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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS

1301 THIRD STREET

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

1 COMMISSIONERS:

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3 EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHÉ, Vice Chairperson, At-Large

4 DARRYL D. BROWN, Commissioner (District 1)

5 EVETTE GRIFFIE, Commissioner (District 2)

6 WILLIE BELL, Commissioner (District 4)

7 WILLIE BURTON, Commissioner (District 5)

8 WILLIAM M. DAVIS, Commissioner (District 7)

9 JIM HOLLEY, Commissioner, At-Large

10 ELIZABETH BROOKS, Commissioner, At-Large

11 ANNIE HOLT, Commissioner, At-Large

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REPRESENTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE'S OFFICE:

CHIEF JAMES CRAIG

and

DEPUTY CHIEF TODD BETTISON

1 Detroit, Michigan

2 January 16, 2020

3 About 3:00 p.m.

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5 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon  
6 everyone. I'm Eva Garza Dewaelsche, vice chair of the  
7 board and I'll be conducting today's meeting. On behalf  
8 of the board for those who are in attendance and people  
9 viewing on your government cable channel thank you for  
10 joining us. Chair Lisa Carter and Commissioner Shirley  
11 Burch have asked to be excused for today's meeting but  
12 we have Chaplain Claudia Finley who's going to get us  
13 started with the invocation. Please come forward.

14 (Invocation given.)

15 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Chaplain  
16 Finley. Now I'd like to have the commissioners  
17 introduce themselves starting from my right.

18 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Good afternoon, Annie  
19 Holt, At-Large.

20 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon,  
21 Elizabeth Brooks, At-Large.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Willie Bell, District 4.

23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Jim Holley, at-large.

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: William Davis, District  
25 7.

1 INTERIM SECRETARY WHITE: Madam Chairperson,  
2 you have a quorum.

3 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. And now  
4 we have the minutes -- or I'm sorry, the agenda that was  
5 included in your packet. Is there a motion to approve?

6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So moved.

7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Second.

8 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: The motion has been  
9 made and seconded. Are there any discussion -- is there  
10 any discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor  
11 indicate by saying aye.

12 ALL: Aye.

13 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Thank you.  
14 And Commissioners, you also have the minutes from  
15 January 9th's meeting. Is there a motion to approve?

16 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Support.

18 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved and  
19 supported. Any discussion? All those in favor indicate  
20 by saying aye.

21 ALL: Aye.

22 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Thank you.  
23 The motion carries. I'd like to ask our board secretary  
24 if you could introduce the BOPC staff, please.

25 INTERIM SECRETARY WHITE: Before moving to

1 the board of police commissioners, Sergeant Quinn is  
2 taping our meeting this afternoon. Media Services is  
3 completing the audio and visual. And Ms. Caitlyn  
4 Hartley is our court reporter this evening. And  
5 starting to my immediate right I would ask the board of  
6 police commissioners staff to stand and introduce  
7 themselves.

8 ATTORNEY WYRICK: Jermaine Wyrick, board  
9 attorney.

10 MR. BROWN: Robert Brown board staff.

11 MS. BLOSSOM: Teresa Blossom, community  
12 relations.

13 MR. CROMWELL: Ainsley Cromwell, supervising  
14 investigator.

15 DR. MCCALISTER: Dr. Polly McCalister, Chief  
16 Investigator.

17 MS. ANDERSON: Dr. Marcella Anderson,  
18 director of HR.

19 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Anyone else?

20 INTERIM SECRETARY WHITE: Thank you.

21 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Secretary  
22 White and we have Chief Craig joining us today. Thank  
23 you. Could you introduce your staff?

24 CHIEF CRAIG: Yes, Madam Chair, starting  
25 with Deputy Chief Bettison.

1 (Various names mentioned.)

2 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Is that it, Chief?

3 CHIEF CRAIG: Yes. Looks like additional  
4 should be coming.

5 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Do we  
6 have any elected officials joining us today or  
7 representatives from elected office?

8 UNKNOWN FEMALE: (Inaudible.) Precinct  
9 delegate 294.

10 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Anyone else? Thank  
11 you for being here. This month we celebrate Dr. Martin  
12 Luther King Junior, one of the most prominent leaders of  
13 the civil rights movement. Dr. King's life, legacy and  
14 tremendous contributions have helped our country achieve  
15 significant progress toward racial equality, nonviolence  
16 and the fight against police brutality. Monday, January  
17 20th is Dr. King's national holiday, and the board's  
18 office will be closed. We encourage you to participate  
19 in holiday events scheduled throughout the city and the  
20 community.

21 And now I'd like to give my report. Under  
22 the Detroit city charter Article 7 Chapter 8, the board  
23 in power to provide civilian oversight and supervisory  
24 control of the Detroit Police Department. Our board  
25 investigates noncriminal citizen's complaints, monitors

1 department operations and works with the mayor and the  
2 chief of police to establish police policies, rules and  
3 regulations. As an oversight agency the board has the  
4 broad responsibility to protect the citizens, protect  
5 the city of Detroit from frivolous lawsuits and create  
6 policies to enforce strict adherence to department  
7 policies.

8           Additionally, the board works to eliminate  
9 police conduct, discriminatory police practices, and  
10 unnecessary use of force by police. We believe in  
11 transparency, community input and accountability. Our  
12 objective is to protect the rights of citizens and  
13 increase the quality of life for residents and visitors  
14 to Detroit. The board of police commissioners meets  
15 every Thursday except during Thanksgiving and Christmas  
16 weeks. Our meetings are held at the police headquarters  
17 each Thursday at 3 p.m. with the exception of the second  
18 Thursday where we hold a community meeting beginning at  
19 6:30. On behalf of the board I want to express our  
20 concern and support for fallen and injured officers and  
21 their families. Officer safety and citizens protection  
22 are the two most important priorities for the board. We  
23 receive weekly reports from the department on injured  
24 officers and I would like to ask the chief to provide us  
25 with any additional information during his report.



1 Today's agenda includes one presentation,  
2 the DPD budget review and approval report. Mr. Nevrus  
3 Nazarko, agency CFO, will present this report and answer  
4 any questions of the board. We received the DPD budget  
5 report last week after our meeting and thereafter  
6 submitted questions to Mr. Nazarko. A copy of the DPD  
7 budget report in question submitted to the agency CFO  
8 were included in your packet.

9 Under the chief's report I'm requesting a  
10 report on the 2019 year-end crime stats. Also during  
11 the press conference the chief spoke about partnerships  
12 the department has with various law enforcement agencies  
13 and other organizations and I would like the chief to  
14 discuss those partnerships for us.

15 Additionally, the department recently issued  
16 and rescinded an administrative message discussing the  
17 MSP, Michigan State Police, contract and intoximeters.  
18 The company who has been responsible for maintenance of  
19 all DMT, DataMaster machines in the state of Michigan.  
20 I will ask the chief to provide an update on this item.  
21 On Wednesday, January 8th the chief submitted a  
22 promotional packet recommending the promotion of  
23 Corporal Dwayne Jones to the rank of sergeant. Per DPOA  
24 grievance number 18-044. I will ask the chief to  
25 discuss this item.

1           Lastly, I would request the chief to update  
2 us on current city wide crime statistics and other  
3 critical issues facing the police department.  
4 Unfinished business, I'm requesting votes on two items  
5 today. First, the board's charter recommendations,  
6 which were discussed last week by Attorney Jermaine  
7 Wyrick and second, the chief's promotional packet  
8 recommending the promotion of Corporal Dwayne Jones to  
9 the rank of sergeant based on DPOA grievance number  
10 18-044. At the appropriate time I will ask Attorney  
11 Jermaine Wyrick to provide brief summaries on both of  
12 those reports.

13           Additionally, you have an applicant appeal  
14 for Ms. Paige Whitten (sic). Please review this  
15 material and be prepared to vote during a closed session  
16 on this matter at next week's board meeting. I also  
17 have the following announcements: The next graduation  
18 ceremony for basic recruit class 2019-I and basic  
19 recruit class 2020-A of the Detroit Police Department  
20 academy will be Friday, January 17th, tomorrow, at 10:30  
21 at Greater Grace Temple located at 23500 West 7 Mile  
22 Road. We want to welcome back senior investigator Adela  
23 Rivera assigned to the office of the chief investigator  
24 from her recent medical leave. Welcome. We're glad to  
25 see that you had a speedy recovery from your injuries.

1           Your packet also includes a copy of the  
2 agenda minutes of our last meeting, correspondence from  
3 Chief Craig inviting the board to the department's  
4 appointment promotional ceremony on Friday, January 24th  
5 at 10:30 at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church at 2080  
6 West Grand Boulevard and a flyer from the LSA Mixer  
7 submitted by Lieutenant Young and various reports. At  
8 the end of the meeting we will have public comments from  
9 the audience. Please print your name on a speaker's  
10 card located at the back table or from Mr. Brown. We  
11 need the cards before the end of the chief's report and  
12 each speaker will be given two minutes. Please place  
13 your cell phones and electronic devices on vibrate so  
14 they do not interrupt our meeting.

15           And finally in the spirit of respect and  
16 effective communication, I encourage professionalism,  
17 cooperation, and order at our meeting. Commissioners,  
18 please be reminded not to speak until recognized by the  
19 chairperson and address your comments to issues that are  
20 relevant to the agenda and be brief so that we have  
21 ample time for public comments. Please note there is a  
22 time on the agenda for citizens' input and feedback. My  
23 objective is to run an orderly meeting and to have us  
24 out here at a reasonable time. Thank you. And now I'd  
25 like to ask the chief for his report, please.

1 CHIEF CRAIG: Good afternoon board. I'm  
2 going to probably talk out of order of issues that you  
3 requested. I am waiting on one document. Starting  
4 first with current crime. As of this year 2020 violent  
5 crime we're sitting at zero; we're not up or down. We  
6 are specific to homicides, we have a change of 8. Last  
7 we have this time we were at 3. We have 11  
8 year-to-date. Our sex assaults we're down 20; incidents  
9 38 percent reduction. Aggravated assaults we're down by  
10 2. Nonfatal shootings we're up 6. Robberies we're up  
11 13. Robberies we're up 1. So we have an overall,  
12 again, zero violent crime. This is the second week of  
13 the year so many time the percentages are misleading and  
14 so as we move through this first quarter, we'll have a  
15 better idea as where we're going. We have noticed since  
16 the beginning of the year the crime at the 10th precinct  
17 as it relates to criminal homicide is leading the city  
18 with 3. This time last year they were at zero. As it  
19 relates to nonfatal shootings the 12th precinct leads  
20 the city with 8 compared to 2 last year. As relates to  
21 property crime we are down 19 percent as of today. We  
22 are -- our biggest reductions in property crime is in  
23 the area of burglaries. We see 113 fewer burglaries as  
24 compared to this time last year. So I am waiting for a  
25 document concerning last year's crime but I can tell you

1 we ended the year -- and we're relying on my memory now  
2 -- 4 percent overall reduction in violent crime and I  
3 think like with the property crime. In terms of  
4 partnership as reported several weeks back the federal  
5 government has identified 8 cities. We are one of those  
6 cities to have a press conference here with the United  
7 States attorney general as well as members from the  
8 heads of all of the federal law enforcement agencies,  
9 FBI, ATF, DEA and there's been a commitment to add  
10 resources to our city as well as I think it's seven  
11 others. And that Relentless Pursuit is the name of  
12 their operation, that launched earlier this week. So  
13 there will be a focus initially on fugitive apprehension  
14 and so we're anticipating a great deal of help in that  
15 area.

16 And that would be last year's. As I  
17 indicated, yes, violent crime down 4 percent. By the  
18 end of the year property crimes we're down 3 percent and  
19 so one of the things in terms of crime what we're  
20 starting to see since legalization of marijuana and it  
21 just recently started, and we're still working through  
22 this, marijuana was legalized in October last quarter of  
23 last year and it was also during the time we started to  
24 see an uptick in violence. We did see an uptick on the  
25 west side of the city, but it was gang related. But

1 what we weren't aware of and what we're beginning to see  
2 is drug-related crimes and violent crimes. Marijuana  
3 sales, individuals being robbed. We're seeing a lot  
4 more violence in marijuana than we did prior to  
5 legalization. One would think with the legalization  
6 that if anything crime would reduce in that area but on  
7 the contrary it seems to be going up. When we were  
8 approaching the legalization of marijuana I wanted to  
9 understand from my colleague in Denver, Colorado that  
10 what impact, if any, did it have on the black market and  
11 he said it didn't. In fact, sales in the black market  
12 rose and likewise here. We know based on the  
13 information we're getting is that the marijuana in the  
14 black market tends to be of -- much stronger and so it's  
15 a higher demand for that as opposed to the legalized  
16 marijuana. So we believe that that's the trend. It's  
17 not just unique to Detroit but other cities have also  
18 experienced it.

