

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, August 20, 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 20, 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 (3:14 p.m.)	Yes	
Lisa Carter (4:15 p.m.)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Evette Griffie (4:04 p.m.)	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Jim Holley	Excused	
Martin Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Chairperson Bell called the meeting to order and invited Chaplain Dan Hunt to provide the invocation.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Dan Hunt

I. MOTION: To approve the Agenda.

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

Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Hernandez, and Commissioner Jones

No: None.

VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 0 **Motion: PASSED**

II. MOTION: To approve the August 13, 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: Commissioner Davis

VOTE: Yes = 6 No = 1 **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 remarks highlighting important topics including the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, highlighting the contributions of Civil Rights Leader and prominent suffragist Ida B. Wells, contributions of Civil Rights Leaders Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Congressman John Lewis. Chairperson Bell also discussed special moments from the Democratic National Convention, specifically emphasizing Senator Kamala Harris accepting the nomination of Vice-Presidential Candidate, the first African American on a major party presidential ticket. Chairperson Bell also discussed civilian

oversight of law enforcement, important DPD updates and invitations, news, and information for the Board and the community's awareness.

III. MOTION: To Accept Chief of Police James E. Craig Recommendation to Promote Police Officer Patrice DuBose to the Rank of Detective.

Motion: Vice-Chairperson Holt

Second: Commissioner Brown

Discussion: None.

Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Jones

No: None.

VOTE: Yes = 7

No = 0

Motion: PASSED

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

Deputy Chief Todd Bettison 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 6, 2020							
Part I Violent Crimes:	Criminal Homicides:	Sexual Assaults:	Aggravated Assaults	Non-Fatal Shootings:	Robbery:	Carjacking:	Total:
Totals:	+25%	-31%	+17%	+51%	-17%	-11%	8% Increase in Part I Violent Crimes
Property I Crimes:	Burglaries:	Larcenies	Motor Vehicle Thefts				
Totals:	-31%	-21%	-11%				-21% Decrease in Part I Property Crime

Deputy Chief Bettison reported the following regarding recent statistics: (177) felony arrests made; (53) illegal firearms recovered; (2) misdemeanor arrests made; (117) handguns recovered; (6) long guns recovered; ***Traffic and Speeding.*** (747) Traffic Stops Conducted near and around drug houses; (115) vehicles impounded; (3) vehicles recovered; issued (839) citations, recovered various amounts of drugs; conducted raids involving drug locations. ***Drag Racing Updates Over the Past Weekend.*** (139) Traffic stops; issued (187) citations; made (21) felony arrests; (17) weapons were recovered. **Deputy Chief Bettison** also discussed the Department's strategies, tactics, and partnership with neighboring law enforcement agencies to reduce and eliminate drag racing activities. **Deputy Chief Bettison** also discussed the Department's partnership with the Michigan State Police (MSP) dispelling the statement that MSP has refused to assist the DPD highlighting the following: fulfillment of request for aviation support to shut down freeways; further MSP assisted in the manner the Department requested during recent protests and apprehended offenders who attempted to strike DPD bike officers with their vehicle.

Commissioner Davis asked about the source of all of the illegal weapons regarding the increase in firearms observed. **Commissioner Davis** requested an update regarding Chief of Police Craig's meeting with Attorney General Barr and the discussion regarding federal government partnership with the Department. **Deputy Chief Bettison** emphasized that the resources the Department is receiving involves assistance with violent drug crimes and prosecution of violent crimes, not police protests. **Commissioner Burch** inquired about the increase in numbers regarding vehicles without license plates and the Department's observations of state law violations in this regard. **Commissioner Burch** also inquired about the potential illegal transporting of weapons and firearms and the federal partnership efforts in this regard. **Deputy Chief Bettison** discussed the initiatives of the Alcohol Tobacco Firearms Agency (ATF), pledging (28) additional agents to assist the Department with the violent gun crimes and other important initiatives. **Commissioner Brown** highlighted the recent article about the federal partners coming in and making (22) arrests and inquiring about the Department's enforcement efforts, emphasizing the Department's enforcement efforts and the

