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1 APPEARANCES:

2 ACTING CHAIRPERSON WILLIE E. BELL, District 4

3 COMMISSIONER DARRYL D. BROWN, District 1

4 COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH W. BROOKS, At-Large

5 COMMISSIONER WILLIAM M. DAVIS, District 7

6 COMMISSIONER JIM HOLLEY, At-Large

7 COMMISSIONER WILLIE BURTON, District 5

8 COMMISSIONER ANNIE HOLT, At-Large

9 SECRETARY GREGORY HICKS

10 ROBERT BROWN

11 JERMAINE WYRICK, BOARD ATTORNEY

12 DEPUTY CHIEF CHARLES FITZGERALD

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5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good evening.

6 AUDIENCE: Good evening.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. I am  
8 Commissioner Willie Bell. I represent District 4. I  
9 serve as the immediate past Chair of the board and will  
10 be conducting our meeting tonight. On behalf of the  
11 board, for those in attendance, thank you for joining  
12 us. For people viewing this meeting on your government  
13 cable channel, thank you for viewing our meeting.

14 Commissioner Lisa Carter, our Chair, Eva  
15 Dewaelsche, our Vice Chair, Commissioner Griffie and  
16 Commissioner Burch have requested to be excused.

17 Tonight we have invited Chaplain Charles  
18 Bailey to provide the invocation.

19 Chaplain Bailey, would you come forward  
20 please.

21 CHAPLAIN BAILEY: Praise the Lord.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh, there he is.

23 CHAPLAIN BAILEY: I give honor to the Lord,  
24 who is the head of my life, who is the head of my life  
25 and who is the head of all of our lives. And I just

1 thank God. I thank you for everything that he is  
2 doing, everything he's going to do. And all us that is  
3 in this meeting we come here in unity and in oneness.  
4 And anything that's not like Him we're just going to  
5 praise the Lord anyway.

6 Lord, I just thank you for everything that  
7 you have done. I thank you for this meeting that we  
8 come together in unity and oneness. And, Lord, we just  
9 thank you, thank you, thank you. And, Lord, anything  
10 that come up against us, Lord, we ask you to rebuke it  
11 right now. And, Father, we just ask you to come in,  
12 touch each and every one of us, give us the spirit of  
13 understanding, let us understand what is going forth  
14 and let us take it, take it, take it. In the mighty  
15 name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

16 AUDIENCE: Amen.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chaplain. I  
18 guess I'll start to my far left with the commissioners  
19 introducing themselves, please.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Jim Holley, At-Large,  
21 appointed.

22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Elizabeth Brooks,  
23 At-Large.

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: William Davis, District  
25 7.

1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Annie Holt, At-Large,  
2 appointed.

3 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, you do not have a  
4 quorum.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

6 Commissioners, we do not have a quorum, but  
7 we still will conduct our meeting without the business  
8 portion as you well know, for most of you who have that  
9 type of experience.

10 Tonight we're meeting in the Sixth Precinct.  
11 Can I say the Sixth Precinct? Can I hear you say the  
12 Sixth Precinct?

13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. It's number 6.  
15 Okay. The commissioner representing the district is  
16 William Davis. And Commissioner William Davis to my  
17 right I'd like him to bring a welcome to the Sixth  
18 Precinct.

19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I'd like to welcome  
20 everyone for being here. I would like to welcome  
21 everybody for braving this weather and these  
22 conditions. I'm pleased to see so many people out, and  
23 I hope you all have a very safe remainder of this year.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner  
25 Davis.

1           We are pleased to meet at Second Grace United  
2 Methodist Church. The church will soon celebrate its  
3 96th year. On November 23, 1923, 65 persons met at the  
4 home of Mr. and Mrs. Berry G. Rowe at the 6390 30th  
5 Street in Detroit to organize what has become the  
6 Second Grace United Methodist Church. The church is  
7 currently headed by church leader Louis Moore.

8           Is Reverend Moore here? Please come forward,  
9 please. Extend your warm welcome.

10           MR. MOORE: I want to extend warm welcomes  
11 from the family of Second Grace United Methodist  
12 Church. On behalf of the council, my name is Louis  
13 Moore. I'm the counsel Chair. But our pastor is  
14 Reverend Dr. Darryl E. Totty who could not be here  
15 tonight. And I just want to welcome everyone here.  
16 This is -- as you said, we celebrated 96 years of  
17 service to the community and to do God's work. And  
18 this is a wonderful time after our anniversary to see  
19 everyone here. So welcome to Second Grace and we hope  
20 you enjoy being here.

21           (Applause.)

22           CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you,  
23 sir. We extend our regards to your Pastor Reverend  
24 Totty. I also want to acknowledge Trustee Gordon  
25 Hendrix and Coordinator Ida Hendrix. Thank you,

1 wherever you are. You might be in the back.

2 In any community efforts there are various  
3 partnerships. In policing, the work of the  
4 Police-Community Relations teams are critically  
5 important. I want to acknowledge Mary McGhee,  
6 President, and Teresa Harris, Secretary of the Sixth  
7 Precinct.

8 Mary McGhee, would you please stand -- please  
9 come forward. Give her a round of applause.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. MCGHEE: Thank you. On behalf of the  
12 Sixth Precinct Community Relations, the community, we'd  
13 like to welcome the Board of Police Commissioners.  
14 Thank you so much for choosing us tonight.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And thank you for having  
16 us.

17 MS. MCGHEE: You're welcome.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Hicks, would you  
19 introduce the board staff, please.

20 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I do want  
21 to indicate just prior to making those introductions  
22 that Sergeant Quinn is taping the meeting tonight,  
23 Media Services is providing the audiovisual work and  
24 Sheila Rice is the court reporter for this evening.

25 I then want to indicate that -- a little bit

1 out of order, but Mr. Wyrick is seated to my left. And  
2 then if we would go down the row for members of the  
3 Board of Police Commissioners staff to introduce  
4 themselves, and then when we get to the Office of the  
5 Chief Investigator Dr. Polly McCalister will do the  
6 introductions for the members of the staff who are here  
7 from the Office of the Chief Investigator.

8 MR. BROWN: Robert Brown, board staff.

9 MS. BLOSSOM: Teresa Blossom, Police  
10 Community Relations coordinator.

11 MS. WHITE: Good evening. Melanie White,  
12 Executive Manager of Policy.

13 DR. ANDERSON: Dr. Anderson, police HR.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Faye Johnson, board accountant.

15 DR. McCALISTER: Good evening.

16 COMMISSIONERS: Good evening.

17 DR. McCALISTER: I'm Dr. Polly McCalister.

18 And attending tonight's meeting with me is Supervising  
19 Investigator Cromwell, Senior Investigator Jones,  
20 Senior Investigator Rivera and Investigator Washington.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. I appreciate  
22 the staff and the OCI staff for their attendance and  
23 their ongoing support of the board.

24 Now we're going to my left. It looks like  
25 Deputy Chief Fitzgerald.



1 D.C. FITZGERALD: Yes, sir.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Is that Charles?

3 D.C. FITZGERALD: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you, sir.

5 Would you introduce yourself and any other --

6 D.C. FITZGERALD: Sure. I'm Deputy Chief  
7 Charles Fitzgerald from Neighborhood Policing Bureau  
8 West. And I will start right in the front row with our  
9 good captain of the Sixth Precinct.

10 CAPTAIN POTTS: Captain Lashanna Potts, Sixth  
11 Precinct.

12 (Applause.)

13 COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Commander Williams,  
14 Sixth Precinct.

15 (Applause.)

16 (Whereupon the balance of the police staff  
17 introduced themselves.)

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Deputy Chief.  
19 What I'd like to do -- this is a cold world sometimes,  
20 and not just the weather. What I'd like you to do is  
21 just reach out and touch somebody's hand. Can we do  
22 that? Can we just reach out and touch someone's hand?  
23 Just say hello.

24 Okay. We're going to come back to order.  
25 Since we don't have a quorum, we can engage like a

1 family, and we are a family because that's why we're  
2 here; is that correct?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move on  
6 with the Chairman report, I should say the immediate  
7 Chair report.

8 On behalf of the board, I want to express our  
9 concern and support for fallen -- I'm sorry. Let's  
10 pause. I did not take time to introduce any elected  
11 officials or VIPs or civic leaders. Would you stand  
12 and introduce yourself. I apologize. And any elected  
13 officials or VIPs. I mean, on the BPI (sic) we all  
14 should be standing; right? But anybody that's elected  
15 or ...

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Representative.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Representative.

18 Okay. We've covered that item. We can move  
19 on. Okay.

20 Oh, yes, ma'am. Okay. You're not earning  
21 your duties.

22 (Inaudible): Good evening, board.

23 (Inaudible), administrative assistant to State  
24 Representative Tyrone Carter.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. One of my

1 favorite state reps.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. MORGAN: Louis Morgan. I kind of wear  
4 two hats. I also serve on the Board of Review of the  
5 City of Detroit, District 7.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh, you shouldn't have  
7 said that. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.  
8 Appreciate it.