19 And the second factor that we're seeing,  
20 particularly as of this year, we're seeing an increased  
21 number of domestic-related shootings and homicides and  
22 so we're talking about the necessity to have counselors  
23 in every station so that we can preemptively reduce that  
24 level of violence.

25 And then lastly -- let me talk about the

1 DataMaster, and I don't James White here but I know we  
2 have someone here from state police. We're not using or  
3 have not used the DataMaster since the information was  
4 brought to our attention. We're waiting for those  
5 machines to get recalibrated. Once that happens or  
6 during the time that that happens, we will be drawing  
7 blood and urine samples until that process is done and I  
8 don't have the timeline but if he was here, he'd  
9 probably -- I thought it would be done by the end of the  
10 week. I don't know -- we have someone from the state  
11 police, do you have any updates on DataMaster being  
12 recalibrated?

13 UNKNOWN MALE: Your machine it back up and  
14 recalibrated?

15 CHIEF CRAIG: It is up?

16 UNKNOWN MALE: Yes.

17 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Chief, could you  
18 just briefly outline what it is that we're concerned  
19 with as relates to those machines?

20 CHIEF CRAIG: Well, what the -- and the  
21 state has more information 'cause they brought it to us  
22 and other agencies that use the DataMaster; they're  
23 responsible an entity that goes out and calibrates those  
24 machines. Apparently, they discovered that the machines  
25 were not being calibrated and it has caused a problem

1 and so because we use the same machine and the same  
2 individuals that calibrate, we stopped. It doesn't mean  
3 ours were not properly; we just don't know. So as a  
4 cautionary measure we decided to stand down on the use  
5 of the machines. As it's been indicated they've been  
6 calibrated and we're functioning.

7 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

8 CHIEF CRAIG: Before I get into the Corporal  
9 Jones several weeks ago as you know very high profile  
10 case involving an individual taking over the freeway  
11 involved in the drifting. Of course that's something  
12 that's been going on for a while; we saw it in the  
13 middle of the summer. Some young people took over the  
14 10 freeway and subsequent to that took over the 94.  
15 We've identified in fact one of the leaders involved in  
16 drifting reached out to me directly. We had a  
17 conversation and several weeks ago Deputy Chief Bettison  
18 met with the leadership. It was a great meeting and  
19 we're talking about finding a safe place for them to  
20 engage in this behavior. Again, not new; it's not  
21 unique to Detroit. In fact it started in southern  
22 California in the early 2000s and has worked its way  
23 around the country. I know in Atlanta, Kansas City,  
24 places in Ohio, Detroit, other cities in the south. So  
25 it's an issue that's not going away. So as a solution



1 this group of young men want to work with us to find a  
2 solution. The person that decided to take over the 94  
3 freeway that was something this person did on his own  
4 not supported by the leadership of the group we met, so  
5 we're optimistic. In fact, I think Deputy Chief  
6 Bettison has a meeting set up for tomorrow. We made a  
7 commitment to meet every two weeks to kind of give them  
8 an update on what we're doing in terms of finding a safe  
9 location.

10 In addition to the drifters, we're also  
11 trying to find a safe location for the young people that  
12 ride the ATVs. As you know that was a problem not only  
13 last summer but the summer before but they are willing  
14 to work with us. We also engaged in a program called  
15 Guns Down Gloves Up. With people that are having beefs  
16 in the community they bring them in and they engage them  
17 in boxing and so it's been effective. We were unaware  
18 that they were involved in this activity but we think it  
19 has merit. So we're going to partner with this same  
20 group of young people to see if this will be a strategy  
21 that will help continue to reduce violence in the city;  
22 and I know that Deputy Chief Bettison just walked in. I  
23 talked briefly about your meeting you had and the second  
24 meeting we're having tomorrow with that group and I know  
25 we've been looking at some locations. Is there anything

1 else you want to add to that?

2 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Just the meeting is  
3 at 3:00 tomorrow and you covered it all, Chief. I'll  
4 keep you updated and I know you'll keep the board  
5 updated.

6 CHIEF CRAIG: Right. So the last thing  
7 before I take any questions, this is relative to  
8 Corporal Jones. I will restrict my comments not just  
9 basically to the issue of promotion and not to the  
10 actual use of force. So if you bear with me I know that  
11 members from the DPOA is here today present. But the  
12 promotion that Corporal Jones is being considered for is  
13 based solely on a binding arbitration order. That  
14 decision was based on the collective bargaining  
15 agreement between the parties and binding past  
16 presidential arbitration decisions. So there were two  
17 notable decisions where police officers were alleged to  
18 be involved in serious misconduct. First starting with  
19 police officer Teresa Burge (sic). A grievance was  
20 filed in '99 and an arbitrator ruled that an officer with  
21 a discipline could be promoted despite the fact that she  
22 plead no contest to a misdemeanor of brandishing a  
23 weapon and has been -- and who had been suspended by a  
24 trial board. That was the one such order.

25 The second one was police officer Eugene

1 Brown, which the name should be familiar to many. This  
2 was a grievance that was filed in 2001. The arbitrator  
3 relied on the Burge grievance and upheld the promotion  
4 of an officer despite his disciplinary history. It  
5 should be noted that Eugene Brown was one of the most  
6 publically criticized and complained of officers  
7 regarding the use of deadly force, nine shooting  
8 incidents. This -- but no criminal charges were filed  
9 at that time. What's notable is this was pre-consent  
10 judgment, so there wasn't a well defined use of force  
11 policy. There was a use of force policy in place but it  
12 wasn't really practiced. But however, he was then  
13 promoted to sergeant.

14 So according to the DPOA's collective  
15 bargaining agreement Article 6 Section 8, the city is  
16 obligated legally and morally to provide equality of  
17 opportunity, consideration and treatment for all  
18 members. Relative to the actual criminal offense that  
19 matter is still in appeal process. He was found guilty  
20 and has since appealed and it was a misdemeanor battery  
21 that he was found guilty of. One thing I'll note and I  
22 think it's important to say that I know that a member of  
23 this board made a comment to a local news station that  
24 in 30 years they have never seen a use of force like  
25 this. I would remind that commissioner that there's

1 someone called Malice Green. Malice Green was a victim  
2 of excessive force and was killed by the Detroit Police  
3 Department. So to suggest that there have not been any  
4 force incidents in 30 days (sic), I would offer that is  
5 not accurate. In fact, I will tell you because I was  
6 with the LAPD when Rodney King was beaten; Rodney King  
7 was beaten; the officer was charged and subsequently  
8 found not guilty. However, he was not killed.

9           And then lastly, I'll say before I open if  
10 there are those who are critical of my position, and  
11 I've not rendered a position publically relative to the  
12 force, I will tell you never in my time been light on  
13 handling excessive force incidents. I bring your  
14 attention to two officers, police officer Wade; that was  
15 the incident at the Meijer store where he side handled;  
16 was used excessively. I moved very swiftly and quickly  
17 to terminate that officer. The second officer was a  
18 police officer assigned to the 5th precinct where he  
19 involved in a force incident at a gas station. It was  
20 clear that he was involved in force and he was  
21 terminated from the police department. So with that I  
22 will take any questions that anybody from the board  
23 might have?

24           VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Before we ask  
25 questions I just want to make a note that Commissioner

1 Brown joined us a couple minutes ago and so did  
2 Commissioner Burton. Thank you for being here. Are  
3 there any questions?

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

5 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Bell --  
6 okay, Commissioner Davis.

7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, a couple things.  
8 One, do you have an update on some of the racist type  
9 stuff that's been going on in the department especially  
10 even going back most recently with the officer at the  
11 academy that was -- the black officer that was stopped  
12 and detained by the white officer?

13 CHIEF CRAIG: As relates to that through the  
14 chair as relates to that case, that case investigation  
15 has been completed. It is sitting in review with the  
16 Wayne County prosecutor's office for determination of  
17 whether criminal charges will be filed against that  
18 officer. As relates to the inappropriate racial -- an  
19 officer assigned to the 9th precinct and racial slurs  
20 were used, that matter is still under investigation. So  
21 when you say racial stuff I'm thinking of those two. If  
22 it's additional cases that you want status on, I would  
23 ask that you be specific as to --

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I'm also concerned  
25 about the noose that was over the desk.

1 CHIEF CRAIG: In terms of racial stuff we  
2 did a very thorough investigation. A determination was  
3 made that it was a -- not a noose but there was  
4 construction being done at the -- you can shake your  
5 head, Commissioner. I'm telling you our investigation  
6 is closed.

7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. It looked like a  
8 noose to me but go ahead.

9 CHIEF CRAIG: Well, if you be patient I'll  
10 explain that it was a wiring and contractors would use  
11 that to pull wires through. We interviewed people; some  
12 did think it represented a noose. It wasn't purposely  
13 put there. In order for someone to do that, as you know  
14 police stations are open 24 hours today. Someone would  
15 have to climb up on the front desk and fix -- it wasn't  
16 like hanging from a pipe but it was -- I don't  
17 understand; I don't pull wires through roofs but they  
18 use this noose-like, if you will, that contraption to  
19 pull wires through. Again, we found no evidence that it  
20 was the any racial conation to it. The lieutenant who  
21 was on the desk when he saw it he took the initiative to  
22 take it down because -- and someone else made a comment  
23 about it because it was concerning.

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Because I worked in an  
25 industrial setting and I've seen countless wires being

1 pulled never, never in my 34 years did I see anything  
2 that looked like that other than the noose. Also you  
3 have an update on the retired officer that was at a  
4 Green Light location and had his car stolen and had a  
5 badge and gun in the car.

6 CHIEF CRAIG: I don't have any information  
7 on that.

8 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Could you come to  
9 the microphone, please?

10 DEPUTY CHIEF WILSON: Deputy Chief.  
11 Marlon Wilson, detective bureau. That case was assigned  
12 to our commercial auto theft section. Last night they  
13 were able to track down the car. They found the  
14 location of the car. They recovered the car, made an  
15 arrest and recovered the badge and the gun.

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good.

17 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I'm finished.

19 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Bell?  
20 Commissioner Griffie has just joined us. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
22 I just want to respond to Chief Craig. I am that  
23 32-year DPD police commissioner who made a statement on  
24 Channel 2 and I stand by that statement. The chief know  
25 my position. We reviewed the tape of Mr. Blount and

1 others. I stated I haven't changed my position on that.  
2 I want to say in my 32 years, in my X number of years on  
3 the board I had never witnessed an incident that we  
4 nationwide witnessed of a beat down of a mentally  
5 deranged female who was not fighting back in any form.  
6 I stand by my statement. The Malice Green we did not  
7 witness that. We witnessed the Rodney King in terms of  
8 TV but that video went nationwide and repeated again so  
9 that's my position on that. I didn't witness the Malice  
10 Green incident but I know what happened in terms of --  
11 we didn't have no video but this particular incident we  
12 had a video of the incident and it was just not confined  
13 to local media it went nationwide. It was an  
14 embarrassment to DPD and I want to say I am a proud  
15 member of DPD family. I support Chief Craig. I support  
16 DPD in terms of all the efforts to deal with the issue  
17 but that issue took me was dear to my heart. I think it  
18 reflect the females in this room, the mothers, the  
19 sisters, the aunts. That was really terrible and you  
20 can't light-weight that. That was in my viewpoint that  
21 was not proper procedure with two police officers, two  
22 security officer; and I do not agree with the judge  
23 decision on that matter. I strongly disagree. But she  
24 is the judge; she made a decision. And so we live with  
25 that.



1 I want to say once again that this board  
2 would have opportunity, and I hope Chief Craig and Mayor  
3 Duggan take this up, in terms of contract and  
4 negotiation in reference to discipline. I would hope  
5 that this board lobby with the charter commission in  
6 reference to discipline because it is concern of  
7 community; it has been a concern my entire life and DPD  
8 is no exception not withstanding any police chief issue  
9 to deal with it. I understand the police culture; I'm  
10 very supportive of equal justice and proper force but  
11 that was improper force and you cannot define it as  
12 being that's how we train; that is a Tommy Hearn's  
13 chivalry boxing match with only one person with the fist  
14 out engage in that type of behavior. So we can cannot  
15 sugar coat it. We must take a strong stand that that is  
16 improper. I would hope this board take that stand.

