's coming out of the financial issue, so we
- 3 commissioners should not -- you know, look at those
- 4 realities. But they -- the mayor opened up their contract
- 5 three years ago to give them a pay raise. So it's
- 6 happening. We're all cognizant of it. Every time we meet
- 7 we talk about the wages. It's low. But it was low when I
- 8 hired in, so it's nothing unusual. No amount of money can
- 9 compensate for this type of job, and I just want to commend
- 10 those people graduating and each graduating class, because
- 11 they take on the challenge. You understand, it's a
- 12 commitment. Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair I have a
- 14 question.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Carter.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a couple of
- 17 questions actually.
- 18 Since you've taken this position, how many people
- 19 resigned from your office? How many people?
- 20 --Unintelligible--
- DR. ANDERSON: I can answer. Madam Chair, can I
- 22 please answer that question? I've had one person retire
- 23 from my office since I've retired from this job.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Very good.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And how many complaints



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- 1 have you had filed against you since you've taken this new
- 2 position?
- 3 DR. ANDERSON: Madam Chair -- through the Chair,
- 4 when you say complaints, can you be --
- 5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair, that question is
- 6 out of order. That question is definitely out of order. I
- 7 don't think that's appropriate to say for this. And I
- 8 would ask the doctor to not --
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: This is a public meeting.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BELL: -- respond to that type of
- 11 dialogue.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No. I was recognized by
- 13 the Chair; so, therefore, I have the floor -- the floor
- 14 more than you Commissioner Bell. But I did have a couple
- 15 of questions for the HR director.
- DR. ANDERSON: That's okay.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BELL: I mean, you know one of the
- 18 things I've seen here was that you take a position with --
- 19 Unintelligible --
- 20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: We're not going to go
- 21 into --
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: -- and yet all of a
- 23 sudden --
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: -- personal relations.
- 25 -- Unintelligible. Multiple Speakers --



- 1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Can we go into a closed
- 2 session, Commissioner Burton?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You have not been on the
- 4 job for a year and all of a sudden you're getting almost a
- 5 \$20,000 raise right here in the City of Detroit.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair, I think we need
- 7 some order. That's out of line.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: We're going to move on.
- 9 Thank you for your report, Dr. Anderson.
- 10 At this time we're going to move on to the --
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair. Yes,
- 12 please. Sorry, Madam Chair, but in our enthusiasm --
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's board business, Madam
- 14 Chair, and board business needs to be discussed in board
- 15 meetings.
- 16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Burton, you
- 17 have not been recognized. We are with Commissioner Holt.
- 18 Commissioner Holt, you have a question?
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Well I wanted to make a
- 20 comment about a motion that we need to move on I think. If
- 21 you're in the discussion, Dr. Anderson --
- DR. ANDERSON: No, Ma'am. I'm just being
- 23 obedient and stand before you all until you tell me that
- 24 you are done.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: My discussion has something



- 1 that's different from what's happening now. You are
- 2 finished with your discussion?
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes. In our enthusiasm for
- 5 recognizing the servers of Ms. Overall, we didn't move on
- 6 her --
- 7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Oh, we sure didn't. Thank
- 8 you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: I make a motion to
- 10 approve the resolution of Ms. Overall.
- 11 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Oppose [sic].
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It's been supported that we
- 14 adopt the resolution honoring Ms. Marie Overall.
- 15 Is there any discussion?
- 16 (No response)
- 17 Those in favor?
- THE BOARD: Aye.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Those opposed?
- 20 (No response)
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: The motion is carried.
- 22 Thank you, Commissioners.
- Okay, at this time we are at Fourth Precinct
- 24 report. Commander.
- 25 COMMANDER SLOAN: Good evening. Thank you. I'm



- 1 commander Carrie Sloan. I'm new to the Fourth Precinct,
- 2 and I would like to first off acknowledge the Board for
- 3 allowing me to speak tonight on behalf of the Fourth
- 4 Precinct as well as Deputy Chief Bettison.
- 5 To my right here is my new partner, Solano, who
- 6 has been a great support to me in aggregating to this role.
- 7 He has extensive historic knowledge on issues and community
- 8 efforts in Southwest Detroit, so he has been very helpful
- 9 to me.
- 10 So first off, I would like to discuss some
- 11 current crime trends and issues that we're having in the
- 12 Fourth Precinct. Starting with our total reported major
- 13 crimes in the Fourth Precinct we are down ten percent,
- 14 I'm happy to report, in 2019 to date when compared to
- 15 2018. Specifically violent crime is down five percent
- 16 with the decrease of twenty-eight percent over the last
- 17 twenty-eight days.
- 18 Our homicides in the Fourth Precinct are up.
- 19 However, we have had twelve homicides reported as of
- 20 Thursday, September 5th. And that is an increase over
- 21 2018. But when looking at today's year-to-date numbers,
- 22 we're actually down fifty-four percent when compared to
- 23 2017 where we had twenty-eight -- I'm sorry -- twenty-six
- 24 homicide incidents.
- 25 So far we have impaired -- today we actually