9 Any others?

10 COMMISSIONERS BROOKS: We've got two  
11 commissioners.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: We have a quorum.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to pause one  
15 second. We have two commissioners. I'm going to ask  
16 them to introduce themselves.

17 MR. BROWN: Darryl Brown, District 1. I  
18 apologize for my tardiness. It couldn't be avoided.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner Willie  
20 Burton. I represent District 5.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for your  
22 attendance.

23 Mr. Hicks.

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

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

1 The next item, business item, would be  
2 approve the agenda for this evening's meeting.

3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved.

4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Support.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
6 and supported.

7 Discussion?

8 Those in favor, aye?

9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Nay.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Nay.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ayes carry.

14 Approval of the minutes for November the 7th,  
15 2019.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Support.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
19 and supported.

20 Discussion?

21 Those in favor, aye?

22 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Nay.

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Nay.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Motion carries.

2 The next item will be the Chairman's report.  
3 On behalf of the board, I want to express our concern  
4 and support for fallen and injured officers and their  
5 families. Our concerns for officer safety and citizen  
6 protection is ranked as two of the most important  
7 priorities of the board. Our board receives a weekly  
8 report from the department listing injured officers. I  
9 would ask the deputy chief during his remarks to advise  
10 us with any additional information related to injured  
11 and fallen officers.

12 The Board of Commissioners meet every week  
13 except for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday  
14 period. We meet at police headquarters three weeks in  
15 a month on Thursday at 3 p.m. We also meet in the  
16 community every second Thursday of the month at  
17 6:30 p.m.

18 Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7,  
19 Chapter 8, the Board of Police Commissioners is  
20 empowered to provide civilian oversight and supervisory  
21 control of the police department. Our board  
22 investigates noncriminal citizen complaints, monitors  
23 the department for compliance with all laws and reviews  
24 and modify police policy and eliminate misconduct,  
25 discriminatory police practices and unnecessary use of

1 force by police. As a civilian oversight agency, we  
2 protect the civil rights of citizens. Our objective is  
3 to increase the quality of life for residents and  
4 visitors to Detroit.

5 I want to point to several important items  
6 for your consideration and information. On the back  
7 table we have cards for any individual interested in  
8 addressing the board. At our community meetings we  
9 limit our agenda to the monthly report from DPD HR,  
10 Human Resources, and the local police report -- local  
11 precinct report. Our hope is to bring to you the most  
12 important information that impacts your neighborhood  
13 and police operations closest to you.

14 Our board meets weekly. Our schedule is very  
15 demanding. We meet 12 times a year in community  
16 meetings across the city. Tonight is an example of our  
17 evening community meetings. These community meetings  
18 are outreach efforts to connect citizens with police  
19 services. We also meet three times a month in regular  
20 sessions at police headquarters at 3 p.m. For our  
21 regular meetings, our practice has been to meet in one  
22 convenient location so that the public is aware of our  
23 meetings and can get to the board at any time.

24 In the board package today you have a copy of  
25 the agenda, minutes from the last meeting and various

1 reports, including monthly HR report and the third DPD  
2 Facial Recognition Report.

3           On our agenda tonight we have four  
4 resolutions. The first is honor the life and  
5 contribution of former United States Representative  
6 John Conyers. Representative Conyers championed the  
7 interests of the 13th congressional district, having  
8 served as the longest serving African-American member  
9 of Congress. Representative Conyers was regarded as  
10 the best of lawmakers. His legislative history, as a  
11 member of Congress, and his ability to work within the  
12 coalition politics has distinguished him as an iconic  
13 leader for the century. At the appropriate point on  
14 the agenda, I would ask Commissioner Holt to read the  
15 resolution into the record, and we will vote on a  
16 resolution so that it will become a part of archives  
17 history of the work of the Detroit Board of Police  
18 Commissioners.

19           We have three other resolutions. Sergeant  
20 Starr Gonzales has long worked with the board in our  
21 efforts to identify and recruit future police officers  
22 to join the police department. Ms. LaShonta Smith and  
23 Mr. Judah Abusalah -- is that close?

24           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Abusalah.

25           CHAIRPERSON BELL: Abusalah. Thank you.

1 Both work alongside law enforcement in the Sixth  
2 Precinct will also be honored for their contributions.

3 We have two presentations. The DPD monthly  
4 HR report by Dr. Marcella Anderson, the director of DPD  
5 personnel. The report will cover recruitment,  
6 processing and hiring procedures for both sworn and  
7 civilian police department. The HR report was E-mailed  
8 to the board Tuesday as part of the Tuesday package and  
9 is also reproduced for your attention tonight. We have  
10 the Sixth Precinct, our very own Commander Arnold  
11 Williams and Captain Potts, Lashanna Potts. They will  
12 discuss crime fighting strategies in the precinct as  
13 well as partnerships they use to deliver services  
14 within the precinct.

15 Under the Deputy Chief's report, I am  
16 requesting an update on our citywide crime stats and  
17 any critical issue facing the police department.

18 Again, at the end of the meeting we will have  
19 public comments from the audience. Please make sure  
20 you print your name on the speaker card obtained by --  
21 on the back -- see Mr. Brown to my far right. He will  
22 need your card before the end of the Chief's police  
23 report. We will hold each speaker to the allotted two  
24 minutes. I ask everyone place your cell phone and  
25 other electronic devices on vibrate to make sure they



1 are not interrupting the meeting.

2 As a final matter, I would like to encourage  
3 cooperation and order at our meeting. We have  
4 discussed in the past the need to treat each other with  
5 respect and control our behavior within the limits of  
6 professionalism. Commissioners who do not have the  
7 floor should not speak until they are recognized by the  
8 Chair. I will ask the commissioners to restrict their  
9 comments to issues that are relevant to the agenda and  
10 to be brief so that we have ample time for public  
11 comments.

12 For the attending audience, please note  
13 there's a time on the agenda for citizen feedback. My  
14 objective tonight is to run an orderly meeting,  
15 including public comments, and have us out of the  
16 meeting at 8 p.m. after which we'll have some  
17 refreshments and exit church by 8:30 p.m.

18 Now we can move on to the resolution.  
19 Commissioner Holt.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I believe Mrs. Conyers  
21 has come in.

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, she's here.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

24 We all know the former council lady, Monica  
25 Conyers, and John Conyers -- is that the Third?

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The Third.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And it's good to see the  
3 family taking time out to be with us. And we just  
4 really thank you. We've been praying for you. We  
5 really appreciate you. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. Resolution  
7 honoring U.S. Representative John Conyers, in memorial.

8 Whereas, on Sunday October 27, 2019, the  
9 world suffered the loss of America's congressman, the  
10 Honorable U.S. Representative John Conyers, a legendary  
11 leader and legislator who relentlessly stood up for  
12 civil rights, voting rights and human rights. As a  
13 military veteran, as an attorney, as civil rights  
14 leader and as an elected official for 53 years,  
15 Representative Conyers always held high a guiding torch  
16 for principles, policies and laws to ensure our nation  
17 lived up to its best, defining ideas for freedom and  
18 equality.

19 And, whereas, Detroit took great pride in  
20 this amazing man who was born May 16, 1929 into a labor  
21 rights family in Highland Park. The Conyers moved to  
22 Detroit where John Jr. graduated from Northwestern High  
23 School. He served in the Michigan National Guard, the  
24 U.S. Army, including a year in Korean War and the U.S.  
25 Army Reserves. He earned a B.A. and law degrees from

1 Wayne State University and later became an aide to the  
2 iconic U.S. Representative John Dingell and an attorney  
3 to several local labor unions.

4           And, whereas, often traveling far and wide  
5 and fighting for social and economic reforms, his  
6 advocacy and work often put him shoulder to shoulder  
7 with other giants of the era, Rosa Parks, who later  
8 worked for him, Damon Keith, Coleman Young, John Lewis  
9 and Martin Luther King, Jr., who was older than  
10 Conyers, but by only four months.

11           And, whereas, he first ran for office in 1964  
12 with a platform of jobs, justice and peace. The slogan  
13 truly embodied his vision and his goals for America and  
14 led him to introduce, or reintroduce, bills year after  
15 year for civil rights, voting rights, health care for  
16 all and slavery reparations. Such tenacity became the  
17 trademark that made him America's congressman.  
18 Communities that saw Jim Crow and gerrymandering robbed  
19 them of their votes had John Conyers as their  
20 congressman pushing voting protection. Motorists  
21 stopped and searched without cause by police anywhere  
22 had John Conyers as a member, a born leader of the  
23 House Judiciary Committee. People afraid to get sick  
24 or scared by doctor bills had John Conyers introducing  
25 single-payer health care year after year since 2002.

1 Every American committed to righting historic wrongs  
2 had their congressman, John Conyers, pushing every year  
3 since 1989 for reparations for descendants of slavery  
4 to remove the blemish on the nation's history. There  
5 was no one as tenacious as America's congressman who  
6 famously introduced a federal holiday bill four days  
7 after Martin Luther King's assassination in 1968. And  
8 Congressman Conyers did not stop until it became law  
9 with the first celebration held in 1986.

