Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2020 – 3:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

BOPC Chairperson Willie Bell called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 PM (August 13, 2020)

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson	Yes	
Annie Mae Holt, Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Excused	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Evette Griffie	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Martin Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for Thursday, August 13, 2020.

Chairperson Bell called the meeting to order and invited Chaplain Toni Anderson to provide the invocation.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Toni Anderson

I. MOTION: To approve the Agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Burch **Second:** Commissioner Holley **Discussion:** None.

Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Griffie, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Holley, and Commissioner Jones
No: None.
VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 **Motion: PASSED**

II. MOTION: To approve the August 6, 2020, Meeting Minutes with necessary corrections.

Motion: **Second:** **Discussion:** None.

Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Griffie, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Holley, and Commissioner Jones
No: None.
VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 **Motion: PASSED**

The Board considered the following Business Items:

- Introduction of BOPC Staff
- Introduction of Chief of Police and DPD Staff
- Introduction of Elected Officials, VIPs, civic leaders or their representatives

Chairperson's Report: Chairperson Bell provided opening remarks regarding the Board's oversight role, Charter-Mandated Authority, and proposed oversight reform efforts to seek feedback from the community through a BOPC-community survey. **Commissioner Shirley Burch and Commissioner Jesus Hernandez** also shared remarks regarding important BOPC updates and information for the Board and the community's awareness.

III. **MOTION: T**hat the Board of Police Commissioners approve the promotions for the following members to the Rank of Detective as follows:

Corporal Jessica A. Johns	Police Officer Edward T. Chesher
Police Officer Nicole L. Draper	Police Officer Ashley L. Buchholz
Police Officer Marcus Rice	Police Officer Vincent C. Spikes
Police Officer Sean E. Hochradel	Police Officer Renald L. Attard
Police Officer Tara R. Lawson	Police Officer Tamara S. Randolph
Police Officer Marc L. Thompson	Police Officer Steven L. Pierce
Police Officer Lestine A. Gilbert	Police Officer Kelly D. James
Police Officer Martha G. Willhelm	Police Officer Lee P. Dyer
Police Officer Marko B. Prestige	Police Officer Catherine R. Guillaumin
Police Officer Anthony M. Besso	Police Officer Christian C. Winans-Jordan

Motion: Vice-Chairperson Holt **Second:** Commissioner Holley **Discussion:** None.

Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Griffie, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Holley, and Commissioner Jones
No: Commissioner Burton and Commissioner Davis
VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 2 **Motion: PASSED**

Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:

Deputy Chief Elaine Bryant representing Chief of Police James E. Craig reported on the following items: Officers Injured in the Line of Duty; Comp Stat Crime and Statistical Data for the reporting period; COVID-19 impacts, and recent critical incidents impacting the Detroit Police Department and the community. See attached Meeting Transcripts for more information.

		Comp Stat Data Provided: (See Full Report in Packet) as of August 10, 2020					
Part I Violent Crimes:	**Criminal Homicides:**	**Sexual Assaults:**	**Aggravated Assaults**	**Non-Fatal Shootings:**	**Robbery:**	**Carjacking:**	**Total Part I Violent:**
Totals:	+24%	-33%	+15%	+48%	-14%	-10%	7% Increase in Part I Violent Crimes
Property I Crimes:	**Burglaries:**	**Larcenies**	**Motor Vehicle Thefts**	**Total Part I Property**			**Total Part I Crime**
Totals:	-31%	-21%	-10%	-21%			-12% Decrease in Part I Property Crime

Crime Enforcement Stats over the past week: The Department conducted in the following: 171 Felony Arrests; 1,671 citations, confiscated 127 handguns and 26 long guns, and conducted 109 Carrying Concealed Weapons (CCW) Arrests. ***Drag Racing Enforcement Efforts***: 194 Traffic Stops; 223 tickets, 33 tows, 12 felony arrests, 6 weapons recovered. ***COVID-19***: 20 Members have tested positive; and 30 Members are currently in quarantine. ***Captain Aric Tosqui*** reported on the ***Department's Project Greenlight Program Costs***, noting the following: Average costs under a lease agreement entails $1000 down, which excludes the internet (50% reduction in installation price with Comcast); $150 per month; up-front cost options depend upon the vendor selected and includes camera and cloud storage. More information is available on the City's website. **Major Violators Unit Organizational Leadership**: Deputy Chief Marlon Wilson leads the Detectives Bureau, which includes Organized Crime; Commander Jacqueline Pritchett is the Commander assigned to Organized Crime and Captain Ryan Connor is assigned to Organized Crime. ***Recent Publicized Investigation involving Sergeant Geelhood and the exoneration of two wrongfully incarcerated men***: Director Christopher Graveline reported that the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office (WCPO) brought the investigation's conclusions to the Department's attention in March 2020, and as soon as the Department learned this information, the Department opened an investigation into the matter. The investigation is still open and active based on conducting interviews and follow-up activities and

is finalizing the report for completion to submit to the Chief of Police regarding a recommendation of the duty status of Sergeant Geelhood. Currently, Sergeant Geelhood remains full duty, assigned to the Eighth Precinct; however, once the investigation is complete, the Internal Affairs Unit will be able to better advise regarding his duty status.