17 I stated from day one when we voted, you  
18 know, we did not respond the right way, but you respect  
19 the board. I'm part of this board but I think that I  
20 was standing on that ground each and every day 'cause I  
21 understand the we celebrate Dr. King. We must live that  
22 experience; we must address those issue and appreciate  
23 Mr. Blount bringing to our attention weekly, weekly,  
24 weekly in reference to over the spirit of time. I'm not  
25 supportive of this person being promoted to the rank of

1 sergeant not withstanding the arbitration decision. I  
2 think we need review -- arbitrator been around since the  
3 '70s; same person, name, service over and over again.  
4 We need to take a look at who these people are in terms  
5 of making these decision on arbitrations. Coleman  
6 Young, Mayor Young stated that in his history of dealing  
7 with arbitrator. So it's unfortunate. They have that  
8 type of cloud over this city of Detroit in terms of DPD.  
9 Thank you Madam Chair.

10 VICE CHAIR DEWAELESCHE: Thank you,  
11 Commissioner. Any others?

12 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair.

13 VICE CHAIR DEWAELESCHE: Yes, Chief.

14 CHIEF CRAIG: Just a brief response and I  
15 can appreciate the passion by Commissioner Bell. Again  
16 I would offer sugar coat I hope that wasn't in reference  
17 the way I treat and look and review and adjudicate use  
18 of force incidents. Again, I stress to you there have  
19 been two instances where it was clear excessive force.  
20 Those individuals are no longer with the Detroit Police  
21 Department. So I don't take it lightly.

22 Secondly, by design I am a use of force  
23 expert. I have in excess of 25 years reviewing and  
24 adjudicating and as a chief of police in the last ten  
25 years in three different cities making a final decision

1 on the use of force, and if it involves excessive force.  
2 But I'm not going to get into the force issue at this  
3 point because again, this matter is still under appeal  
4 and we will address that matter at the appropriate time.  
5 And if once that part is concluded, as I've done for you  
6 and Commissioner Carter and Mr. Blount, I will open up  
7 and have our use of force experts in the department go  
8 through the film. But at this point this is a matter  
9 that is still being adjudicated by the courts.

10 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Chief.  
11 Any other Commissioners?

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah, Madam Chair.

13 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Brown.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Just quick question.  
15 Chief, I just want to applaud the department and the men  
16 and women at the 8th precinct for their response with  
17 the issue at the gas station. I just want to know do we  
18 have any follow-up on -- I know we had got the vehicle  
19 but did we make any arrests in that incident at the gas  
20 station?

21 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair which  
22 specific incident?

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: 8 Mile. Ransacking the  
24 store?

25 CHIEF CRAIG: Oh.

1 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Yeah, Deputy Chief  
2 Bettison through the board. I'm familiar with the  
3 incident. I don't have an update for you at this time  
4 regarding if an arrest was made. I know we did circle  
5 around. I know that there has been follow-up  
6 investigation. And the chief was out when that incident  
7 happened right there. Deputy Chief Fitzgerald and  
8 myself and neighborhood police officers have been  
9 wrapping around that area. Special attention has been  
10 given. And we have updated the community via press  
11 conference and definitely wanted to applaud Commissioner  
12 Brown for standing with Commander Patterson on that day  
13 as well. So thank you for coming out and being active  
14 in the community, sir.

15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay, thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

17 VICE CHAIR DEWAEELSCHE: Go ahead,  
18 Commissioner.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: A few questions for  
20 the chief. Chief, in the situation where Corporal  
21 officer Dwayne Jones could this situation could happen  
22 differently, went a different way, if we would have had  
23 a social worker that came in contact with the lady  
24 that's supposedly mentally challenged where we wouldn't  
25 be here today having this discussion. In addition I

1 also said before we need to invest heavily in public  
2 safety. We saw when the work of past, past governor  
3 John Engler when he closed 16 whole facilities right  
4 here in Michigan, leaving the seriously mentally  
5 challenged out here just lost. We need to open up these  
6 facilities, new facilities, state of the art facilities,  
7 triage centers, but I know Minneapolis has a good  
8 program where they actually send case workers out to  
9 come in contact with the person that's maybe mentally  
10 challenged or something like that. Could something like  
11 work in the city of Detroit even as a pilot? I know we  
12 do have social workers working in the precinct, which is  
13 good but you see a use where we can social workers maybe  
14 going out or possibly a supervisor so an officer won't  
15 be caught in a situation similar to what they going  
16 through right now?

17 And I do like how you been out front  
18 speaking about the matter. And I know we don't have a  
19 lot of these incidents since you came as chief as far as  
20 this but the video was egregious. We all can agree to  
21 it. I know that you've been -- you've been working  
22 night and day so we won't have issues like this. This  
23 is I think the first incident of this kind since you've  
24 been here. You've been here maybe seven, eight years  
25 and this is something we don't have often. But what

1 could we do as commissioners? What could other elected  
2 officials do to advocate for heavy funding for we can  
3 put more funding in training or would we have  
4 discussions where officers would have reoccurring  
5 training when it comes to coming in contact with the  
6 mentally ill? You know, and that will conclude my  
7 comments.

8 CHIEF CRAIG: No problem and through the  
9 chair just in response we do a good job at really  
10 training our officers to deal with the mentally ill. I  
11 will tell you that certainly having mental health  
12 workers at the precinct level that can go out with  
13 officers like they do in other cities I think that will  
14 go a long way. For example, we talk about that three  
15 day stand-off towards the end of last year was involving  
16 a person suffering from mental illness; the 9th precinct  
17 had responded to a number of calls at that location and  
18 to be candid not enough was done. The good news in this  
19 case and while it was a three-day stand-off no one was  
20 hurt. Clearly, this is a person that there was a number  
21 of reports where he shot into or shot at occupied  
22 dwellings. So no one was ever hurt but clearly it  
23 should have been handled differently. So the system is  
24 broken as it relates to providing the mentally ill with  
25 services. We need to do better collectively and so I'm

1 certainly open to continue to push that down the road.

2           And without going into a lot of -- let me  
3 just digress for a moment and say I've never seen a  
4 force incident that looks good. If Corporal Jones had  
5 used his side handle baton, which he would have been  
6 authorized to do, it would have been horrific. He opted  
7 to use hard hands. There was some discussions about the  
8 use of a Taser, which also can take on, especially when  
9 you talk about a nude woman and the type of injury that  
10 can be sustained from the use of a Taser on some  
11 person's bare flesh. So force just never looks good;  
12 I've never seen a force incident that might be  
13 videotaped, and as Commissioner Bell took mention, I  
14 mean, the first real videotape force incident was  
15 national and internationally was Rodney Jones -- I mean,  
16 Rodney King. Didn't look good. And no, we didn't see  
17 Malice Green but certainly Malice Green was murdered.  
18 That's a very distinct difference. If you're talk about  
19 beating someone with a metal flashlight, one can imagine  
20 what that beating would have looked like. And so I take  
21 the whole area of force very seriously.

22           One thing that I should note, without going  
23 into the details of the Jones situation because that  
24 matter is still under appeal, is that I've also learned  
25 during the course of this investigation that there's a

1 couple of things you pointed out where was the partner?  
2 This thing was initiated by a security guard at the  
3 hospital. And at the beginning of initiating contact  
4 with this subject who was suffering from mental illness  
5 Corporal Jones was in the process of handcuffing that  
6 was clearly seen in the video. But after the punch by  
7 the security officer, it quickly escalated to the point  
8 where force had to be used in order to contain and  
9 control a violent mentally ill person.

10 Again, I recognize when you talk about  
11 gender, size of the person, those are all factors. The  
12 good news in this, if you could say is good news, is  
13 that there was no evidence of injury to the subject. No  
14 contusion. No broken bones. And clearly with the  
15 physical stature of this officer had he put forth his  
16 full amount of strength, I mean this guy's a body  
17 builder, he could have very easily broken bones, could  
18 have left contusions and according to the examination by  
19 the medical facility there was no evidence of that. So  
20 I'll stop there. Again, I don't want to get into all  
21 the aspects of the force incident. And I hope I  
22 answered your question.

23 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, Chief.  
24 If we could move on. We have a presentation from the  
25 DPD regarding the DPD budget and approval. Are we



1 prepared for that right now? 'Cause I noticed you're  
2 having some difficulty with video.

3 MR. NAZARKO: We're having some issues with  
4 the computer system here.

5 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: I'll go to another  
6 agenda item and then we'll come back to that. The  
7 report from the board secretary.

8 INTERIM SECRETARY WHITE: Thank you, Madam  
9 Chair person. The two items under my report for this  
10 evening, one of them was already mentioned the letter  
11 from chief of police James Craig inviting the honorable  
12 board to the Detroit Police Department's appointment and  
13 promotional ceremony on Friday, January 24th and then we  
14 also received -- the board also received correspondence  
15 from Mr. Kevin Fischer, who is the executive director  
16 for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, who is  
17 opposing the promotion of Corporal Dwayne Jones to the  
18 rank of sergeant. And that concludes my report for this  
19 evening.

20 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Secretary  
21 White. Next is unfinished business and we will be  
22 taking up a motion on the -- regarding the promotion of  
23 Corporal Dwayne Jones to sergeant.

24 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the chair.

25 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner.

1 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I move that we do not  
2 promote Corporal Dwayne Jones to sergeant.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Second the motion.

4 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: There's a motion not  
5 to promote Corporal Dwayne Jones to sergeant is there  
6 any discussion? Hearing none --

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Madam Chair, before we  
8 move forward with that, I was under the impression that  
9 we were going to go into closed session and talk about  
10 the arbitrator's issue or award or anything like that.  
11 We're not going to do that, we're just going to take  
12 action on this?

13 AUDIENCE: Yes.

14 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: All those in favor  
15 of the motion indicate by saying aye --

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Madam Chair. May I  
17 say something, Madam Chair.

18 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We need to be a  
20 transparent board, number one. There is something where  
21 we're supposed to go to closed session and I'd like for  
22 this body, for us to follow those process before it goes  
23 straight into the vote. I think we do need to go into  
24 closed session, hear from the parties as well and then  
25 come back to the floor.

1 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner  
2 Griffie.

3 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: First of all, I think  
4 there are three instances in which we are allowed into  
5 go closed session. One is --

6 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Speak into the mic.

7 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I'm sorry, there are  
8 approximately I think two or three instances that would  
9 allow us to go into closed session under the Open  
10 Meetings Act. I do not believe this is one of them and  
11 I just want to -- I've been quiet on the issue but I  
12 will never forget the day that this became before this  
13 board because it was my first day as a police  
14 commissioner and it changed the complete trajectory of  
15 what I thought the -- my experience was going to look  
16 like and what was happening out in the streets; and so I  
17 strongly, strongly oppose the promotion of this officer  
18 and I hope that we have heard from the community and I  
19 do believe that the community deserves to speak on who  
20 they want policing them and I think that was -- I mean,  
21 I have never -- since I've been on here other, and I'm  
22 sure there have been other more egregious cases. It was  
23 the most egregious thing I've seen. And so I would like  
24 for us to move on so that we can get to other pertinent  
25 issues of business with this vote.

1 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Any other  
2 discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the  
3 motion indicate by saying aye.

4 MOST COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

5 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Opposed? Motion  
6 carries. Thank you. Under new business we also have  
7 the Detroit Charter revision commission recommendations.  
8 Yes, Attorney Wyrick is going to give us an overview.

9 ATTORNEY WYRICK: For the record my name is  
10 Jermaine Wyrick. I'm the board attorney through this  
11 honorable commissioner and through the chair. Very  
12 specifically my report really isn't any different than  
13 it was at last week's meeting in terms of the  
14 preliminary ideas discussed. The only thing that I  
15 would state orally at this time, that I've already  
16 stated in writing via e-mail, is by virtue of the fact  
17 that the Charter commissioner is meeting for a  
18 convention in April and they urged us to participate and  
19 I mentioned the terms and ideas that we would submit in  
20 terms of discussion and specifics, and the board still  
21 has until this September, September of 2020 if the board  
22 wants to submit any other ideas beyond what's voted on  
23 today.