- 1 are up sixty-three percent in our homicides, but that is
- 2 actually trending down at this point. Our nonfatal
- 3 shootings as of September 5th, 2019 have also increased
- 4 sixty-one percent, with a total of thirty-seven
- 5 incidents. We have identified some recurring issues and
- 6 factors within our nonfatal shootings and homicides that
- 7 we're working very hard to combat.
- I would like to point out that our precinct
- 9 Detective Unit has a substantial closure rate for
- 10 nonfatal shootings which is nearly the highest in the
- 11 city.
- 12 Our aggravated assaults are down twenty three
- 13 percent over the last twenty-eight days when comparing to
- 14 2018. And overall we have a six percent reduction
- 15 year-to-date, and that's in addition to a seven percent
- 16 reduction between 2018 and 2017. So as of today we are
- 17 now down twenty-four percent in our aggravated assaults.
- 18 So we're seeing an increase in our downward trend.
- 19 Our robberies have decreased in the Fourth
- 20 Precinct slightly year-to-date when comparing on 2019 to
- 21 2018, with a total decrease of seven percent. In addition
- 22 to that, we are seeing a steep incline in criminal sexual
- 23 conduct in a sense. We were down fifty six percent in the
- last twenty-eight days and an overall decrease of five
- 25 percent year-to-date.



- 1 Property crimes overall in the Fourth Precinct
- 2 have decreased thirteen percent when compared to 2018. Our
- 3 burglaries are down fifteen percent. Larceny and vehicle
- 4 theft are also down twelve percent.
- 5 So some of the strategies that we've
- 6 implemented in the Fourth Precinct include Fire
- 7 Enforcement Detail. So we focus on areas of concern
- 8 where we know we traditionally see issues rising. So
- 9 these efforts have resulted in an arrest for carrying
- 10 concealed weapons; thirty additional felony arrests, one
- 11 hundred thirty ordinances all since April 2019.
- 12 Our Fourth Precinct Cease Fire team continues
- 13 their enforcement effort focusing on destructing gangs and
- 14 groups that are driving the violent crime in the Fourth
- 15 Precinct. Team members respond to all shooting incidents
- 16 within our precinct along with our precinct detectives to
- 17 determine if any gang activity is identified so we can act
- 18 swiftly. We conducted warrant sweeps over the past four
- 19 weeks resulting in one hundred arrest attempts and twenty
- 20 felony arrests.
- We continue our partnership with MDOC
- 22 conducting weekly home checks for active parolees and
- 23 probationers in our area. And we continue our target
- 24 enforcement in our hotspot areas. One of our hotspots is
- 25 the Michigan corridor. And so we increased narcotics



- 1 enforcement. We do ticket and tow operations, as well as
- 2 requesting and enforcing other engaged operations to
- 3 lower incidents and issues with prostitutes.
- 4 So we've also implemented a goal of improving our
- 5 overall quality of our criminal investigation. We've
- 6 improved training and mentoring with our detectives. We've
- 7 increased search warrant on cases focusing on narcotics
- 8 enforcement. And year-to-date we've submitted 245 warrants
- 9 to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Seventy of those
- 10 were for people carrying firearms.
- So we've continued to have strong partnerships
- 12 with our federal partners. And another initiative that we
- 13 have is we are leverage technology and other crime
- 14 reduction projects within the precinct. That includes --
- 15 Unintelligible -- which is the National Integrated --
- 16 Unintelligible -- Network. It includes gun stats, which
- 17 helps us identify violent felons and times when we need to
- 18 seek federal assistance from the prosecution.
- 19 In addition we have increased our Project Green
- 20 Light recruitment efforts. So we target areas that have
- 21 been problem areas that stem from loiterers or other
- 22 issues. And to date we have made recruiting attempts at
- 23 eight locations. We have fourteen revocations, and five
- 24 new Project Green Light sites in the last two months. It's
- 25 bringing us to a total of fifty sites in the Fourth