10 And, whereas, U.S. congressional journals  
11 record his many achievements such as co-founder of the  
12 Congressional Black Caucus in 1969, chair or top  
13 democrat on the powerful House Oversight Committee 44th  
14 Dean of the U.S. House of Congress for his longevity of  
15 service, the longest serving African-American in  
16 Congress.

17 And so therefore be it -- now, therefore be  
18 it resolved that the Board of Police Commissioners  
19 speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and  
20 the citizens of Detroit salute the life and legacy of  
21 U.S. Rep John Conyers. The city and this nation were  
22 very fortunate to have such a wise, tenacious man as  
23 America's congressman for more than half a century. We  
24 wish him Godspeed and extend condolences and prayers to  
25 his family. We salute you, U.S. Rep John Conyers, for

1 a job well done. And, of course, it's signed by all of  
2 the commissioners, and thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 MRS. CONYERS: I want to thank everyone on  
5 behalf of our family for this award tonight.

6 MR. CONYERS, III: Well, I just want to say  
7 thank you. So I think -- I mean I'm sure everyone here  
8 has at some point dealt with loss at some point. I  
9 mean, I was -- today, for whatever reason, I hadn't in  
10 the past few weeks really -- I guess I was still in  
11 shock, but today I really wanted to hear my dad's  
12 voice. And I always recorded my dad's speeches and so  
13 -- well, not speeches, but just him talking to me. I  
14 will sit at home and just record him dropping gems of  
15 wisdom, if you will.

16 And so the majority of the people here are  
17 elected, right, I'm assuming. And they are elected  
18 officials. And so I will just say this, and this is  
19 one of the talks I listened to today is that -- my dad  
20 was a progressive politician, and he wanted people --  
21 you know, his politics were progressive, and he wanted  
22 people to, you know, have that in mind. But he said  
23 the objective is not to have people vote the way I want  
24 them to vote, but the objective is to get them to  
25 participate in the process. And so our objective,

1 whatever your politics may be going forward, whether  
2 you're a conservative, you're progressive or you think  
3 it's Medicare for all, but you -- other people, your  
4 friend or your sister, your brother, your son thinks  
5 it's -- or your daughter thinks it's Obamacare, the  
6 objective is to get people engaged. The minutia, the  
7 fine points, the Medicare for all or we're going to no  
8 more coal, we're all going to go to electric gas -- I  
9 mean electric power, that's not the point. The point  
10 is to get everyone engaged. And that's the message  
11 that my dad gave me today as I listened to on the  
12 recording is that, John, don't worry about the big  
13 picture that you think is the dream. Focus on the  
14 engagement.

15 So what I want to leave everybody here today  
16 with as we celebrates this in honor of my father is to  
17 get people engaged, just get them engaged. Whatever  
18 the little thing is that they care about, that's how  
19 you get them to the poll, get them to these meetings  
20 like this here, get them engaged. It's not just about  
21 being progressive. It's about engagement.

22 So thank you all for this. I'm going to let  
23 my mom speak. I'm longwinded like my dad, but I'm  
24 going to let my mom speak. Here you go.

25 MRS. CONYERS: Well, I just want to say thank

1 you for -- on behalf of our family as well. And just  
2 to know that my husband said every day, and he watched  
3 everything they said about Donald Trump on television.  
4 He read the newspaper to me in the mornings before I  
5 left to go to work and then he told me everything that  
6 happened while I was gone to work.

7 So please, if you don't do anything else,  
8 make sure that everyone that you know votes, because  
9 you will be hurting his feelings and doing him a  
10 disservice if you did not vote and that you did not pay  
11 attention to politics. Because you know how much he  
12 loved politics, and he believed in jobs, justice and  
13 peace. No justice, no jobs, no peace. So we've got to  
14 make sure that for whatever you do that you just make  
15 sure that you vote.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I move that we adopt this  
21 resolution.

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's properly moved and  
24 second.

25 Discussion?

1 Those in favor, aye?

2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

4 I'd like to just have -- the motion passed.

5 I think we just need to stand and give the Conyers  
6 family one more round of applause for coming out.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We all benefited from his  
9 service. I know when I come out of high school in 1963  
10 I had opportunity to vote, and I voted for John  
11 Conyers. And I know when I went to Vietnam I was  
12 having some issues. And I said, well, first sergeant,  
13 I think we can resolve this by me calling my  
14 congressman, John Conyers. But that was enough. That  
15 was enough right there. When this board was fighting  
16 to get our power at Zion Hope Baptist Church, Congress  
17 Conyers came out and stood with us and participated in  
18 the program.

19 So every -- we all should know his legacy.  
20 We all should carry out his legacy. That's how we will  
21 continue to struggle. And, John Conyers, you said it  
22 clearly what we should engage in. So I just think we  
23 just pick up that mantel, because that's rather unique,  
24 because you won't see that type of leadership anymore.  
25 Regardless, I have a great deal of (Inaudible), but you



1 won't see that type of leadership.

2           And my father would say there are some men --  
3 there are somebody that's really unique. And God  
4 really blessed him and he really shared his blessing  
5 over. He was a very humble man, very humble man. I  
6 mean, I can't tell you how many times you encounter  
7 him. He act as though we was the best buddies. He was  
8 that type of person. We should know that. We should  
9 know and we should carry out that legacy. Thank you  
10 again.

11           (Applause.)

12           CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brooks.  
13 Sergeant Gonzales.

14           COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Would you ask her  
15 father to come up.

16           CHAIRPERSON BELL: Would the father come up,  
17 too, please.

18           COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yeah. That's the  
19 recruitment queen there.

20           COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Honoring Sergeant Starr  
21 Gonzales. This resolution honoring Sergeant Starr  
22 Gonzales is really an honor for me to do this, because  
23 I work with her with recruiting, and she works hard.

24           Whereas, Starr Gonzales was appointed to the  
25 Detroit Police Department on September the 26th, 2007.

1 Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police  
2 Academy, Officer Gonzales began her career at the  
3 Southwestern District.

4 And, whereas, on August the 31, 2016 Officer  
5 Gonzales was promoted to the rank of sergeant and  
6 assigned to the recruiting unit. Always thriving in  
7 her commitment to the Detroit Police Department, showed  
8 her dedication to doing whatever it took by attending  
9 career events and fairs, and by arranging speaking  
10 engagements she developed recruiting material and  
11 relationships with colleges, high schools and agencies  
12 to familiarize them with the opportunity available at  
13 the Detroit Police Department.

14 And, whereas, since joining the recruiting  
15 unit she provides inspiration through her energetic  
16 spirit, leadership and willingness to get down in the  
17 trenches and do whatever it takes. The unit has  
18 processed numerous applicants and launched a new career  
19 for several police officers since her tenure.

20 And, whereas, a recent review of seven top  
21 cities that are currently hiring, the Detroit Police  
22 Department ranks second at the highest number of  
23 recruits hired. This has been possible through  
24 Sergeant Gonzales' ability to devise and implement  
25 aggressive strategy to bring candidates to the door of

1 the Detroit Police Department. Sergeant Gonzales  
2 continues to reach out and emphasize quality,  
3 dedication and diversity in all that we do and that  
4 reach the goal without compromising.

5 And, whereas, Sergeant Gonzales was nominated  
6 for the Women in Blue Female Officer of the Year  
7 2018 -- oh, I'm sorry. Sergeant Gonzales has started a  
8 Drive to Success program that is geared towards  
9 providing drivers education for Detroit public school  
10 students. Since the inception, several Detroit  
11 schools, public school students, have completed the  
12 program.

13 Now therefore let it be resolved that the  
14 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on  
15 behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit,  
16 recognize and honor the contribution and commitment to  
17 excellence and public service of Sergeant Starr  
18 Gonzales. She personifies the true ethic of the  
19 Detroit Police Department. She has proven to be an  
20 exemplary and dedicated to her profession and the city  
21 of Detroit. We salute you, Sergeant Starr Gonzales,  
22 for a job well done.

23 (Applause.)

24 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: This is signed by all  
25 of the police commissioners. And I just want to say

1 thank you.

2 SGT. GONZALES: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you. She does  
4 really works hard. She speaks at all the schools --  
5 I'm going to let you say something.

6 PHOTOGRAPHER: Wait. Let's do the picture  
7 first before you start.

8 SGT. GONZALES: Thank you. I truly  
9 appreciate this, and --

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: This is for your daddy.

11 SGT. GONZALES: But it wasn't just my hard  
12 work. It was the work of the board, certainly Ms.  
13 Brooks. I have a lot of board members that actually  
14 help me. I get E-mails daily and last-minute events to  
15 attend.

16 But my team, I have such a great team. All  
17 you commanders out there, don't try to steal them  
18 because I'm bragging them, but I have a great team.  
19 And they're out there in the trenches with me. They  
20 work just as hard and they care. I mean, we answer the  
21 phone all the way up until eight, nine o'clock at night  
22 working with these candidates. So it was not just me.  
23 It was definitely my whole team that did this. And  
24 also my mentors and my support that I have that I keep  
25 going and going and it's -- as a matter of fact,

1 Captain Potts is one of them.

2 So I mean I appreciate it. And my Captain  
3 Gardner. I appreciate everything, and thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Sergeant.

