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10	Detroit, Michigan
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12	Thursday, September 10, 2020
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14	Notary Public, County of Wayne
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Τ	APPEARANCES:
2	CHAIRPERSON WILLIE E. BELL, District 4
3	VICE CHAIRPERSON ANNIE HOLT, At-Large
4	COMMISSIONER MARTIN JONES, At-Large
5	COMMISSIONER DARRYL D. BROWN, District 1
6	COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY A. BURCH, District 3
7	COMMISSIONER WILLIAM M. DAVIS, District 7
8	COMMISSIONER JIM HOLLEY, At-Large
9	COMMISSIONER JESUS HERNANDEZ, At-Large
10	COMMISSIONER EVETTE GRIFFIE, District 2
11	COMMISSIONER WILLIE E. BURTON, District 5
12	SECRETARY MELANIE WHITE
13	ROBERT BROWN, Board Staff
14	TERESA BLOSSOM, Community Relations Coordinator
15	CHIEF JAMES CRAIG
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- 1 Detroit, Michigan
- 2 Thursday, September 10, 2020
- 3 3:00 p.m.
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- 6 the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners meeting.
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- 11 and other background sounds to prevent interrupting the
- 12 meeting. And also as a reminder, honorable board, you
- 13 do have the capability to self-mute or mute your
- 14 microphones at any time during the meeting.
- 15 And thank you. And now Chairperson Bell.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. I'm
- 17 going to call the meeting to order. I'm going to ask
- 18 our Chaplain -- I'll say the first name. Is that
- 19 Curtis?
- 20 MS. WHITE: Chaplain Richard Long --
- 21 CHAPLAIN LONGSTREET: Yes, Chaplain Curtis
- 22 Longstreet.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir. We
- 24 appreciation the invocation, please.
- 25 (Invocation given.)



- 1 AUDIENCE: Amen.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chaplain.
- 3 Amen.
- 4 The next item will be introduction of the
- 5 commissioners, and we're going to do it by district.
- 6 District 1.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good afternoon,
- 8 everyone. This is Darryl Brown, District 1.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 2.
- 10 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Hi. This is Evette
- 11 Griffie, commissioner from District 2.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 3.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon,
- 14 everyone. This is Commissioner Shirley Burch, District
- 15 3.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 4 is
- 17 your Chair, Willie Bell. Thank you for your
- 18 attendance. District 5.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Good afternoon. This
- 20 is Commissioner Willie E. Burton, District 5.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 6.
- 22 District 7.
- 23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon, Detroit.
- 24 This is Police Commissioner William Davis from District
- 25 7.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Starting
- 2 At-Large will be Hernandez. Commissioner.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon.
- 4 This is Jesus Hernandez, At-Large.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner
- 6 Jones.
- 7 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon,
- 8 everyone. This is Commissioner Martin L. Jones,
- 9 At-Large.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner
- 11 Holley, At-Large.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Commissioner Holley.
- 13 Good afternoon. Present, accounted for.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.
- MS. WHITE: Mr. Chairperson, you do have a
- 16 quorum.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Vice Chair
- 18 Holt, At-Large, she's going to also speak to the --
- 19 thank you.
- VICE CHAIR HOLT: Okay. Thank you. Good
- 21 afternoon, everyone. Yes. I'm Vice Chair, liberate.
- 22 And did I hear you say, Chair Bell, that you
- 23 wanted some updates on the census?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. I think it's
- 25 crucial that we continue to lift that up.



- 1 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Thank you for giving me a
- 2 heads-up right before you wanted me to open my mouth.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That's a standard format.
- 4 VICE CHAIR HOLT: All right. I'm good. I'm
- 5 good.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I know.
- 7 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Okay. Yes, yes. The U.S.
- 8 Census reported out that some 85 percent of homes in
- 9 the states have responded to the census. Well, it
- 10 doesn't look that way here in the city of Detroit.
- 11 Overall, the city of Detroit is working at I think 48
- 12 percent.
- Now, what I'm going to do is share the
- 14 responses that have recorded based on council
- 15 districts. And, in fact, your council district you
- 16 might want to get out and start beating the bushes and
- 17 getting on the foghorn or whatever and encouraging
- 18 folks to complete the census. All you have to do is go
- 19 to "my 2020 census." If you get that far, the whole
- 20 application process will begin.
- 21 And, if you are one of those individuals like
- 22 I was who put aside your paper application that came
- 23 sometime in March I think it was and you come to that
- 24 part in your census application where it asks for your
- 25 ID number, you can just advance ahead. It will still



- 1 be excited to accept your census information, or you
- 2 can call the phone number. Again, that can be found
- 3 online.
- 4 All right. Based on council districts on
- 5 pace 60 percent, District 2, 59 percent, District 3, 50
- 6 percent, District 4, 47 percent, District 5, 42.6
- 7 percent. And I'm not putting the percentages on all of
- 8 these, but the major numbers I am giving. District 6,
- 9 43 percent and District 7, 52 percent.
- 10 And as Commissioner Davis shared a couple of
- 11 days ago, even though the City of Detroit is sharing
- 12 the information that the census will come to a halt on
- 13 September the 31st -- September the 30th, however,
- 14 there is a suit that was issued I think by a judge in
- 15 California whereas they're begging for the census, the
- 16 2020 census, to be extended until October the 31st,
- 17 which is what we were led to believe early on into the
- 18 process.
- So again, please, please. That money
- 20 goes to the city --
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. Point
- 22 of order. This is not even on the agenda, and this
- 23 should be moved to new business.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt, wrap it
- 25 up. Thank you.



- 1 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Oh, okay. Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The next item will be
- 3 approving the agenda for this afternoon's meeting.
- 4 Commissioners, what is your pleasure?
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So moved.
- 6 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Second.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 8 and second. Those in favor, yes?
- 9 COMMISSIONERS: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?
- 11 Motion carries.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order,
- 13 Mr. Chairman. According to the Governor's executive
- 14 order, we have to have a record roll call vote on each
- 15 -- when we take these matters up, sir.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The next item will be the
- 17 minutes. What is your pleasure, commissioners?
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You have to call for a
- 19 roll call vote, Mr. Chairman.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: What's your pleasure,
- 21 commissioners?
- 22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: So moved for the minutes.
- 24 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Second.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved



- 1 and second. We'll do the roll call vote for the
- 2 minutes. District 1.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 5 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, Bell, yes.
- 9 District 5.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6. District 7.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large, Commissioner
- 14 Hernandez.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 17 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt.
- VICE CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White.
- MS. WHITE: Motion passed.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. And now we
- 25 move on to, Ms. White, introducing the staff.



- 1 MS. WHITE: Yes. Good afternoon, honorable
- 2 board. Through the Chair, the Department of Innovation
- and Technology is monitoring and recording the board's
- 4 meeting today. And our court reporter today is Ms.
- 5 Sheila Rice. And the following board staff members are
- 6 in attendance today. Mr. Robert Brown, Ms. Teresa
- 7 Blossom, Community Relations Coordinator, Investigator
- 8 Tiffany Stewart, Ms. Jonya Underwood, Administrative
- 9 Assistant, Lieutenant James Coles is representing
- 10 Police Recruiting Human Resources, Interim Chief
- 11 Investigator Lawrence Akbar, Supervising Investigator
- 12 Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator Lisonya
- 13 Sloan and Senior Investigator Rosalia Madrigal are all
- 14 in attendance today.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White.
- 16 It's good to see Chief Craig with us.
- Good afternoon, Chief Craig.
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: Good afternoon, Chairperson
- 19 Bell, and honorable board.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 21 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Good afternoon.
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon, sir.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: If you could introduce
- 24 your staff, or Ms. White might want to assist you out,
- 25 but we're going to roll with that.



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: Okay. I'll start with -- I
- 2 believe -- well, I know for sure Deputy Chief
- 3 Fitzgerald is on. I apologize in advance. I have
- 4 another engagement in about an hour and a half.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 6 CHIEF CRAIG: And Fitzgerald with sit in for
- 7 me. I believe Deputy Chief --
- 8 Maybe you can help me, Ms. White, because I
- 9 can't see all the ...
- 10 MS. WHITE: Yes. I do see Deputy Chief Todd
- 11 Bettison is on the line and ...
- 12 CHIEF CRAIG: Commander Stewart is also on
- 13 the line.
- 14 MS. WHITE: Captain Aric Tosqui, Captain Kyra
- 15 Joy Hope, Captain Derrick May, Director Chris
- 16 Graveline, First Assistant Chief Lashinda Stair,
- 17 Commander Kari Sloan, Captain Liddell -- Lena Liddell,
- 18 Lieutenant Lori Ross, Lieutenant Coles indicated
- 19 earlier, Director Stein (ph). And that concludes all
- 20 of the DPD executives that I see on the attendees list
- 21 at this time.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White, and
- 23 thank you for the Chief and his team.
- 24 Could you introduce any elected officials or
- 25 representatives of elected officials.



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- 1 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair,
- 2 Honorable Council President Brenda Jones, Detroit City
- 3 Council, is present today. Ms. Kesha McKinney
- 4 representing Councilman Andre Spivey is present.
- 5 Former Honorable Police Commissioner Ricardo Moore is
- 6 present on the line. Lieutenant Mark Young, president
- 7 of the Lieutenants and Sergeants Association is also
- 8 present on the line. And that concludes all of the
- 9 special VIP guests in attendance today, sir.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Ms. White, did
- 11 you say Council President Jones is in attendance?
- MS. WHITE: Yes.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And my councilman of
- 14 District 4, Councilman Spivey?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for your
- 17 attendance, Council President and District 4 Council
- 18 Spivey, and all the other VIPs that's in attendance.
- 19 We're going to move right along with the
- 20 agenda. My remarks are going to be brief. I know the
- 21 Chief -- I know he wants to be present to give his
- 22 report and also for the promotion from assistant chief
- 23 on down to the rank of captain.
- As you know, we have responded to the
- 25 Congresswoman Tlaib and Council Sheffield and State



- 1 Senator Chang's letter. Commissioners, you have a copy
- 2 of that, and I'm just going to not read the whole
- 3 letter, but I'm going to just highlight a couple
- 4 points.
- 5 The main thing is that as a supervisor of
- 6 oversight over the department since 1974, the board was
- 7 created based on a vote of the community, peaceful
- 8 protest of nonviolence to reform our law enforcement
- 9 and criminal justice system of Detroit. Historically
- 10 and presently, the board works to ensure that
- 11 department members refrain from violating any person's
- 12 fundamental constitutional rights, including but not
- 13 limited to the First and Fourteenth Amendment. The
- 14 board still stands on these missions today.
- Based on Article 7, Chapter 8 police, Section
- 16 7-803, the duties of the Board of Police Commissioners
- 17 states in reverent part the board investigates any
- 18 complaints concerning the operation of the Detroit
- 19 Police Department and forward all allegations of
- 20 criminality to the appropriate venue for further
- 21 investigation and resolution.
- Given the board's mandate, we have to respond
- 23 in that manner to the issues that have been raised
- 24 about perhaps criminality. The appropriate entity to
- 25 review and to resolve allegations of criminality is



- 1 conducted by the DPD in conjunction with the Wayne
- 2 County Prosecutor's office. As you well know, that's
- 3 been ongoing.
- 4 Note, more importantly, the board continues
- 5 to provide supervisory and oversight and control and
- 6 consistently provides transparency and accountability
- 7 on the part of the department to ensure that policy and
- 8 procedures enacted by the board are enforced and that
- 9 members are held responsible. Hence, the most recent
- 10 use of force of policy recommendation approved by the
- 11 board that's on our website. We spent a great deal of
- 12 time. It's sponsored by Commissioner Griffie, and it's
- 13 been -- the cooperation of Chief Craig and his staff
- 14 has been tremendous in terms of working that out, and
- 15 we passed that a couple other weeks ago. And you can
- 16 review in detail our concern about the issues that
- 17 we've been involved in.
- We also -- the use of force police brutality
- 19 is about members of DPD include all incidents that were
- 20 cited in this letter that's been interacted with the
- 21 department on that. And they are -- Chief will
- 22 probably be reporting out on that. So the protests,
- 23 events, in preparing a legal response is also in terms
- 24 of in court. And also the corporation counsel is
- 25 weighing in on that. So it's a process that we have



- 1 undergone quite some time in working with the
- 2 department, and we have responded to all the complaints
- 3 that we have. In some instances, we have reported out
- 4 that we have investigated noncriminal matters. In some
- 5 other instances we have referred to the department and
- 6 we have a great relationship addressing that.
- 7 The bottom line is that the prosecutor's
- 8 office would -- any reviewing this matter, Chief Craig
- 9 has reported out on numerous occasions in reference to
- 10 dealing with that. And we are now in Federal Court in
- 11 terms of that injunction for 14 days. And Chief has
- 12 responded to that and we have responded to that.
- So that's primarily -- I just wanted to wrap
- 14 it up on that note, but we have a great deal of
- 15 concern. We have a working relationship. We take our
- 16 role quite seriously, the commissioners -- several
- 17 commissioners throughout the district and board
- 18 throughout at large. So we are fully engaged in terms
- 19 of the issues that concern the public. And we have no
- 20 intention of ducking that responsibility.
- On that note, that's the closure of my
- 22 remarks, but we are open in terms of ongoing debates
- 23 and concerns in reference to this very critical era.
- 24 But we emphasize that we want peaceful demonstration.
- 25 Even though they last late in the night, they are



- 1 stretching us thin, we have responded properly. But we
- 2 also monitor in terms of what's happening citywide with
- 3 the Chief trying to provide service throughout the
- 4 neighborhoods. And we have issues with -- you name it.
- 5 It's been a very busy season of issues that we have
- 6 impacted. I just want to commend the department in
- 7 terms of responding on the difficult times.
- 8 So on that note I'm going to close, Ms.
- 9 White, and we can open the floor up to -- the next
- 10 matter will be Chief Craig.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Commissioner Holley,
- 12 speaking to you, Commissioner Bell.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Can I -- Commissioner
- 15 Bell?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir, I hear you.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Can we just take a
- 18 moment and allow the president of the City Council that
- 19 maybe give her a opportunity and the other council
- 20 person, Spivey, just give them a couple minutes to say
- 21 hello?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: If they want to say hello,
- 23 we can do that, but we have to a follow the agenda,
- 24 sir, if they just want to say hello. I was going to
- 25 definitely give them the opportunity to speak, so ...