Commissioner Holley inquired about the protesters' demands of the Department. **Commissioner Davis** inquired about the status of the investigation concerning a Department member fraudulently signing the Chief of Police Craig's documentation, noting future follow up on various critical updates. **Commissioner Davis** inquired about the status of the previously requested mobilization report regarding the length of time it takes for an officer to respond from his residence to an emergency. Regarding the previous investigation involving forgery, **Director Graveline** reported that the initial investigation findings revealed inconclusive based on several persons previously assigned to the Department are no longer with the Department, referencing the challenges associated with interviewing persons who are no longer with the Department. The Department was not definitively able to identify persons who committed the forgery. **Commissioner Burch** inquired about the ordinances concerning the quality of life instances (i.e. mini pool and parking in the front yard). **Commissioner Burch** also inquired about the status of the officer who committed a traffic violation in Greektown. **Commissioner Burch** inquired about the Department's efforts to provide special attention in the area of 6 Mile, and Dequindre areas. **Commissioner Brown** thanked the Department regarding their work on the drag racing enforcement as well as the Neighborhood Police Officers activities. **Commissioner Brown** also asked about the Municipal Parking Enforcement and BSEED enforcement services regarding parking violations. **Commissioner Burton** requested for the Board to see the video footage regarding the police-SUV incident, requesting to observe (2) hours prior and (1) hour after the incident. **Commissioner Burton** also requested police response times for Priorities 1-4. **Deputy Chief Bryant** reported the Department is currently averaging approximately 14 minutes regarding police response time, noting improvement efforts and the high volume of requests for service received recently. Deputy Chief Bryant also noted the Board receives a break-down of priority 1 and 2 police response times, also by precinct in the weekly Tuesday packet. **Director Graveline** reported the Department will arrange a time to show the BWC video to Commissioners; however, the video will not be released to the public at this time.

PRESENTATION(S) TO THE BOARD: **A.** Monthly **Human Resources: Lieutenant James Coles, representing Director of Police Personnel, Dr. Marcella Anderson**
Fifth Precinct Monthly Presentation: Commander Eric Ewing and Captain Keith Williams, assigned to the Fifth Precinct

A. **Monthly Human Resources' Report**: Lieutenant James Coles representing Dr. Marcella Anderson, DPD Director of Police Personnel, provided a summary of activities and statistical data during the month of July 2020, including the leaves of absence, restricted duty, and suspensions noted below. Please refer to the Human Resources' Report for full details.

EMPLOYEE CATEGORY	POSITIONS FILLED	VACANCIES	TOTALS
SWORN	2575	97	2672
CIVILIANS	582	161	743

MCOLES						AGILITY EXAM					
SCHEDULED	APPEARED	PASS	FAILED	RESCHEDULED	NS	SCHEDULED	APPEARED	PASS	FAILED	RESCHEDULED	NS
91	62	49	13	2	27	120	81	41	40	9	30

	SWORN RECRUITING NUMBERS July 2020						
NEW HIRES	APPLICANTS	IN PROCESS	HIRED	LACK OF INTEREST	TEMPORARILY DISQUALIFIED	PERMANENTLY DISQUALIFIED	AWAITING MCOLES
32	438	5	0	4	180	42	207

DETROIT RESIDENCY INFORMATION (as of 07/2020)		
SWORN	CIVILIAN	POLICE ASSISTANTS
577	338	31

ATTRITION March 2020			
SWORN	CIVILIAN	POLICE ASSISTANTS	TOTAL
22	11	1	34

LEAVES OF ABSENCE / RESTRICTED DUTY

Employee Category	FMLA Continuous	FMLA Intermittent	Medical Leave	Military	Personal Education	Restricted	Disabled	Sick
Sworn	22	110	3	3	0	130	61	12

SWORN PERSONNEL SUSPENSIONS					
Police Officer	Detective	Investigator	Sergeant	Lieutenant	Total
12	0	0	0	0	12

DROP PROGRAM (DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN)
TOTAL
547

B. **FIFTH PRECINCT PRESENTATION: Commander Ewing and Captain Williams** discussed strategies and measures used to reduce crime (i.e. nonfatal shootings, homicides, and crime overall) within the Fifth Precinct, including but not limited to partnerships with the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC), federal agency partnerships, specialized unit's partnerships, Cease Fire Initiatives, Precinct partnerships, Social Workers embedded within the precinct, community partnerships, and retooling staffing and deployments, noting the following: 33% reduction in Homicide, Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) observed no change noting 36%, Aggravated Assaults involved a slight increase of 8% YTD, attributed to Domestic Violence, 12% reduction in robberies; overall decrease in Property Crimes, totaling 28% reduction in property crimes. **Commander Ewing** highlighted the recent forum the precinct held that occurred on July 18, 2020, based on COVID-19, Police Protests and other critical events: The Fifth Precinct held a police-community forum, which consisted of a 6 hour forum, with law enforcement officers and the community discussing the history of the police department, history of slavery and emancipation, the evolution of Detroit, watching the documentary entitled "13th Amendment," and discussing high-profile police incidents. The Fifth Precinct is continuing to hold Precinct Meetings, which have totaled 30 meetings as of this date, and will continue its participation in other community efforts.