24 The ideas specifically discussed previously  
25 were that the BOPC should approve all appointments and

1 promotions by the chief of police and Detroit Police  
2 Department. If there is a board vacancy, the board of  
3 police commission should appoint as opposed to the  
4 current arrangement where the mayor appointments. The  
5 term should be consistent and the same and that the  
6 elected positions for four years should be the same as  
7 appointed positions which are now currently five.  
8 There's an idea to move the meetings from being weekly  
9 to biweekly unless a special meeting is called by the  
10 chair. There's also idea to have a vacation recess  
11 similar to city council where the commissioners would be  
12 off for the entire month of August for a summer recess.  
13 To maintain the current structure of four appointed  
14 members and seven elected members, to move the annual  
15 election from July to January. Under section 2-109 in  
16 addition to the reimbursement currently received members  
17 of the board should receive a per diem meeting stipend.  
18 Me and Mr. Brown, Ms. White and Ms. Johnson come  
19 together and ran some numbers and that would basically  
20 per commissioner under the current structure of 48  
21 meetings \$367.88 and for the chairperson it would be  
22 \$415.35 per meeting. That would total our chairperson  
23 to 19,936.64 and for commissioners 17,658.08, if there's  
24 still 48 meeting.

25 And also the last idea is the board's

1 secretary should be the executive director, which is  
2 similar to the city of Cincinnati, Las Vegas and  
3 Seattle.

4 VICE CHAIR DEWAELESCHE: Commissioner Bell.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, Madam Chair. I  
6 think I just mentioned in my remarks, my respond to the  
7 issue of the day that we should impact the charter  
8 commissioner in terms in discipline in terms of  
9 promotion. We should look at that and also the area of  
10 commissioner appointing commissioners in term I think we  
11 should maintain if there's appointed position, a person  
12 leave, the mayor still should have the authority to  
13 impact the appointed commissioner but if elected  
14 commissioner should leave, then this body should have  
15 opportunity to weigh in on replacing the elected  
16 commissioner in terms of how the counseling and other  
17 bodies operate, Wayne County commissioner, I think even  
18 to some extent the charter commission had a person leave  
19 and I think -- whatever the process. This process now  
20 is not fair. So and I think we also need to look at in  
21 terms of the whole process of arbitration impacting DPD  
22 over the years in terms of how that process works. I  
23 don't know how it work. I know some individuals get  
24 appointed te position and they get it for lifetime, you  
25 know, like a federal judge. We should try to impact

1 that in terms of the Charter 'cause it's been an age old  
2 issue and I think we should have authority in terms of  
3 promoting people, appointing people in terms of  
4 discipline process. So it's two-fold process.

5 ATTORNEY WYRICK: Just by way of brief  
6 response to Commissioner Bell. One of the things that I  
7 put in my written brief on Corporal Jones was the fact  
8 that what's not commonly known is there was a 1997  
9 Michigan Court of Appeals case that came out of Detroit  
10 that basically stands for the proposition that if an  
11 arbitrator's decision is against public policy for some  
12 reason, that that can be appealed to circuit court. A  
13 lot of people don't know that given as you stated  
14 earlier the cloud and the weight that arbitrators have.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: I think -- you're  
16 correct. I read that in your report and the city has  
17 been reluctance to weigh in on; I think that the Mayor  
18 has impact on the chief in terms never been an issue  
19 what they've been concerned about individuals being  
20 promoted or appointed in terms of discipline, even what  
21 our investigation, OCI extensive background check; we go  
22 through formality but don't mean anything. So it don't  
23 mean anything. They don't take it seriously, so we've  
24 got to have an impact of rewarding officer if they  
25 continue their career with outstanding service ratings

1 of whatever it is, but when you look at their history of  
2 dealing with this officer or noncriminal complaint we  
3 don't have an impact. That's another area we should  
4 have impact on other issue not just on noncriminal  
5 matter. We should have issue in terms of policy in  
6 reference to any issue dealing with DPD.

7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Madam Chairperson.  
8 Mr. Attorney, the thing about it is like we just made a  
9 vote. The arbitrator, it looked like to me the way it  
10 should be he or she makes a recommendation but we ought  
11 to have the final answer. We're the oversight of the  
12 board. We oversight and it seems like to me that it  
13 should be just like that. The arbitrator should be able  
14 to make their recommendations but it should be to us and  
15 not us basically 'cause right here it appears that we  
16 did something in terms of disciplining the officer but  
17 you and I know and everybody here knows what we just  
18 voted on don't mean a doggone thing. And that is an  
19 insult. It's an insult for the people who have been --  
20 basically have been voted by these fine people at this  
21 board and those have basically been appointed, it's an  
22 insult and I think that indeed -- that that's the  
23 process that we ought to really strive for. Either  
24 we're oversight or we're not oversight.

25 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the chair.



1 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Yes, Commissioner.

2 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I would agree with

3 both of my colleagues. I feel that it makes no

4 difference if we come to these meetings and try to

5 supervise the police department, which is what we are

6 ordained to do in the charter and yet in the very thing

7 that the public accuses us of doing or other people of

8 doing in violating the Open Meetings Act, which means

9 going behind closed doors and making decisions that

10 negatively impact the community. They're by rule

11 allowed to do because it's not listed in the city

12 charter. So what I mean by that is we can sit here and

13 try to supervise and try to project the -- maintain the

14 community's protection in regards to the police

15 department and somebody behind closed door with no --

16 does not have to answer to the people at all can with

17 the sign of pen decide the future of the community. And

18 I think that goes against the very grain of what this

19 committee or this commission, I'm sorry, was set up to

20 do. So I would like for us to also include language in

21 these recommendations that speaks to that. I think that

22 it undermines all the authority this board is supposed

23 to have and I think it's a waste of time, frankly, for

24 us to meet every week if we cannot have any say in the

25 people that police this community every day.

1                   COMMISSIONER BROWN: Madam Chair, just a  
2 couple things. Reverend Holley, I agree with you and  
3 just for record Commissioner Griffie, we can go into  
4 closed session for personnel issues and that's what I  
5 was alluding to and this is why because I actually read  
6 the arbitrator awards and I saw something different in  
7 the cases that he cited in making his decision and I  
8 wanted to go in and discuss it with our attorney so we  
9 could see if we had some type of issue that it could be  
10 challenged; so that was one of the reasons I wanted to  
11 go there and I'm asking right now that we stop the  
12 hypocrisy. We say we want to work but we got language  
13 we going into the charter saying that we want to reduce  
14 our meetings to twice a month. We don't have committee  
15 meetings. We don't have those things. This is the part  
16 of the hypocrisy of what we're saying we want but at the  
17 same time we don't want to put in the work and we want  
18 to be paid for something that we're not doing. So let's  
19 just look at that and stop the hypocrisy.

20                   Another issue is I think that the --  
21 Commissioner Bell I agree with you on the issue with the  
22 mayor not having the ability to appoint an elected  
23 vacated seat. That should come from this body and it  
24 should come from those citizens in that district that's  
25 been disenfranchised. I don't think we should have

1 these appointed seats anymore. I think these should be  
2 nine elected seats, seven through the districts and two  
3 at-large. That's the language that I'm not hearing that  
4 we should be trying to change and approach because  
5 that's the word and voice that I'm hearing from the cry  
6 of the citizens of the city of Detroit.

7 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Any other comments  
8 -- Commissioner Bell.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yeah, one more comment  
10 Madam Chair. I have witnessed this board function from  
11 day one in 1974 when commissioner were all appointed and  
12 I think we had an honorable body in terms of serving  
13 this city. They bring expertise, they bring awareness,  
14 they bring commitment. So they have a long history and  
15 I respect that process and I respect the electoral  
16 process but I think that to take away that process for  
17 the mayor to weigh in on, I think that give us that  
18 balance of 7/4. I think that give us that balance, that  
19 give us that input. When I look at these commissioners  
20 serving on as appointed commissioner, I think in some  
21 instance they work beyond the scope and they bring  
22 certain issues and concerns and commitment to the table.  
23 That's what I have witnessed the last six years and  
24 going back to the '70s so we can't negate that in terms  
25 of that process. But the bottom line is people will

1 make the final decision how that works, so I just hope  
2 that Detroiters pay attune (sic) to the issues that we  
3 dealing with. For us to meet weekly as a nonpaid body  
4 is beyond the scope of what we doing. No other body in  
5 the city of government or state government in the  
6 country meet like we meet and we not day to day  
7 operation. The city cannot compensate. They don't even  
8 want to compensation the minimum what we have now. It  
9 does not cover it. So that's why we raise those  
10 concerns in terms of how we want to approach the budget.  
11 Thank you.

12 ATTORNEY WYRICK: If I may interject on the  
13 issue of going into closed session. One of the things I  
14 discussed with Ms. White today is the notion from our  
15 Michigan Municipal League training is that it requires a  
16 two-thirds vote to actually go into the closed on an  
17 employment matter.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

19 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Commissioner Burton.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, the police  
21 department involved in the community's lives 24/7.  
22 Therefore, the board of police commissioners to the  
23 community standpoint does not meet nearly enough. So to  
24 meet once a week as we've been for, you know, since  
25 before I even came arrived here as a commissioner, is

1 appropriate because the police department is involved in  
2 the community lives 24/7 and you never know when an  
3 important issue may happen to come before the full body  
4 where the full body has to weigh in on those issues or  
5 those concerns. We have concerns from officers that we  
6 need to look into their concerns because we are the  
7 bridge of oversight. But we also the bridge of  
8 accountability and we are the bridge between the police  
9 and the community. Just like if the community comes  
10 before the commissioners, we have to be able to take  
11 their concerns seriously just like we would take officer  
12 concerns seriously. Since I came on the board of police  
13 commissioners and got elected in 2013, you know, I  
14 believe in having open door meetings. Meaning, an  
15 officer can come talk to me at any time about anything  
16 that's on their chest, just like the community can talk  
17 to me about what's on their minds or what's on their  
18 chest. When you talk about oversight and oversight body  
19 when I first arrived here we had six commissioners that  
20 were all former officers. There's no other commission  
21 board in this country had six former police officers.  
22 So but not too many boards that has to make up and  
23 science of the Detroit BOPC. What I mean by that is we  
24 have full oversight powers and authorities as given to  
25 us by the city charter 7-802. But in addition to that

1 we had a couple of good former police officers that was  
2 on the board that was commissioners like commissioner  
3 Reggie Crawford was good. Past commissioner --

4 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Burton,  
5 could you please make your point, then we need to move  
6 on.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I will. Thank you,  
8 Madam Chair. So now we got three former police officers  
9 on the board and we shouldn't -- you know, when I came  
10 on we had six; we almost was almost like are we really  
11 an oversight body? You know, we shouldn't be top heavy  
12 with former officers on the civilian oversight board.  
13 The board should be made up of community and, you know,  
14 and if we did change the language in the charter or  
15 whatever as far as going to seven districts, two at  
16 large, according to NACOLE, the National Association of  
17 Civilian Law Enforcement, the training umbrella we fall  
18 under, they do approve police commissioner boards to  
19 have one or two past law enforcement officers serving on  
20 and I think those should be at large, you know,  
21 positions.

22 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.  
23 Commissioner Griffie.

24 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I'm sorry just want  
25 to put on the record that --

1 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: We can't hear you.  
2 Speak into the microphone, please.

3 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I just want to put it  
4 on record that one, I disagree that if the community  
5 decides to elect a citizen, who -- a resident of the  
6 Detroit who lives in the city but who happens to have  
7 been a police officer, that they should be allowed; if  
8 they're elected by the process, be allowed to serve on  
9 this board. The last thing I think the city needs is 11  
10 more full-time paid elected officials on the payroll.  
11 It's the last thing I think the city needs. We don't  
12 need anymore full-time boards for the city. I am in  
13 support of some kind of an increased stipend or whatever  
14 they want to call it for members of the board, not for  
15 myself, but for people in the community who may not have  
16 the means to do this. It requires a level of  
17 compensation, that most of us use our own personal funds  
18 to run and to participate because it takes money away  
19 from us and the fact that we have to attend meetings  
20 weekly when we usually would be at work and so I do  
21 agree that there should be a level of compensation for  
22 it, so that we can encourage people who may not  
23 otherwise be able to do this. I think that opens up the  
24 process for more people and a higher quality of person  
25 to be able to run and participate in this process.