- 1 MS. WHITE: Chairperson. Yes, sir, through
- 2 the Chair. I was just getting ready to indicate that
- 3 Council President Jones did have her hand raised. And
- 4 so we are preparing to make sure that her microphone is
- 5 enabled to speak if it is your pleasure at this time,
- 6 but I was just getting ready to mention that.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That would be proper.
- 8 And thank you, Commissioner Holley.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JONES: Hello. And that's
- 11 all I'm going to say for now. I was just going to
- 12 listen to the meeting, but I would like to make public
- 13 comments at the end of the meeting. I did not join the
- 14 meeting for this purpose of what you're talking about.
- 15 I joined the meeting for another purpose. I understand
- 16 there was a promotion on the agenda, and that was my
- 17 reason for joining the meeting. So I will await to the
- 18 public comments. Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And, Ms. Council
- 20 President, we will move you up in terms of giving you
- 21 priority number one.
- 22 Commissioner Spivey -- I mean Councilman
- 23 Spivey I should say. Okay.
- MS. WHITE: We are double-checking his
- 25 microphone as well, sir.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, Ms. White, we'll
- 2 just move on with the Chief's report, and we'll give
- 3 the councilman opportunity in the same manner that
- 4 we're going to give commissioner -- I keep saying
- 5 commissioner -- Council President Jones, unless he has
- 6 a priority in terms of the time frame. He will let us
- 7 know. Thank you.
- 8 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair.
- 9 Also on the agenda under the -- under your report, the
- 10 Chairperson's report, is the promotion and appointments
- 11 list.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Thank you. So that
- 13 will be ...
- Is Chief Craig next on the agenda?
- 15 MS. WHITE: No. Through the Chair, it's
- 16 the --
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. I'm sorry. I have
- 18 it now. Okay. Ms. White, we're going to start with
- 19 the rank of assistant chief.
- MS. WHITE: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Chief Craig, we'll get
- 22 back to you.
- 23 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the Chair. I
- 24 believe that President Brenda Jones wanted to address
- 25 this topic, but at the time we weren't sure we were



- 1 going to move to it. Is now the appropriate time?
- 2 Council President Jones mentioned that she had
- 3 something she wanted to add to this.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay, at this time.
- 5 MS. WHITE: Council President Jones.
- 6 VICE CHAIR HOLT: It looks as if she's muted,
- 7 Ms. White.
- 8 MS. WHITE: I know that staff co-hosts are
- 9 unmuting her microphone as we speak.
- 10 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Okay.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, start the
- 12 process, and she can weigh in when she has opportunity
- 13 to finish. Thank you.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. And we do have her
- 15 microphone enabled. Thank you so much for your
- 16 patience, honorable board.
- 17 Council President Jones.
- 18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JONES: I will wait until
- 19 the process is completed. Thank you.
- 20 MS. WHITE: Okay. Honorable board, you
- 21 received the entire DPD packet on the appointments and
- 22 promotions and as well as the additional language and
- 23 support material. And so as Chairperson Bell has just
- 24 indicated, the first rank is assistant chief, and if it
- 25 is your pleasure we can move forward.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The Chair would entertain
- 2 a motion for the rank of assistant chief.
- 3 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 5 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I move the board
- 6 approve Chief of Police James Craig's recommendation to
- 7 promote Deputy Chief Todd Bettison to the rank of
- 8 assistant chief.
- 9 VICE CHAIR HOLT: I second.
- 10 COMMISSIONER JONES: I second.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 12 and second. Discussion?
- Hearing none, do we need a roll call?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 17 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry.
- MS. WHITE: Go ahead. Excuse me,
- 20 Mr. Chairperson.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 22 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Definitely.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, yes.



- District 5.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6. District 7.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large, Commissioner
- 6 Hernandez.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 9 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Jones.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I don't see him.
- 11 Commissioner Holley.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes, with enthusiasm.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt, Vice
- 14 Chair.
- VICE CHAIR HOLT: Yes, with more enthusiasm.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 17 Ms. White.
- MS. WHITE: The motion passed.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh, I see Commissioner
- 20 Jones now. The motion passed. Okay. Thank you.
- 21 The next item will be for the rank of deputy
- 22 chief.
- 23 VICE CHAIR HOLT: I move that we support
- 24 police -- Chief of Police James Craig's recommendation
- 25 for the promotion of Commander Mark S. Bliss to the



- 1 rank of Deputy Chief.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Second.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 4 and second. Discussion?
- 5 Roll call. District 1.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 8 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, Bell, yes.
- 12 District 5.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6. I assume that
- 15 Commissioner Carter is not with us at this time.
- MS. WHITE: That's correct, sir.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At-Large,
- 20 Commissioner Hernandez.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 23 Commissioner Holley.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Vice Chair Holt.



- 1 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White.
- 3 MS. WHITE: The motion passed.
- 4 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I move that -- through
- 5 the Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 7 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I move that we support
- 8 Police Chief Craig's recommendation to promote Captain
- 9 Kyra Joy Hope to rank of commander.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Second.
- 12 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Second.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's properly moved and
- 14 second. Discussion?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Question.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, I have a
- 18 question.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'd like to know is this
- 21 the same Captain Hope that Commissioner Burton has
- 22 asked about for years? Is that the same lady?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch, let's
- 24 just refrain from that. Okay.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm just trying to



- 1 identify her. I'm just trying to identify her.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Is this --
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes, yes, yes.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: That's all I'm trying to
- 7 get. That's not a problem.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The motion is long
- 9 overdue. She deserves it.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Let's move on, please.
- 11 District 1.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 14 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, yes.
- 18 District 5.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to pass
- 21 District 6. District 7.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large, Commissioner
- 24 Hernandez.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Vice Chair Holt.
- 6 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 8 Ms. White.
- 9 MS. WHITE: Motion passed.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The final rank will be
- 11 for --
- 12 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 14 VICE CHAIR HOLT: I move that the board
- 15 approve Chief of Police James Craig's recommendation to
- 16 promote Lieutenant Robert Mitchell to the rank of
- 17 captain.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 20 and second. Discussion?
- 21 Roll call. District 1.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 24 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, Bell, yes.
- 3 District 5.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6 we'll pass.
- 6 District 7.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large, Commissioner
- 9 Hernandez.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 12 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Vice Chair Holt.
- 16 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- MS. WHITE: Motion passed.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Is there another promotion
- 20 there?
- MS. WHITE: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. For the rank
- 23 of captain?
- 24 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Correct. I move that the
- 25 board approve Chief of Police James E. Craig's



- 1 recommendation to promote Lieutenant Tonya Leonard
- 2 Gilbert to the rank of captain.
- 3 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Support.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 5 and supported. Discussion?
- 6 District 1.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 9 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, Bell, yes.
- District 5.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6 we'll pass.
- 16 District 7.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At-Large,
- 19 Commissioner Hernandez.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Vice Chair Holt.



- 1 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White.
- 3 MS. WHITE: Motion passed.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you,
- 5 commissioners. At this time I would like to --
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You've got two more.
- 7 You've got two more.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Got two more?
- 9 MS. WHITE: No, that's it.
- 10 VICE CHAIR HOLT: No.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We've got two captains,
- 12 that's it.
- Ms. White, would you allow the newly promoted
- 14 -- I move that we move one by one for brief remarks.
- 15 Brief remarks.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Staff is preparing to
- 17 unmute microphones for the newly promoted DPD
- 18 executives.
- 19 And, Assistant Chief Bettison, your
- 20 microphone is unmuted at this time.
- 21 A.C. BETTISON: Can everyone hear me?
- 22 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Yes, we can.
- A.C. BETTISON: So I definitely want to thank
- 24 the board for your vote of confidence, thank Chief
- 25 Craig, thank the community, just, you know, thank the



- 1 command staff, because, you know, I'm standing on the
- 2 shoulders of just everyone, because, you know, it's all
- 3 team. My people have supported me tremendously. I
- 4 will continue to work hard, and this is just a
- 5 phenomenal experience just to have the vote of
- 6 confidence to be able to take on this great
- 7 responsibility. Of course, I tend to do it to the best
- 8 of my ability and dedicate myself even more so if
- 9 that's possible to the citizens of this city. Thank
- 10 you all.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JONES: Congratulations.
- D.C. BLISS: Good afternoon.
- 13 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Good afternoon.
- D.C. BLISS: Deputy Chief Mark Bliss.
- I would like to thank Chief Craig, the Board
- 16 of Police Commissioners and the executive team for this
- 17 opportunity. It's truly a privilege and an honor.
- 18 Thank you again. And, Chief, I'm ready.
- 19 MS. WHITE: Thank you, Deputy Chief Bliss.
- 20 And also Commander Hope the staff is
- 21 preparing to unmute the microphone.
- 22 COMMANDER HOPE: Hello everyone. And I just
- 23 want to say thank you so much, first of all, to my
- 24 Chief, James E. Craig, and to our distinguished board.
- 25 It's really numbing. I'm so excited to be able to take



- 1 on this challenge. And I will continue to serve with
- 2 the utmost respect and dignity with everything that I
- 3 have in me. It is trying times now, and we know that
- 4 our leadership matters. And I just want to say thank
- 5 you so much for this vote and for this opportunity, and
- 6 I will continue to serve the city of Detroit until the
- 7 Lord has something else for me to do. Thank you so
- 8 much.
- 9 MS. WHITE: Captain Robert Mitchell. And we
- 10 are still locating him.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think the other captain
- 12 is ready to go.
- MS. WHITE: Yes. Captain Gilbert.
- 14 CAPTAIN GILBERT: Good afternoon, Chairperson
- 15 Bell and honorable board, to my Chief, James E. Craig,
- 16 and my senior executive team. I am so humbled and
- 17 grateful. Thank you so much for this opportunity. I'm
- 18 very excited. I'm ready to get to work. I endeavor to
- 19 do my best to continue to make you proud and serve you
- 20 well and the residents of the city of Detroit. Thank
- 21 you.
- 22 MS. WHITE: We are still locating Captain
- 23 Mitchell at this time, Chairperson Bell.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: If not, we can -- when you
- 25 locate him and he's ready to speak, we can interrupt



- 1 the Chief if he don't mind.
- 2 But the next item will be Chief -- peaceful
- 3 interruption. The next speaker will be Chief of Police
- 4 report, James E. Craig.
- 5 Before that, I just want to commend all of
- 6 these promotees to their respective ranks. The
- 7 majority of them I know and have interact with you,
- 8 especially in the ranks of assistant chief and deputy
- 9 chief and commander. So I just want to wish you the
- 10 best and looking forward to working with you in the
- 11 near future. Thank you.
- 12 Chief Craig.
- COMMISSIONER BROWN: Excuse me. Through the
- 14 Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Were we going to bring
- 17 Council President Jones on, because she wanted to speak
- 18 to this promotional process, or are we going to wait
- 19 until public comments?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think she said she
- 21 wanted to wait, if I heard her correctly on two
- 22 different occasions.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay.
- 24 MS. WHITE: We can double-check, through the
- 25 Chair, honorable board. And then also we do have a



- 1 resolution for retiring Detective Paytra Williams
- 2 before the Chief of Police.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, once again, Chief --
- 4 I guess I'm not reading my script here. Okay. I
- 5 apologize. I'm trying not to put it in my face here,
- 6 but Ms. White that's why she's there, to make sure we
- 7 stay on point.
- 8 Ms. White.
- 9 MS. WHITE: Yes. The resolution honoring
- 10 retiring Detective Paytra Williams, and that resolution
- 11 was also E-mailed to the honorable board. So that is
- 12 also in your packets and we're pulling that up on the
- 13 screen. And if we could please -- if staff could
- 14 please zoom in or expand it. Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We have a volunteer for
- 16 the resolution?
- 17 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Yes, through the Chair.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 19 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Resolution honoring
- 20 Detective Paytra C. Williams.
- "Whereas, Paytra C. Williams was appointed to
- 22 the Detroit Police Department on June 3, 1999. Upon
- 23 graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police
- 24 Academy, Officer Williams was assigned to the Housing
- 25 Support Division.



- 1 "And whereas, Officer Williams' assignments
- 2 with the Detroit Police Department included the
- 3 Headquarters Surveillance Unit, Internal Affairs, Chief
- 4 of Staff, Tactical Operations, Narcotics, Investigative
- 5 Operations, Narcotics again, Homicide.
- 6 "And, whereas, on August the 15, 2014 Officer
- 7 Williams was promoted to the rank of detective and was
- 8 reassigned to Homicide Unit where she served until her
- 9 retirement.
- 10 "And, Detective Williams was the deserving
- 11 recipient of the following awards. Perfect Attendance
- 12 Award, Ford Fireworks Celebration Ribbon, the Major
- 13 League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa
- 14 Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Superbowl 40
- 15 Recognition Award, in addition, to several accolades
- 16 from within the department and from other agencies and
- 17 citizens for her professionalism and expertise.
- 18 "And, whereas, Detective Williams has
- 19 tireless served the Detroit Police Department, the
- 20 citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for
- 21 21 plus years. Her professionalism, commitment to
- 22 public service, integrity and dedication has been a
- 23 credit to the Detroit Police Department.
- 24 "Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the
- 25 Detroit Board of Police, Commissioners speaking for the



- 1 citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department,
- 2 awards this resolution in recognition of Detective
- 3 Paytra C. Williams' 21 years of dedicated and diligent
- 4 public service. Her professionalism, integrity and
- 5 lifelong commitment to the city of Detroit and its
- 6 citizens merit our highest regards. We thank and
- 7 congratulate you, Detective Paytra C. Williams."
- 8 Through the Chair, I move that we approve
- 9 this resolution in honor of Paytra C. Williams.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Support.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Second.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 13 and supported. Those in favor, yes.
- 14 COMMISSIONERS: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed, no.
- 16 The motion carries. Thank you.
- 17 MS. WHITE: Chairperson Bell, Council
- 18 President Jones' microphone is unmuted at this time.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: She has the floor.
- 20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JONES: Good afternoon, and
- 21 thank you for giving me this opportunity. Can you hear
- 22 me okay?
- VICE CHAIR HOLT: Yes, we can, and good
- 24 afternoon.
- 25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you for



- 1 giving me this opportunity again. I'm going to be very
- 2 brief. I want to first of all congratulate all of the
- 3 officers, captains, detectives that have been promoted.
- 4 I am one that stands behind Detroit Police Department
- 5 I'm going to say 100 percent. I know that there's
- 6 sometimes one bad apple, but they're definitely more
- 7 good apples than bad apples in Detroit Police
- 8 Department. And so I just want to say thank you to all
- 9 of the men and women in blue for the Detroit Police
- 10 Department.
- I want to say a great congratulations to
- 12 Assistant Chief Bettison. As I always say, I contact
- 13 Assistant Chief Bettison all of the time. I give Chief
- 14 Craig a break. When I should be calling Chief Craig, I
- 15 call Assistant Chief Bettison. And no matter what time
- 16 I call him he always responds. And so I just want to
- 17 say that I think that that was an awesome promotion. I
- don't think the people of the city of Detroit will be
- 19 let down at all on that assistant chief promotion. I
- 20 am one that have not wanting anyone to leave, but have
- 21 been calling Deputy Chief Bettison assistant chief for
- 22 a while. And I have always told him speak what you
- 23 want and if that's what you want to be put it in the
- 24 atmosphere and speak it. And so he told me "you must
- 25 be a prophet, "because I did speak it and I am so



- 1 happy.
- 2 And also I don't know everyone that was
- 3 promoted, but I definitely know Captain Hope that was
- 4 promoted to commander. And I want to just also say
- 5 that she also is one that is very deserving to be
- 6 promoted as well as Gilbert who is one that I know as
- 7 well that is one to be promoted. I don't know the
- 8 other one that was promoted, I do not think.
- 9 But I want to just say thank you for all of
- 10 your votes of confidence for the ones that you
- 11 promoted. Thank you, Chief Craig, for looking -- and
- 12 definitely any time you promote a woman I say bravo to
- 13 the women that are promoted and who are very deserving
- 14 to be promoted.
- 15 So thank you so much to the Board of Police
- 16 Commissioners for giving me this opportunity. Thank
- 17 you, Chief Craig. Thank you all for the work that you
- 18 all do, because as an elected official I know that it's
- 19 not always easy, but you continue to do what you do.
- 20 So thank you to the Board of Police Commissioners for
- 21 your hard work. Thank you, Chief Craig, for what you
- 22 do and thank you, Chair Bell and Vice Chair Holt, and
- 23 to the board secretary.
- 24 God bless all of you. God bless the city of
- 25 Detroit. And we will continue to fight the fights that



- 1 we have and when we fight together we win. And we
- 2 definitely will be hanging in with you. I can speak on
- 3 behalf of myself and my team will be hanging in with
- 4 you to fight the fights that we do. Thank you for the
- 5 great job that you all do on behalf of myself and Team
- 6 Jones. God bless all of you, and keep doing the good
- 7 job.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Council
- 9 President Jones.
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And thank you for your
- 12 leadership in the city of Detroit.
- Ms. White, do we have Councilman Spivey from
- 14 District 4 at this time?
- 15 MS. WHITE: Yes. Well, we do not have
- 16 Council Member Spivey. We have his representative, and
- 17 we are unmuting the microphone. And thank you so much
- 18 again, honorable board and DPD executives, for your
- 19 patience. We have been experiencing some internet
- 20 connectivity issues, but we are in the process of
- 21 identifying his representative for her to speak.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: May I speak while we're
- 25 waiting for Mr. Spivey's representative?