- 1 Precinct.
- We also participate in the Community Court
- 3 Divergent Program which targets low level crimes; just
- 4 minor traffic violations. It gives reduced sentences and
- 5 community service for the offender. And for those that
- 6 need it, it diverts them to outreach programs and helps
- 7 them find resourced to impact drug addition.
- 8 So one of our other initiatives is to combat
- 9 quality of life issues. So we've been using our NPOs.
- 10 And I'd like to take a moment to introduce our new NPOs
- 11 sergeant -- Unintelligible -- And our NPOs in the back,
- 12 I'll have them introduce themselves. But he's helping in
- 13 supporting efforts.
- We have partnered with the General Assignment
- 15 Unit to increase convictions of illegal dumping incidents
- in our precinct. And to date they've identified
- 17 twenty-five illegal dumping incidents which have concluded
- 18 in twenty warrants and ten arrests.
- 19 We also participate in community programs for
- 20 the Fourth Precinct. And we recently participated in
- 21 Southwest Pride and Mayor for Peace Walk. We also
- 22 participate in monthly community CompStat meetings where
- 23 we partnered with Wayne State University to inform
- 24 community groups about crime issues in their area.
- We also have also in the Fourth Precinct the Cass



- 1 Consolidated Youth Outreach Program, which connects
- 2 troubled youths who are victims of violence, especially
- 3 domestic violence. There's resources that can aid them to
- 4 improve their position.
- 5 We also have Minnie Ramirez who is our domestic
- 6 violence advocate. She's invited in for a few things. She
- 7 assist victims in applying for personal protection orders
- 8 and helps educate this community about domestic violence
- 9 incidents.
- 10 Coming soon to the Fourth Precinct is the Law
- 11 Enforcement Assisted Divergent Program or LEAD for short,
- 12 which is a comprehensive opioid abuse -- Unintelligible --
- 13 program which helps us battle opioid addiction in the
- 14 Fourth precinct. So that is also a divergence program that
- 15 helps us keep drug addicted people out of jail, and it
- 16 helps find them treatment. And we are currently seeking a
- 17 grant coordinator person to fill that position to get that
- 18 project off the ground next month.
- So in addition to that, we are doing community
- 20 training at our monthly meeting in October to help
- 21 community members understand what services and resources
- 22 are available to them in the Fourth Precinct to help
- 23 combat some quality of life issues that may be outside of
- 24 the police department scope.
- So I have to acknowledge the community support



- 1 that I've gotten from everyone here being new to the Fourth
- 2 Precinct. And with them and these efforts, we're hoping to
- 3 make a significant impact on the Fourth Precinct lowering
- 4 incidents of crime. Obviously, we want to increase case
- 5 convictions. And we want to continue to improve the lives
- 6 of the citizens in our community. So I'm open for
- 7 questions. Thank you.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Davis.
- 11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question. Do ya 'all have a
- 12 tasks force, anybody special, looking into human
- 13 trafficking? I know there's a lot of sex workers along
- 14 Michigan and some other little areas. And I know sometimes
- 15 some people -- I know human trafficking is more than like
- 16 sex workers. Sometimes you got people that's being forced
- 17 to do work and what have you. So do you have a unit or
- 18 some people especially concentrating on that? You doing
- 19 something with that?
- 20 COMMANDER SLOAN: Through the Chair. So the
- 21 Fourth Precinct works with our Vice Unit who works tasks
- 22 forces to combat human trafficking. So anytime they have
- 23 any operation that's happening in the Fourth Precinct, we
- 24 partner with them.
- DC BETTISON: Also through the Chair, to give



- 1 additional information. Our Vice Unit; we actually
- 2 assigned an additional fifteen officers to Vice to
- 3 specifically look into and enforce human trafficking. A
- 4 couple years ago, about a year and a half ago, we got a
- 5 grant for \$1.3 million to hire fifteen police officers
- 6 specifically for human trafficking. They're assigned to
- 7 the Vice Unit. And they go city-wide. So wherever they
- 8 get a complaint, they're on it working along with our state
- 9 and -- Unintelligible -- as well.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Dewaelsche.
- 11 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Yes, thank you,
- 12 Commissioner.
- Wonderful report and your variety of activities
- 14 that are going on. I was interested in your comment about
- 15 hiring a grant writer. And let me just ask my question.
- 16 Isn't this something that is handled centrally by the
- 17 central office as far as applying for grants? And the
- 18 reason why I ask that is because we've been hearing a lot
- 19 about the opioid crisis nationally and how pharmaceutical
- 20 companies are going to be paying billions of dollars. And
- 21 so I would think that -- and I don't know who would answer
- 22 my question -- but that the department would be very
- 23 interested in applying for grants for the opioid crisis.
- 24 That's my first question.
- 25 My second question is, what are the numbers as