data supporting their efforts. **Commissioner Brown** commended the Department's continued efforts to fight and eliminate crime. **Deputy Chief Bettison** also highlighted the Department's community partnership programs such as the programs of Brotherhood, Sisterhood, the Junior Police Cadet Program that reached 900 students this Summer, the Neighborhood Police Officer (NPOs) Program, and other community efforts. **Commissioner Burton** inquired about whether the Department has (4) priorities regarding police response time; inquired about police response time regarding priorities 1-3 and for Project Greenlight Program locations; asked how many officers are currently on patrol, and asked about the Department's strategy for reducing crime. **Commissioner Burton** also discussed that many city residents are not pleased with the deployment of federal agents in the City. **Deputy Chief Bettison** discussed the federal partners long-standing relationship with the Department; provided stats on police response time for Priorities 1-2 provided in weekly reports submitted to the Board, and explained the distribution of priorities 3-5 based on the nature of the call to various agencies.

PRESENTATION(S) TO THE BOARD: A. Director Christopher Graveline, Professional Standards Bureau: Presentation on Body-Worn Cameras of Police-SUV Incident and Protesters Regarding June 28, 2020, at 9:30 p.m.

- A. PRESENTATION ON BODY-WORN CAMERAS OF POLICE-SUV INCIDENT AND PROTESTERS:** Director Graveline presented the video show regarding various angles from in-car video, body-worn camera (BWC), and cellphone video footage of the Police-SUV incident on June 28, 2020. The videos showed officers initially arriving in the area, conducting traffic enforcement, protesters surrounding the police vehicle, jumping on the vehicle, throwing projectiles at the vehicle at various points, and further activities are noted below. See brief summaries below and meeting videos of protest incident:

Video from Scout car involved in the incident (24:44) (No audio) 9:25 p.m. 1A: Scout car starts out sitting on West Vernor and Infantry. DPD was notified of police protest that started in Patton Park; conducting traffic enforcement activities, officers were stopping at various intersections to ensure no traffic was entering on W. Vernor in front of the protesters. One of the Patrol Supervisors asked officers to monitor along W. Vernor and Waterman to direct the protesters back to Patton Park along Dix. As the officers approached W. Vernor they begin to push traffic back not allowing vehicles to proceed West on W. Vernor. At **2:02**, the scout car proceeded on W. Vernor, which becomes Dix, the officer's setup on W. Vernor attempting to eliminate traffic. At **3:38**, officers are parked stationary along W. Vernor for approximately (3) minutes. Later, (5) DPD vehicles appear along W. Vernor Highway. Officers received instructions from the Commander to remain in front of protesters, not engage with protesters and return back to Patton Park. DPD was not given any information regarding the protesters route for that evening.

At **7:06:00**, the first protester appears in view of the in-car video, on skates holding a sign. Shortly thereafter, several other protesters come into view of the in-car video camera. The protesters decide to travel down W. Vernor. A crowd of protesters is in front of the scout car. The officers attempt to move to get in front of protesters, at which time protesters surround the scout car. Some of the protesters are observed on top of police vehicle, at which time the scout car is able to leave the intersection and continues traveling down W. Vernor later coming to a stop. The scout car later completes a U-Turn to get back into formation with other scouts that were conducting traffic enforcement. A female protester riding on a scooter began to follow the scout car for the next several minutes.

At **15:15:00**, the female driver on the scooter continued following the scout car and started circling around it as the officers continued to drive down W. Vernor. Police are stationed along various side streets keeping traffic off of W. Vernor away from protesters, which was their assignment. After the scooter reappears and continues to circle the scout car, the scout car later traveled around the scooter. At **18:25:00**, the female on the scooter got in front of the scout car again, the officers attempted to go around the scooter, when the scout car attempted to go around the scooter collides into the scout cars front-wheel to front-wheel causing a flat tire. The scout car reported the activity via radio, they were told to leave the detail, go to a McDonalds in the area and assess the damage. After checking the damage to the scout car, the officers went to get it repaired.