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'd rather you not. If
- 2 he's not coming on, we're going to move on to Chief
- 3 Craig.
- 4 MS. WHITE: Okay. The microphone should be
- 5 unmuted for Ms. McKinney to speak.
- 6 Okay. Chairperson Bell, we do not hear her
- 7 speak. So she may not have comments at this time.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Chief Craig, thank
- 9 you for your patience.
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you so much, honorable
- 11 chairman and board. Let me first just -- thanking all
- of you. This is probably one of the more emotional
- 13 promotions. This is my favorite part of my job over
- 14 the last seven years being able to reward those who
- 15 have done such a phenomenal job, but this one has been
- 16 a little more emotional for me. A lot of thought went
- 17 into it.
- 18 First when we think of Assistant Chief -- and
- 19 I love the sound of that -- Assistant Chief Todd
- 20 Bettison. You know, he has done so much in supporting
- 21 me over my time. You know, clearly during these very
- 22 challenging times, over now in excess of a hundred
- 23 days, he's certainly played a key role in making sure
- 24 we were garnering and bridging that gap in the
- 25 community, which went a long way. And we talk about



- 1 the reason why Detroit didn't burn in large part is
- 2 because of our community, and we know that. I
- 3 recognize that. And so that's so, so important for me.
- I'm go jump -- well, I'ma go right to Mark
- 5 Bliss. You know, D.C. Mark Bliss is another phenomenal
- 6 candidate, very quiet, unassuming, but I will tell you
- 7 this individual is a true professional. He gets the
- 8 job done. He's committed to his work, his profession.
- 9 And so for that I just simply say thank you.
- I heard it mentioned by several on the board
- 11 that Commander Kyra Joy Hope -- where do I start? I
- 12 think it was said many times during this presentation
- 13 overdue, overdue. I thought we were protesting for a
- 14 minute, but in all seriousness it was overdue, well
- 15 overdue. I've watched Kyra -- and I had this
- 16 conversation with her when I told her the good news
- 17 about recommending her. I told her I've watch her, you
- 18 know, move up the ranks here in the DPD. I know
- 19 Chairman Bell will love me when I say this, but I was
- 20 sitting out on the west coast underneath a palm tree
- 21 watching Kyra move up, but I was moving up as well but
- 22 not as fast as she was. So I think I was a sergeant
- when she made lieutenant, and eventually I made
- 24 lieutenant and I kept going. But my point is Kyra is
- 25 so committed to this city and this community, and so



- 1 I'm proud of her accomplishment.
- When I think about Captain Robert Mitchell,
- 3 you know, another person unassuming, quiet, you may not
- 4 know him. When you think about critical incidents that
- 5 we've had to handle, specifically this year to date
- 6 we've handled 22 barricaded suspects. And, as you all
- 7 know, that's one of the most critical incidents that,
- 8 you know, a police department would be involved in.
- 9 Generally when SRT goes out to those incidents we're
- 10 dealing with a armed and dangerous suspect. And when
- 11 you break it down further probably 60 percent of the
- individuals we're dealing with are suffering from some
- 13 form of mental illness or they're distraught over --
- 14 through a domestic incident. So these are very
- 15 delicate. You may all remember when I reported out
- 16 late last year in November that we had a three-day
- 17 standoff with a suspect who was barricaded. And so
- 18 when you think about the leadership of Robert Mitchell,
- 19 the calm, the cool, the patience, he's just an amazing
- 20 DPD professional. And I just wish he could be here or
- 21 maybe we'll get word back.
- 22 And then lastly, but certainly not least,
- 23 when we think about Captain Leonard-Gilbert, phenomenal
- 24 professional. You'll be getting a report very soon.
- 25 I'm very excited of the next evolution of how we



- 1 continue to bridge and build relationships in our
- 2 community. She's leading our procedural justice and
- 3 police legitimacy. It's a big deal. It's kind of one
- 4 of a kind, but she's also going to -- we call it the
- 5 inside out, meaning outside of the department she's
- 6 going to be driving our work with procedural justice.
- 7 Inside the department she's going to be driving our
- 8 peer support functions, all the things we do to support
- 9 the men and women of the department.
- 10 So again, I just have to say that your
- 11 unanimous support to the board is really a vote of
- 12 confidence in this Chief as well as my executive
- 13 partners, Chief Stair and Chief Levalley. And so again
- 14 I just want to do give you a big thank you.
- 15 I want to also thank Council President for
- 16 her voice of support, not only for, you know, this
- department, but also for those who were promoted,
- 18 particularly Assistant Chief Bettison and Commander Joy
- 19 Hope. It means a lot. It just reinforces that these
- 20 individuals are the people that are out in our
- 21 communities doing the great work. So I'll end on that
- 22 as it relates to the acknowledgment and go right into
- 23 my briefing.
- 24 So as far as crime goes we're still -- like
- 25 most large cities in America, we're still challenged



- 1 with being up in violent crime. We're up 11 percent in
- 2 overall violent crime, but as it relates to property
- 3 crime we're down 22 percent. And so our Part 1 crime,
- 4 which includes both violent and property, we're
- 5 actually down 12 percent. So that's the bright light
- 6 in everything, but we're still working very hard to
- 7 abate violence. Certainly our officers are out doing
- 8 great work. We're averaging still roughly a hundred
- 9 CCW arrests a week. So we're focusing on the
- 10 individuals who could be driving a lot of the violence.
- And so I just got to give a hearty thank you
- 12 to the supervisors, managers and the police officers
- who are out there despite the challenging environment
- 14 that we're working in today. They go out and they get
- 15 it done.
- 16 Our overall response time is starting to
- 17 climb. We were up for a minute because of our increase
- 18 in priority 1 runs. For this past week we were roughly
- 19 13 minutes. So that's good news.
- We had a busy weekend, 17 shooting victims.
- 21 Of that number, 17 were nonfatal and four were fatal.
- 22 So as I indicated, that's something that we're still
- 23 aggressively working on.
- 24 You know, when I look at -- I just add this
- 25 as a side note. When you look at New York's increase



- 1 in nonfatal shootings, they are up 155 percent
- 2 year-to-date. It's just unbelievable. And some of
- 3 these other cities who touted significant reductions
- 4 are now seeing significant increases. So, you know, as
- 5 it was said, I think the Council President touched on
- 6 the fact that, you know, when I look at everything
- 7 that's going on, Detroit really is winning. We are
- 8 winning and we're going to continue to win. And so
- 9 that's the end of my crime report.
- 10 The other thing I wanted to address, because
- 11 I know it was part of entry, is this letter that was
- 12 crafted by U.S. Representative Rashida Tlaib, and I
- 13 just want to touch on a few things. I know we're in
- 14 the midst of a lawsuit, but I think in the interest of
- 15 transparency they're a few things that I can say.
- As I pointed out, we're now in excess of 100
- 17 days, or 15 weeks, of managing protests almost nightly.
- 18 Of course, there have been -- of those excessive 100
- 19 days, there have been instance where we've had to use
- 20 force. I can tell you preliminarily, because some of
- 21 the investigations are still continuing. And I'm going
- 22 to ask Chris Graveline to step up and give a more
- 23 detailed report in a moment, but we take all complaints
- 24 seriously. Whether we were under attack, which we have
- 25 been, property being destroyed, and the most recent



- 1 uprising as our officers were making arrests to prevent
- 2 Detroit from becoming a Seattle-like crime zone. As we
- 3 made those arrests, 44 were arrested, there was some
- 4 force that was used.
- 5 But leading up to the actual force was the
- 6 fact that some of the protestors, we don't know how
- 7 many, were armed with these green lasers. I might have
- 8 mentioned it in past weeks. That's a very dangerous
- 9 device, particularly if you point it at a helicopter
- 10 and a pilot. It could be a tragedy. Certainly
- 11 pointing it in a officer's face certainly it can be
- 12 tragic. We know what happened to the federal agents
- out in Portland or Seattle, one of the cities, where
- 14 the protesters were armed with these tasers (sic).
- 15 And I really need to make the distinction,
- 16 because we've had many more days of peaceful
- 17 protesting. And I certainly don't want to loop
- 18 protesters in with those who have actually committed
- 19 crimes. Very different distinction. So I'll just
- 20 refer to those who have engaged in throwing spikes,
- 21 bottles, bricks, deploying these lasers, damaging
- 22 police cars --
- MS. DWYER: What about your police brutally
- 24 beating someone who was restrained? You need to
- 25 resign. Go on fucking ...



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: Wow, okay. Continuing. And so
- 2 one of the narratives -- and you heard some of it just
- 3 through this tirade, what you heard is this very strong
- 4 desire to change the narrative. I think when I look at
- 5 the letter the one things that jumps out, and I'll
- 6 certainly be more than happy to take any of questions
- 7 from any of the commissioners, but in paragraph 3 it
- 8 starts out something like this. "The lack of
- 9 accountability and the urgency to investigate claims of
- 10 excessive force, constitutional violations, coupled
- 11 with a dismissive attitude of the movement for racial
- 12 justice has eroded public trust in community
- 13 relationships."
- I reject that statement vehemently, and I'll
- 15 give you a few examples. For starters, we know the two
- 16 highly publicized excessive force incidents that
- 17 occurred within the last couple of years. One involved
- 18 a officer working secondary employment at a Meijer's.
- 19 He was fired by this Chief.
- The second was a on-duty Special Operations
- 21 officer out of the Fifth Precinct who engaged in
- 22 excessive force at a gas station. He was fired.
- And then lastly and most recent, and
- 24 particularly pointing to these protests, when this
- 25 department became aware of a horrendous act of force.



- 1 This is where an officer allegedly deployed less than
- 2 lethal on a group of journalists who were walking in a
- 3 small group. They weren't offering -- at least from
- 4 what we saw, they weren't offering any kind of
- 5 resistance, and the officer made the bad decision to
- 6 deploy less than lethal. He was immediately suspended.
- 7 An investigation was launched. And at the conclusion
- 8 of that investigation it was presented to the Wayne
- 9 County Prosecutor who, as you now know, issued at least
- 10 three felony counts against this officer. He is now,
- on your approval, in a suspended without pay status.
- I only bring those three up to reinforce that
- 13 I've always taken ...
- 14 (Interruption)
- 15 VICE CHAIR HOLT: We can hear you, Chair
- 16 Bell.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I hear you.
- 18 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Thank you.
- 19 CHIEF CRAIG: Continuing along this line,
- 20 I've always taken these matters serious, even though we
- 21 know that there were aggressive acts directed at our
- 22 officers. We don't care where the complaint comes
- 23 from. We take it, we investigate it. And I know the
- 24 posture of your investigative energy feels the same
- 25 way.



- But what I want to do before I open it up for
- 2 questions, I know that Chris Graveline is in the
- 3 audience. If he can kind of give a brief overview of
- 4 the number of complaints we've taken in. I've already
- 5 talked about the one officer that was charged and where
- 6 we're at and what are some of the challenges we're
- 7 facing.
- 8 Chris.
- 9 MR. GRAVELINE: Yes, sir. Thank you.
- 10 Through the Chair, honorable board. So to
- 11 date we are -- DPD's IA is currently investigating 32
- 12 different incidents of force used during those six
- dates that Chief mentioned. Of those 32 incidents,
- 14 that includes 38 complainants. Of those 32 incidents,
- 15 19 of those investigations were self-initiated. DPD
- 16 identified either through items that was seen on social
- 17 media or other video and we self-initiated. Of those
- 18 32, another ten of which were forwarded to us by Office
- 19 of the Chief Investigator.
- The challenges that we're facing of the 32
- 21 incidents, ten of the complainants are unknown
- 22 complainants. We have the video, but we don't know who
- 23 the complainants are. It is difficult to interview
- 24 and/or ascertain who those people are. Another seven
- 25 incidents the complainants have been identified, but



- 1 have been noncooperative, have not been interested in
- 2 being interviewed by the Detroit Police Department.
- 3 And then an additional six, which just were opened up
- 4 after the evening of August 22nd, are still in the
- 5 preliminary phase, and we're still trying to identify
- 6 those complainants.
- 7 So those are the challenges that we're facing
- 8 in terms of investigation. So far we have found one
- 9 sustained misconduct for malicious destruction of
- 10 property. However, we weren't able to identify the
- officer who actually committed it, but we have taken
- 12 steps to reimburse the individual who had damage to
- 13 their vehicle.
- 14 As Chief mentioned, there was one criminally
- 15 charged. There have been two investigations that have
- 16 ended in exoneration, one ending as being unfounded,
- 17 one complainant withdrew their complaint, and there's
- 18 six currently that have ended the investigative phase
- 19 but are still under review by the Internal Affairs
- 20 management team.
- 21 That's a brief on where we stand with our
- 22 protest investigations, subject to any questions.
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: And I will just continue on
- 24 before we open it up. And so I just want to say again
- 25 and reinforce, and I hope that each of the



- 1 commissioners can appreciate this, I take this very
- 2 seriously. We don't ever shy away from initiating
- 3 complaints. And certainly if an officer does something
- 4 wrong we're certainly not shy about being public about
- 5 it and taking swift and appropriate action, which we
- 6 have done. It doesn't mean we're going to always agree
- 7 on outcomes, but I think by and large the community has
- 8 spoken. They appreciate the level of transparency.
- 9 But I think, as I move away from this topic,
- 10 I find it so interesting by some of the protesters that
- 11 have called for my resignation, and also the U.S.
- 12 representative who is questioning my dismissiveness, if
- 13 you will, that there's never been a call to investigate
- 14 and hold accountable those individuals who damage city
- 15 property, those individuals who have attacked,
- 16 unprovoked attacks on our police officers. I find that
- 17 so troubling.
- 18 And that's what we deal with in today's
- 19 environment. It's not just isolated to Detroit. This
- 20 has been going on across this nation. Demands are
- 21 made, just like the resignation demand as of
- 22 Mr. Floyd's certainly horrible death, 27 police chiefs
- 23 across this country have either resigned or retired,
- 24 and in part because of demands.
- 25 And then lastly before we open up for



- 1 questions, I just want to acknowledge First Assistant
- 2 Chief Stair, to her and her team to her commitment
- 3 through this very challenging time to keep our academy
- 4 classes full. It is just nothing short of amazing that
- 5 we can get 35, and we might even get 40 in this next
- 6 class. And so to be able to continue to recruit in
- 7 today's environment, nothing short of a miracle.
- 8 And so with that I will turn it over for any
- 9 questions you might have.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 12 Commissioners, this is the ground rules.
- 13 We're going to give every commissioner one question
- 14 until we cover all the commissioners, and then if
- 15 there's a second opportunity we will entertain that. I
- 16 would hope that if you have a question pose the
- 17 question and don't editorialize. The floor is open.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I do have a couple
- 21 questions, and I'll adhere to your rule, but one is
- 22 just a statement that I would like to just note. I
- 23 always thank the Chief and the men and women of the
- 24 Detroit Police Department for what they're doing and
- 25 being out there every day for us. It's a tremendous