6 She never said no. She just said where and  
7 what time, and she's that type of person. So we just  
8 thought we would lift up recruiting through Sergeant  
9 Gonzales. Now for --

10 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I move that we accept --  
13 or adopt the resolution just given for Sergeant  
14 Gonzales.

15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
17 and second.

18 Discussion?

19 Those in favor, aye?

20 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

22 Motion carries.

23 Now, Commissioner Davis, District 7 is going  
24 to present a resolution.

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Is LaShonta Smith here?

1 Resolution honoring Ms. LaShonta Smith.

2 Whereas, Ms. LaShonta Smith was born and  
3 raised in southwest Detroit. She is the mother of  
4 three sons and one daughter. And, whereas, Ms. Smith  
5 holds a certificate in Biblical Lead Counseling through  
6 Moody Bible College. She also serves as a Sunday  
7 school teacher at her church, Trinity Christian Church  
8 in Taylor. Ms. Smith serves as a youth advisory board  
9 for the New Haven Ministry in Ecorse.

10 And, whereas, Ms. Smith serves on civic and  
11 community organizations, including several that have  
12 been important partners to the Board of Police  
13 Commissioners in the area of public safety and justice.  
14 She is currently the community engagement coordinator  
15 for Brilliant Detroit Cody Rouge, where she has helped  
16 implement programs such as Mom's Circle, Camp Read  
17 Aloud and Police Talk. With Brilliant Detroit and  
18 their partnership with Gleaners Food Bank, they feed  
19 over 50 families weekly throughout the summer of 2019.

20 And, whereas, Ms. Smith is dedicated to  
21 preserving and improving our community by offering a  
22 loving hand of assistance to families and their  
23 children alongside Brilliant Detroit. She is committed  
24 to the overall well-being of the residents of the Sixth  
25 Precinct.

1 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the  
2 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking for the  
3 citizens of city of Detroit and the Detroit Police  
4 Department acknowledge the dedication, diligent  
5 commitment, support of Ms. LaShonta Smith. Her service  
6 and devotion to improving the quality of life for the  
7 citizens in the Sixth Precinct and throughout the city  
8 of Detroit merits our highest regard. We salute you,  
9 Ms. LaShonta Smith, for a job well done. Signed by all  
10 the Board of Police Commissioners.

11 (Applause.)

12 COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Through the Chair, we  
13 have two additional awards. The first award we have  
14 for Ms. Smith is -- the first award we have for Ms.  
15 Smith is the Spirit of Detroit Award. This award is  
16 presented by the City Council. It's signed by all  
17 members, all seated members of the City Council as of  
18 right now. So we'd like to present you with the Spirit  
19 of Detroit Award for all you do, and also recognizing  
20 you as a very helpful resident in the Sixth Precinct.

21 (Applause.)

22 COMMANDER WILLIAMS: And not to be outdone,  
23 the Detroit Police Department, Chief James E. Craig,  
24 we're presenting you with the Certificate of  
25 Recognition. This is signed by the Chief. And also

1 this is the department's recognition for what you've  
2 done. Thank you so much.

3 (Applause.)

4 MS. SMITH: I'm not a woman of many words. I  
5 just want to thank you guys for all that you do, the  
6 police department, protecting our children and taking  
7 time out of your days to come and speak with them. It  
8 is very important for them to know that they are safe,  
9 that they can achieve anything that they want to do.

10 And I want to say to everybody that's in here  
11 every small thing counts. Anything that you can do  
12 within your realm is important. That means if you can  
13 donate gloves, a little bit of time, mentor the girls  
14 and the boys in your neighborhood. All of it makes a  
15 impact. And we see it every day when we talk to those  
16 kids. They remember the teachers that take that extra  
17 moment or the police officer that doubles back around  
18 and gives them a set of gloves or the lady on the block  
19 that every Thanksgiving makes sure that every kid has a  
20 meal for that day. So just remember that everything  
21 that we do for others it does count and it does make a  
22 impact.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: God bless you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Now we have



1 another one that's a little bit difficult for me to  
2 read.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: The name?

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I think it's Judah  
6 Abusalah.

7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I believe it's Judah  
8 Abusalah, but I may not be pronouncing it correctly.  
9 So forgive me, sir. Come up. We'll let you pronounce  
10 your own name.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Excuse me, Commissioner.  
12 Through the Chair, I move that we accept the  
13 resolution.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Accept.

15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
17 and supported.

18 Discussion?

19 Those in favor, aye?

20 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

22 Motion carries. Thank you.

23 MR. ABUSALAH: First name is Judah. Abusalah  
24 is the last name.

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, sir.

1 Resolution honoring Judah Abusalah. Whereas,  
2 Mr. Judah Abusalah was born and raised in Dearborn,  
3 Michigan. Mr. Abusalah is married to Nour Abusalah,  
4 and they are expecting their first child in February of  
5 2020.

6 (Applause.)

7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Abusalah attended  
8 and graduated from Fordson High School. Mr. Abusalah  
9 attended Henry Ford Community College and received an  
10 Associate's of Arts in criminal justice.

11 And, whereas, Mr. Abusalah is an enterprising  
12 Detroit business owner and community leader. He has  
13 been a owner of a Subway franchise for five years. At  
14 18 years of age, he is the youngest franchisee in  
15 Subway history. This is outstanding.

16 Mr. Abusalah also manages 12 apartment  
17 complexes with 86 units. He also owns Suds 'n' Vac Car  
18 Wash.

19 And, whereas, Mr. Abusalah has participated  
20 in a ride-along with the Sixth Precinct. He is a  
21 strong business and community partner. He supports the  
22 precinct during various community events.

23 Now, therefore be it resolved, the Detroit  
24 Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of  
25 the citizens of this great city of Detroit and the

1 Detroit Police Department, acknowledge the dedicated,  
2 humble, caring, giving and longtime support of  
3 Mr. Judah Abusalah. His generous spirit and commitment  
4 to improving the quality of life for all citizens in  
5 the Sixth Precinct and throughout the city of Detroit  
6 merits our highest regard. We salute you. It's signed  
7 by all the Board of Police Commissioners.

8 (Applause.)

9 COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Jay, good evening.  
10 Nour, good evening.

11 On behalf of the City Council, I'm going to  
12 present you with the Spirit of Detroit Award. This  
13 award is presented by -- or actually it's signed by all  
14 seated members of the City Council. We'll present you  
15 with that.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. ABUSALAH: Thank you.

18 COMMANDER WILLIAMS: And then on behalf of  
19 the Detroit Police Department this is a Certificate of  
20 Recognition. This is signed by Chief of Police James  
21 E. Craig. And again, we want to thank you for all that  
22 you do as a business that resides within the Sixth  
23 Precinct, and we appreciate you.

24 MR. ABUSALAH: Thank you. I appreciate it.

25 (Applause.)

1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Do you want to say a  
3 couple words?

4 MR. ABUSALAH: Thank you, and I appreciate  
5 it.

6 (Applause.)

7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you, sir.  
8 Congratulations.

9 COMMANDER WILLIAMS: If I may, through the  
10 Chair, we have one more award that we called to be on  
11 the agenda.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sure. Okay.

13 COMMANDER WILLIAMS: At this time, Captain  
14 Potts.

15 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Ten seconds, please.  
16 Through the Chair, I move that we adopt the resolution  
17 honoring Mr. Abdullah (sic).

18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
20 and supported.

21 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Abusalah.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Discussion?

23 Those in favor, aye?

24 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

1 Motion carries. Thank you.

2 CAPTAIN POTTS: Hi. I would like for Hassan  
3 Fayed to come up, please.

4 (Applause.)

5 CAPTAIN POTTS: So just a little bit about  
6 the relationship we've had with 41 Therapy (sic). It  
7 began about what, two years ago. I was working in the  
8 Chief's office, and I received a phone call from a  
9 business owner who said I just want to help. I don't  
10 want anything from you. I want to give back to the  
11 city, what can we do.

12 At that time I had just started a critically  
13 and fallen officers injured board, and we were working  
14 with zero funds. And he has been the sole supporter of  
15 that board to the point that we have -- last year we  
16 were able to fly three families to Washington, D.C. to  
17 see that their loved ones were embedded on the wall in  
18 memory. And we also are flying a family this year to  
19 D.C. We've had several Shop With a Cop events for  
20 officers who have been critically injured and they're  
21 fallen. And I would be remiss if we did not recognize  
22 the contribution that he has not only done for the  
23 fallen and injured officers board, but since I moved  
24 over to the Sixth Precinct he has then moved over there  
25 with me and continues to support me in any endeavors

1 that I do at the Sixth Precinct. So I want to thank  
2 you for your friendship, and I would like to just read  
3 this just quick.