Commissioner Burch complimented Commander Ewing and Captain Williams on their Fifth Precinct Presentation and inquired about whether the Department has included the Crime Stoppers doorknocker within their community-outreach efforts. **Vice-Chairperson Holt** asked for further information regarding the dates for the Police-Community Relations Zoom Meetings.

Report from Interim Board Secretary/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information: Ms. White reported on the following items:

IV. **MOTION: To approve the Detroit Police Department Transmitted Policy Directive on COVID-19 Department Response.**

Motion: Commissioner Burch **Second:** Commissioner Holley **Discussion:** None.

Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Griffie, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Holley, and Commissioner Jones
No: None.
VOTE: Yes = 10 No = 0 **Motion: PASSED**

1. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. Craig Re: Implicit Training Bias
2. Letter from Chief of Police James E. Craig Re: Recommendation to Promote to the Rank of Detective (20) and Support Material
3. Correspondence and Texas Observer News Article "How the San Antonio Police Are Rethinking Mental Health" 1-13-2020
4. Written Directive 403.9 COVID-19 Department Policy
5. Detroit News Article "Detroiters split on calls to defund the police" 8-11-2020
6. FOIA Request from Attorney Karri Mitchell Re: Joshua Wright and Lisa Wright
7. Community Letters Calling for Immediate Police Reform
8. NACOLE Conference Weekly Summaries Included in Weekly Packet

Unfinished Business.

V. MOTION: To End Detroit Police Department Use of Facial Recognition Technology.

Motion: Commissioner Burton **Second:** Commissioner Davis **Discussion: Chairperson Bell** ruled the motion out of order.

New Business.

V&F Collision Recommendation: Attorney Jermaine Wyrick reported the following: On March 11, 2020, V & F Tow driver, Edward Moody, a 15-year employee took a laptop, a MacBook computer, from a vehicle he towed to his home, located at 9582 Evergreen, Detroit, MI 48228. This stems from the theft of Tonishia Holloway's vehicle that was driven by her son, Victor Holloway. Victor left his backpack on the front-passenger seat of the Ford Escape, which contained his MacBook computer, charging cord, and wallet. When Victor left a friend's home, the vehicle was missing. The vehicle was recovered around Midland and Rockdale, missing its wheels and tires. **Legal** Issues: 1. Is there substantial evidence that V & F Collision Inc., violated the Rules for Police Authorized Towers? 2. Did V & F maintain substandard protocols within its towing operation by permitting employees to remove personal property from vehicles and to take the property home? The Detroit City Code ordinance 55-2-82 provides BOPC shall establish towing standards, administrative rules for the distribution of police authorized tows. Further, in accordance with Section 2-111 of the Detroit City Charter, the BOPC shall promulgate administrative rules for towing in a rotational basis. The Rules for Police Authorized Towers states: "The City may immediately terminate any towing permit with a tow company for fraud or criminal conduct by the tow company or its employees, provided however, that as soon as practicable the permit holder shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing before the Board of Police Commissioners or the Board's designee following which hearing the Board shall either affirm or rescind the termination." **BOPC Attorney Recommendation**: That the BOPC suspend V&F's 2016 permit to tow for the Detroit Police Department at least 90 days and hold a hearing on this matter at the next Board Meeting. **Captain Michael Parish** reiterated the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident and requested that the Board convene a hearing on the matter of V & F's permit to tow for the Detroit Police Department. Commissioner Griffie expressed concern regarding V & F Collision's appearance of violating the Board's Tow Rules. **Chairperson Bell** indicated that the hearing would be held next week.

Commissioner Holley inquired about whether there was conflict of interest if one of the Board Members was suing the Board of Police Commissioners. Chairperson Bell indicated that the matter would be reviewed and an update would be provided during the next Board Meeting.

Announcements: **Chairperson Bell** announced the following:

A. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Virtual Meeting
B. **Next Community Meeting:** Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Virtual Meeting

Oral Communications/Public Comments.

Adjournment:

Chairperson Bell recognized Vice-Chairperson Holt. **Vice-Chairperson** moved for adjournment.

Motion: Vice-Chairperson Holt **Second:** Commissioner Holley Discussion. None.

VOTE: **Yes** = 10 **No** = 0 **Motion: PASSED**

Chairperson Bell adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.