- 1 far as people that are coming to you with opioid
- 2 addiction or problems?
- DC BETTISON: Through the Chair. So, ma'am, the
- 4 LEAD program that I spoke of is a grant that we received.
- 5 And we are working with HR to fill the grant coordinator
- 6 position. We already have the grant. It's been written.
- 7 So we need to hire a project manager to get us going.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Okay.
- 9 COMMANDER SLOAN: So it's a two year grant that
- 10 we have been coordinating with National LEAD Centers
- 11 throughout -- I believe it's Seattle and Atlanta, if I'm
- 12 not mistaken, that have seen significant improvement in
- 13 their opioid addiction problem through this grant.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: And that's going
- through the department, the central office?
- DC BETTISON: That is -- through the Chair, that
- 17 is correct. The actual grant writers -- I work very
- 18 closely with our -- with the grant writers which is
- 19 centrally located, so that includes Detroit. And they've
- 20 actually embedded a grant writer to DPD that we work with,
- 21 so we're very coordinated in that. And they are the ones
- 22 that actually help get the grant that commander is talking
- 23 about.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: And just very quickly.
- 25 The reason I'm asking is because I'd like that to be



- 1 applied to all the precinct if at all possible.
- 2 DC BETTISON: It is.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: It sounds like a great
- 4 program.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any other questions,
- 6 Commissioners?
- 7 Thank you commander and captain.
- At this time we'll be going to standing
- 9 committee report -- standing or ad hoc committee report.
- 10 At this time we'll have the report from the Board
- 11 secretary.
- Mr. Hicks, is there anything on your list that is
- 13 not already on the agenda?
- MR. HICKS: First of all, thank you, Madam Chair.
- 15 I just simply want to call your attention to the fact that
- 16 we're continuing to receive communications. A couple of
- 17 them are listed on the agenda as it relates to the subject
- 18 matters -- Unintelligible --
- 19 I also want to remind you that you have a
- 20 suspension without pay, a closed session, in the next
- 21 meeting. And then I think the other items here relate
- 22 to -- the chief has transmitted two sets of motions that we
- 23 will be taking up. One of them for sure probably next week
- 24 if not the following week.
- 25 And then there was a second group promotion that



- 1 involved promotion for four lieutenants and fifteen
- 2 sergeants. There was a grievance filed on the department
- 3 Police Officers Association. We're looking into the
- 4 details of that. And as we do that, we will have a more
- 5 substantial report for you.
- 6 Given that, that basically covers all the
- 7 information that I have. I'm open to any questions.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Hicks.
- 9 Any questions for Mr. Hicks? Thank you.
- 10 Any old business, Commissioners?
- 11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair, I'd like to
- 12 bring to your attention that these community meetings are
- 13 crucial, especially 6:30 meetings, that we engage. We have
- 14 great attendance. We move throughout the city of Detroit.
- 15 I think it totally disrespects the process when we have
- 16 commissioners coming here late, commissioners who have side
- 17 bar activity for thirty or forty minutes during a community
- 18 meeting and claim they represent the community. I think we
- 19 need to speak to that. Bring it to their attention. It's
- 20 just not the proper way to conduct our business.
- 21 For those commissioners who are due diligent,
- 22 this is a community meeting, and they engaging in side
- 23 bars, whatever, that is not the purpose of how we should
- 24 meet. So we just need to address that in some form of
- 25 communication that it disrespects the whole process. And



- 1 some of our community people have pointed that out over and
- 2 over again. It's just totally embarrassing. It's just
- 3 totally inappropriate. But yet the person bring up issues
- 4 about the community, but they're not participating in the
- 5 process. So I just want to bring that to your attention,
- 6 Madam Chair.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any other comments?
- 8 Any new business?
- 9 At this time we'll have announcements. Our next
- 10 meeting will be Thursday, September 19 at 3:00 p.m., at
- 11 Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, located at 1301 Third
- 12 Street. Our next community meeting will be Thursday,
- October 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Seventh Precinct at
- 14 the St. John Presbyterian Church located at 1961 East
- 15 Lafayette.
- 16 At this time we will have oral communication from
- 17 the audience. Please give your name for the record, and
- 18 limit your comments to two minutes.
- 19 Mr. Brown.
- MR. BROWN: Madam Chair, I currently have
- 21 twelve cards. Will it be your pleasure to have the ones
- 22 who can stand to line up, and that way I can call them
- 23 all at once? Okay.
- 24 First will be Ms. Smith; followed by Ms. Faith;
- 25 followed by Ms. Mary Lacy; followed by Mr. Eric Williams;