4 "Spirit of Detroit Award is presented  
5 herewith as an expression of gratitude and esteem of  
6 the citizens of Detroit to Hassan Fayed, 41 Therapy, 4  
7 UR Recovery Aqua and Physical Therapy. In recognition  
8 of exceptional achievement, outstanding leadership and  
9 dedication to improving quality of life by the City  
10 Council of Detroit, Michigan. Council president Brenda  
11 Jones and the Detroit City Council would like to  
12 recognize and commend you for your generosity, kindness  
13 and volunteer services to the fallen and critically  
14 injured officers board as well as the Sixth Precinct  
15 and to the citizens of Detroit. Your willingness to  
16 assist anyone demonstrates that there are still good  
17 people in this world who care about helping others in  
18 their most vulnerable time of need. You are an  
19 inspiration to others. Thank you for making a  
20 difference. You truly exemplify the spirit of  
21 Detroit."

22 And it's signed by all members of the  
23 council.

24 (Applause.)

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: God bless you, Hassan.

1 MR. FAYED: Good evening.

2 AUDIENCE: Good evening.

3 MR. FAYED: I just want to thank everybody  
4 that's here. And I want to thank more than anybody all  
5 the support. As you can see here, I have Dearborn PD,  
6 I have Southfield PD, I have Daniel Stubbs who flew  
7 from Boca Raton just to be here. Because at the end of  
8 day what we do, we do it as a family. And this is the  
9 key. The key to Detroit is becoming a family with each  
10 other. It doesn't matter what race, what color, what  
11 religion we're in, because, you know what, Detroit  
12 could be the best city ever. And I have -- you know,  
13 just so you guys know, I don't live in West Bloomfield,  
14 I don't live in Birmingham. I'm a Detroit resident. I  
15 live in Harbortown Detroit. You know why? Because I  
16 believe in Detroit. I believe in the leadership.

17 And more than anything, I felt so bad  
18 yesterday. I see commander on the news. You know  
19 what, there's so many good people out there. Why can't  
20 we just focus on the positive. There's so many  
21 positive things that can happen in the city if we just  
22 have the same agenda.

23 Thank you more than anything for being here,  
24 taking the time out of your time. Captain Potts, I saw  
25 you this morning. Commander, I saw you this morning.

1 Just so you know, every Detroit precinct has dog sticks  
2 now, and thanks to her leadership. And, Commander  
3 Williams, thank you for your leadership. Thank you  
4 everybody. And then thank you -- don't ever lie to me  
5 anymore, because he told me he wasn't going to be here.  
6 And he came in here and I cried, because he came in  
7 from Cleveland. And I was so wondering why. And, you  
8 know, I love you to the death, Dave.

9 Thanks to my family. Thanks my team. Thanks  
10 everybody. We're one family, Detroit. And thanks,  
11 Chief James Craig.

12 (Applause.)

13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You dressed like a  
14 Detroiter.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, that was well  
16 moving. Let's give him another round of applause.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That's truly dedication  
19 and commitment to the city of Detroit.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I move that we adopt the  
23 resolution honoring the accomplishments of Hassan  
24 Fayed.

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.



1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
2 and supported.

3 Discussion?

4 Those in favor, aye?

5 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

7 Motion carries.

8 Before we move to the Deputy Chief report, I  
9 would be remiss that I didn't -- when we talk about  
10 Sergeant Gonzales, but the young lieutenant at the  
11 time, now captain, I didn't see her earlier. I would  
12 have called her up. But she was one of the leading  
13 supervisors in recruiting.

14 And, Captain Gardner, would you please stand.  
15 Let's give her a round of applause.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Appreciate it.

18 Now we can move on to the Deputy Chief's  
19 report in reference to Chief Craig.

20 D.C. FITZGERALD: Thank you, Commissioner  
21 Bell. My report will be quick. Just a couple of  
22 points.

23 Criminal homicides unfortunately we are up.  
24 We had a bad week last week. There were 32 people shot  
25 in this good city of ours. Ten of those people have

1 perished from their injuries. So it puts us up nine  
2 over the same time last year. Had we not had last  
3 week, we'd be down one homicide competing for last  
4 year.

5 Our nonfatal shooting numbers we're up 26.  
6 It puts us up about four percent. Robberies is a  
7 slight uptick, up about three percent. We're up 58  
8 over last year.

9 So we were trending in the right direction,  
10 and then we had a really, really bad week. The only  
11 message I can give you is these guns do not solve  
12 anything out here. Conflict resolution is huge. So  
13 we're losing the lives of a lot of young folks and a  
14 lot of good Detroit citizens. So hopefully that will  
15 carry something.

16 Officers critically injured in the line of  
17 duty, no real changes. Continued prayers for Wallace  
18 Johnson. He's in an extended long-term care facility  
19 still from a gunshot wound he suffered. Officer  
20 Therssen, Sims, Painter and Trozak are all still at  
21 home recovering from their injuries, as are Mario  
22 Rodriguez from a gunshot wound and Michael Rayes  
23 Morales.

24 Lastly, a little bit of good news before we  
25 get to the presentations is that next week because of

1 all the good work of Sergeant Gonzales and the rest of  
2 the recruiting team we have a recruit class graduating  
3 at 14601 Dequindre at about 10:30 a.m. And I believe  
4 that is 2019 H if I'm correct.

5 You know offhand?

6 All right. 2019 H. And that will be at  
7 Second Ebenezer up on Dequindre. And that is all I  
8 have at this point.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Any questions  
11 or concerns for the deputy chief?

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah, through the Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I would just like to  
15 take this time, D.C., to thank the Detroit Police  
16 Department, especially Chief Craig and all the members  
17 that reached out to me during this time of bereavement  
18 for my family and the assistance that I received with  
19 the situation that went on last week. I really  
20 appreciate that. And I just want to say thank you.  
21 Thank you to all of you.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Any other  
23 comments?

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have a comment.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Perhaps Arthur Harris of  
2 the 300 would like to say something for a moment.

3 MR. HARRIS: Oh. Putting me on blast?

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Absolutely.

5 MR. HARRIS: I just want to say thank you for  
6 DPD for everything they do, making this city safe.

7 Thank you for the board for everything that you do.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mr. Harris. I  
9 appreciate it. We appreciate you on the ground  
10 working.

11 We're going to move on to HR report, Dr.  
12 Anderson.

13 DR. ANDERSON: Good evening, honorable board.

14 COMMISSIONERS: Good evening.

15 DR. ANDERSON: I'm here to give the monthly  
16 HR report. This report is provided as a summary for  
17 the Human Resource bureau's activities for the month of  
18 October.

19 So we have a total of 2,671 budgeted sworn  
20 positions. Out of those 2,671 budgeted positions, we  
21 have filled 2,517. We have 154 vacancies. We have 667  
22 budgeted civilian positions, 609 are filled, 558 are  
23 vacant. If anyone's interested in applying for a  
24 position with the City of Detroit, you can go to  
25 DetroitMI.gov. That's DetroitMI.gov.

1           Our recruiting stats for this fiscal year  
2 starting July 1, 2019 until October 31, 2019, we've  
3 received 2,093 applicants, 63 are in process, 49 have  
4 been hired, 85 are listed as lack of interest, 989 are  
5 temporarily disqualified, 250 are permanently  
6 disqualified, and we have 657 awaiting MCOLES testing.

7           Our written and physical agility examination  
8 results for the month of October, we had 77 applicants  
9 scheduled to take the written, 63 appeared, 50 passed  
10 and 13 failed. We had 220 registered to take the  
11 physical agility, 127 appeared, 65 passed and 62  
12 failed. We had 17 cadets graduate from the police  
13 academy again in the month of October. For the total  
14 number of new hires for October was 33, 27 sworn, six  
15 civilians and zero police assistance. We actually have  
16 some police assistance that will be hired during the  
17 month of November.

18           For our residency numbers, our residency  
19 numbers for the city of Detroit we have 569 sworn  
20 officers that live in the city of Detroit and 335  
21 civilians. Attrition, we lost 32 officers this month,  
22 18 sworn -- I'm sorry, 18 sworn officers, 14 civilian  
23 for a total of 32. FMLA for sworn we have 14 sworn  
24 officers on continuous FMLA, 57 on intermittent FMLA,  
25 three military duty, 118 restricted, 47 disabled and 15

1 sick.

2 For our sworn suspension we have seven police  
3 officers that are on suspension, one detective, one  
4 sergeant and one command officer for a total of ten.  
5 Monthly separation is 18. And we have 583 officers in  
6 the DROP program.

7 That concludes my monthly report.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Dr. Anderson.

9 Do we have any questions or concerns for Dr.  
10 Anderson?

11 MR. BROWN: Through the Chair.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: To my left, then we'll ...

13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Through the Chair. You  
14 may have told me before, when you say restricted what  
15 does that entail, restricted?

16 DR. ANDERSON: That means that the officer  
17 cannot basically complete all of the skills that's  
18 necessary to be -- to work in a full capacity of a  
19 police officer. So what we do is we assign them to  
20 tasks that may include desk duty and things like that  
21 until we can put them back on the street.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And finally,  
23 Mr. Chairman, what's the budget -- how many police  
24 officers can we have in this budget? What positions do  
25 we have available? And then what is the ideal number

1 of police officers that the City should have versus  
2 what we have?