- 1 task, and I've seen a lot of things out there. And I'm
- 2 planning on going out the weekend to be with them.
- But, Chief, as we always talk about the
- 4 mental health of our officers, I just was in front of a
- 5 program that Chicago PD is rolling out to use to flag
- 6 officers who need some type of intervention. And I was
- 7 just wondering if you are familiar with that program
- 8 that's starting, and do you think it's something we
- 9 need to start here in Detroit, flagging off if they
- 10 need intervention, whether it's going on the brink of
- 11 doing roque things or have suicidal tendencies and
- 12 things like that?
- 13 And I guess looking at some of the data that
- 14 they were using in the program it really addressed the
- 15 need for just trying to, you know, identify officers
- 16 that may be on the bubble -- so I'll use that word --
- 17 on having some type of mental breakdown. I just
- 18 wondered if you knew about that program and do you
- 19 think it's something we can investigate and bring to
- 20 Detroit?
- 21 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair.
- 22 Commissioner, thank you. That is something that's very
- 23 high priority with me. It has been for many years now.
- 24 By way of example, we have a system in place. Many of
- 25 you have heard us talk about MAS, Management Awareness



- 1 System. Part of that system is designed is so you can
- 2 see trends and patterns that might be emerging
- 3 involving an officer so that we can take proactive
- 4 steps.
- 5 Secondly, as you know, any time an officer is
- 6 involved in a critical incident, whether it's a
- 7 shooting or some other incident, you've heard me talk
- 8 about the fact that we launch peer support here in
- 9 Detroit, because I went to a call where several little
- 10 children were wrapped in cellophane, dead for about a
- 11 year. And when the officers came out from that
- 12 apartment it was clear that they were extremely
- 13 traumatized. And I instinctively asked, "Well, we've
- 14 got to get peer support here. " And they said, "Well,
- 15 what's that?"
- And so it was from that the birth of peer
- 17 support. This is why we're so excited about the work
- 18 that Captain Leonard-Gilbert will do, because one of
- 19 the things she's charged with is managing that function
- 20 and really taking it to the next level. This peer
- 21 support function was embraced immediately here in the
- 22 Detroit Police Department. There's so many people that
- 23 I can thank, both the unions and certainly those who
- 24 have volunteered early on to do this work. It has gone
- 25 such a long way. In fact, other police departments are



- 1 reaching out to us, because they want to know how we're
- 2 doing it. And then we've also offered our services to
- 3 agencies outside of Detroit. Like when Toledo just
- 4 recently lost their officer we offered our services.
- 5 But to the commissioner's direct question,
- 6 I'm sure that the captain will take a look at it and
- 7 see if it can take us and enhance us -- take us to the
- 8 next level. We're more than willing to do it. It's so
- 9 important, the mental wellness. And then lastly, our
- 10 DPD fit program is also a part of that.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner --
- 14 COMMISSIONER JONES: Commissioner Jones.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones, go
- 16 ahead, and then Commissioner Burch.
- Jones.
- 18 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon, Chief.
- 19 Sir, first of all, I definitely want to thank you and
- 20 your leadership throughout the different crises that
- 21 we've had in the city of Detroit. Of course, 2020 has
- 22 been a year like we've never experienced before. So
- 23 I'd like to definitely thank you, Detroit Police
- 24 Department, and also Assistant Chief Bettison for his
- 25 leadership throughout this crisis.



- 1 What I wanted to ask is with regards to the
- 2 protesters is that do you think it would be beneficial
- 3 if say the protesters filed what would be called say a
- 4 flight plan, if you will, just as a pilot has to file a
- 5 flight plan with the aviation? If they were to file a
- 6 plan that would suggest the route that they would take,
- 7 the length of time that they would be on that route and
- 8 return back to a base location so that possibly with
- 9 the escorts that they are receiving by Detroit Police
- 10 Department who are there to help to keep them safe
- 11 while they're protesting and make their voices heard.
- 12 Do you think it would be beneficial for the police
- department and for the protesters if there was a
- 14 dedicated plan before they went out on a protest?
- 15 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair.
- 16 Commissioner Jones, it's a noble idea, and I've got to
- 17 tell you if we could get something like that in place
- 18 it certainly would make our jobs a lot easier.
- 19 Unfortunately, we're not dealing with your typical
- 20 protesters. We're dealing with a very different group
- 21 who are embedded --
- I'll give you one example. One of our roles
- 23 has been over this hundred plus days is to make sure
- 24 that we keep our protesters safe. They may not agree
- 25 with it, but factually that's one of our primary duties



- 1 when they're protesting, protect them from traffic,
- 2 protect them from counter-protestors. We've seen some
- 3 of the tragedies that have happened as of late in other
- 4 major cities when the counter-groups come out and begin
- 5 to become violent with the protesters. We don't want
- 6 that to happen. So that's a big part of what we do.
- 7 On that given day when our police cars were
- 8 surrounded in the Fourth Precinct, our officers thought
- 9 for the safety of the protesters that they would
- 10 redirect the protestors away from Dix I believe it was,
- 11 and somebody may have to help me, and reroute them on a
- 12 less vehicular traveled road. When that happened, some
- in the group became extremely agitated. They felt we
- 14 were trying to control, censor them by directing them
- 15 in another direction.
- And so in the past when we've done stuff to
- 17 kind of redirect and guide it just doesn't work. Their
- 18 plans or their routes they keep very close. They have
- 19 pre-meetings. They talk about what they plan to do.
- 20 We're in the vicinity. We're certainly not in
- 21 attendance to those meetings. Frankly, they really
- 22 don't want us to know.
- 23 And so while I think your idea is a great
- one, and in years past, and I know Todd will attest to
- 25 this, that we've had the kind of relationships with



- 1 other groups, that they would communicate what they
- 2 wanted to do.
- One thing that I haven't said much of, in
- 4 years past marchers weren't allowed to march in the
- 5 street. If it was a large group, we might give a
- 6 couple of lanes of traffic, but we've also got to
- 7 consider the impact that it has to our residents.
- 8 And so throughout this hundred plus days
- 9 we've been very generous. They take over entire
- 10 streets. This is what has enraged so many Detroiters,
- 11 the inconvenience that this has caused, but they don't
- 12 care. And, if we tried to say, look, how about we give
- 13 you two lanes of traffic so we can keep this road open,
- 14 it would be resistance.
- 15 And so I appreciate it, but that's kind of
- 16 what we're dealing with today.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you, Commissioner
- 19 Bell.
- To the Chief, I just want to first say about
- 21 D.C. Bettison's promotion and also Miss Hope, that if
- 22 some of her duties will be as a neighborhood liaison,
- 23 and will Chief Bettison now be able to work in the
- 24 neighborhood as before, because he is such a valuable
- 25 asset?



- 1 And the other part of the question, if we
- 2 could speak off the air, I'm speaking about you and
- 3 myself, if we could speak about the statement that you
- 4 made to -- I think you pulled over, or one of the
- 5 officers pulled over a speeder and you said, "Next time
- 6 I'm go take your car and I'm go turn it into a police
- 7 car." So I'd like to speak to you more about what you
- 8 said.
- 9 And, Chief Craig, the media is not very
- 10 positive toward the Detroit Police Department. I know
- 11 you know that, but I'd like to hear more about the
- 12 duties of the new D.C. Hope, if you'd be so kind.
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair.
- 14 Commissioner, we put a lot of consideration
- on where people work. Certainly Todd has worked very
- 16 hard on relationships. We are in the process of
- 17 restructuring. And I can tell you briefly what that
- 18 will look like. Assistant Chief Bettison will have the
- 19 police stations, if you will, the precincts, that side
- 20 of the house. The reason why that was important,
- 21 that's where the NPOs are located. He is going to
- 22 continue to have his touch directly with the community.
- One of the things I thought about, I didn't
- 24 want to replace D.C. Bettison with a deputy chief doing
- 25 what he did. So the thought was to bring in a



- 1 commander. That would be Kyra Hope. She will
- 2 certainly be a direct report to A.C. Bettison to do
- 3 just what you said.
- 4 And since I am transparent, I probably did
- 5 say that we were going to take someone's car and turn
- 6 it into a police vehicle if they were endangering the
- 7 public. As you know, we've been fighting this fight
- 8 for a while involving this illegal drag racing and
- 9 drifting.
- I want to acknowledge Deputy Chief Fitzgerald
- 11 for his leadership, certainly Elaine Bryant for her
- 12 leadership in really dealing with this issue. You
- 13 know, we had so many complaints of reckless driving in
- 14 this city that we knew we needed to do something.
- So despite managing protests every night, we
- 16 have now -- we finished managing of protests and we
- 17 roll right into managing these drifting and drag racing
- 18 activities, which by the way is not isolated to one
- 19 location. They move around the city, they change their
- 20 hours. It's gotten so bad that they would wait until
- 21 we got off at two o'clock, then they'd start the racing
- 22 and drifting. So we had to change our hours to keep up
- 23 with them.
- 24 And now I can honestly say we are having a
- 25 positive impact on eradicating that type of activity.



- 1 But if you're going to endanger people's lives -- and
- 2 I've got to tell you, some of the injuries that have
- 3 been caused by some of this reckless behavior. And, if
- 4 we address the person responsible, we impound and
- 5 forfeit their car, oh, yes, that car should become a
- 6 police car as a reminder, as a reminder, this won't be
- 7 tolerated in the city of Detroit. You're not going to
- 8 take over freeways, you're not going to continue to do
- 9 this.
- 10 So again, to those deputy chiefs and their
- 11 teams, public praise for now starting to make a
- 12 difference.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Hi. Ouestion for the
- 16 Chief. You know, as we take a look at COVID and we
- 17 take a look at the uptick in crimes due to COVID, we
- 18 know that a lot of families out here in the city of
- 19 Detroit are still grieving, and a lot of families are
- 20 not taught how to grieve. Are we as a city looking any
- 21 closer to when it comes to like mental health working
- 22 with the community in relations to how to spot someone,
- 23 you know, that may have a mental health challenge, what
- 24 signs to look out for, you know, as far as educating
- 25 our community?



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair.
- 2 Commissioner Burton, what a great point. I would ask
- 3 if you're willing to work with us. We're embarking
- 4 on -- and this is really a Mayor-led issue. I've been
- 5 screaming at the top of my lungs almost since I've been
- 6 here about the broken mental health system. What's
- 7 criminal to me is that when you talk to the sheriff,
- 8 Benny Napoleon, and many sheriffs across this country
- 9 anywhere between 70 to 80 percent of his inmate
- 10 population is suffering from some form of mental
- 11 illness. Translation to that means that these are
- 12 individuals who have committed crimes and they're not
- 13 getting treatment. They get out, commit more crimes,
- 14 and it's just a horrible cycle.
- 15 And I think from a crime reduction, I think
- 16 if we can play a role in making sure these individuals
- 17 get the help they need we will start to save lives and
- 18 really have an impact on reducing violence in our city,
- 19 and all these other cities across America.
- 20 So I'm optimistic. We've been talking a lot
- 21 about this lately. I'll give you a perfect case, that
- 22 tragic situation involving a young man who we recently
- 23 shot fatally who was armed with a couple of knives and
- 24 a sword. That individual, what we found out after the
- 25 fact, weeks before his encounter with us that fateful



- 1 day he was a barricaded suspect. A call came out.
- 2 Officers responded to a man with a gun who had
- 3 threatened a neighbor. We got the call. We surrounded
- 4 the location we believed he was. And we get there and
- 5 at some point he's able to get out of the house and get
- 6 away. We arrested him probably within hours of that
- 7 call.
- But here's the sad story. So we arrest him.
- 9 We don't take him to jail. We take him to the crisis
- 10 center. We take him into the crisis center so he can
- 11 get some help. He was released. And there is no way
- 12 -- I'm not a clinician, but I know enough about dealing
- 13 with the mentally ill. If you're not properly treated
- 14 and you reintroduce someone back into the community,
- 15 they're going to do what? They're going to commit
- 16 violence. And so unfortunately this is what happened.
- 17 This individual was released from the crisis center and
- 18 then we had encountered him weeks after that.
- 19 So that's a tragic story, and I use that
- 20 story to illustrate the importance of what we need to
- 21 be doing.
- So I would invite you, Commissioner, if you
- 23 want to be involved with us, with Assistant Chief
- 24 Bettison, and really driving a strategy that may have a
- 25 profound impact in our city.



1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'll be honored, Chief.

- 2 Thank you.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Through the Chair.
- 5 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt.
- 7 VICE CHAIR HOLT: I lean my time to -- or my
- 8 position to Commissioner Holley, please.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you,
- 11 Commissioner. And to the Chairman, to the Chief, my
- 12 concern is if the court is ruling -- if we're the
- 13 oversight and the court is ruling instead of us, if
- 14 common people and other people are basically having
- 15 some impact in terms of oversight, we have a -- by the
- 16 charter we are the oversight. There is a procedure for
- 17 everything here.
- 18 So my concern is, Chief, are you concerned
- 19 that with the ruling from the court and these other
- 20 letters that basically -- going to court that basically
- 21 bypassing the commissioner, the Board of Commissioners,
- 22 because it seems like that we're being ignored here
- 23 when it's a process here?
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Am I making sense?



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. Yes,
- 2 Commissioner Holley, you are making sense. In fact, I
- 3 think Commissioner -- I mean, Chairperson Bell, I
- 4 couldn't have said it better really basically laid it
- 5 out very succinctly. Hey, U.S. representative, how
- 6 about you come and meet with us and understand what we
- 7 do each and every week. Why don't you come and see
- 8 what the police department is doing.
- 9 So I applaud Chairman Bell for not only his
- 10 courage, tenacity and really just calling it like it
- 11 is. I think that, you know, court certainly can make
- 12 decisions. I've made public statements that this
- 13 changes nothing. I do have some concerns with it, but
- 14 all in all the court's rule that if protesters are
- 15 peaceful then you can't use force. And I have publicly
- 16 said I agree with that, but when you start throwing
- 17 railroad spikes, boulders and bottles, and the beat
- 18 goes on, that's a problem.
- 19 But I agree that there should have been some
- 20 consultation. I think that the U.S. representative
- 21 should have met with this board and sought advice.
- 22 I'll say it again, sought advice and understanding on
- 23 what's going on, and I think that would have brought
- 24 clarity. And so, at any rate, I do agree.
- VICE CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. And then
- 2 Davis.
- WICE CHAIR HOLT: Okay. Thank you, Chair,
- 4 and, Chief Craig, for your continued support of DPD and
- 5 the Board of Police and, of course, your position as
- 6 Chief of the police.
- 7 Mental health. Monies from the 2020 census
- 8 would uplift the mental health system in all cities, in
- 9 all states, fact one.
- 10 Chief Craig, I think you were seeking a
- 11 social worker. How well is that process going?
- 12 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. We're in
- 13 the process of doing a number of things. It's a little
- 14 premature. As I indicated, the Mayor has dedicated
- 15 some of his executive-level staff to work with the
- 16 department in creating a process that would really take
- 17 us out, or at least assist in a nonenforcement way when
- 18 we encounter a person suffering from mental illness who
- 19 is not violent.
- I would rather we not be involved in a
- 21 nonviolent situation relative to the mentally ill. It
- 22 does become a police matter when a person is using
- 23 violence, threaten violence, and there have been so
- 24 many examples of that.
- 25 And so it was said best, the Wayne County



- 1 Mental Health Authority has a budget of about I guess
- 2 it's 600 million. Our budget is about half that. I
- 3 don't know. I think when you talk about defunding the
- 4 police and moving funding to address some of those
- 5 social programs, I think those social programs need to
- 6 be addressed. But I think by and large Detroiters they
- 7 don't want less police. They really do want more
- 8 police, but I do think those programs that they speak
- 9 on, particularly mental health, we need to do better.
- 10 Again, that authority has a budget that's double ours,
- 11 which is a big deal.
- 12 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, Chief. I know that
- 15 actually the number of protests in Detroit has been
- 16 quite, you know, done peaceful. And the vast majority
- of them have been peaceful and hopefully will continue
- 18 to be peaceful, but -- and I know I'm still waiting to
- 19 get more information as relates to the legal observers
- 20 and the journalists that may have been injured. But I
- 21 think you should probably also give us a little bit
- 22 more information as relates to officers that have been
- 23 injured.
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. They're a
- 25 couple officers that I'm aware of. One most notable



- 1 was a captain that might have been on day two. You
- 2 know, day one, two and three were three days where we
- 3 were met with aggressiveness. That was a day where I
- 4 think a total -- I think we had a total of seven police
- 5 cruisers that were destroyed and -- but on that same
- 6 day two Captain Cox was struck in the head with a
- 7 boulder. And he was transported to a local hospital,
- 8 treated and released. And there have been some other
- 9 minor injuries, but there have been some. Because at
- 10 any time you get into a force situation there is always
- 11 going to be a great likelihood of some type of injury.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I was wondering,
- 13 because I had seen something on Facebook about a female
- 14 captain was hit, and I didn't think that had happened.
- 15 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. It was a male captain.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.
- 17 CHIEF CRAIG: He's the only captain that I'm
- 18 aware of. Yeah, that's the only one.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners?
- 20 If not, I want to thank Chief Craig --
- 21 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: -- for your attendance and
- 23 reporting out as always.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brown, go



- 1 ahead.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah. I had just
- 3 another piece I wanted to --
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. You've got it.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah. Chief Craig, I
- 6 know that we're doing a lot with the protesters, and
- 7 some of the videos are very horrific, but I understand
- 8 what's going on.
- 9 But in response to the letter that was
- 10 written, I was a little disappointed and I'm in
- 11 agreeance with the Chair and you about the state
- 12 representatives coming to the board to speak with us to
- 13 talk about it before they put a letter out there. But
- 14 let's not forget that there was some City Council
- 15 members' names that was on that letter also. And the
- 16 problem is that it is the age-old problem that they are
- 17 always trying to undermine and manipulate and
- 18 disrespect the board and usurp our authority, just as
- 19 the case and the point when they came and granted the
- 20 money for the virtual crime center without talking to
- 21 this board.
- 22 So the other part about it is I think there
- 23 would have been more just for the fact if they have a
- 24 problem with the investigation, which I don't too much
- 25 have a problem with them.