- 1 followed by Mr. Seyla Ou; followed by Mr. Tyler
- 2 Vosgerchian; followed by Ms. Detro; followed by Ms. Crystal
- 3 Bonner, Ms. Cindy Darrah, Mr. Phillip Mayor, Ms. JoAnn
- 4 Warwick. And Ms. Michelle George will be your last
- 5 speaker.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 7 MS. SMITH: Good evening, Chief and to the Board.
- 8 It is beautiful atmosphere here, isn't it? I love
- 9 Southwest Detroit, and it's a pleasure to come down here.
- 10 I haven't been in this area since I had my businesses here
- 11 on Fort Street. So I just want to let you know, I
- 12 appreciate the fact that you come down here to Southwest
- 13 Detroit. And I've seen so many of my old friends also.
- 14 And I have made the announcements to you in
- 15 regards to Captain Hope. And see, again, I tell you she's
- 16 doing a wonderful job. She was at the property of where
- 17 the squatters were, even day before yesterday. And we
- 18 noticed -- at least the neighbors did noticed that they
- 19 were talking to them and made it definite for them to leave
- 20 out. But now we're held up because of the lighting
- 21 company, DTE. They're the holdup. So they can't go in
- there and do any kind of inspection, because it's dangerous
- 23 and we don't know whether the lights are going to be off
- 24 today or tomorrow. I talked with Deputy Bettison today in
- 25 regards to it.



- 1 So I just want to let you know she's doing a hell
- of a good job, and I appreciate her. And you guys, be
- 3 patient. Because the devil is in our midst. We all know
- 4 that. So just be patient, and we're just going to pray on
- 5 what's going on within our meetings, because it's not going
- 6 to last too long. We know what's going on. Those that's
- 7 been coming for the last ten years, we've never had these
- 8 problems before. But let's pray on this.
- 9 Holley. Reverend Holley, you're doing a
- 10 wonderful job, but pray a little more harder for us, okay.
- 11 Because this got to stop. We can't continue to have this
- 12 disagreement every time we come to our meeting and being
- 13 disrespectful over each other, leaving out of the meetings
- 14 and not coming back. So let's pray probably a little more
- 15 for this whole area of us. Because it can't stand too
- 16 long. We won't let it stand too long. I thank you for
- 17 your time. Take care.
- 18 MS. FAITH: Ms. Faith. Welcome to this honorable
- 19 board. For the record, my name is Ms. Faith. And I got
- 20 something I want to read to you.
- 21 -- Unintelligible -- though some persons are not
- 22 dormant but just kind of well, and the refreshments of life
- 23 waters flow into energy and viable -- Unintelligible --
- 24 resulting in what we have today: Educators, engineers,
- 25 doctors, lawyers. And they're with and without badges,



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- 1 with degrees, etc. Realizing that aging isn't just for
- 2 parents, it is for children too and while stabilizing the
- 3 inner strength in both through discipline and exemplary
- 4 lives of our parents -- Unintelligible -- who discipline
- 5 and correct for dignity and respect. As one cohesive unit
- 6 we become harmonized with the same purpose and ongoing
- 7 progression of life working together.
- 8 Honorable mention of excellent work of officers
- 9 at Number Five Precinct. On each time I had occasion to go
- 10 for any reason, I'm always greeted with great --
- 11 Unintelligible -- policies and procedures carried out with
- 12 respect for the need of civilians, speaking of myself, upon
- 13 my egress. Thanks to their superiors, the chief and all
- 14 who had any part in their training and development. Thank
- 15 you very much. Ya'll keep up the good work.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Lacy.
- 17 CITIZEN: Hello. My name is Mary Lacy, your
- 18 elected precinct delegate. And I have been fortunate
- 19 enough to have good jobs, and I know quite a few people in
- 20 here. But to me this is not a stock holders meeting; this
- 21 is a public meeting where people -- different people have
- 22 decisions. No one brought any money, got any stock, and
- 23 that goes for all Board members. I know most of all you
- 24 from me participating. And Outer Drive -- Unintelligible
- 25 -- so we knew how the game was played. But like I say, I



- 1 think you got to give the public more attention. They're
- 2 the tax payers. They are the ones supporting the city.
- 3 And also -- also I think the idea of having
- 4 public comments down at the bottom, that's not right. They
- 5 should bring it up. A lot of these people have jobs and
- 6 responsibility, have children at home. So why you can't
- 7 bring it up a little higher? Like I say, it's not a
- 8 stockholder's meeting. I been to stock -- I have stock.
- 9 This is a public meeting, and it's paid by the people that
- 10 do get money that's paid by the city tax payers.
- 11 And like I say, I'm just a little perturb.
- 12 Because I -- like I say, I know most of the Board. They
- 13 know better. They know how the game is played. And they
- 14 know they're not the Mike Ilitch. So what they got to do
- 15 is give the public an opportunity. Because like I say, you
- 16 know, they only have so much time. They have a job to go
- 17 to. Thanks. And if anyone didn't understand what I said,
- 18 see me after the meeting.
- 19 MR. WILLIAMS: So my name is Eric Williams. I'm
- 20 an attorney with the Detroit Justice Center as well as
- 21 member of Michigan -- Unintelligible --
- 22 I just want to say that as an oversight board,
- 23 your responsibility is to make sure that the police, not
- 24 the public, stay in line. When you've done a really -- and
- 25 the very fact that Commissioner Bell is actually smirking