3 DR. ANDERSON: Well, if we could fill our 154  
4 vacancies, that would suffice.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Which is ...

6 DR. ANDERSON: We currently have 2,000 --  
7 we're budgeted for 2,671, but we only have on staff  
8 2,500 -- 2,517, which leaves us with an opening for 154  
9 new officers.

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And then finally,  
11 Mr. Chairman, I appreciate you allowing me, so I'm  
12 asking -- maybe I need to give you some time, but in  
13 other words what is the ideal for a city like Detroit,  
14 700, 800 people, what's the ideal number of police  
15 officers we should have for a city like Detroit? What  
16 is your goal? What is your ultimate goal?

17 DR. ANDERSON: My ultimate goal is to become  
18 fully staffed and have the 2,825.

19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: That's the goal?

20 DR. ANDERSON: That's my goal.

21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Chief Craig would love to  
23 have -- we would love to have 5,000 police officers,  
24 but that's not fiscal budget wise. That's not going to  
25 happen. Back in the day when we had a million

1 population we had 5,000 police officers, but when you  
2 look at -- I guess you have to compare Detroit against  
3 a similar city of our size. Maybe that would sort of  
4 give us an idea of what they're working with, but I'm  
5 pretty sure that as we come out of this financial --  
6 and we're still dealing with the financial issues, so  
7 that's going to be ongoing so you're correct. But  
8 Chief Craig, we all would like 5,000 plus, but I don't  
9 think that's going to happen, you know, with the Mayor  
10 and the council weighing in on the budget. But we as  
11 taxpayers know the situation extremely well.

12 Thank you.

13 Commissioner Brown.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah, Dr. Anderson.

15 When you were hired I know a couple months, and we  
16 talked about it before about starting the programs for  
17 the kids, I understand that we were in the high  
18 schools, what's the total number of programs that we've  
19 started? And why don't we see those numbers or facts  
20 about those programs detailing anything about them in  
21 your report?

22 And also on the suspended list that you have  
23 here I would appreciate it if you could include the  
24 date, the date of the suspension. I would like to just  
25 keep up with that to see how long they're running



1 through.

2 And then I notice you have two pages here,  
3 one name that was omitted from October to November.  
4 Did we get any information on that person returning to  
5 duty?

6 DR. ANDERSON: You said two?

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes. I have two pages.

8 DR. ANDERSON: What pages are you referring  
9 to so I can take a look?

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: It's the monthly  
11 suspension report. I have two different pages. One  
12 has I believe 10 people and one has 11.

13 DR. ANDERSON: So what you're looking at is  
14 the one that has 10 people at the bottom does it say  
15 exported on November the 1st?

16 MR. BROWN: Correct.

17 DR. ANDERSON: Okay. So that's for the month  
18 of October. And then the one that says ...

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: October the 3rd?

20 DR. ANDERSON: Yes, October the 3rd. So the  
21 one that's October the 3rd was for the prior month  
22 where you had 11 people.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Right.

24 DR. ANDERSON: And so the following month you  
25 had someone come off. I believe it was India Perry.

1 So she's not listed on the October report, because she  
2 was removed from the suspension list.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay.

4 DR. ANDERSON: I can ask for force  
5 investigations to include the date for the suspension  
6 for you.

7 And the reason why I don't report on programs  
8 because programs come out of field recruiting, which is  
9 overseen by the Chief's office. So I've never reported  
10 on programs, and I don't know that the director prior  
11 to me did because it actually comes out of the Chief's  
12 office.

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I think what my  
16 colleague, Reverend Jim Holley, was trying to say is  
17 what cities with a population of 700,000 residents,  
18 what are they size when it comes to police manpower,  
19 and where do we stand in measure to those departments?

20 DR. ANDERSON: I can get that information to  
21 you for the next month's report.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Sure. You should know  
23 it. It's your job.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Excuse me, Dr. Anderson.

25 Any other questions or concerns for Dr.

1 Anderson?

2 Thank you.

3 DR. ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And now Sixth Precinct,  
5 Commander Williams.

6 COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Through the Chair. As  
7 of -- the numbers that we have are as of November 7th.  
8 As of November 7th, our numbers show we're down one  
9 percent in all violent crimes. So that's 167 incidents  
10 of violent crime that happened 2019 versus 183 that  
11 happened in 2018. So that's where our one-percent  
12 decrease is, and that's about -- what is that -- a  
13 decrease of 18 incidents.

14 For our property offenses, we have a three  
15 percent overall decrease. 2019 we had 2,097 incidents.  
16 2018 the same time we had 2,154 incidents. So  
17 that's -- we show both a overall decrease in our  
18 violent crime and a overall decrease in our property  
19 crime.

20 Now, if you want to look at the numbers  
21 specifically, I want to talk about some of the numbers  
22 that will stand out. So for homicides for the Sixth  
23 Precinct as of today we had 25 homicides versus last  
24 year where we had 21. So that was a increase of four  
25 homicides. For our nonfatal shootings we have 74 this

1 year versus 48 last year. So we had a decrease -- I'm  
2 sorry, a increase of 54. And that overall number of  
3 increases we had 26 more shootings, nonfatal shootings  
4 this year than we had in 2018.

5 This goes back to what the deputy chief  
6 talked about. The majority of our shootings are  
7 relationship based. We do have those shootings that  
8 have a narcotics nexus, a gang nexus, and then we have  
9 some that are unknown. But the majority of the  
10 shootings that we've had have been conflict between  
11 known individuals.

12 So one of the things that the captain and I  
13 talk about is going forward we want to make sure that  
14 we have strategies that address that. Normal regular  
15 policing doesn't. So one of the things we looked at is  
16 we looked at the top calls for service. So of the  
17 hundred top residents that have called police services  
18 we see how many times they call during the year, and  
19 then we actually send our neighborhood police officers  
20 out and they engage each one of these locations. And  
21 when they engage the locations we try to set them up  
22 with mediation.

23 The filter that we use was -- to determine  
24 some of these calls, we check to see the disturbance  
25 calls, neighborhood trouble calls and family trouble.

1 So those were the key words that we typed in when we  
2 did our search.

3 So when the neighborhood police officers went  
4 out they actually talked to a resident, they got a name  
5 and a phone number, they left information on mediation  
6 services. And we also invited them to attend our  
7 restorative practices. And Captain Potts she'll talk a  
8 little bit more about that.

9 But one of the things that we found is that  
10 we have to come up with a better strategy to attract  
11 that community, I guess you can say, activity to  
12 actually come to the event. So what I mean by that is  
13 when we knock on the door and we talk to you at your  
14 house you're going to tell us yes. But when we say,  
15 hey, can you come out on a Saturday at 9 a.m. to be  
16 involved in this event, we have very little actual  
17 participation.

18 So we've come up with some ideas to bring  
19 people in. We're thinking about having a TV raffle or  
20 some other stuff, but those are some of the things  
21 we're looking at to combat the actual conflict that  
22 occurs between known individuals.

23 So for the crime, our property crime, we're  
24 pretty much down across the board for our larcenies,  
25 also our burglaries. We had a number of key arrests.

1 Some of the strategies that we have in place they're  
2 really working, but before I go into the strategies I  
3 want to talk about the one area of the property crime  
4 that we're up in the Sixth Precinct and that's auto  
5 thefts. As of right now today, we're up 13 percent.

6 And what we do for the last two weeks, just  
7 the last two weeks alone, we had 32 auto thefts that  
8 took place. The majority of the auto thefts took place  
9 between the hours of 4 p.m. and 12 a.m. So pretty much  
10 during that time where people are on the way home from  
11 work or at home from work.

12 What we found when we looked at some of the  
13 things that take place, the majority of the vehicles  
14 that were taken, as it's getting colder in the  
15 environment people are letting their cars run and  
16 they're leaving their keys inside. So we had a number  
17 of vehicles that were taken that way. Literally  
18 somebody just jumped in the car in their driveway and  
19 took off. And then we still have the same thing going  
20 on with gas stations and stores. They'll leave their  
21 car running, run inside, then come back out and their  
22 car is gone. So if we can say anything, make sure you  
23 just turn your car off. Don't make your vehicle a easy  
24 target.

25 And as we were looking across the board at

1 vehicles for the last two weeks, what we found was that  
2 Chevy products -- they're literally look at Chevy  
3 Trailblazers, the later models 2007s, 2009s, and those  
4 are the ones that are being taken. But again, we still  
5 have the usual suspects, your Ford Fusion, your Ford  
6 Focuses, Chrysler 200s, 300s and your Chargers and  
7 Challengers. So those are the primary vehicles. But  
8 over the last two weeks they've literally taken  
9 everything, Cadillacs, Ford Explorers.

10 But the one thing we can say to everyone is  
11 if you have a driveway, park your car in the driveway.  
12 If you're warming your car up in the morning, warm it  
13 up in the garage, keep the vehicle locked. That's just  
14 some of the advice that we give right now.

15 We do have -- because we saw that the  
16 majority of the vehicle thefts were occurring during  
17 the afternoon shift, our afternoon shift has actually  
18 come up with an initiative. They're actually working  
19 it through right now. And we're looking to see if that  
20 initiative gives us any gains.