1           And the final thing I want to say is  
2    although I did not come into this board this way and I  
3    had no control over that. I am in agreement that this  
4    commission should approve any vacancies by an elected  
5    official going forward. So it's not in my best  
6    interest; that is not, you know, a process that I  
7    personally -- I would not have been here had that been  
8    in place or I would have to have come before this body  
9    but I agree with that. So I'm not being partial or I'm  
10   not -- I'm thinking outside of what's beneficial to me  
11   and trying to make policies that I think will help this  
12   board operate better in the future. And the citizens of  
13   Detroit have to pay more taxes to pay each and every one  
14   of us a full-time salary so that we can sit around and  
15   hee haw all day, which is not what they need.

16           ATTORNEY WYRICK: If I may through the  
17   chair, there's an unresolved issue with Commissioner  
18   Burton. We have a cell phone that you actually demanded  
19   from the law department for your deposition from  
20   Mr. Brown.

21           COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: What did you say? I  
22   didn't hear you.

23           ATTORNEY WYRICK: We have a cell phone that  
24   Commissioner Burton demanded to take his deposition from  
25   the law department.



1 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the chair has  
2 he not taken the deposition?

3 ATTORNEY WYRICK: From what I understand,  
4 no. So we have cell phone to give.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know --

6 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: We're going to move  
7 forward. We still have a budget presentation. If we're  
8 not going to take any action, there was on the agenda  
9 that we would vote or have a motion --

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair, I  
11 just want to make it clear --

12 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: No, we're --

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I never received a  
14 cell phone --

15 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: We're going to --

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: -- or a laptop from  
17 this body.

18 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: We're going to move  
19 forward with the budget presentation at this time.

20 INTERIM SECRETARY WHITE: I would also like  
21 to mention that copies of the budget presentation is  
22 included in the board's package, so you do have hard  
23 copies available as well.

24 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

25 MR. NAZARKO: Madam Chair, good afternoon.

1 Good afternoon, Commissioners. As you can see the Power  
2 Point is not working so there are computer issues. But  
3 I can go over -- you have copies of that Power Point.  
4 And I do have copies also I can go over that, however  
5 the public unfortunately has to follow the numbers  
6 through my speech.

7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Chairperson, I'm sorry  
8 just for point of clarification, and I appreciate you,  
9 your effort that you're making here but is this also  
10 just not for us is it also for the community to view?  
11 Then I really think that we ought to really do this so  
12 that the community will be able to view this and weigh  
13 in on this; and I'm just saying to you if it's a  
14 community not just an us thing and this is not able to  
15 be -- we have some problems with the technical system  
16 and I'll be honest with you we just got this but I'm  
17 just saying to you I'm ready to go.

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Can we recess for about  
19 five minutes to let them get this hooked up and give  
20 them more time to work out --

21 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner, let me  
22 just say this. They've been working on it for about 15  
23 minutes now. I don't know what's going to change in 5  
24 minutes if they haven't been able to get it to work and  
25 I agree with you this is something that the community

1 should be able to observe on a Power Point. But we have  
2 this problem, so they have the timeline where we have to  
3 approve this. It's got -- no, the 27th of February. We  
4 can cover it again next week but I would like to have  
5 the presentation today and then we can cover it again  
6 next week. How about if we do it like that? This way  
7 we have more knowledge, we have the material, we can ask  
8 more questions and present them next week and maybe not  
9 take the vote until next week. Is that --

10 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: There's a motion on  
11 the floor, can we just finish the motion?

12 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: What is the motion?

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I withdraw the motion.

14 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Oh thank you.

15 INTERIM SECRETARY WHITE: Madam Chairperson,  
16 it is January 27th that they have to go before the  
17 budget director so not February 27th.

18 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Oh I'm sorry January  
19 27th, which is a week and a half, and so we're on a  
20 timeline but we could cover this twice and hopefully by  
21 next week we could have the additional questions.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLT: January 22nd?

23 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: 27th. We have to  
24 have this approved or a final decision on this from the  
25 board before January 27th, so next week will be the last

1 meeting that we can do that. So I would at least like  
2 to have a preliminary report today and then we could  
3 have a final report next week, if that will be good.

4 MR. NAZARKO: I'm willing to come before the  
5 board and make a presentation for the public and the  
6 board next week. Today I can go over the Power Point  
7 and my name is Nevrus Nazarko. I'm the agency's CFO for  
8 the Detroit Police Department. We worked with the  
9 Police Department chief's office and the AC's and DC's  
10 offices and other commanders and captains involved  
11 through the budget process and the ones that have items  
12 that I'm going to budget and we put together the budget  
13 for the fiscal year 2021. Just for your information  
14 that period starts on July 1st of this year and extends  
15 through June 30, 2021. The police department's budget  
16 is comprised of at this stage the numbers that I  
17 presented to you represent what the department, police  
18 department, has requested and we have compiled, put  
19 together and sent to the budget office. As you know  
20 there are the other process involves the budget office  
21 first review, then the mayor and then the city council  
22 who has the final authority in approving the budget of  
23 full departments including police department.

24 The budget for police department has two  
25 main parts, the revenues and expenditures. The revenues

1 of the police department are mainly, the majority of  
2 them comes from the general fund revenue that is  
3 comprised of utility users tax and income tax. Through  
4 the charter the police department is earmarked a portion  
5 of those revenues utility users and income tax to fund  
6 the functions of police department. Now the total  
7 revenues for the fiscal year 2021 that we have budgeted  
8 and asked the budget office to move to the mayor's  
9 office, the total revenue amounts to 74.6 million  
10 dollars. And in the Power Point that you have on the  
11 first page that's broken down to general fund revenue,  
12 59.8 so close to 60 million dollars, and as I said that  
13 is the utility user tax and the income tax portion, 29  
14 million dollars give or take a piece. Then we have  
15 special revenues. Special revenues basically are the  
16 tow fund, which since last year is a special revenue  
17 fund. The tow fund revenues are segregated and used for  
18 police towing purposes and then the E-911 emergency  
19 funds are grouped into this, so both of them amount to  
20 7.5 million dollars.

21 Then we have the forfeiture activity. If  
22 you look this year we have cut that projection and the  
23 request in half. We are projecting that we will save  
24 only 1.2 million dollars from the forfeiture of  
25 enforcement because as you know the logic behind that is

1 the new state law that passed that made it basically  
2 semi legal or legal -- I'm not sure what the term is --  
3 the marijuana. And then the grant revenues amount to 6  
4 million dollars, so all those items all together amount  
5 to 74.6 million dollars. Then the expenditures. The  
6 general fund expenditures for the police department are  
7 broken or I have broken them in that slide general fund  
8 expenditures, grant expenditures, forfeiture, special  
9 revenue fund expenditures. The total amount, not  
10 including the capital projects, is 346 million dollars.  
11 And it's broken down by 332 million dollars coming out  
12 of general fund, grant funds or grant expenditures,  
13 grant-funded expenditures I should say 6 million  
14 dollars, forfeiture expenditures 1.2 million dollars and  
15 special fund expenditures 6.3 million dollars. Then at  
16 the bottom of that slide you see that the capital  
17 expenditures that the department is asking the budget  
18 office to spend for the fiscal year 2021 amount to 33.6  
19 million dollars.

20 Now on the following slide we are showing  
21 you the difference between from last year to this year,  
22 so last year's total expenditures for the general fund  
23 were 330 million dollars and this year they have gone up  
24 by almost 60 million dollars. So we are asking for 346  
25 million dollars overall expenditures. Again, not

1 including the capital projects that I will talk about in  
2 the following slides. This increase 60 million dollars  
3 is due to three main categories: 30 million dollars due  
4 to increase in positions, new titles and contractual  
5 wage and salary increases for both civilian and uniform  
6 employees. Two millions dollars is due to increase in  
7 professional and contractual services, an advertising  
8 campaign that as I talk later in the Power Point this  
9 advertising campaign upon the direction from mayor's  
10 office and agreement with the police chief is or will be  
11 aimed to advertise to youth Detroiters to make sure that  
12 we increase the recruitment from the Detroit population.

13 Then another 1.4 million -- oh there is  
14 another program, new cadet training program that is  
15 starting this year and is budgeted for next year as  
16 well, which will cost another million dollars and that  
17 basically will pay the cadets to be trained and work  
18 with our police officers to be able to take the MCOLES  
19 test, so to join the force. So this is a new initiative  
20 as well.

21 On the capital expenditures we have or the  
22 department I should say has asked for 33.6 million  
23 dollars overall. And these are capital projects with  
24 focus on repairing, replacing, rebuilding equipment of  
25 facilities as well as some major capital improvements;

1 and one of them that stands out on the following slide I  
2 have detailed all of those capital requests by line  
3 item. Now the page is page six in your Power Point  
4 slide. The totals as I said is 33.6 million dollars,  
5 however, the large items are the requests to allocate 15  
6 million dollars to build a new precinct 7. Because the  
7 old building I understand that there's some issues, so  
8 the police department has requested to either relocate  
9 or refurbish that current building but it will be a  
10 sizable amount that the police department has estimated  
11 to be 15 million dollars.

12 Then another large item is to do some work  
13 in the harbormaster, which is a million dollars, and  
14 then the gun range for another 5 million dollars, new  
15 gun range that is. Then there is 3.5 million dollars  
16 request to do -- work on the roll lots. As you know the  
17 city now is doing majority of the toll operations and to  
18 do that the city owns the lots and those lots are in  
19 need of capital improvements to fulfill that job. As I  
20 said, you know, the other items are items that are in  
21 normal course of business, however, because of the  
22 amount required they fall under the capital  
23 improvements.

24 Now this capital projects are -- we are  
25 requesting them to be entirely funded by the bonds that



1 we issued last year or the year before by city of  
2 Detroit, the UTGO bonds, and some -- the rest of them by  
3 the capital projects fund, which again is not general  
4 fund revenue. So this 33 million dollars is entirely  
5 we're asking to pay for that using bond money. Now by  
6 category, still on slide six, the precinct improvements  
7 all amount to 6.6 million dollars. The equipment  
8 another 50 thousand dollars. The operations and  
9 development including, as I said earlier, the new  
10 precinct 7 and the harbormaster as well as the gun range  
11 21 million dollars and then technical request,  
12 IT-related capital improvements 5.7 million dollars.

13 I can not show the public the slide 7 but  
14 basically the pie chart that you see there indicates as  
15 to what are the personnel expenditures compared to the  
16 overall expenditures for the police department, so that  
17 portion of the pie in blue represents the lion's share,  
18 so to speak, of the police department expenditures and  
19 then there is a comparison from current year to the  
20 following year. On all categories we have requested for  
21 the year 2021 an increase across all the police category  
22 expenditure items.

23 Positions wise on slide number eight we are  
24 asking or the budget, the police department through our  
25 office is asking for a total civilian personnel of 798

1 employees. The current year has only 666 for a variance  
2 of 132 additional positions and those positions, as you  
3 see on the right-side of slide eight, are crime analysts  
4 that were moved from another department in the current  
5 year. And next year they're going to be budgeted in  
6 police department and then we are adding more crime  
7 analysts and administrative specialists, office  
8 management assistants, detention facility officers as  
9 well as forensic technicians.

10 As you see underneath that the uniform  
11 sector of the police department is staying at the same  
12 level 2,671 uniform employees budgeted for this year,  
13 2671 budgeted for next year. So work force for the  
14 police department in the fiscal year 2021 is 3,469 total  
15 employees between the uniform and civilians. Now the  
16 total personnel to fund those positions the total  
17 personnel cost including the salaries and benefits  
18 amounts to 302 million dollars. The last three slides I  
19 have given you an overview of the grants that I  
20 requested with the budget for the fiscal year 2021. As  
21 I mentioned earlier the total grants that we are  
22 planning to receive, and that's not guaranteed, but the  
23 bucket is asking 6 million dollars worth of grants out  
24 of which our match is 1.7 million dollars and then the  
25 difference 4.3 and change is expected to be received

1 from various sources from the federal government to the  
2 state government. And again, the grants are on the left  
3 side are named which grants are we going to apply in  
4 2021. However, like I said this may change because of  
5 more grants become available and we are applying for  
6 those or some of those grants may -- the government may  
7 decide to shut them down.

8 Now in the last slide I ask you, the  
9 honorable commission, to ask any questions; however, you  
10 provided through the finance and through the -- provided  
11 the 15 questions to my department and they are listed in  
12 that other attachment three pages and in blue is the  
13 answer. I have tried to answer all of them and the  
14 first is the question in the black ink and then in blue  
15 ink is my response. Now if you wish I can go over them.  
16 However, since those are your questions and since looks  
17 like we may have another presentation, I'll take, you  
18 know, however you want to proceed.