- 1 as I make that comment is kind of my point.
- When you talk about a board being captive of
- 3 those its supposed to supervising that's not what we're
- 4 seeing here. But independent of that, I would say you've
- 5 done a very good job of becoming informed as far as facial
- 6 recognition technology goes, but you've been only been
- 7 informed from one side. So I would like to publicly make
- 8 the offer before you vote to listen to a presentation from
- 9 those who have a different perspective than the Detroit
- 10 Police Department when it comes to how facial recognition.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Bring in the experts.
- 12 CITIZEN: And I gladly volunteer my services for
- 13 that.
- 14 The second thing I would say for that is, I'd
- 15 ask for you to be a little bit more skeptical when you
- 16 hear things from the Detroit Police Department. For
- 17 example, we were told that Project Green Light is
- 18 reducing crime. We've also been told that that's not the
- 19 purpose of it. But that -- again, crime reduction is the
- 20 only measure of the success we've ever heard, so what is
- 21 the point?
- 22 Also we were told that some time this month a
- 23 study done by Michigan State University will be coming out
- 24 showing whether or not Project Green Light was effective.
- 25 Until we get that study back, I would ask that you take



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- 1 with a grain of salt anything that DPD says about it
- 2 reducing crime. And what I'd like to see also is that not
- 3 only does Project Green Light reduce crime but that the
- 4 reduction isn't coming from increased lighting or increased
- 5 police presence, but it's coming from cameras. And until
- 6 we establish that, it's really not accurate to say, at
- 7 least there's no basis for saying, Project Green Light
- 8 reduces crime.
- 9 So again, that's my offer. It stands. A number
- 10 of you know how to get in touch with me if you'd like to
- 11 hear more, hear how the other side of how facial
- 12 recognition technology works and impacts that will be
- 13 reversed.
- MR. BLOUNT: Good evening, Board and Assistant
- 15 Chief. For the record, my name is Eric Blunt.
- 16 For the third time, I will ask that all appointed
- 17 commissioners resign immediately. This is nothing new. So
- 18 remove them. Please, please don't take it personally. But
- 19 if the commission is going the have any semblance of
- 20 relevance or independence we need represented
- 21 commissioners. The appointees are not representing people.
- 22 And even, again, Commissioner Griffie, you were
- 23 not elected. Please tell us about how you got here. And
- 24 when you introduce yourselves as being at-large that's a
- 25 false narrative. Just say you're an appointee, and leave



- 1 it at that so people will know exactly how you got here.
- 2 As far as, again, Corporal Jones is concerned, I
- 3 did meet privately with the chief. He did allow me to
- 4 bring someone else. There was a reporter that actually
- 5 recorded the whole meeting. There was some things in that
- 6 meeting -- I asked the chief last week to release the video
- 7 of the meeting. Because, again, there were some things in
- 8 that video that confirmed my position and opposition to
- 9 what he had to say. And that is, first, one of the major
- 10 things was that the video revealed that the first punches
- 11 to that naked woman in the hospital were made by the
- 12 security officer.
- 13 That was a clear handoff. There's got to be a
- 14 handoff between the police and the hospital. Once that
- 15 handoff is made, the police should have stepped back. But
- 16 once that security officer made those punches, Corporal
- 17 Jones should have stepped back. But what did he do? No.
- 18 He stepped forward and he added a few more punches. And
- 19 that's why we will never stop until he is properly
- 20 disciplined. Thank you.
- 21 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That's right. Coward. Coward.
- 22 Coward.
- MR. OU: Good evening. Good evening. Is that
- 24 better? My name is Seyla Ou. I live in District Six. And
- 25 I'm deeply disturbed by the use of facial recognition



- 1 technology in Detroit.
- 2 I graduated from Stanford University in the
- 3 spring of last year, and the central portion of my
- 4 coursework revolved around the operative use in technology.
- 5 In my current professional work I design, code, and deploy
- 6 models that are mathematically and problematically similar
- 7 to facial recognition technology.
- 8 After five years of building up my knowledge of
- 9 these systems, I have an intimate understanding of how
- 10 dangerous this technology is, particularly to the most
- 11 vulnerable members of our community. I've poured through
- 12 reports. I've read articles. I've heard from some of the
- 13 foremost experts in the field. And the conclusions are
- 14 crystal clear; these technologies are dangerously
- 15 inaccurate. They're inherently biased against brown and
- 16 black folks, and they're disturbingly intrusive.
- I implore you, before the meeting on Thursday get
- 18 familiar with some of these reports and some of these
- 19 findings, because facial recognition should have never been
- 20 implemented in the first place. It's time to shut it down.
- 21 It's time to shut it down.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON/ATTENDEES: Shut it down!
- 23 Shut it down! Shut it down! Shut it down! Shut it down!
- 24 Shut it down! Shut it down!
- UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We don't need him on the Board.