21 In addition to that initiative, overall we  
22 have just a few initiatives that we run at the Sixth  
23 Precinct for crime. So one is Ceasefire. I think  
24 everybody's aware of that. That's to combat gang  
25 violence, stop everybody from shooting. And with that

1 we have actually shown a significant decrease in the  
2 number of gang incidents involving weapons.

3 For year-to-date 2019, this is as of November  
4 7th, we had 94 guns confiscated just through the  
5 efforts of the officers at the Sixth Precinct. We do  
6 Restore Order Operations every week. What a Restore  
7 Order Operation is is we look at our hot spot areas.  
8 We target our hot spot areas with our Ceasefire  
9 officers and our Special Operations officers, and we  
10 literally just dig into an area and we try to do  
11 everything we can to suppress crime in that area. And  
12 we do that -- we pick one specific day out the week.  
13 We try to get it close to a weekend as possible so it  
14 can have a lasting effect over that weekend period.

15 We also do target enforcement. We partner  
16 with Michigan Department of Corrections doing home  
17 checks on individuals who -- whenever our crime  
18 categories are up, we actually pair with MDOC. And, if  
19 it's auto thefts, we see if we have any parolees or  
20 probationers that are in the area that have committed  
21 auto thefts in the past. We do the same thing with  
22 armed robberies and such.

23 And also we look at sentencing and we have  
24 community involvement through CB patrols. And when I  
25 say we look at sentencings, for those who we do arrest



1 for violent crimes we have a system, or I guess you  
2 call a process called gun stat, where we see those  
3 individuals who they have a prior gun case in the past,  
4 we try to put them on a federal track. A federal track  
5 pretty much assures prosecution. And most of the time  
6 it's at a -- they have a higher sentencing guideline.

7 So those are some of the things that we're  
8 looking at. Those are some of the things we're  
9 pushing. We're looking at new strategies right now,  
10 and literally we're open to everybody. So we have our  
11 officers coming up with stuff, presenting it to us.  
12 And we're doing everything we can within the community  
13 to combat the crime that we have.

14 So at this point I'm going to turn it over to  
15 Captain Potts and she'll talk about some of the  
16 community partnerships we have.

17 CAPTAIN POTTS: I'm not going to be as  
18 lengthy as Commander Williams is. I'll just go through  
19 some of the things that we've instituted at the Sixth  
20 Precinct.

21 Whenever we have a nonfatal shooting, we now  
22 from our seats have mandated that our NPOs do a  
23 wrap-around. And what they do is they go back into  
24 that same area. They knock on some doors of the  
25 citizens. They try to offer resources. And we try to

1 get as much information as we can so that we can close  
2 our nonfatal shootings. Since we've instituted that  
3 we've seen that our closure rate I think is second or  
4 third highest in the precincts. So we think that that  
5 program is working.

6 The commander talked about conflict  
7 resolution. We held a conflict resolution restorative  
8 practice at Kadesh Church. Like he said, we wanted a  
9 bigger turnout, but any time you get anyone to come out  
10 it's a success story.

11 What our officers took from that is that in  
12 order for the community and police officers to engage  
13 each other we have to be willing to listen. And we  
14 have to be willing to be empathetic and understand what  
15 it's like to be a Detroit police officer and also to  
16 understand what it's like to be a citizen being  
17 investigated by a Detroit police officer. And I think  
18 that both the citizens and the police officers took  
19 away a understanding that we have to give a little to  
20 get a lot.

21 We also do Surviving a Stop where we teach  
22 young people what to do when they're pulled over by  
23 police officers. What we find is a lot of times it's  
24 ignorance of the law. A lot of people try to argue  
25 their stop in the streets, and what we're trying to

1 tell them is if you feel like you've been harmed there  
2 are recourses that the department has set up that  
3 allows you to voice your opinion, but it is not to be  
4 done while you're being investigated by the police  
5 officers on patrol.

6 We also hold health fairs, youth safety  
7 fairs, Career Day, we do safety presentations in the  
8 senior citizen homes. We had a very good Haircuts and  
9 Ponytails that began right before school started. We  
10 serviced over 150 kids right before school.

11 We're now doing a Shop With a Cop where we'll  
12 be taking five families in the neighborhood and taking  
13 them to Target where they can go and get gifts for  
14 themselves or their families. We did a community block  
15 party at the Cornerstone Apartments, which was leading  
16 -- when I first got to this precinct was leading our  
17 crime. We've engaged that community, and what we found  
18 out is that the crime has now ceased in that community.  
19 We'll continue to do that.

20 We have a turkey giveaway that we're doing at  
21 Cornerstone Apartments. We did a meet-and-greet with  
22 all of our Sixth Precinct businesses. We're doing a  
23 clothing drive for the families that was affected with  
24 the fire at Cornerstone. And I have to say this year  
25 we had a very successful Halloween trunk-or-treat. We

1 serviced over 1,500 kids. So that was enormous for us.

2 We're also having on December 4th, from 1:00  
3 to 4:00, we're having a grand reopening of the Sixth  
4 Precinct. We've had some remodeling done. And I think  
5 that when the citizens come in they'll find that the  
6 environment is welcoming, and I'm interested to see  
7 what their reaction is. We created a zen room with the  
8 help of Hassan Fayed. It is a place where we want the  
9 community to be able to come and engage and kind of  
10 relax as well as the police officers when they're --  
11 after a traumatic incident.

12 So I think what the work that the commander  
13 and I are doing with the support of the Chief, Deputy  
14 Chief Fitzgerald, that I think you'll see the issues  
15 that we had at the Sixth Precinct are all but gone. We  
16 continue to reassess monthly so that we make sure that  
17 what happened there will not happen again.

18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 COMMANDER WILLIAMS: At this time, questions  
21 from the board?

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Board, any questions or  
23 concerns?

24 Yes, sir.

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question. The human

1 trafficking and sex workers, what type of activities  
2 are going on now? Because I know at one time there was  
3 a concern that was hearing calls.

4           COMMANDER WILLIAMS: So we still have that  
5 issue. And the department actually has a task force  
6 now that's grant funded. It's a 15 sworn member task  
7 force that actually does all our investigations for  
8 trafficking. They did a presentation to our precinct  
9 personnel. So when they go to runs they can look at  
10 different signs. If they see something that appears  
11 that a victim or a witness is a possible victim, they  
12 show the telltale signs to see and then the questions  
13 to ask to find out more information on it. And then  
14 after that point if they do determine it's something  
15 they hold the scene and then they notify -- I'm sorry.  
16 They notify vice where the task force is located.

17           CAPTAIN POTTS: And we also do  
18 offer-to-engage enforcement where we send our decoy  
19 police female officers out. And we've been successful.  
20 We've done that I think three times in the last couple  
21 weeks, and we've got quite a few cars from that.

22           COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.

23           COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair.

24           CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

25           COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you so much for

1 your hands-on neighborhood, kind of warm and fuzzy.  
2 You mentioned that you guys trick-or-treated some eight  
3 hundred -- eight --

4 CAPTAIN POTTS: Over 1,500.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: 1,500. Okay. We were  
6 over in the Eight, 291 Delta Sigma Theta. Okay. And  
7 we were just get so excited that we served about 800.  
8 And then, of course, I can't account for what the  
9 precinct was doing. But again, thank you for your  
10 hands-on neighborhood stuff.

11 CAPTAIN POTTS: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Sir, you mentioned about  
13 Ceasefire, and you said everybody knows about  
14 Ceasefire. Well, not necessarily. I had the  
15 opportunity to attend a Ceasefire forum over at Triumph  
16 last week, and the heart-wrenching part of that forum,  
17 of course, that here you have so many of our jewels,  
18 oh, I don't know, maybe 50 young men who were privy to  
19 a presentation. And the law enforcement agencies, the  
20 federal, the state, the county and, of course, the city  
21 showed that they are united to impact for some changes  
22 in the behaviors of these young men.

23 Now, what was positive about that forum was  
24 those young men could have applied for a job that  
25 evening, and if they were concerned about not being

1 qualified because of not having a high school diploma  
2 or having some reading deficit those services were  
3 offered to those young men. So to me it's an action  
4 program, but not everybody knows about it apparently.

5           COMMANDER WILLIAMS: So if I may, I'll do a  
6 really, really brief explanation of Ceasefire. What  
7 Ceasefire is, so everyone knows, it's a program that  
8 actually targets gangs within the city and it targets  
9 gangs to have them stop shooting.

10           What the commissioner was just speaking about  
11 was a call-in that we had last week. On a call-in what  
12 we do is we ask for volunteers and we have  
13 court-ordered appearances by individuals who are gang  
14 members. And they have to show up or they volunteer  
15 show up. It's one of those two things. And then we  
16 invite community members, we invite members of law  
17 enforcement, the commission, and also we have the  
18 Mayor. And it's a lot of positive things there. And  
19 what we do is we give them a choice. You can choose to  
20 go to the gun or you can choose to take these resources  
21 to help yourself.