- 1 You know, Governor Cuomo instituted Executive
- 2 Order 147 where any of the shootings or anything like
- 3 that of unarmed citizens are automatically investigated
- 4 by the State Attorney General. That could have been a
- 5 route they could have gone to try to get something like
- 6 that done. But I just really think that writing a
- 7 letter, making a statement like that, was a slam at
- 8 this board and very disrespectful to us without coming
- 9 to talk with us at all or just sitting down having a
- 10 meeting about it to see where everything is going, you
- 11 know. And I just -- I just applauded, you know, the
- 12 board for our work that we're doing. And we're really
- and willing and able to talk to them about it.
- But I would urge the rest of the
- 15 commissioners to be in a position to go out there and
- 16 do these things for yourself and you can see first
- 17 handedly what's going on out there. And that's what I
- 18 wanted to really just make that statement on, Chief.
- 19 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 20 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: I just had one quick
- 23 piece I wanted to add. I was having some technical
- 24 problems over here with my internet connection, and I
- 25 was not able to cast a vote in support of the promotion



- 1 for officer -- Deputy Chief Bettison to Assistant
- 2 Chief. And I wanted to make sure that I cast my vote,
- 3 and it was a yay vote.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, make sure the
- 5 record reflects Commissioner Jones' vote for yes.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 So, therefore, we're going to wrap it up with
- 8 Chief Craig. As always, continue to work. We are
- 9 praying for you and the department. And I know it's a
- 10 task, but we stand with you. It's about
- 11 accountability, and you're about accountability, so ...
- 12 CHIEF CRAIG: That's true.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief.
- 14 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank
- 15 you. Appreciate you all. Thanks.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 17 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you.
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: Thanks.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Now we'll move on to the
- 20 next item would be HR resources' report, and we have
- 21 Lieutenant James Coles reporting out.
- Lieutenant Coles.
- 23 LIEUTENANT COLES: Good afternoon, honorable
- 24 board, Chief Craig, First Assistant Chief Stair and
- 25 executive board.



- I did want to first say thank you to the
- 2 Chief for his kind words on behalf of police recruiting
- 3 and field recruiting.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 5 LIEUTENANT COLES: We are doing as good a job
- 6 as we can to make sure that we put the numbers into the
- 7 academy on a monthly basis. So we're going to keep
- 8 working hard for you all and try to get as many people
- 9 as we can in, especially Detroiters.
- 10 So this monthly report is provided as a
- 11 summary of our activities for the month of August 2020.
- 12 Also provided are documents which contain more detailed
- information with respect to staffing, hiring and
- 14 manpower by race and sex, specifically for sworn
- members.
- So for our employment the current
- 17 department's staffing for sworn positions we have
- 18 positions filled was 2,586, positions vacant was 86.
- 19 For our civilians, positions filled was 585 and the
- 20 positions vacant are 158. For sworn recruiting for the
- 21 month of August the total applicants that we had was
- 22 875. The number in progress -- I'm sorry, in process
- is 29. The number that we have hired 21, and that's 21
- 24 that applied at that time. And lack of interest was
- 25 40, temporarily disqualified was 360, permanently



1 disqualified was 96. And the number awaiting MCOLES is

- 2 329.
- For the written and agility examinations for
- 4 the month of August 2020, for the written exam we've
- 5 had 124 people who were scheduled, 80 people actually
- 6 appeared, 60 of those people passed and 20 failed. We
- 7 have four who rescheduled, and we didn't have anyone
- 8 withdraw at that time. We had 40 no-shows. For our
- 9 physical agility test we had 173 people scheduled, 112
- 10 actually appeared, 70 passed, 42 failed. We had 20
- 11 people reschedule and 41 people failed to show. For
- 12 our academy, we did have a graduation from the academy
- 13 for that month of 30 candidates to police officers.
- 14 Total new hires that we had for August 2020
- 15 for sworn was 35, civilian is 15, for a total number of
- 16 45 -- excuse me, of 50. For Detroit residencies, for
- 17 people who actually work with the city and live in
- 18 Detroit for sworn we have a total of 573, for civilians
- 19 it's 338, police assistants 31.
- 20 Our attrition numbers for August 2020, sworn
- 21 we had 22 people leave, civilians was 10, no police
- 22 assistants. Our total attrition number was 32.
- Leave of absence and restricted duties, for
- 24 our sworn FMLA continuous is 28, FMLA intermediate was
- 25 124, on medical leave we have one, we have three out on



- 1 military, we have 139 restricted, 63 are disabled and
- 2 12 are sick.
- 3 Our sworn personnel suspensions, as far as
- 4 suspensions we have 13 police officers who are
- 5 suspended. Our monthly separations for police officers
- 6 there's 17, for sergeants there's two, lieutenants is
- 7 one and detectives is two for a total of 22. And then
- 8 in the DROP program we have a total of 543 individuals.
- 9 That's going to conclude my report.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Lieutenant
- 11 Coles. We're going to follow the same format, and if
- 12 we have to do a second round we'll do a second round,
- 13 but we will do one question per commissioner. As I
- 14 stated, if we have to do a second round for a second
- 15 question, we can entertain that.
- 16 Commissioners, you have the floor.
- 17 COMMISSIONER JONES: Commissioner Jones,
- 18 through the Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 20 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes. I had the
- 21 opportunity several weeks ago to go to the academy
- 22 along with Commissioner Annie Holt. And Lieutenant
- 23 Coles did a really great job of giving us some insight
- into what the recruits go through and come through the
- 25 academy. We went through the legal training, we went



- 1 through mental health challenges training, which is
- 2 something that's become a subject of matter for the
- 3 board. And he basically did a good job of letting us
- 4 know that they're addressing these different issues
- 5 inside of the training so that way our officers are
- 6 best prepared for the duties that they are performing
- 7 -- out there performing out in the streets.
- 8 So I definitely want to thank him, and I will
- 9 definitely encourage the rest of the commissioners to
- 10 go to that academy, let him take them through the
- 11 training, which will give them better insight and
- 12 understanding about what the officers are going
- 13 through. So I thank you again, Lieutenant Coles.
- 14 LIEUTENANT COLES: You're welcome. Thank
- 15 you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner.
- 17 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair. Thank
- 18 you, Lieutenant Coles. This report is pack full of
- 19 information. In the past, if we had questions
- 20 regarding the ethnicity, the different items to which a
- 21 recruit was faced, you have made it transparent as to
- 22 those challenges. And even though oftentimes we are
- 23 disappointed that we don't get the kind of outcome that
- 24 we would like to have as it relates to the recruiting
- 25 numbers, we have to respect the fact that when you



- 1 offer these recruits these various challenges, the
- 2 intent is to have an officer come out of the academy
- 3 and being the kind of person that is a responsible
- 4 officer to the job and service of policing. The report
- 5 is packed. If we have questions, we know we can go
- 6 here and those answers will be provided.
- 7 And also I mentioned to Ms. White if there
- 8 were additional questions -- if there were additional
- 9 questions to your report with some of the terminology
- 10 and the items, that the way the items are presented,
- 11 she said that it would be okay for us to send those
- 12 questions through her and she would deliver them to
- 13 you.
- 14 So thank you again for a very, very thorough
- 15 report.
- 16 LIEUTENANT COLES: Thank you, ma'am. And I
- do want to state that we definitely are open for anyone
- 18 who needs to reach out or who has any questions
- 19 regarding any process or any portion of the recruiting
- 20 process. I definitely want you all to reach out to us.
- 21 Ms. White has my cell phone number so she can contact
- 22 me directly if necessary, or I answer E-mails at any
- 23 time. So please reach out.
- VICE CHAIR HOLT: Thank you.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question, Lieutenant
- 2 Coles. Do you all have a program that you all actively
- 3 going to like -- I know school's just starting, but did
- 4 you all communicate with the Detroit Public Schools,
- 5 like junior high and high school students to help
- 6 encourage them to maybe help set up like a junior
- 7 police academy in some of the schools?
- 8 LIEUTENANT COLES: Through the Chair. Yes,
- 9 sir, directly to your point. Last year we were doing
- 10 much better, because we were actually able to enter the
- 11 schools. We actually go to every single high school.
- 12 Last year we were able to do that. With the virtual
- 13 learning that we have now, we are very limited on the
- 14 amount of interaction that we can have. We are
- 15 continually trying to get on their job boards. We
- 16 continue to try to get on all their social media
- 17 devices at all of the schools, in anyplace that we
- 18 actually can. We continue to reach out in colleges as
- 19 well.
- But, yes, to your point. That is one of the
- 21 main ideas of our field recruiters. They continue to
- 22 do as much as they can to help the citizens of Detroit,
- 23 including the program that we've talked about before
- 24 that we were helping them get their driver's license so
- 25 that we can make sure that, you know, if they're



- 1 driving at least they might be able to be hired by us.
- 2 Even if they weren't, you would, we were still just
- 3 trying to be helpful to the citizens.
- 4 So we continue to reach out to the schools.
- 5 We try to stay in constant contact with the principals
- 6 and everyone that we can. And, if there is a need or
- 7 there is an opportunity for us to do it in Zoom or to
- 8 go out or do a virtual learning or hiring or whatever,
- 9 we definitely take that opportunity.
- 10 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Thank you.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. Lieutenant Coles,
- 14 I just wanted to thank you so much. When I attended,
- 15 and I'll say we, when we attended the academy to speak
- 16 to the new recruits, it was always a question came up
- 17 about as far as the real world now is when you go out
- 18 to see what's really going on in the city of Detroit.
- 19 And we asked the question do recruits always partner
- 20 with a senior officer, and the answer was yes. So we
- 21 asked the question when you are with a senior officer
- 22 that senior officer may do something perhaps you did
- 23 not learn in the academy. And we asked the question,
- 24 Lieutenant Coles, does that new recruit feel confident
- 25 to go to their commander and speak about that issue,



- 1 not to get in trouble with the senior officer. Would
- 2 you explain that?
- 3 LIEUTENANT COLES: Through the Chair. I'm
- 4 sorry, I can't speak very well about it, because I was
- 5 at the academy so I can basically kind of tell you what
- 6 happens at the academy. I have been a sergeant at the
- 7 precinct so I can kind of give you an idea that if a
- 8 junior officer does come to a sergeant or commander or
- 9 whoever with information regarding something that they
- 10 may have seen that doesn't seem right it would
- 11 definitely get addressed.
- Sometimes, you know, we can try to keep that
- 13 person's name out of it, but at times it has to come
- 14 up. Especially with now we have the cadet cameras and
- 15 stuff like that. So it will help them address the
- 16 point that they're trying to make. We do address it,
- 17 but I don't think it's necessarily at all times going
- 18 to be private. Sometimes it has to come out to the
- 19 light so we can get the help for everyone, including
- 20 the senior officer.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Exactly. That's my
- 22 point. Do you have like meetings with the new recruits
- 23 to ask them how they're doing, do they have any issues
- 24 about who they're driving in the car with? Do you all
- 25 conduct things like that?



- 1 LIEUTENANT COLES: Through the Chair. Yes.
- 2 Those are meetings that they have with the command
- 3 staff, the commander and the captain. When you're in
- 4 the field recruiting -- I'm sorry, the training
- 5 program, every phase of the program you have a meeting
- 6 with your command staff. And you basically have an
- 7 opportunity to anonymously give them information and
- 8 about things that go on in your training at that time.
- 9 So, yes, they do have that as well. But, if
- 10 there's a direct violation, it's something that gets
- 11 addressed immediately. But, if it's something that
- 12 they're not sure about how it should be done, that's
- 13 addressed at that time.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: And that's the thing,
- 15 yeah. I want them to feel open to be able to speak
- 16 when they have uncertainty. So thank you, Lieutenant
- 17 Coles.
- 18 LIEUTENANT COLES: You're welcome, ma'am.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other commissioners?
- 20 If not, thank you, Lieutenant Coles.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah, through the Chair.
- 22 I'm just trying to get unmuted here.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brown.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Lieutenant Coles, thank
- 25 you for what you're doing and stepping up in the



- 1 absence of our personnel director. I'm always alarmed
- 2 at the number of disqualifications we have. What I'd
- 3 like to see in your report if it's not there, because I
- 4 haven't had a chance to look at it this month, when we
- 5 look at the ethnicity and the demographics of where a
- 6 lot of the disqualifications are and why they're being
- 7 disqualified. Because I've gotten a number of E-mails
- 8 from people that have been disqualified for the same
- 9 old things that you and I have already discussed,
- 10 things like police contact, integrity and things like
- 11 that.
- So knowing that we have a big issue like that
- 13 what are we doing to try to better serve these people
- 14 that may have had encounters as juveniles, you know,
- 15 that haven't had any arrest records, but they just had
- 16 the contact of getting them through the program and get
- 17 on this department?
- 18 LIEUTENANT COLES: Through the Chair. Sir,
- 19 the report that we put out it does have the reasons why
- 20 they were disqualified and their ethnicity. Their
- 21 specific reasons as far as what each one does or did we
- 22 do not have in there because of -- we just don't have
- 23 -- I don't have the space. That would be pages and
- 24 pages and pages long, and we're not able to on this
- 25 report put that information out.