- 1 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: And we don't need you here.
- 2 (Unintelligible Multiple speakers. Arguing
- 3 amongst attendees)
- 4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Sir.
- 5 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Good evening. I'm speaking on
- 6 behalf of the Taking Back Pried Initiative. I don't need
- 7 to point out that this -- Unintelligible -- has been
- 8 bothering us. And the propaganda of the Green Light
- 9 Program, which is -- Unintelligible -- surveillance
- 10 measures on the public. Chief Craig, who isn't here today,
- 11 has only been able to give one example of this program
- 12 actually working as a plan. He doesn't -- Unintelligible
- 13 -- someone who's -- Unintelligible -- Green Light gas
- 14 station. When he tells this story he never fails to remark
- 15 -- Unintelligible -- LGBT party. It is not only --
- 16 Unintelligible -- and queer community knows what they think
- 17 of us.
- 18 We know our relationship with the police growing
- 19 up. We know who violently enforces laws --
- 20 Unintelligible -- and punishing us for who we are. We know
- 21 who you harass in Palmer Park. -- Unintelligible -- know
- 22 criminalize them. We know whose side you will take at --
- 23 we know whose side you took at Motor City Pride. We know
- 24 who you're protecting and who you're not protecting. We
- 25 stand with the victims of this crime and more with their



- 1 families when we come down there, and their --
- 2 Unintelligible -- people for their your propaganda. And we
- 3 understand that hyper policing will not keep us in the
- 4 community safe and our families safe. -- Unintelligible --
- 5 cause more tragedies like this.
- I yield whatever time I have remaining to the
- 7 commissioners so they may respond directly to the comment
- 8 on police backing the Nazis at Motor City Pride in June.
- 9 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Shame. Ultimate shame.
- 10 Protecting Nazis and white supremacist.
- 11 MR. BROWN: Ms. Detro is the next speaker.
- MS. DETRO: I yield the floor to Mr. Matthews.
- 13 Thank you.
- MR. MATTHEWS: Thank ya'll. I thank ya'll for
- 15 coming to African Town 48217. We do appreciate it. But
- 16 another thing is, I've been hearing about this facial
- 17 recognition; and I have to support -- you know, they're
- 18 saying shut it down. It doesn't make any sense. Because
- 19 they're saying that the African American community doesn't
- 20 have to deal with its negative effect. And I apologize.
- 21 My parents taught me better. Muy bien. Hello. Good
- 22 evening. I hope I got it right. And our parents is -- I
- 23 mean, so those are the things.
- 24 Another thing is, I know I asked at our
- 25 community meeting to look in -- Unintelligible --



- 1 citizens and the president Al Bates who chairs and is
- 2 doing a great job. When the community officer comes, I
- 3 asked him -- when he said about the crime in the Fourth
- 4 Precinct, I asked him about just African Town, 48217 zip
- 5 code. If there's any shootings there's a cluster. You
- 6 can mark it on the map.
- 7 Also about the truck parking on Fourth Street --
- 8 Unintelligible -- I've spoken to our state representative
- 9 Tyrone Carter since Fort Street out here is a state street.
- 10 I've spoken to Brenda Jones about the trucks that park
- 11 along the Downriver community in Lincoln Park or Southgate.
- 12 So we want to know what role does the police have in giving
- 13 tickets or policing those big 'ole semi trucks that park
- 14 right on our streets in our neighborhood, right on the lots
- in our neighborhood? If they don't, could you please
- 16 inform our police commissioner so she can inform our
- 17 community leader al Bates who's responsible so he can go to
- 18 the appropriate people?
- 19 Also that, and can we get a map -- don't say
- 20 Fourth Precinct has crime lower, lower murders. Because
- 21 I want to know if the shooting is happening behind my
- 22 house. I don't know -- Unintelligible -- or if the
- 23 shooting happening over there in Corktown. If it's
- 24 happening in Corktown then, it's happening over here in
- 25 African Town then that's the issue we need to resolve by



- 1 focusing on where the actual shooting is at.
- 2 So hopefully the leaders of the police department
- 3 can ask community police next time they come to a United
- 4 Citizens meeting if they can have a map with X color coded
- 5 in 48217 where these crimes at, so we as a community can
- 6 participate in reducing crime. We don't leave it up to
- 7 just the police department.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Your time is up.
- 9 MR. MATTHEWS: So we ask the community to stand
- 10 up.
- 11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: And just for the record,
- 12 Mr. Matthews, I have spoken to Commander Sloan about the
- 13 Fort Street parking. The semi's on --
- 14 MR. MATTHEWS: -- Unintelligible -- president Al
- 15 Bates so we can let the community know what's going on.
- 16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yep.
- 17 MR. MATTHEWS: Support our president Al Bates.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Ms. Bonner.
- MS. BONNER: All right, good evening. Crystal
- 20 Bonner, State of Michigan Special Education Teacher.
- I'm already on record saying I'm against facial
- 22 recognition technology. It has seventy percent
- 23 inaccuracies.
- 24 And then also to reiterate about the supporting
- of those Nazis; that should never happen again.