Video of Second Scout Car 2-2A located to the right of the police vehicle with protesters on top (NO AUDIO) 0:60 Seconds: At the start of the video, protesters are observed in front of the scout car. Shortly thereafter, a crowd of protesters began to surround the vehicle to the right with the protesters on top. The Commanders instructed the officers to get out of the way if the protesters decided to go down W. Vernor and to get the scout cars further in front of the protest. Audio is started at the (30) second mark of the video of sounds of persons hitting the scout car and throwing cans and bottles at the scout car. (In this segment, no audio is heard due to technical difficulties.). The Commander instructed officers, if confronted by protesters, to get out of the way and get their scout car in front of the protesters. The protesters

began hitting the scout car and were throwing both cans and bottles. The scout car was able to proceed down W. Vernor, at which time the video recording ended.

Cell Phone Video (2C) Third Footage of Police Protest left-side view (NO AUDIO) 1:13 minutes: The video showed what happened leading up to the event. A crowd of protesters is observed scattered about in the street at an intersection on W. Vernor holding up signs. As the protesters approach the intersection there are approximately 3-4 scout cars stationed at an intersection on W. Vernor. The officers were initially standing outside of their scout cars, but as the crowd got closer, the officers begin to get into their scout cars. Shortly thereafter, protesters are observed on top of the scout car. There appeared to be commotion, and the view becomes blurry. Upon the view clearing up, the scout car is observed driving off as protesters ran behind it.

Cell Phone Video (2B) Fourth Footage of Police Protest from a different angle with audio: Protesters are observed near the vehicle while, chanting profane, derogatory statements. **At 0:19:00**, the protesters surrounded the scout car while others got on top of the scout car. Some of the protesters began to hit the scout car as it attempted to proceed ahead of the crowd. The protesters then proceeded to run after/follow the scout car as it drove away. The scout car moved forward 2-3 times, and after the back window of the scout car is shattered, the officers took off to leave the scene. According to officers, they thought that someone shot out the back window or that someone smashed the back window attempting to get into the scout car.

Replay of Cell Phone Video (2C): Fifth Video of Police Protest from left driver's side angle of the police vehicle: At the start of the video, the protesters are at an intersection on W. Vernor, chanting profane, derogatory statements. See activities cited above.

Director Graveline also invited the Board to watch additional video segments of the police-SUV incident following the presentation.

Chairperson Bell discussed the protest activities and video footage being used as an upcoming training effort for the Department's continued training efforts. **Commissioner Burton** expressed his previous request of asking the Department to show (2) two hours prior to the officers contact with protesters and one (1) hour after the incident along with the audio was not fulfilled during today's presentation. Interim Secretary to the Board Ms. White clarified that she and Director Graveline communicated several times to arrange the Department's presentation today of showing various segments of the police protest, protesters, and the police-SUV incident and further the Department's invitation to the Board to view further video footage and ask follow-up questions on Friday, August 21, 2020.

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

1. Proposed Department Manual Directive 304.2 Use of Force – 08/18/20
2. Letter from Shulman Law Center Re: V & F Collision, Inc. Notice of Hearing Request for Adjournment
3. Communications Operations – Calls for Service General Descriptions and Directions
4. Chief of Police James E. Craig Request for Promotion to the Rank of Detective (1) Candidate
5. National Legal Defense Fund (LDF) Release of Toolkit to Help Communities Hold Police Accountable
6. United States Conference of Mayors 2020 Vision

Unfinished Business.

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

- A. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Virtual Meeting
- B. **Next Community Meeting:** Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Virtual Meeting

Oral Communications/Public Comments.

IV. MOTION: To go into Closed Session.

Motion: Vice-Chairperson Holt **Second:** Commissioner Carter **Discussion:** None.
Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Griffie, Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Jones
No: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burton, and Commissioner Davis.
Abstain: Commissioner Burch
VOTE: Yes = 6 No = 3 Abstain = 1 **Motion: PASSED**

Closed Session New Business.

V. MOTION: To Terminate Jermaine Wyrick Attorney for the Board of Police Commissioners.

Motion: Commissioner Griffie **Second:** Vice-Chairperson Holt **Discussion:** None.
Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Griffie, Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Jones
No: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Davis.
VOTE: Yes = 6 No = 3 **Motion: PASSED**

Chairperson Bell recognized Commissioner Griffie. **Commissioner Griffie** moved for adjournment.

Motion: Commissioner Griffie **Second:** Commissioner Carter Discussion. None.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 **Motion: PASSED**

Chairperson Bell adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.