- 1 But I do again want to give you the
- 2 opportunity and directly on the board, please reach out
- 3 to me if you have questions about specific people who
- 4 want to reach out to you. A lot of times what happens
- 5 is the information that you gather from the individuals
- 6 is not a complete picture of what's happening. They
- 7 give you enough information so that you can be on their
- 8 side, but they don't really give you everything that's
- 9 going on.
- 10 I've had someone whose parent was on the job
- 11 and they only told the parent a certain amount of
- information, and once they got disqualified they
- 13 finally had to tell them the rest. So a lot of times
- 14 you're not getting the whole story. You're only
- 15 getting one little portion of it. If you have
- 16 questions about any of the candidates, you are on the
- 17 board, you can reach out to me and we can discuss it.
- 18 And I can explain to you exactly what's going on so
- 19 that you can have a very clear understanding.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: By no means do I really
- 21 side with anybody. I understand that there's a reason
- 22 why and they just may be telling me the story. That's
- 23 why I always tell them if you're that concerned about
- it, you're sure you were treated unfair, then you need
- 25 to send a letter to the board and bring it before the



- 1 board for an appeal. That's my direction in telling
- 2 them. I'm not just siding with them. I'm just giving
- 3 them information of what they can do as a recourse,
- 4 because a lot of them that I've talked to really want
- 5 to serve the city of Detroit, so --
- 6 And I will start reaching out to you when I
- 7 get these calls to sit down and talk to them and
- 8 mediate what's going on and what that process needs to
- 9 look like for them to be able to come down and maybe,
- 10 if it need be, go before the board. It can be a board
- 11 decision. And that's what I've always done. I take it
- 12 out of my hands as a personal issue and tell them, hey,
- 13 bring it to the board. And so far I've only gotten one
- 14 E-mail. So apparently it wasn't as hard-pressed as
- 15 they thought it was. But I've gotten one E-mail and
- 16 I've done that, I'm sending it to the board, let the
- 17 board make the decision whatever the appeal is, not
- 18 Commissioner Brown.
- 19 But I will come down there and entertain you
- 20 and see, you know. And I've been to the academy
- 21 before, but I will come back down there and see what's
- 22 going on. I know you guys are doing great work, but
- 23 it's always alarming to me with the number of
- 24 minorities that are being disgualified and it's always
- 25 for the same reasons. And I would like to know that



- 1 are these reasons really valid or are they just
- 2 personal opinions of the person that's processing their
- 3 paperwork.
- 4 LIEUTENANT COLES: Through the Chair.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 6 LIEUTENANT COLES: Just also to put the
- 7 information out, sir, most of the time when we make
- 8 disqualifications the whole process -- I mean the
- 9 packet goes all the way up to the Chief's office and
- 10 then back to us.
- 11 And the second portion is my office is
- 12 actually in headquarters on the sixth floor. So if you
- 13 want to come down and see me specifically I'll be at
- 14 headquarters. So you can come see me there. I'm not
- 15 actually at the academy.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Lieutenant
- 17 Coles.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you, sir.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And I just want to say the
- 20 majority of the recruits are African-Americans. They
- 21 are concerned about recruiting African-Americans.
- 22 There's a mandate that's from the top on down. But we
- 23 are not going to waiver in terms of trying to qualify a
- 24 person if they're not qualified. So that was the force
- of what we engage in, and it's been age-old. If you



- 1 don't meet the test, then you don't meet the test. If
- 2 sometimes you have opportunity to try again, if you
- 3 don't meet it, then so be it. You go on to another
- 4 career path.
- 5 Lieutenant Coles, you're doing an outstanding
- 6 job.
- 7 VICE CHAIR HOLT: I agree. I agree.
- 8 LIEUTENANT COLES: Thank you.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Good to see
- 10 you for filling in for the Chief.
- We're going to move on to the Fourth
- 12 Precinct.
- 13 COMMANDER SLOAN: Hi. Good afternoon.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good afternoon, ma'am.
- 15 COMMANDER SLOAN: So I want to first thank
- 16 the board and the Chief for allowing me this
- 17 opportunity to discuss the work that we're doing here
- 18 at the Fourth Precinct. And I also want to
- 19 congratulate all of the newly-appointed members of the
- 20 department. I'm really proud to be working with them
- 21 and be a part of the team.
- 22 My partner, Captain Russell Solano, is also
- 23 on the meeting with us today, and along with him and
- 24 our Fourth Precinct team we've been able to accomplish
- 25 quite a bit this year.



- 1 So I'm going to start with some of our
- 2 current crime statistics. First of all, our total
- 3 reported major crime is up two percent this year
- 4 compared to 2019. Our homicides have shown a decrease
- 5 of about eight percent. Aggravated assaults and
- 6 nonfatal shootings are both up year-to-date 39 and 30
- 7 percent respectively. All of our other violent crime
- 8 is down at this time. Our sex assaults, carjackings
- 9 and robberies are down with a significant decrease in
- 10 our sex assaults with 46-percent decline.
- We're also proud to report that our overall
- 12 property crime has decreased ten percent compared to
- 13 2019. And one number that we wanted to highlight is a
- 14 decrease of 34 percent in our burglaries.
- 15 So some of the things that we have
- 16 implemented for crime reduction strategies here in the
- 17 Fourth Precinct are specialized enforcement details,
- 18 which focus around areas of concern in our precinct and
- 19 are addressed by our Special Operations Unit. So these
- 20 efforts have resulted in 148 illegal guns taken off the
- 21 streets this year so far, and over 2,500 ordinances
- 22 issued.
- We also use targeted enforcement in our hot
- 24 spot areas, and those are based on crime trends and
- 25 community concerns. So an example of this is the



- 1 continuing issues that we have at Riverside Park. We
- 2 receive a lot of complaints about issues on the
- 3 weekends for littering and extreme noise complaints
- 4 from the residents and businesses in that area who have
- 5 been disrupted.
- So what we did to combat that is we developed
- 7 a team that consisted of myself and Captain Solano, Eva
- 8 Torres, our District 6 manager, our GSD department and
- 9 traffic engineering. And what we were able to
- 10 accomplish is addressing lighting issues. We've
- 11 constructed temporary road closures that limit access
- 12 to the park as well as some temporary barricades on to
- 13 eliminate uncontrollable access points. GSD has also
- installed additional trash containers, and they come
- 15 through daily to pick up any garbage that's left.
- We've had "no parking" and "no littering"
- 17 signs installed there as well as gates and locks at
- 18 strategic points. And this area is heavily enforced to
- 19 deter folks from even setting up in the area. And by
- 20 doing this our Special Ops and the parks unit have been
- 21 very successful, and we believe that this is going to
- 22 be an effective long-term solution to this problem.
- So, of course, our Ceasefire team continues
- 24 their efforts by focusing on disrupting gangs and
- 25 groups that are driving violence in the Fourth



- 1 Precinct. Our team members respond to all shootings
- 2 and major crime incidents in the Fourth Precinct, along
- 3 with our detectives. They also work with our federal
- 4 and MDOC partners to target our most violent offenders.
- 5 Other steps that we're taking to -- are to
- 6 improve the overall quality of our criminal
- 7 investigations in our Detective Unit, which is giving
- 8 us some gains and efficiencies within the precinct.
- 9 This has led to 295 warrants that were submitted to the
- 10 Wayne County Prosecutor's Office so far this year.
- 11 That includes 114 warrants for carrying concealed
- 12 weapon and six warrants for assault with intent to
- 13 commit murder.
- 14 Our precinct detective unit also participates
- in a career enrichment program through the Homicide
- 16 Unit, which we believe continues to diversify their
- 17 exposure and experience to areas in the department.
- 18 Another big win for the precinct is that our
- 19 community court diversion program has started again as
- 20 of July 29th this year. Judge Larry Williams is now
- 21 presiding over that program. The goal is to create
- 22 sentencing quidelines that are more in line and
- 23 beneficial for the client and for the community itself.
- 24 So some examples are sentencing -- people are sometimes
- 25 sentenced to community service, drug abuse and anger



- 1 management classes.
- 2 One area of extreme importance to Captain
- 3 Solano and myself are our ability to address quality of
- 4 life issues here in the precinct that we believe
- 5 perpetuate issues within our neighborhoods. So what
- 6 we're doing is we've partnered with the General
- 7 Assignment Unit. They help us address illegal dumping
- 8 issues with increased traffic enforcement in areas
- 9 where we get complaints and key business areas, and
- 10 then also in our construction zones, because as you
- 11 know with the bridge coming in there's a lot of
- 12 construction in our areas. So we want to make sure
- 13 we're cognizant to the residents in the area and pay
- 14 attention to their needs.
- 15 We also are implementing the Law Enforcement
- 16 Assisted Diversion program, which is called LEAD. It's
- 17 a grant program that's a comprehensive opioid abuse
- 18 based program. And what that means is we are going to
- 19 try to divert low-level offenders with substance abuse
- 20 issues into service programs such as mental help and
- 21 rehab. This is instead of continuing the repeated --
- 22 or the repetitive cycle of incarceration.
- 23 Another new initiative that we are starting
- 24 about three weeks ago is to address the nitrous oxide,
- or whippits, issue that we have had here in the Fourth



- 1 Precinct. We've partnered with several city
- 2 departments and local stakeholders to develop a
- 3 three-prong approach to combat this problem. It's to
- 4 address the source of procurement, the community
- 5 awareness and health education. So thus far in three
- 6 weeks 50 volunteers have managed to collect over 20,000
- 7 whippit containers from the streets. So we're trying
- 8 to clean up as best we can.
- 9 There's another program that we're working on
- 10 here to address larcenies and auto thefts. There's a
- 11 couple of key areas in the precinct that have
- 12 historically had problems. The program is called Hide
- 13 Lock Take, and it's an educational program designed to
- 14 combat larcenies and auto theft. And it includes
- 15 placing signage in problem areas reminding citizens to
- 16 hide their belongings, to lock their car and take their
- 17 keys with them. So it would also include a community
- 18 awareness part as well. So that will help educate the
- 19 community.
- 20 We also believe here at the Fourth Precinct
- 21 that it's really important to improve officer
- 22 development. So we focus on opportunities for new
- 23 assignments within the precinct to broaden officers'
- 24 experiences. We are working continually to improve and
- 25 service training for our officers, and we have begun



- 1 the process of sending them to crisis intervention team
- 2 training, which we think is going to be important for
- 3 some things that we have been discussing previously
- 4 about mental health issues and our response to them.
- 5 We also continue to participate in a lot of
- 6 community programs. A couple of them, our community
- 7 CompStat. Another one is the CHAS Consolidated Youth
- 8 Outreach Program, which focuses on domestic violence
- 9 with youth. And, of course, our NPOs are really the
- 10 shining stars of our precinct. They are holding it
- 11 down and keeping our relationships with the community
- 12 strong and are growing our relationships.
- So that's all I have for my presentation. I
- 14 thank you for the opportunity, and we appreciate your
- 15 continued support. And I'm available to answer any
- 16 questions that you might have.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commander.
- 18 Commissioners?
- 19 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 21 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Thank you, Commander, for
- 22 your report. Has your precinct community relations
- 23 meeting started up yet?
- 24 COMMANDER SLOAN: Through the Chair. No. We
- 25 were just discussing that today as a matter of fact,



- 1 and I would like to start by doing Zoom meetings. I
- 2 don't know how comfortable everybody in the community
- 3 would be to do that, but I think that we can reach out
- 4 to them and have some short conversations to get
- 5 everybody up to speed. So that's one thing that we're
- 6 talking about.
- 7 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Okay. Thank you. And I'd
- 8 like to start coming to some of those meetings. So if
- 9 you could share that -- those meeting plans when
- 10 they're finalized with Ms. White or Ms. Blossom I think
- 11 as well I'd appreciate it, and they'll share with me.
- 12 COMMANDER SLOAN: Yes, ma'am.
- 13 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Thank you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner, go ahead.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you for your
- 17 report. I really am impressed with the work you guys
- 18 are doing over there. I just had one question about
- 19 the opioid issue. I know once I was out with some
- 20 officers and there was an issue with obtaining Narcan
- 21 and getting your officers trained for it and get them
- 22 trained to use it. Have we identified any places that
- 23 help supply the officers with the Narcan and ongoing
- 24 training with it?
- 25 COMMANDER SLOAN: Through the Chair. Yes,



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- 1 sir. We have had some additional training, and that is
- 2 through the County Mental Health -- I'm sorry,
- 3 Department of Health I'm sure. And they've provided
- 4 additional Narcan supplies for us and additional
- 5 training.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Great. Thank you.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a question to
- 10 the commander. Over at your precinct how are you guys
- 11 looking when it comes to fleet? Is your fleet -- is it
- 12 holding up? Are you -- you know, just curiosity about
- 13 you guys' fleet. I know in previous years it was a
- 14 shortness of fleet, things of that nature. I just want
- 15 to know how you guys are doing when it comes to your
- 16 fleet and ...
- 17 COMMANDER SLOAN: Yes, sir. Through the
- 18 Chair. Commissioner Burton, we do have a sufficient
- 19 fleet here at the Fourth Precinct. We do continually
- 20 battle issues with vehicle accidents and maintenance,
- 21 but for the most part we're doing pretty good here at
- 22 the Fourth Precinct. We're continuing to push out the
- 23 message about the importance of taking good care of our
- 24 vehicles. We still have issues, but it's a message
- 25 that we intend to continue with. And we have personal



- 1 conversations with officers on a pretty frequent basis,
- 2 and it's something that we always address in our
- 3 supervisor meetings as well.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other commissioners?
- If not, thank you, Commander. Thank you,
- 6 Captain, for the outstanding work at the Fourth
- 7 Precinct and convey our sincere thank you to the men
- 8 and women of the Fourth Precinct. And we really
- 9 appreciate all the difficult times in terms of the
- 10 precinct's support level. And, as you well know, cars
- 11 has always been a issue in the department. We try to
- 12 get them to take care of the car, but it's always a
- 13 age-old issue with our cars.
- But the main thing, keep the morale up. And
- 15 I like what the commanders do. They're hands on. The
- 16 captains are hands on. Back in the day, you know, they
- 17 come in and say "I'll see you later." But that is not
- 18 the case in this day and age. So thank you once again.
- 19 COMMANDER SLOAN: Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White.
- 21 MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair.
- 22 Honorable board, if you could please refer to the
- 23 agenda for the incoming correspondence for this week.
- 24 All of the items are cited there with the addition of
- 25 the letter received from Congresswoman Tlaib, Senator



- 1 Chang, Council President Sheffield and Council Member
- 2 Lopez. So all of those items are listed on the agenda.
- 3 And then I would also like to just highlight
- 4 the policy division updates just very briefly. There
- 5 are several policies that are under the board's
- 6 jurisdiction and review at this time, and they are
- 7 ready for final approval from the board and that was
- 8 contained in your packet this week. They include the
- 9 following, body-worn cameras, TASERs, X2 conducted
- 10 energy weapons, foot pursuits and property control.
- The board's policy division in connection
- 12 with the department's planning, research and deployment
- 13 section conducts a robust review and evaluation based
- on research into national best practices, including but
- 15 not limited to the following: The President Barack
- 16 Obama's task force on 21st century policing
- 17 recommendations report and other legal standards and
- 18 national best practices such as NACOLE, Campaign Zero
- 19 and other best practices that we have conducted
- 20 research into.
- 21 All of those items are contained in again the
- 22 four directives that were included in the packet and
- 23 similar to what was done a few weeks ago with respect
- 24 to the board-approved use of force policy
- 25 recommendation. Again, the policy work is done in