19 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Would the board like  
20 for hi to go question by question or wait until next  
21 week?

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: No.

23 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: We can review these  
24 with the responses then come up with new questions for  
25 next week if we have any.

1 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I do have a question.

2 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: I do have a  
3 question. Let me start and I'll go to commissioner.  
4 Just very quickly on the grants that you list you  
5 indicate, and thank you this is really very helpful to  
6 look at, you know, to have the titles and a little bit  
7 of the purpose of the grant. That's very good  
8 information to have. You have a total of 4.3 million  
9 that we're applying for and of those 4.3 million we have  
10 to have a match of 1.7?

11 MR. NAZARKO: On top to have that. Yes, so  
12 total 6 million we going to spend between grants and  
13 matching to do those functions, that work.

14 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: So it will be like 4  
15 -- I mean, 6.1.

16 MR. NAZARKO: Yes.

17 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: The 6.1 you don't  
18 include it in the budget because you don't know if  
19 you're going to get it, correct?

20 MR. NAZARKO: Actually, we have included  
21 that in the budget, but if that doesn't come through,  
22 the personnel that -- the way that grants work is that  
23 you're not going to hire and fire personnel as the  
24 grants come due but the general fund then will subsidize  
25 some of them that are necessary and if the grants come

1 through, again, they come with additional restrictions  
2 or additional requirements to add personnel and such, so  
3 at the time we make the determination but the budget is  
4 -- we are fully expecting to receive...

5 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: The 6.1?

6 MR. NAZARKO: To spend, yes.

7 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: The full amount,  
8 okay, thank you. Any other questions from  
9 commissioners? Commissioner Griffie and then  
10 Commissioner Holley.

11 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I guess my question  
12 is around salaries, so I see there's a 10.7 million  
13 dollars increase year over year for 132 civilian  
14 officers. We all know that we need both more uniform  
15 police officers and there's an issue with us being able  
16 to even recruit these officers because of the low  
17 salary. Have we presented to the city council an  
18 analysis of how much more it would cost us to make a  
19 starting salary of a police officer more attractive so  
20 that we can recruit and actually have enough officers on  
21 the street to man our city?

22 MR. NAZARKO: Through the chair the response  
23 to that is that we have, the CFO's office has a special  
24 office called Office of Performance and Planning that  
25 deals with those issues and I know that the chief's

1 office is working with us -- that office to come up. My  
2 understanding is that there was a sizable increase at  
3 the starting level of the police officer that now I  
4 believe stands around 41 thousand or, you know,  
5 therefore and, you know, that's kind of like not -- it's  
6 in par and higher than most of the surrounding  
7 municipalities that I know of. Now that being said we  
8 realize that we always need more police officers in the  
9 street, hence that 1 million dollars advertising  
10 campaign targeted to Detroiters and this cadet program  
11 another million dollars to help them to become police  
12 officers.

13 The last thing is that we do have month in  
14 and month out approximately 150 vacant positions in the  
15 police department that the chief's office is working  
16 hard to fill those positions, so the issue right now I  
17 don't think is the -- to allocate more money but I  
18 believe that, you know, to fill those vacant positions  
19 and to attract more Detroiters to apply for those  
20 positions.

21 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So I'm not -- I don't  
22 know. So when we asked before I think somebody said  
23 there was an increase and then I asked, was there an  
24 increase and they told me there wasn't an increase.

25 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Well, we have Dr.

1 Anderson here who could probably clarify that.

2 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I need a  
3 clarification on that. So I'm not sure. I mean, I'm  
4 not totally convinced that the reason that we can't fill  
5 these 150 vacancies and that we have such a high  
6 attrition rate is not because we are not paying these  
7 officers adequately or let me put it like this we're not  
8 paying them market rate based on what other forces are  
9 paying them.

10 MR. NAZARKO: That's accurate.

11 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So with there being  
12 no dollars allocated to that in the budget, at least not  
13 seeing us any attempt to improve the situation that's  
14 why I'm asking.

15 MR. NAZARKO: The budget usually does not  
16 show to that detail to what's the entry level, you know,  
17 pay for the police officer and what's the, you know,  
18 captain's. However, in those numbers we have blended  
19 the rates that the mayor's office and the chief's office  
20 have come together to have the step one, so to speak,  
21 you know how much that is and we go from there, you  
22 know, increasing. But I'll give Dr. Anderson.

23 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Yes, Dr. Anderson if  
24 you could clarify that for us.

25 DR. ANDERSON: Through the chair the

1 starting salary for police officers is 40,732 dollars.  
2 40,732 dollars.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Where did I get 48  
4 thousand?

5 DR. ANDERSON: A couple months I had shared  
6 a higher salary and what happened was the information  
7 that I was provided was information -- I don't want to  
8 say that it was padded but it was incorrect and what I  
9 did was I sent out an e-mail to everyone on the board  
10 kind of correcting that error to let you know that that  
11 pay was incorrect.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I do remember that  
13 now.

14 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the chair one  
15 more question.

16 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Sorry, not to belabor  
18 the point but I want to make sure I fully comprehend  
19 this. Can you tell me what is the -- do we have -- do  
20 we know if there has been -- if one of the reasons that  
21 attrition has been so high is related to their salaries?  
22 That's all I'm asking is 'cause I want to know why; I'm  
23 trying to draw a conclusion here.

24 DR. ANDERSON: I can share with you that  
25 when I have officers that come in to resign they state



1 that they are leaving to go to a different department  
2 for more pay and better benefits.

3 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: What is the starting  
4 salary for Ferndale or Oak Park or we don't know?

5 DR. ANDERSON: I can get that to you.

6 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: I've seen starting  
7 salaries at 48, 56 and these are the smaller suburbs  
8 around Detroit. So we are below, way below.

9 DR. ANDERSON: We are absolutely on the  
10 lower end, yes.

11 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So the question I'm  
12 going to take back, I don't expect you to answer -- not  
13 for you, Dr. Anderson, I'm sorry. To just close out my  
14 point. The question that I would like to be answered  
15 the next time we discuss this is what has been -- is  
16 there any attempt or is there going to be any attempt to  
17 try to trim that bar and make our pay more equitable?  
18 Because I do -- nobody can tell me that there's not a  
19 pay issue in the city of Detroit as relates to Detroit  
20 police officers. I'm not -- I've been through enough of  
21 these meetings to know that that's a problem. And so I  
22 want to know is there going to be an attempt to in this  
23 budget whether it's through our budget or through some  
24 other office's budget to increase the funding that we're  
25 going to spend on the salaries; and I want to

1 understand. If not now I also want to know how much it  
2 would cost us to get there, so what is the cost that we  
3 think it would be to fix our equity issue so that we at  
4 least have a number in our head that we know what the  
5 go-get is.

6 MR. NAZARKO: I'll have a response to that  
7 question next week.

8 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay, thank you.

9 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: And any other  
10 commissioners? Commissioner Holley.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Madam  
12 Chairperson. Overtime over 5 million for overtime and  
13 so if I look at this -- well, I'm just looking at it but  
14 if I took overtime with FTEs, it's like -- I mean in  
15 other words, I can't get a police officer out of that?  
16 I can't get two or three police officers out of that;  
17 rather than having ten million in overtime, can I get me  
18 four, five, six, seven, eight police officers to fill in  
19 that?

20 MR. NAZARKO: Through the chair. Majority  
21 of that overtime is contractual and because of the high  
22 level of vacancies and besides the high level of  
23 vacancies there is again contractual overtime, court  
24 time and --

25 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Right, court time is

1 a lot of that.

2 MR. NAZARKO: And that number is based on  
3 (inaudible) and I believe the number I've given to you  
4 on overtime is going to be on the low end and we expect  
5 to surpass that.

6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the chair.

7 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: He still has -- then  
8 commissioner.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I won't -- I know  
10 you're trying to move on. I just don't have nowhere to  
11 go.

12 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: No, no we need to  
13 get this information.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I appreciate how this  
15 flows but my -- these grants are they new grants, are  
16 they old grants; some new grants that's coming into  
17 this? I couldn't -- I was trying to get some of my  
18 notes from the last budget. Are these new grants that  
19 we have that you're looking at, some of them are new  
20 grants in addition to the old grants that you expecting?  
21 The other concern I have, Madam Chairperson and again I  
22 thank you, I mean 6.6 million building repairs but  
23 rather than I guess from my way of thinking which is  
24 obviously naivete but rather than capital improvement.  
25 So I'm just -- I mean, you see where I'm going with

1 this? It's like 6 million?

2 MR. NAZARKO: Through the chair. You know,  
3 providing for a police department of this size I believe  
4 6 million is, you know, as a finance person I can tell  
5 you that's nearly enough. We have all these buildings  
6 and precincts and...

7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And I appreciate  
8 everything and I'm through Madam Chairperson. Is it --  
9 in other words, according to the commissioner to my  
10 right, commissioner, in other words is there anything  
11 you guys really do to try to really move the needle up  
12 to get police officers more money? In other words, with  
13 all this money -- I thought the church -- I mean, the  
14 city was broke. But that's a lot of money out here,  
15 man, and I guess is it -- can you just sometimes, and  
16 don't have to be today, what effort's been made to get  
17 the needle moved so we can give the police officers, you  
18 know, some of this money? In other words, you know,  
19 just give them a little -- that we really care. I know  
20 you do but when I'm looking at 25 million here in terms  
21 of overtime, FTE 4.7 and equipment 3.6 in voice  
22 communication, 6.6 in capital improvement. And I'm sure  
23 all of this is part of it. It's needed, but at some  
24 point or another this is working on my third year and we  
25 just -- we've got to give something to these guys and

1 ladies in terms of giving them incentive that they need  
2 -- we have some hope here for them. Am I making sense  
3 Madam Chairperson?

4 VICE CHAIR DEWAELESCHE: Deputy chief -- I  
5 mean assistant chief.

6 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Deputy Chief.  
7 Thanks. I want to chime in real quick. So the chief,  
8 you know, and through the use -- a lot of it's  
9 collective bargaining but the chief has really done some  
10 innovative things, so has the mayor, to make this more  
11 competitive department and to put more money into our  
12 officer's pockets. And one of the things was before he  
13 got here we didn't have detectives so with these  
14 different ranks that he's created, it has put more money  
15 in officer's pockets because -- and the board has helped  
16 with that as well. So through each promotion whether  
17 it's neighborhood police officers that was a bump up and  
18 then through the collective bargaining piece, an  
19 educational stipend has been added there, so when you  
20 start to look at the seniority corporals, that's another  
21 2.5 percent. Is it where we want to be? Absolutely  
22 not.

23 And then when it comes to the capital  
24 improvement one of the things during the exit  
25 interviews, and why a lot of our officers will leave too

1 is nobody wants to work in an environment where you  
2 haven't invested in the building. The complaint about  
3 working conditions. So the aesthetics of it. So a lot  
4 of that goes a long way. Remember our scout cars. So a  
5 lot of this technology and a lot of the repairs that  
6 we're making to the buildings, that actually increases  
7 morale as well. So are we where we need to be? No. I  
8 would say that just roughly we're probably about 10  
9 thousand dollars roughly behind most suburban  
10 departments but we have closed that gap tremendously and  
11 through the promotions, the opportunities for  
12 detectives, corporals, neighborhood police officers,  
13 seniority corporals, training corporals through those  
14 opportunities the gap has been closed between a police  
15 officer's pay and a sergeant's pay where our sergeants  
16 typically top pay make 24 percent more than police  
17 officers. So through promotions of officers to various  
18 rank structures that has closed. Are we where we want  
19 to be? No, but we're definitely moving in that  
20 direction. So I just want to, you know, level set that  
21 piece.

22 VICE CHAIR DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.  
23 Commissioner Holt and then Commissioner Bell.

24 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Oh thank you. Okay I  
25 really appreciate the questions and the answers provided

1 to us in a time whereby we could basically at least read  
2 through the questions and know where it is we were  
3 confused or needed some assistance. As in my case  
4 question number nine when you talk about the DPD  
5 technical services and you have here 100 thousand  
6 dollars for data works plus. Now we know that the  
7 contract is going to come renewed this year during the  
8 summer I believe, so what does this -- is this an  
9 additional 100 thousand K or how does this translate?