- 1 And then today I was listening to the reports
- 2 about the crime rate, how it increased in the Fourth
- 3 Precinct by sixty-three percent in homicides, and then I
- 4 see all these police officers.
- I have a problem with all these police officers
- 6 at this meeting. I really do. We're just regular
- 7 citizens. I'm not violent. Okay, there's -- and many of
- 8 these people in here are not violent, but you load the
- 9 place with a bunch of police officers. Why? It doesn't
- 10 make any sense. If they're out on the street doing regular
- 11 patrols, maybe that will cut down on a lot of these crimes.
- 12 That little Green Light thing has not even been proven. It
- 13 hasn't even been proven. We don't know if that's cutting
- 14 any crimes. We need actual boots on the ground. That's
- 15 what we need. We don't need all these police officers in
- 16 here. Why aren't they out there in the streets somewhere?
- 17 Especially when the homicide rate is up.
- 18 DC BETTISON: Through the Chair. I want to
- 19 answer your question as well.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I want to reserve this
- 21 lady's time at the podium. Let's reserve her time. It was
- 22 forty-nine seconds on the clock.
- 23 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Deputy Chief Bettison, let
- 24 her finish and then we'll go on. Go ahead.
- MS. BONNER: Well can I get my seconds back?



- 1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Go ahead, ma'am.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yeah, put forty-nine
- 3 seconds. In fact, we can do better.
- 4 MS. BONNER: What I want to know -- what I want
- 5 to know is why do we have all these police officers in
- 6 here? Why aren't they out there patrolling? This Green
- 7 Light stuff is not helping. Can you imagine the
- 8 government, even though with that crazy Number 45, sending
- 9 just green lights out there in troubled areas? We need
- 10 actual boots on the ground; we don't need all these police
- 11 officers in this meeting. The ones that come up to report,
- 12 that's necessary. But it's very intimidating to come in
- 13 here and see all these cops lined up.
- 14 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: No, it is not.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Excuse me, ma'am, you're
- 16 speaking to me.
- MS. BONNER: All right. It's just intimidating;
- 18 you come in here and here are all the police lined up, you
- 19 know. I mean, what's up with that? You make the
- 20 environment hostile.
- 21 Now according to the Public Open Meetings Act
- 22 15.283, Section 5, public has a right to address this body.
- 23 And when you have just twelve people up here that's allowed
- 24 to address you, what percentage point are you using to have
- 25 the public body come up here and speak? It's not fair and



- 1 you're in violation of the Open Meetings Act. And then
- 2 constantly being threatened because I'm talking to someone
- 3 over here? That's not right. Come on now. You're here to
- 4 serve the public.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 6 MS. BONNER: Okay, now can you address that?
- 7 DC BETTISON: Yes. Yes, ma'am.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No.
- 9 MS. BONNER: Yeah, go on. You told me to finish.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Excuse me. You're going to
- 11 listen to me. This is through the Chair.
- 12 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Wow!
- MS. BONNER: You sure?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You are out of order, Madam
- 15 Chair. You are out of order, Madam Chair. The citizens of
- 16 Detroit deserve much better, much better, respect.
- 17 -- Unintelligible Multiple speakers --
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You are out of order.
- 19 Chairwoman Lisa Carter.
- 20 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Did you hear that?
- 21 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, she did.
- 22 -- Unintelligible Multiple speakers --
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We the people deserve
- 24 better! We deserve better! We does he ever better!
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON/ATTENDEES: We deserve



- 1 better! We does he ever better! We does he ever better!
- We does he ever better!
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: There's a motion on the
- 4 floor.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON/ATTENDEES: We deserve
- 6 better! We deserve better! We deserve better! We deserve
- 7 better!
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: There's a motion on the
- 9 floor.
- 10 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I move that we adjourn
- 11 this meeting.
- 12 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Since you have no respect,
- 13 let's do it.
- 14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Motion carried. Meeting is
- 15 adjourned.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We does he ever better! We
- 17 does he ever better!
- 18 (At 8:08 p.m., proceedings concluded)

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