- 1 connection and in collaboration and cooperation with
- 2 the department under the leadership of the honorable
- 3 Chief of Police Craig and specifically Assistant Chief
- 4 White where we work closely with his staff in the
- 5 administrative support operations. Again, the policy
- 6 research and planning division with the executive
- 7 manager branch, Wilson.
- 8 So again, those reports are in your packets
- 9 this week. If you could please review all of those
- 10 directives. We have previously transmitted those
- 11 directives sometime ago. And so if you would please
- 12 review those along with the report that the policy
- 13 division completed. It is ready for a vote next week,
- 14 next Thursday, for a final vote of approval, if it is
- 15 your pleasure. And I can take any questions or any
- 16 additional recommendations that you might have with
- 17 respect to those policies leading up to next Thursday's
- 18 proposed vote.
- And lastly, with respect to NACOLE, just as
- 20 an update, NACOLE's conference is currently in its
- 21 eighth week. And yesterday they completed the webinar
- 22 entitled "An examination of police-initiated neck
- 23 restraints, discussing chokeholds and giving
- 24 recommendations in policy and training recommendations
- 25 for oversight jurisdictions and, of course, law



- 1 enforcement agencies.
- 2 And I would like to report that the Board of
- 3 Police Commissioners and the Detroit Police Department
- 4 is again setting the standard of creating precedent,
- 5 best practices, with respect to the policies that the
- 6 board recently approved based on the work done between
- 7 the board and the department with respect to the use of
- 8 force policy recommendations that were recently
- 9 implemented.
- 10 So we will have a written report for your
- 11 reference and for your review with respect to those
- 12 recommendations from NACOLE and from some of the
- 13 practitioners that gave the webinar, and that is
- 14 forthcoming.
- And I can take any questions that you might
- 16 have at this time.
- 17 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 19 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Ms. White, those webinars
- 20 through NACOLE, are any -- can we access them via --
- 21 are they saved and we can go and watch those webinars?
- 22 MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair. The
- 23 NACOLE organization will ensure that those webinars are
- 24 provided to all of the conference attendees and
- 25 registrants. And we will make sure that the honorable



- 1 board receives those recordings and also a summary of
- 2 all of the relevant sessions for your review and quick
- 3 reference. So we will make sure that that information
- 4 is provided to you.
- 5 And just as a quick update, there are several
- 6 more webinars coming up next week and the following
- 7 week. The last day for the NACOLE training is
- 8 September 22nd. And again, there are at least five
- 9 additional webinars that are available for your
- 10 upcoming attendance. So we will give you all of that
- 11 information.
- 12 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Thank you, Ms. White.
- 13 Through the Chair.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. I
- 15 just want to do a little housekeeping here. I want to
- 16 thank Ms. White for her tireless work. I was just
- 17 informed she hasn't had a vacation day or week.
- 18 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Since last year.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And also our interim chief
- 20 investigator hasn't had a day or week off in terms of
- 21 vacation. So we're going to have to try to address
- 22 that. The workload has been so heavy. She's
- 23 responding.
- 24 And I want to keep in mind, commissioners,
- 25 that we have 11 commissioners and we only have one



- 1 board secretary. And there's got to be a priority in
- 2 terms of how we function with the Chair and the Vice
- 3 Chair in terms of leadership team. So we can't have 11
- 4 bosses, you know what I mean, all at once trying to get
- 5 -- contact the board secretary for some basic thing.
- 6 Question of concern, keep that in mind. I
- 7 just want to share that with you. It's very difficult
- 8 to respond ASAP to all level commissioners. And
- 9 there's a pecking order, there's a priority, in terms
- 10 of the work that we have to turn out. Just, for
- 11 instance, like the communication from these public
- 12 officials that came in overnight we had to quickly
- 13 respond. And she did a great job of drafting the
- 14 letter. And Ms. Voss (ph) did the editing part of it.
- 15 You know, you can see some things cannot wait. And we
- 16 have policy and that's ending and we try to roll that
- 17 out. So I'm trying to work out a schedule where she
- 18 can take a little time off, because the department you
- 19 have a winter furlough and a summer furlough, but
- 20 that's not the case with our staff -- I mean every
- 21 staff member has taken on. But Ms. White has been
- 22 there and the chief investigator has been working
- 23 through this process. I just wanted to share that with
- 24 you.
- We'll move on to unfinished business. If



- 1 not --
- COMMISSIONER BURCH: Oh, yes. Yes, hello.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You have announcement or
- 4 new business? Do you have announcement or what?
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Hello, Mr. Bell.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I don't know whether
- 8 this is new business or what, but I just wanted to make
- 9 a motion that this board considers having a
- 10 parliamentarian on our meetings. That's what I wanted
- 11 to make a motion to that.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Miss -- that is a staff
- 14 position, and we don't have in our budget for a
- 15 position of that nature. So I'm going to say that is
- 16 out of order and we'll take it under advisement,
- 17 Commissioner Burch. But that is a position that you're
- 18 speaking of in terms of budgeting and staffing. We
- 19 don't have such a person in that designation in our
- 20 scheme of things. So I'll take that under
- 21 consideration and in the future I'll perhaps entertain
- 22 that.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: All right. I appreciate
- 24 you answering the question.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.



- 1 Any new business?
- 2 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: It's Reverend Holley.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Reverend Holley.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you so much.
- 5 Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask for your permission that
- 6 -- I know you believe there's no big I's and little U's
- 7 on this board. I know you believe that. But I'm
- 8 asking you to allow me to work with Ms. White when she
- 9 come off of vacation for 2021 and '22 that each elected
- 10 commissioner to have an opportunity to be president of
- 11 the elected commissioners, not the appointed ones, the
- 12 elected commissioners on seniority and staggered.
- 13 Secondly, I'm asking that you allow each
- 14 commissioner to -- it's 11 of us. It's 12 months in a
- 15 year. Each -- one commissioner will go with the
- 16 president and the vice president to the meetings with
- 17 the Mayor or with the police chief so it's transparency
- 18 to protect you.
- 19 And then thirdly is that every commissioner
- 20 will be obligated to basically to address a graduation
- 21 of the academy graduation. I'm asking that you allow
- 22 us to participate in this so it can be a little, you
- 23 know, transparency and we can basically help you. Can
- 24 you allow me to work with her on this?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, I don't think --



- 1 it's not working with Ms. White. Ms. White don't
- 2 dictate to this board. The board makes their own rules
- 3 and regulations how they function.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I mean if you have
- 5 policy together. I'm asking help me --
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: What you're asking --
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm asking can you help
- 8 me put the policy together?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner, it's not
- 10 about policy. I think you're talking about bylaws and
- 11 process. As you well know, the charter dictates that
- 12 the majority rules, and that's pretty much how we roll.
- 13 But we can have a sidebar conversation in reference to
- 14 all the issues that you raised.
- 15 Can we move on? Announcements.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 17 Through the Chair. Through the Chair.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You didn't call for
- 20 anymore new business. I think --
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I called for new business
- 22 once. I can call it again.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yeah. I believe
- 24 Commissioner Darryl Brown was before me, and then I
- 25 wanted to go after Commissioner Darryl Brown out of



- 1 District 1.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I just wanted to talk to
- 4 Reverend Holley's point, Mr. Chairman, that that is a
- 5 bylaw change, and we need to implement your ideas in
- 6 our bylaws, and I'll help you draft what we need to do
- 7 to vote on.
- 8 And, Mr. Chairman, a question for you and
- 9 this board. I would like to request a closed session
- 10 meeting probably in the next two weeks or next week to
- 11 discuss bringing on a interim HR director. I think
- 12 that's something that's needed, and we need to push
- 13 forward with that to bring someone in, anyone that we
- 14 have in mind or someone maybe putting it out as a job
- 15 bid for an interim HR director.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: All I can say is we're
- 17 responding to the HR process and we can have that
- 18 conversation, but I don't know that we have the
- 19 criteria for a closed session, but we can entertain
- 20 that.
- Okay. Commissioner Burton.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Mr. Chairman,
- 23 actually I have a couple line items for new business.
- 24 First I'll start off with a statement.
- In previous weeks I have brought before my



- 1 colleagues on the commission about various motions
- 2 about prohibiting the police department from using tear
- 3 gas, rubber bullets and so forth and also chokeholds,
- 4 prohibiting them from using those type of things
- 5 against protesters. The commission has voted my motion
- 6 down countless times except for the couple of
- 7 commissioners that stood with me on those motions.
- I move today that we as a body adopt the
- 9 provisions that was lined out by Federal
- 10 Judge Michelson for the board.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I do not follow you, sir,
- 12 at all. The federal judge is a federal judge. He made
- 13 a ruling or a stay in terms of what they're addressing,
- 14 which outlined in that forum.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well, basically I move
- 16 that the judge recommendation that we as a body approve
- 17 her recommendations.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, that's out of order.
- 19 We don't have that authority. We don't have that
- 20 authority to say we're going to follow the direction of
- 21 that. Corporation counsel already responded legally
- 22 that they will have a hearing, and he regrets they
- 23 didn't even have a evidentiary hearing. So that matter
- 24 is in the court and that's where it should stay. And
- 25 we have a understanding of how that process is going to



- 1 work out X number of days.
- 2 Meanwhile, the Chief --
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I had a final motion,
- 4 Mr. Chairman.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We'll move on. The next
- 6 item of business --
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No. Mr. Chairman, I
- 8 had two motions. I've got one last final motion,
- 9 Mr. Chairman. One final motion. I did state at the
- 10 beginning I have a couple of motions.
- 11 My final motion is that I call to suspend
- 12 DPD's facial recognition for the remaining of this
- 13 year.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Once again, that motion is
- 17 out of order. In fact, we are waiting on the
- 18 corporation counsel to give a legal opinion on that.
- 19 We're waiting on corporation counsel --
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner Darryl
- 21 Brown out of District 1.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Your motion is out of
- 23 order.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I move to overrule the
- 25 Chair.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Support.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The next meeting is
- 3 Thursday, September the 17th --
- 4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: That is a legal motion
- 5 to move to overrule and it's been supported to either
- 6 vote it up or down. That is a legal parliamentary
- 7 procedure or rule that we can --
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That's correct. That's
- 9 correct.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So I --
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We'll take a roll call
- 12 vote.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: To overrule the Chair
- 15 ruling. District 1.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 18 MS. WHITE: She is not in attendance, sir.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Oh. You called 3?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Oh. Yes, okay.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, no.
- District 5.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6. District 7.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large. I'm sorry.
- 4 District 3, Vice Chair.
- 5 VICE CHAIR HOLT: Oh. District 3. At-Large?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large.
- 7 VICE CHAIR HOLT: No.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large, Commissioner
- 9 Hernandez.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: No.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 12 COMMISSIONER JONES: No.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No.
- MS. WHITE: Motion failed.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Motion failed. We'll move
- 17 on.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Bell.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I want to move on, please.
- 20 The next meeting will be --
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I was going to make an
- 22 announcement.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Announcement. Go
- 24 ahead. Let me make my announcement and then you can
- 25 make your announcement.



- 1 The next meeting will be on Thursday,
- 2 September the 17th, 2020 at 3 p.m. The next community
- 3 meeting will be Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 3 p.m.
- 4 Commissioner Burch.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: There will be a food
- 6 giveaway at Greater Grace Temple on this coming
- 7 Saturday. The time is from 5:00 to 7:00 for anybody
- 8 that would like food distribution.
- 9 And, Mr. Bell, I just want to say the board
- 10 is so out of order. And I suggested that we bring back
- 11 Professor Peter Hammer to perhaps lead us, because this
- 12 board is getting more and more divided. I just want to
- 13 say that and put it on the record that I requested he
- 14 come back and speak or do a closed session, speak about
- 15 how we're handling business. Please, Mr. Bell, do that
- 16 for me. I thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch, we
- 18 can't do closed session on that. That is training.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Well, we need to be
- 20 trained then. We all need some training.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. Okay.
- Now, Ms. White, we'll move on to oral
- 23 communication or is that Ms. Blossom?
- 24 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Mr. Brown is also --
- 25 Mr. Brown is on the line.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Brown.
- 2 MR. BROWN: Good afternoon, Chair Bell, and
- 3 distinguished board. We currently have 13 speakers.
- 4 Your first speaker will be Mr. Mark Young followed by
- 5 Chief of Staff Stephen Grady Muhammad, and your third
- 6 speaker will be Ms. Bernice Smith.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 8 MR. BROWN: Mr. Young.
- 9 MR. YOUNG: Can you hear me? Can you hear
- 10 me?
- I just want to strongly say to the men and
- women you are outstanding, the men and women of the
- 13 Detroit Police Department are outstanding. No reform
- 14 was needed. The men and women of the Detroit Police
- 15 Department reform themselves through processes over the
- last few years. You're highly visible. You're
- 17 appreciated by this community more than you know. Your
- 18 sacrifices are appreciated and respected.
- The protestors and the drifters are taking
- 20 valuable resources away from our neighborhoods, and
- 21 it's costing us greatly as citizens of Detroit.
- I want to say this also. The census is
- 23 important. It's only three weeks left. If we do not
- 24 get our census number up, we're going to lose
- 25 representation, valuable dollars for the good of our



- 1 city in light of this COVID.
- 2 Lastly in 1990 I was a part of the census.
- 3 That was the last year that you could do guesstimates
- 4 and estimates. We probably had over a million people
- 5 then, but we only got counted for so many. If we do
- 6 not get our numbers up, that valuable funding is going
- 7 to be lost and our resources are going to be harmed
- 8 greatly. I need and encourage everybody to fill out
- 9 the census. It's crucial for our existence, especially
- 10 due to COVID. Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Stephen Grady.
- MR. GRADY: Thank you. Can you hear me?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- MR. GRADY: To Chair Bell and to this body of
- 15 police commissioners, Deputy Chief Fitzgerald, I think
- 16 you're the most senior person from DPD, and to the
- 17 citizens of the city of Detroit. I am so excited today
- 18 with the appointment of new Assistant Chief Todd
- 19 Bettison with Deputy Chief Bliss, Commander Hope,
- 20 Captain Mitchell, Captain Leonard-Gilbert. I know each
- 21 one of those officers personally, and I probably can
- 22 tell you an example of the leadership and the care and
- 23 compassion that they have for the citizens of the city
- 24 of Detroit. And this appointment it underscores Chief
- 25 Craig's commitment to police community relations by



- 1 elevating Todd Bettison to the position of assistant
- 2 chief. So I just really want to thank Chief. I want
- 3 to thank you all on the Board of Police Commissioners
- 4 for confirming that appointment.
- I also want to as I'm closing just take a
- 6 moment to speak about the letter that you received from
- 7 these representatives. I was physically present for
- 8 the first ten days of protest, physically present. I
- 9 saw everything that happened. I was not present when
- 10 Captain Cox was hit in the head with the rock, but I
- 11 will tell you this, I did reach out to that brother to
- 12 check on him, to thank him for his service and see how
- 13 he was doing. I wonder if anyone of those
- 14 representatives reached out to him to check on his
- 15 well-being.
- The well-being of the officer that was shot
- 17 at five times over on Six Mile, I have not had an
- 18 opportunity to reach out to him. He was shot by Hakeem
- 19 Littleton. I've not had the opportunity to reach out
- 20 to him, but I would have to imagine I know if somebody
- 21 shot at me five times I'd be feeling some kind of way
- 22 about that. I wonder if they have checked to see how
- 23 he's doing.
- I know for a fact that the only time that DPD
- 25 has deployed use of force is when the protests are no



- 1 longer peaceful. I support Chief Craig. I support the
- 2 Board of Police Commissioners. I support the fine men
- 3 and women of the Detroit Police Department who has made
- 4 really the only city that has not gone into riot. I
- 5 was ten years old, Chair Bell, when we had the riot,
- 6 and I ...
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sorry about that. We
- 8 should have let him continue, because he represents the
- 9 Council President and I appreciate you --
- 10 MS. SMITH: Okay. As soon as you call your
- 11 name you can talk.
- 12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Smith.
- MS. SMITH: Good evening to everyone. I'm
- 15 going to be very brief. First I wish to congratulate
- 16 A.C. White on his new position as director of the civil
- 17 rights. We're going to be very proud of him. And all
- 18 my children, as I call them, Hope, Bettison. I guess I
- 19 won't have to call you on your cell no more. But
- 20 anyway, I'm just so proud of all you guys that got your
- 21 promotion. I waited and waited for especially
- 22 Bettison. I know you deserve it. But anyway, getting
- 23 to the point, congratulations to all of you and may God
- 24 forever keep his eyes around you.
- MS. PANNELL: From Pannell, too.