10 MR. NAZARKO: No, this is basically to  
11 continue that contract or through the end of that  
12 contract.

13 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I'm sorry? You said?

14 MR. NAZARKO: This amount covers the total  
15 length of the contract. And if that contract expires,  
16 this money is not to be spent on that but we assume that  
17 that particular service will be covered, if not by that  
18 particular vendor by another one. So the money is  
19 needed in budget to cover that particular service. So  
20 we felt, our department felt that there is a need for  
21 the type of service regardless of whose contract it is  
22 today. If that particular contract ends, another one  
23 will be beaded out and so we talked about the amount and  
24 make sure that those amounts cover the existing  
25 contracts the way that we estimate them to be.

1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay, thank you for that  
2 response. And as it relates to the tow trucks the  
3 question was asked regarding the 260 thousand dollars  
4 are these tow trucks that were purchased, and you  
5 indicated that there are only two new ones, were they  
6 leased or new vehicles? So apparently the tow truck  
7 component of the DPD is not I guess I thought with the  
8 way we complain about the tow bills that we generally  
9 receive when our cars are towed, apparently that money  
10 doesn't help to free some of this kind of cost?

11 MR. NAZARKO: Through the chair again. It  
12 absolutely does. The 260 thousand dollars is budgeted  
13 to be covered fully by the tow truck revenues that will  
14 come in through the year. That and some repairs to the  
15 toll lots as well. So the toll operations are budgeted  
16 for the year 2021 around 2.7 million dollars worth of  
17 revenues coming in and that much in expenditures, 2.7,  
18 to be spent to bring those revenues in. So the entire  
19 the way that, at least for the current year that I've  
20 been working on these numbers and for the next year that  
21 we put the budget forward is that those -- that fund,  
22 the tow operations are self-sustaining, meaning that  
23 it's not going to cost the general fund any additional  
24 money other than what they bring in themselves.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.



1 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Commissioner Bell.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yeah, very brief Madam  
3 Chair. I just want to agree with Deputy Chief Bettison  
4 that we come a long way in the six years that we have  
5 addressed how policing has evolved in terms of career  
6 opportunity and contrary to popular belief I do agree  
7 with Chief Craig in terms of his effort to bring this  
8 department up to reality of being competitive for  
9 officers, so but the bottom line is the public need to  
10 know and they should know that Brenda Jones counsel  
11 president soliciting your input about the budget and  
12 they are the ones that make the final decision. The  
13 council and the mayor but the council issue really stop  
14 gap in terms of impact of the budget, all the budgets in  
15 city of Detroit. She's soliciting, she's sending out  
16 e-mails all over the place. If you have a concern, you  
17 can weigh in. I'm pretty sure you can weigh in and we  
18 can have this posted on our website but keep in mind  
19 that we are not the final authority in terms of public  
20 safety. That rests with the council.

21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: But they will ask --  
22 Madam Chairperson, they will ask have we viewed these.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Oh yeah, that question  
24 comes up.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Then Madam Chairperson

1 if you don't mind me taking this moment. When you got  
2 this kind of money I'd like to at some point see where  
3 this money is going. For example, diversity in terms of  
4 the vendors. Where this money's going so it's going in  
5 Detroit and I'd really like to see where that -- some  
6 presentation that gives us assurance that Detroiters are  
7 in this in terms of...

8 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Performing the  
9 renovations?

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yeah. Is that okay  
11 with you?

12 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Yes, absolutely, I  
13 agree. Any other commissioners? Hearing none. Thank  
14 you very much and what we would like to do Ms. White is  
15 to have this continued next --

16 INTERIM SECRETARY WHITE: For next Thursday.

17 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: -- week so that we  
18 can vote on it next week. If you don't mind if you  
19 could come back again and we can go over some of the  
20 questions and then have the Power Point again, just  
21 briefly go through it. Is that -- no, that's a regular  
22 meeting; we'll be here. Thank you very much.  
23 Appreciate it. And can this be placed on the website?

24 INTERIM SECRETARY WHITE: Yes.

25 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: The budget that we

1 received today so that everybody can have access to it.  
2 Thank you very much. Next we're going to have oral  
3 communications. Did I miss something? Okay. Oral  
4 communications. We have two minutes each. Can you,  
5 Mr. Brown, let us know.

6 MR. BROWN: Yes, Madam Chair. I currently  
7 have nine speakers. Your first speaker will be  
8 Ms. Debra Martin followed by Ms. Bernice Smith followed  
9 by Ms. Faith, Mr. Eric Blount and Yolanda Greer.

10 MS. MARTIN: Good afternoon everyone.

11 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Could somebody help  
12 her with her microphone, please?

13 MS. MARTIN: Again, welcome everyone. My  
14 name is Debra Martin. I'm 72 years old. I was born,  
15 raised and educated in the city of Detroit my entire  
16 life. My issue is with that 9th precinct. This has  
17 gone on about 20 years with them and I finally found out  
18 who is the one orchestrating besides my daughter. I'm  
19 just asking -- could somebody -- whoever been at that  
20 precinct for 20 years that's when -- oh God. Who has  
21 been orchestrating this against me for the last 20 years  
22 along with my daughter. Every time you assign someone  
23 to talk to me in the hallway they spin me too. I never  
24 hear from them again; I never get a card or a letter  
25 from them again. Every -- I've been coming down here

1 for two and a half months. Only time I didn't come was  
2 the week of Christmas. But the 6th precinct, 12th  
3 precinct, adjourned, adjourned. I don't care about  
4 that. What I care about is that they're down to serve  
5 and protect. They got to not be condescending and  
6 disrespectful to me or anyone else. And I ask the chief  
7 of police and the board to investigate this on your own.

8 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Chief, do we have  
9 somebody that can -- Ms. Smith?

10 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Sergeant Hall.

11 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: We're going to have  
12 someone talk with you again and see if we can get this  
13 resolved.

14 MS. MARTIN: Yes, see if we can get this  
15 resolved.

16 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

17 MS. MARTIN: Thank you very much.

18 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you for coming  
19 today.

20 MR. BROWN: Ms. Smith.

21 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon, Bernice Smith  
22 speaking. I enjoyed the meeting today 'cause we didn't  
23 have too much argument but I went outside and I got  
24 plenty of information in regards to the reporters and  
25 what they were saying to the chief, 'cause I was quite

1 upset like most of you in regards to the young lady  
2 being beaten. I couldn't understand that for nothing in  
3 the world. In the meantime, two days later behind that  
4 I was at the hospital visiting someone that was in  
5 emergency and they were still talking about it but they  
6 were in a state of mind where it was funny to the  
7 officer that was down there in the emergency room, so I  
8 didn't like that. But my thing is when they brought her  
9 in was she nude coming in out of the car or was she nude  
10 in the car? That's my concern and I wanted to find out.  
11 Why didn't they cover her up with a blanket or sheet or  
12 something before she got out the car? That's -- I never  
13 found out about that and I tried to ask several officers  
14 in regards to it even at the hospital. So that's what I  
15 would like to know. How come they didn't cover her up?  
16 She was a woman. She was nude. So why go into that  
17 confusion of beating on her instead of covering her up?  
18 And that's what I'm concerned about.

19 Chief Bettison. I'm glad that you're back.  
20 He was on his vacation and I worried looking for him  
21 'cause I didn't know where the heck he was. But anyway  
22 I'm glad that he's back and he had a good time with his  
23 family he told me. So is there an answer to that -- oh  
24 before you answer that, I heard you mention Malice  
25 Green. Well, I got the history on that but I'm not

1 going into it. I had a bakery right there at Vinewood  
2 and Warren and I used to see -- we called them -- what  
3 the heck did we call them? Well, anyway the two  
4 policeman would always be across the street at Big Top  
5 that grocery store, which was owned by Arabs and right  
6 above that they had their office -- excuse me?

7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Arab Americans.

8 MS. SMITH: I'm sorry. Excuse me. Well you  
9 know what I meant. Arab Americans all right. They were  
10 friends of me so I call them anything. But anyway they  
11 had an office upstairs just like you see that screen and  
12 they can look out at the parking lot and my bakery was  
13 right across the street on the corner, as I stated.  
14 This was in the '80s. And they would watch everybody  
15 that come in that parking lot. And when they saw Malice  
16 and his friends talking outside -- now I know this for a  
17 fact; I got old I know but I remember this. They were  
18 watching them talking and then when Malice and them left  
19 to go down Warren, they came downstairs, got in their  
20 squad car and they followed them down there and that's  
21 when they stopped them about two blocks from me and the  
22 next thing I knew everybody was running that way and  
23 going on, and that's when all of that incident happened  
24 about them beating them up and killing them. So that  
25 was something I'll never forget in my life but I do

1 remember Judge -- she's now the prosecutor; she was the  
2 judge in their case as we all know Kim and I went to the  
3 courtroom and I sat in on some of the sessions but that  
4 was the truth in regards to that. And I know most of  
5 you feel as though, hey, that he deserved it but he  
6 didn't deserve it but they were watching him.

7 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Let's  
8 have Chief Bettison answer.

9 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Yes. Yes. So yes,  
10 she was covered up. She was unclothed when the officers  
11 got the run. They did cover her up initially when they  
12 found her. They got cover for her, a blanket and  
13 wrapped it around her but, you know, like with any video  
14 with the cell phone it shows a snapshot and she didn't  
15 have clothing on but the officer did walk into the  
16 hospital with on blanket her or whatever.

17 MS. SMITH: So she just threw it off, is  
18 that what you're trying to say? Or is that what  
19 happened? I'm not trying to say what you're trying to  
20 say.

21 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: At one point they  
22 put clothing around her and I imagine that it came off.  
23 I wasn't there but they did -- in the judge's decision  
24 that was noted in the opinion as well that the officers  
25 did.

1 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you.

2 MS. SMITH: That's all I wanted to find out.  
3 Thank you so much.

4 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Next speaker.

5 MR. BROWN: Ms. Faith.

6 MS. FAITH: Welcome to this honorable board  
7 and for the record my name is Ms. Faith and I have  
8 something I wanted to read. First of all, I'd like to  
9 commend every one of you for the good job that you have  
10 been doing over the years. And I appreciate all of you,  
11 Chief Bettison, that you've done working with the chief  
12 and also Commissioner Holley, the work you've done with  
13 your church, the broadcast and the TV and radio and all  
14 the newspapers and working in the community and the  
15 communities that you serve in. I commend you for it,  
16 and the rest of you all for the work that you have done.  
17 And also there was officer and all the responders over  
18 there I want to commend them for the work that they did  
19 in the -- those departments over there. And (inaudible)  
20 Officer Ethington (sic), number five. Martin Hill (sic)  
21 and Strickland and Benton for number 7. And for  
22 different things about me in reference to you all I  
23 guess the citizens in the area that I live in and  
24 district that I live in they don't understand why I  
25 support you all and back you up so much and in response



1 to that I would like to read this short thing or just  
2 speak it. When I was a child the responders came and  
3 saved my whole family's life from a fire. And if they  
4 hadn't have come and saved our lives from the fire, I  
5 wouldn't be here before you today. So I commend them  
6 very highly on the good work that they did then; and  
7 also they came to me when I had a heart attack and saved  
8 my life one more time. I was hit by a car, sustained an  
9 injury. So many different things the officers have did  
10 and the responders as well as the EMS people saved my  
11 life; saved my family's life. That's why I support and  
12 back you all up so much and call you my family because  
13 you are taking care with us with your job in a  
14 professional sense, not in the friendship sense but in a  
15 professional sense to take care of citizens and execute  
16 your jobs the way that you are trained to do and you do  
17 a very good job. And chief -- not chief but  
18 Commissioner Bell I called him the cop of everybody  
19 because he keeps everybody straight. And I absolutely  
20 commend you, Commissioner Bell. Everywhere I have seen  
21 you, you always done an excellent job of presenting and  
22 representing the department. Very well. And I commend  
23 you very highly for that. Commissioner Brooks,  
24 Commissioner Dewaelsche, Davis all of you all the same  
25 thing straight line, everything smooth. Keep it up all

1 the time. I'm very proud to be a citizen in the city  
2 because of you all and the responders.

3 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you very much  
4 Ms. Faith.