22           And that's what the actual calling is for.  
23 And the Ceasefire program as a whole, I'm glad you said  
24 that, it's not just about enforcement. It's about  
25 enforcement -- you choose if you want to be enforced or

1 you choose that you want to get help, and that's what  
2 it is. And we provide the help when they want the  
3 help. And, if they choose the enforcement part, well,  
4 they get the enforcement part. So -- and that's  
5 Ceasefire in a nutshell.

6 Was that brief enough for you?

7 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yeah. You did a better  
8 job this time.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commander  
10 Williams and Captain Potts for your leadership and as  
11 we move forward, and your breakdown in terms of how  
12 you're trying to approach the issues of crime and  
13 community engaging young people. So I just want to  
14 commend you in terms of taking on the Sixth Precinct.  
15 But, as we well know, Sixth Precinct had a great  
16 reputation in terms of serving this community. And so  
17 we -- I know they had a little hiccup, but we are  
18 moving forward. We appreciate all officers of the  
19 Sixth Precinct. Thank you again.

20 CAPTAIN POTTS: Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Hicks, is there  
23 anything in reference to your report that's not listed  
24 here that you need to lift up? If not, I want to move  
25 the agenda.



1 MR. HICKS: No, Mr. Chair. The five items  
2 that are listed on the agenda really represents the  
3 incoming information over the last week at the Board of  
4 Police Commissioners. And unless you have a specific  
5 question on a particular item they are listed in front  
6 of you.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.

8 Unfinished business?

9 New business?

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Chairman?

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'd like for us to  
13 really consider -- I keep -- my suggestion over and  
14 over seems to be falling on deaf ears. I really feel  
15 like -- we at 150 people homicides. It seems like we  
16 are basically satisfied with that. And I say that  
17 because we are not doing anything that seems that we  
18 want to decrease that.

19 What I'm asking you -- and I'm asking if the  
20 police department don't want to do it that this Board  
21 of Commissioners will engage in having a crime summit  
22 that really will put -- perhaps have the police  
23 department talk about prevention with the strategies  
24 for prevention, that we have the police, the  
25 politicians, the pastors, the parents and the

1 principals in this type of conference that we can just  
2 really look and see what can we do to lower the  
3 homicide.

4 I hear that gangs -- there's only one gang in  
5 the city of Detroit and that's the police department.  
6 That's the one I recognize. And I just feel like if it  
7 has to do with trafficking or anything that we ought to  
8 at least make an effort to address it. If it's money,  
9 Mrs. Brooks is good at raising money. I just feel like  
10 we ought not to ignore, ignore this over and over  
11 again. Then another year from here now we're still  
12 looking at 250 some people homicide.

13 And I just feel like other than just coming  
14 and listening week after week and not doing anything in  
15 a positive way of trying to really implement something  
16 that can help the city, I just feel like that we ought  
17 to do more than just listen and oversight, but also to  
18 be involved in trying to get the crime down.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, Commissioner Holley.  
20 I think we can take that up with the Chair as we move  
21 forward in 2020. Chief Craig, you know, has an  
22 aggressive program, and I think what you're saying is  
23 that the Board of Police Commissioners needs to be more  
24 engaging. And we can take that under advisement  
25 seriously how we can approach that. But I think that

1 Chief Craig outlined -- even tonight we heard some  
2 things how they do a follow-up in terms of shootings,  
3 breaking down all the issues we're dealing with. But  
4 we as a board can entertain what you suggested, that we  
5 need to take a forum to propel us in terms of how we  
6 want to be more involved, the same way how we tackle  
7 recruiting. But we can take that under advisement.  
8 Definitely, sir.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I really like to see  
10 it, Mr. Chairman, and I don't mean no harm, to see if  
11 we can get this 2020 we'll be under 200 homicides. I  
12 think we ought to have a goal --

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: -- and that we work on  
15 that and try to get the good citizens and leadership in  
16 this community involved in helping the police  
17 department. They need our -- I see great stuff here,  
18 great stuff in many of these things, but we've got to  
19 make sure that -- I feel like the whole city ought to  
20 be involved if we're going to get this crime down to  
21 where I think it's respected.

22 I thank you for this time.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Duly noted.  
24 Commissioner Brooks.

25 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I just have one thing

1 to say. The report that you two just gave from this  
2 precinct you all are doing a lot, and to me that's  
3 going to help crime, because you've got your community  
4 working. And I think if every precinct and every area  
5 has programs like you do I think crime will go down,  
6 because you're working together.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, I'd just like  
10 to know where the board is right now as far as finding  
11 a meeting location for our Thursday meetings to be in  
12 compliance with the Open Meetings Act based off of the  
13 City Inspector General's report?

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think you will have to  
15 take that up with the Chair when she returns next week.  
16 And that's something that we are looking at  
17 aggressively. And primarily we have addressed that  
18 almost weekly and hopefully we can resolve that issue.

19 Announcements. Our next meeting will be on  
20 Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 3 p.m. at the Public  
21 Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street. Our next  
22 community meeting will be on Thursday, November 12,  
23 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Third Precinct at historic  
24 Little Rock Baptist Church, 9000 Woodward Avenue,  
25 hosted by the country preacher --

1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You don't want to miss  
2 that one.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: So put it on your  
4 calendar. The next item will be --

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: -- oral communication and  
7 public comments.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. You  
9 failed to acknowledge the old business. You went new  
10 business --

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Unfinished business and  
12 new business. We're now on oral communication.

13 Mr. Brown.

14 MR. BROWN: Through the Chair. Mr. Chair, I  
15 currently have five cards. I'll call all five at once.  
16 Ms. Faith, Ms. Teddy Ragland, Mr. Dewayne Adams, Ms.  
17 Crystal Bonner and Detroit.

18 MS. FAITH: Welcome to this honorable board.  
19 My name is Ms. Faith, for the record. And I just want  
20 to welcome everyone here. Special commendation for  
21 number 6. I was so impressed by everything that you  
22 all said and the hard work that you all doing in the  
23 community, in the precinct that you're working in,  
24 until I want to say just like our Chief Bettison would  
25 say, kudos to you all. I don't use those words all the

1 time, but it's appropriate at this point in time. So  
2 honor to you all and kudos at the same time. Keep up  
3 the good work. I'm very proud of both of you as if you  
4 was my old children and I will be your mama, so ...

5 But also I want to say the commendation that  
6 was given for our congressman, our late Congressman  
7 Conyers, I enjoyed the way it was presented. And he  
8 was a very, very good man. And his family -- he has a  
9 wonderful family. And it was an honor to be able to  
10 have met them and hear them speak tonight.

11 And so also I want to say that I appreciate  
12 the leadership and authority of our Commissioner Bell  
13 down through the years and in this coming year and that  
14 you have stood and respected and honored and been an  
15 ambassador of all the commissioners. Keep up the good  
16 work, Commissioner. I appreciate you so much.

17 And again, I also appreciate all the  
18 commissioners and the things that they have had to say.  
19 And Commissioner Holt and Commissioner Brooks. Don't  
20 feel left out rest of you all commissioners, but I'm  
21 kind of partial to the ladies. Being a lady myself,  
22 you know, I have to be that way. Us girls got to stick  
23 together.

24 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you. Thank you.

25 MS. FAITH: But they do a very fine job down

1 through the years. And, Commissioner Brooks, keep up  
2 the good work in the recruiting of the officers. And  
3 they are very fine officers because of you all  
4 commissioners, and especially you, Commissioner Brooks.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Appreciate  
6 you.

7 MS. FAITH: Thank you, Commissioner Bell, and  
8 thank y'all for letting me speak also.

9 MR. BROWN: Ms. Ragland.

10 MS. RAGLAND: Hello again, honorable board.  
11 Teddy Ragland, Tenth Precinct Community Relations.

12 At last week I spoke with you. I was  
13 speaking about the Senior Ball that the Tenth and  
14 Twelfth Precincts had. And we had it this past Friday.  
15 It was a success. And I want to thank you all for  
16 supporting the Senior Ball. Those of you who did not  
17 show up, which is okay, you did support the seniors and  
18 want have you, sponsored seniors. But hopefully we'll  
19 get to see you next year in person. So thank you for  
20 your support.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

22 MR. BROWN: Ms. Adams. Ms. Bonner.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Please remain in your  
24 seat, please, please. Let someone -- we don't need 20  
25 people to help her out.

1 (Off the record at 8:10 p.m.)

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Excuse me. I think what  
3 we're going to do, the Chair will entertain a motion to  
4 adjourn the meeting. Can the chair get a motion to  
5 adjourn the meeting?

6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I make a motion that we  
7 close the meeting.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Can we get a second?  
9 (Briefly off the record.)

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We've got a motion and a  
11 second. Those in favor, aye?

12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?  
14 Motion carries. We stand adjourned. Thank  
15 you.

16 (The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.)

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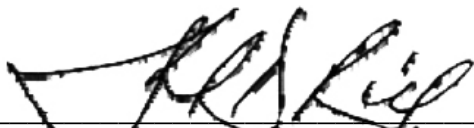


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