1 MS. SMITH: Pannell she wishes the same. We

- 2 both always.
- Now, this lawsuit against the city and the
- 4 police Chief Craig filed by the protesters. First, I
- 5 want to know how many that filed that live in Detroit,
- 6 do they think that they are blameless throwing
- 7 everything that they had to throw at the police. This
- 8 is a city that can be negotiating problems peacefully
- 9 without retaliation.
- 10 And as a senior 48 years in this city working
- in various jobs in politics, I want the protesters to
- 12 know use their energy to think to an open -- and be
- open mind and listen and listen peacefully to settle
- 14 all this confusion. This is -- it's terrible. We have
- 15 to elect -- elect a committee of men and women, no more
- 16 than about four, and then negotiate your problems
- 17 peacefully instead of disturbing the city.
- Now, God will make a way if you believe, and
- 19 I always believe in the good Lord. I wouldn't be here
- 20 88 years if I didn't believe in him. Try him. And
- 21 don't forget, fellas, vote for this administration this
- 22 November. Do that. Work for the voting where we can
- 23 change this White House, because you know what we got
- 24 in there.
- But again, congratulations to everyone that



- 1 got their promotion. I love you all. Keep up the good
- 2 work.
- 3 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, the next three
- 4 speakers will be Mr. Eric Blount followed by Detroit
- 5 DSA and Ms. Susan Steigerwalt.
- 6 Mr. Blount.
- 7 MR. BLOUNT: Yes. Can you hear me, board?
- 8 MR. BROWN: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 10 MR. BLOUNT: Yes. As the unofficial watchdog
- 11 for the Board of Police Commissioners for the last five
- 12 years, I wholeheartedly agree with the September 8th
- 13 letter that Chief Craig and Mayor Duggan from
- 14 Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib and others.
- 15 One of the basic facts of the lived
- 16 experience of everyday Detroiters is the DPD refusal to
- 17 quickly release body-worn camera footage except when
- 18 DPD is the right. Then the footage can be released
- 19 within four to five hours. So if DPD wants to start
- 20 building public trust start with true transparency for
- 21 years and then follow it up with real accountability
- 22 consequences.
- 23 As far as what this board can do for various
- 24 topics, this board on a routine basis issues
- 25 resolutions, most of which have nothing to do with



- 1 civilian oversight. So this board can use this
- 2 resolution tool to condemn the continued employment of
- 3 Dewayne Jones and another resolution to condemn and
- 4 apologize for the approval of facial recognition
- 5 technology, just as Chairman Bell did a TV interview as
- 6 he apologized on behalf of the board for not getting it
- 7 right and disciplining Dewayne Jones. I yield my time.
- 8 MR. BROWN: Detroit DSA. Detroit DSA.
- 9 MR. DELLICOLLI: Hello. This is Anthony
- 10 Dellicolli from Detroit Democratic Socialists. I'll
- 11 start by seconding everything that Mr. Blount just
- 12 mentioned. But first I want to support the call for an
- independent investigation, because Chair Bell
- 14 constantly prevents this board from doing their job,
- 15 and we cannot trust Detroit DPD to investigate
- 16 themselves.
- 17 Second, shame on Commissioner Griffie who on
- 18 two separate meetings a couple months ago obstructed a
- 19 vote on a ban of facial recognition technology and then
- 20 put on a big show pretending to care about it after the
- 21 Robert Williams incident, for it's two separate cases
- 22 of wrongful arrest using that technology and this board
- 23 still refuses to act. Meanwhile, Portland just joined
- 24 a list of cities banning the use of facial recognition
- 25 technology. Commissioner Griffie seemed more



- 1 interested in planting stories in the Detroit Free
- 2 Press to launch her political career than actually
- 3 taking action against the misuse of facial recognition
- 4 technology by DPD.
- 5 Regarding the police reform recommendations
- 6 by this board last week, I will remind you that the
- 7 Minneapolis Police Department had all of these, and yet
- 8 George Floyd was still murdered by one of their
- 9 officers. To be more specific, "The Minneapolis Police
- 10 implemented trainings on implicit bias, mindfulness,
- 11 deescalation and crisis intervention, diversified the
- department's leadership, created tighter use-of-force
- 13 standards, adopted body cameras, initiated a series of
- 14 police-community dialogues and enhanced early warning
- 15 systems to identify problem officers." None of these
- 16 measures kept George Floyd alive.
- 17 Chair Bell should resign from this board,
- 18 because he isn't interested in actually providing
- 19 civilian oversight. Commissioner Carter should also
- 20 resign if she never plans to show up. Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Steigerwalt. Ms.
- 22 Steigerwalt. Ms. Steigerwalt.
- MS. STEIGERWALT: Thank you. Yeah. I want
- 24 to also concord -- well, hi. I'm Susan Steigerwalt.
- 25 I'm a member of DSA. I've lived in this city for 41



- 1 years. The reason I'm here is because, first of all, I
- 2 wanted to (Inaudible) with what Eric Blount did, and I
- 3 commend him for spending five years trying to work for
- 4 change.
- 5 I think that some of the attitudes that I've
- 6 heard repeatedly over the last several months is that
- 7 there's somehow something wrong with the protesters.
- 8 We're us, they're them. Well, the protesters are
- 9 protesting because Black men and women are dying and
- 10 they're largely being killed by the police. So they're
- 11 being -- they're dealing with injustice, just like the
- 12 civil rights movement dealt with injustice. And I know
- 13 there are people here who worked with the civil rights
- 14 movement in the '60s. So it would be important to
- 15 think about that, as well they're fighting against
- 16 systemic racism and police brutality. It isn't that
- 17 there's a few bad apples in the police. It's very much
- 18 that there's an us versus them mentality as well as the
- 19 so-called warrior syndrome. So every encounter you
- 20 have could be your last. There are ways to do this
- 21 differently. There are ways for people to become peace
- 22 officers, not police per se.
- 23 As well, I think the letter of it was
- 24 originated by Sheffield, Castaneda-Lopez, Chang and
- 25 Tlaib legitimately raised issues of independent



- 1 investigation. And since everything is so transparent
- 2 in the police department there should be no problem
- 3 with having an independent investigation. Anything
- 4 you've done is already going to be concurred towards
- 5 them, but we need that independent investigation.
- As well, the prior speaker was talking about
- 7 reaching out to the policeman who was fired at by
- 8 Hakeem Littleton, but he can't reach out to Hakeem
- 9 Littleton because now he's dead.
- 10 MR. BROWN: Chairman Bell, your next three
- 11 speakers will be D'Etta Wilcoxon, followed by Tawana
- 12 Petty, followed by Robert Mitchell.
- 13 Ms. Wilcoxon.
- MS. WILCOXON: Good evening.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good evening.
- MS. WILCOXON: I have listened to your
- 17 meeting today, and I called in for the specific reason
- 18 of having read reports recently indicating that this
- 19 board has approved changes in policy relative to, one,
- 20 a ban on chokeholds, two, a duty to intervene when
- 21 there is behavior on the part of one of our police
- 22 officers, three, a report -- or to report I should say
- 23 excessive force, and that there is a policy that this
- 24 board has approved relative to deescalation.
- I have not seen anything in the reports to



- 1 indicate where the city of Detroit is as a body as it
- 2 relates to the approved changes by this board. And I
- 3 would like for this board to tell we, the people,
- 4 exactly where we are with these changes, because
- 5 needless to say your policy is not law, and we as
- 6 residents of the city of Detroit need to know where our
- 7 city stands relative to these issues.
- 8 Lastly, I will say that as it relates to the
- 9 city of Detroit interfacing with Detroit Will Breathe,
- 10 Black Lives Matter and any other protest, I think that
- 11 knowledge is best acquired through research and
- 12 conversation, bringing all parties or stakeholders to
- 13 the table and attempting to flush out issues so that
- 14 there can be some consensus in terms of how and why we
- 15 move forward in particular matters. There have been
- 16 instances I think on both sides of this issue that are
- 17 questionable and certainly need to be addressed.
- 18 Police officers ...
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Petty.
- 20 MS. PETTY: Good afternoon. I sit on these
- 21 meetings week after week, and I'm basically just
- 22 floored at the lack of representation that we have as a
- 23 civilian oversight body. And I hear the rage that
- 24 comes from commissioners feeling that their
- 25 decision-making is being overridden, but what is --



- 1 what recourse do community members have other than to
- 2 go to federal officials and judges to get their civil
- 3 liberties protected if it feels like this body is a
- 4 rubber stamp for police decisions?
- 5 My other comment is -- and I want everyone to
- 6 make it home at the end of the night, whether you're a
- 7 law enforcement officer or a resident of the city of
- 8 Detroit. I want everyone to make it home at the end of
- 9 the night, but I'm feeling that this body is very
- 10 one-sided, and I wonder if there is any empathy for the
- 11 residents who have, you know, lost 1,500 of their
- 12 neighbors, still suffering through COVID, had a \$29,000
- 13 median income prior to COVID and now 40 percent have
- 14 lost their jobs. I'm just wondering if any of that
- 15 comes into play into thinking.
- And finally, I'll say Portland, Oregon just
- 17 passed the most strict ban on facial recognition,
- 18 public and private, and this Black city is doubling
- 19 down. We still don't even know what DPD is doing with
- 20 facial recognition. They're operating without a
- 21 contract, so no regulations really whatsoever. They're
- 22 operating without a contract. So what is to hold them
- 23 to the policy you all put in place? We don't even know
- 24 what the new contract is going to look like.
- So I feel like there's no pressure to ask for



- 1 compliance or even understand what is being complied
- 2 with. And so that makes me very fearful and for the
- 3 safety of even officers like out here with this
- 4 technology, with lack of understanding, with no real
- 5 oversight. You all are putting us in a very dangerous
- 6 situation.
- 7 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I don't see
- 8 Mr. Mitchell so we'll go to Ms. Michelle George,
- 9 followed by JW, followed by Ashley Smith.
- 10 Ms. George. Ms. George.
- 11 JW. JW.
- 12 Let's try Ms. Smith. Ms. Smith.
- MS. SMITH: Is it my -- hello. Oh, okay. I
- 14 was just making sure the other two people didn't speak.
- 15 All right. Hi, everyone. I'm Ashley Smith.
- 16 I'm just here to pretty much have support for the city,
- 17 you know, in Project Green Light as well as supporting
- 18 my sister, Sheldy Smith. We're still wondering why
- 19 Dewayne Jones is still an officer in Detroit. I think
- 20 he should be removed immediately. He has a bad taste
- 21 in the citizens of Detroit mouth, and this is one of
- 22 the reasons that the citizens of Detroit would like
- 23 Chief Craiq to step down.
- 24 Please take in consideration that I've asked
- 25 for an update for multiple weeks now and have not



- 1 gotten an answer from this board. Also, we support
- 2 justice in every sense of the word. Please give me an
- 3 update as soon as you guys have anything. And I yield
- 4 my time.
- 5 MR. BROWN: JW. JW.
- 6 Ms. George.
- 7 MS. GEORGE: Mr. Brown.
- 8 MR. BROWN: Yes.
- 9 MS. GEORGE: Thank you. It's Ms. George. I
- 10 was muted. How are you doing, commissioners? Thank
- 11 you, Mr. Brown.
- 12 Commissioner Bell and to the Board of Police
- 13 Commissioners, my comment -- first of all, I want to
- 14 congratulate Assistant Chief -- Deputy Chief Bettison.
- 15 Congratulations, a promotion well deserved, and also to
- 16 the others and also to Assistant Chief Hope. So I do
- 17 congratulate them and for doing a good job. And I do
- 18 want to thank Chief Craig for meeting with me a few
- 19 weeks ago. Still appreciative of that, Chief Craig.
- 20 But what I wanted to also talk about, first
- 21 of all, on the sixth floor we can -- I don't know -- we
- 22 can try to get more a diverse police force. I want to
- 23 comment on that.
- Two, I want to know comment on, Chairman
- 25 Bell, you're kind of being -- I'm trying to use the



- 1 appropriate word so I can be respectful. You're kind
- 2 of overusing your power in cutting people off. So you
- 3 need to look into that. I do agree with Commissioner
- 4 Holley and Commissioner Burch, we need to get Professor
- 5 Hammer back.
- Also, when I was cut off last week with that
- 7 minute comment, I was trying to make the point, and I
- 8 want people to use their energy -- we can't be throwing
- 9 darts and rocks at police officers. That's not going
- 10 to solve that. And then the police have to protect the
- 11 protestors as well as being in danger. So we need to
- 12 put that energy on the George Floyd Justice Act and the
- 13 John Lewis Civil Rights Voting Act. That's where we
- 14 need to put all our energy and anger into that. I
- 15 wanted to make that comment.
- And also the comment I was going to make last
- 17 week about Derek Chauvin, the gentleman that talked
- 18 about that, he meant to lynch George Floyd, to kill
- 19 him, because if you remember when George and the
- 20 officer -- the lady that was infracted the officer
- 21 said, "Ma'am, we only kill Black people." So we've got
- 22 to look at what it is.
- The facial recognition, we're going to fight
- that on federal and it's going to police commissioners.
- 25 We're going to change that charter where Mayor Duggan



- 1 can only appoint one person, that's it, one, because
- 2 you're not representing the people. If Portland can
- 3 change that -- that's how you have to deal with the
- 4 protesting.
- 5 I'll comment before you cut me off. I'll
- 6 finish another day. Thank you.
- 7 MR. BROWN: JW. JW.
- 8 Okay, Mr. Chair. We'll go to Scotty Boman.
- 9 Mr. Boman.
- 10 MR. BOMAN: Okay. Can you hear me now?
- MR. BROWN: Yes, sir.
- 12 MR. BOMAN: Okay. First of all, I'd like to
- 13 (Inaudible) for once again failing to recognize a
- 14 motion. It was seconded. He's failing to recognize it
- 15 because he disagreed with it. I also think there's a
- 16 problem with saying the board doesn't have the
- 17 authority to comply or support a judicial court ruling.
- 18 Of course they do. They don't have the authority to
- 19 say we're going to disobey a court ruling. They
- 20 certainly have the authority to agree to that the court
- 21 ruling is appropriate and also to comply. So I don't
- 22 see either of these things as being very good rulings.
- Now, about Dewayne Jones. You know, there's
- 24 the issue of not just personal discipline, but the fact
- of the matter is we had a whole parade of policing.



- 1 They were trained to do the same thing and did exactly
- 2 what they would do. To me that's a bigger problem.
- 3 And I have yet to hear any (Inaudible) use of force,
- 4 the so-called closed hands (Inaudible). I would like
- 5 to see that, and also bring up please urge your
- 6 representatives to support the Justice for Breonna
- 7 Taylor Act. And I yield.
- 8 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I will try JW one more
- 9 time. If not, Mr. Boman was your last speaker.
- 10 JW.
- 11 Mr. Chair, I don't hear anything from JW. So
- 12 Mr. Boman was your last speaker.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mr. Brown. If
- 14 there's no other business, the Chair would entertain a
- 15 motion for adjournment.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved, Mr. Chairman.
- 17 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's properly moved and
- 19 supported. Those say yes.
- 20 COMMISSIONERS: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those no.
- 22 We stand adjourned. Thank you for your
- 23 attendance.
- 24 VICE CHAIR HOLT: You as well. See you next
- 25 Thursday.



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