5 MR. BROWN: Eric Blount. Mr. Blount.

6 MR. BLOUNT: I thought she was next.

7 MR. BROWN: No, you are.

8 MR. BLOUNT: Good afternoon board and  
9 assistant chief. For the record my name is Eric Blount,  
10 a lifelong Detroiter. I've been warning this board for  
11 years of its lack of independence and relevance. You  
12 had one tooth left and that was the first vote on Dwayne  
13 Jones. You didn't get it right, and that was the only  
14 chance you really had to correct the situation. So  
15 there is no second chance. So now you are a toothless  
16 tiger. There's very few things you can influence or  
17 make a decision on without being overruled even down to  
18 the budget, so you're left with symbolic things, so I  
19 have one suggestion symbolically that you reject this  
20 budget unless health care for retired police officers is  
21 restored. It's not just pay it is benefits as the HR  
22 director said. So it's two, it's not one. So if you  
23 can't do anything substantively, at least do it  
24 symbolically.

25 Back to Corporal Jones. Even your own

1 attorney, Attorney Wyrick, gave you his opinion that  
2 that woman was beaten while her back was turned. You  
3 had every mountain of evidence to get this decision  
4 right and yet you couldn't. It's very sad. And I guess  
5 that's all I have to say.

6 VICE CHAIR DEWAEELSCHE: Thank you  
7 Mr. Blount.

8 MR. BROWN: Madam Chair, before Ms. Greer  
9 speaks we have Brenda Hill, Minister Singleton, Scott  
10 Boman and Cindy Darrah.

11 VICE CHAIR DEWAEELSCHE: Thank you.

12 MR. BROWN: Ms. Greer.

13 MS. GREER: Good afternoon to the -- we'll  
14 wait.

15 VICE CHAIR DEWAEELSCHE: Commissioners.

16 MS. GREER: Good afternoon to the  
17 commissioners and to the great city of Detroit  
18 residents. I ask that you not look at the Power Point  
19 and Power Point presentations. The city just was  
20 introduced this week 600 million dollars of tax money.  
21 Figure that one out but please, I'm not trying to say  
22 that people don't put right numbers down but you need a  
23 full, like Reverend Holley said, full investigation.  
24 When you bring me a budget and it's a so-called itemized  
25 bill with the budget that you're looking at because we

1 don't have that information, please investigate. We  
2 have gone through a lot of money here in the city of  
3 Detroit. Billions of dollars have slipped through the  
4 hands of the residents here in the great city of Detroit  
5 and no one has asked what happened to the money. Look  
6 at our schools. Chief Bettison, we talked about the  
7 police stations, look at those. I mean, it's almost to  
8 the point where I-75 with the ooze coming out. We're  
9 almost ready to say maybe the police department's ooze  
10 might be coming out because no one has taken a look at  
11 the money and what we've done. Just Power Point  
12 presentations throwing out numbers and we take a vote  
13 and go home. We can no longer do that.

14 I remember when I was a kid we had fighters.  
15 I remember at the Cadillac there are some people in this  
16 room that were there. Great people that have gone on to  
17 glory like the queen of soul, Ms. Aretha Franklin.  
18 Reverend Jesse Jackson. They gave their life. Reverend  
19 Dr. Martin Luther King, they gave their life at a young  
20 age. But they fought and they fought till they couldn't  
21 fight anymore. I thought about Dr. Lawrence Evans this  
22 week, when they were showing celebrations, Dr. Holley,  
23 and I thought about how Dr. Evans went before his  
24 congregation and he said, you know, he said I'm going to  
25 keep on fighting, even with my wife dying beside me, I'm

1 going to keep on fighting, because I know God is on my  
2 side. God is with Detroit. And I want to let the  
3 commissioners know that we praying for Detroit and we're  
4 not giving up on Detroit. We're not giving up on our  
5 police officers. We're not giving up on our teachers  
6 who are being abused and misused. We're not giving up  
7 on our teachers because they have fought and fought and  
8 they are being put out. Our children are being put out;  
9 mental illness is on the rise with our children, their  
10 parents, their grandparents and even their great  
11 grandparents.

12 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you for your  
13 comments. Thank you.

14 MR. BROWN: Ms. Hill.

15 MS. HILL: Good evening, my name is Brenda  
16 Hill and I want to talk about a couple of things.  
17 Ms. Griffie brought up the Open Meetings Act, how dare  
18 you pick and choose which piece, which parts of the Open  
19 Meetings Act that you agree to. This meeting should not  
20 be in a building that requires ID. That's against the  
21 Open Meetings Act and we've been talking about that for  
22 more than a year. The vast majority of police officers  
23 are great, go above and beyond but however we have some  
24 cancers that are affecting what the other officers do.  
25 Like all these racial incidents that they're putting on

1 social media. That means that they don't have any  
2 respect for the leadership. We also had a shooting of  
3 an officer at Wyoming and Chippewa, which I believe it  
4 shouldn't have happened but, however, that perpetrator  
5 had done some other things in the two weeks before that,  
6 which happened in at least three precincts and nobody  
7 was taking care of that. Those things are affecting  
8 everything else and the pay. You can't ask anybody to  
9 take a bullet for 30 something thousand dollars. We  
10 have -- my granddaughter at the smoothie shop makes 12  
11 dollars an hour plus tips. She makes more than cops.  
12 That's ridiculous. We can't ask people to do that but  
13 we have to have cops that respect leadership in order  
14 for the public to respect it. And we have a lot of  
15 police officers with years on the force making public  
16 statements about racism, about their lack of trust and  
17 about their pay. We have to do something different.

18 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the chair.

19 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you very much.  
20 Commissioner.

21 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I just want to  
22 correct the record to reflect that we have since changed  
23 the rules to enter the building, no longer need  
24 identification if you're attending our meeting.

25 MS. HILL: Well, he just asked me for my ID.

1 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: We'll look into that.

2 MS. HILL: So you need to go talk to the  
3 guy.

4 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: We'll look into that.

5 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

6 MR. BROWN: Minister Singleton, Mr. Boman,  
7 followed by Cindy Darrah.

8 MINISTER SINGLETON: Good evening board,  
9 police commissioners and good evening, the wonderful  
10 Deputy Chief Bettison. I'm here because I am very  
11 concerned. My concern deals with a promotion of an  
12 officer that in my opinion needs to be gone. If this  
13 was back in Benny Napoleon days he'd have been gone. If  
14 it had been especially with our Mayor Coleman young, he  
15 would have been gone and they would have to fight to get  
16 him back but the mere fact that as much as I respect  
17 Craig, it's just a mere fact that he -- it's almost like  
18 he doesn't care. I am very concerned about that because  
19 there is an incident -- oh and let me share this with  
20 you. My brother was on the force for over 35 years and  
21 he worked at the academy and he made sure those officers  
22 knew what they were doing when they got out in the  
23 street. I think that maybe someone with a heart needs  
24 to go in and give them sensitivity training, especially  
25 when it comes to women, and, men, but especially women.

1 I had an incident on the west side near Livernois where  
2 this lady was sitting in the snow and she was naked and  
3 I took my coat and pants and I tried to put them on her  
4 and she was a person that had left a home and was  
5 mentally challenged and that's what those officers  
6 should have did. They should have put forth an effort  
7 to understand that there was a situation and called  
8 somebody; if they couldn't help her, then call somebody  
9 that would be able to help her. I am really appalled  
10 and I, you know, my heart goes out to you commissioners  
11 and especially deputy chief but I just don't understand  
12 why we all aren't up in arms and saying stop this. You  
13 know, we're going back to back to -- back in the '60s  
14 and we don't need to do that. Thank you very much.

15 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHE: Thank you for your  
16 comments.

17 MR. BROWN: Mr. Boman.

18 MR. BOWMAN: Well, first of all, I'd like to  
19 applaud all of you. You haven't heard that from me, I  
20 don't know, ever. And yes, including you, Mr. Bell. On  
21 an excellent vote, thank you. And all I'm going to add  
22 to that really is, and I will echo Mr. Blount's words  
23 though, that too bad it wasn't such an excellent vote  
24 back when the chief had a different recommendation to  
25 suspend without pay. I don't necessarily think because



1 you are the final word on discipline and promotions, I  
2 don't necessarily think it is too late to ask him to  
3 find work elsewhere. But and I think that probably  
4 would be appropriate quite honestly but for the moment  
5 I'm going to, you know, get some warm fuzzies about this  
6 vote we had today and hope that for better things to  
7 come.

8 Speaking of better things to come one remedy  
9 that has not been brought is there was the matter of all  
10 the officers who lined up saying this is what they would  
11 do, too. There's got to be a change in procedure and  
12 training that it doesn't happen this way again, if in  
13 fact that is something that people are trained to do.  
14 I've talked to people who are defense experts, people  
15 who are in the military, people who are other officers  
16 outside the department who have told me that there are  
17 ways to use holds. In fact, striking is usually the  
18 very last resort and often not even effective unless  
19 their goal is to injure. So I just want to put that out  
20 there.

21 I also want to add that on the charter thing  
22 we should have all elected commissioners and it should  
23 be structured similar to the city council. The runner  
24 ups could be the replacements instead of an appointee.  
25 And thank you for your time.

1 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you.

2 MR. BROWN: Ms. Cindy Darrah. Madam Chair,  
3 that will be your last speaker.

4 MS. DARRAH: The charter, I've gone to some  
5 of the focus groups and I agree with Scott, he's done a  
6 great job on leading that. But I also had mentioned  
7 that, and I think we put it in our recommendations that  
8 any violent crime, you know, that has with the police  
9 getting involved in should be brought to your attention,  
10 not just somebody happens to complain because there's a  
11 lot of people that probably don't like the police enough  
12 and don't trust you or don't even know you exist but if  
13 you get a report of it, you should be able to look into  
14 it whether or not there's a complaint filed or not.

15 And in '74 I was laid off as a swim leader  
16 and I was in council and we saw this big pie showing the  
17 budget how much was going to each area of the city but  
18 the recreation we got a huge layoff then for this  
19 recession that happened but the police they hardly  
20 touched the police. I asked this budget guy out in the  
21 hall and he said most of the police money comes out of  
22 the budget of the income tax budget or the money coming  
23 in from the income tax, so and I think from the figures  
24 he gave me the police are using two-thirds to  
25 three-quarters of the income tax money that comes in and

1 then the other stuff a lot of it is budgeted through  
2 bonds and stuff like that. Well, I don't really believe  
3 in having a lot of police and actually I don't believe  
4 in paying them a lot. I do believe they should get  
5 benefits, they should have training, they ought to have,  
6 you know, whatever. Like for instance, it's ridiculous  
7 if you're taking their benefits away for their health  
8 care, I don't understand that and once they retire that  
9 would make people want to leave the force and go  
10 somewhere else so they could... but anyway.

11 And just one other thing Malice Green, you  
12 know, when he got beat with a flashlight it was one of  
13 those -- I've got one at home. It's a Maglite, this big  
14 and metal. This big around. But and I remember that.  
15 It was awful and I think Duggan was the prosecutor at  
16 the time and there was some problems with his  
17 prosecution and the police, so.

18 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you.

19 MS. DARRAH: I do believe we should elect  
20 all of you and have publically financed elections so  
21 that, you know, people can run just because they want to  
22 serve but they don't have to be campaigners raising a  
23 bunch of money.

24 VICE CHAIR DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you for your  
25 comments. That was our last speaker. I have two

1 announcements just that our next meeting is January 23rd  
2 at 3 p.m. here at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters and  
3 the next meeting, community meeting is Thursday,  
4 February 13th at 6:30 at the 9th precinct Heilmann  
5 Recreation Center at 19601 Crusade Street in Detroit.

6 Is there a motion to adjourn?

7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved.

8 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Second.

9 VICE CHAIR DEWAELESCHE: It's been moved and  
10 seconded. All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

11 ALL: Aye.

12 VICE CHAIR DEWAELESCHE: Opposed? Thank you.  
13 Thank you all for being here.

14 (Meeting concluded at 5:07 p.m.)

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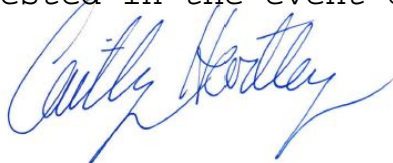
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7 foregoing meeting was duly recorded by me  
8 stenographically and by me later reduced to typewritten  
9 form by means of computer-aided transcription; and I  
10 certify that this is a true and correct transcript of my  
11 stenographic notes so taken.

12 I further certify that I am neither of counsel to  
13 either party nor interested in the event of this cause.



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17 Caitlyn Hartley, RPR, CSR-8887

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