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1	DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
2	REGULAR MEETING
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4	Thursday, August 27, 2020 3:00 p.m.
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6	CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY, VIA ZOOM
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8	COMMISSIONERS:
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10	WILLIE E. BELL, Chairperson (Dist. 4)
11	ANNIE HOLT, Vice Chairperson (At-Large)
12	DARRYL. D BROWN, Commissioner (Dist. 1)
13	WILLIE E. BURTON, Commissioner (Dist. 5)
14	WILLIAM M. DAVIS, Commissioner (Dist. 7)
15	JESUS HERNANDEZ, Commissioner (At-Large)
16	SHIRLEY A. BURCH, Commissioner (Dist. 6)
17	EVETTE GRIFFIE, Commissioner (Dist. 2)
18	JIM HOLLEY, Commissioner (At-Large)
19	MARTIN JONES, Commissioner (At-Large)
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21	MELANIE WHITE, Secretary to the Board
22	ROBERT BROWN, Board Staff
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24	REPRESENTING OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE
25	CHIEF CRAIG



- 1 Detroit, Michigan
- 2 August 27, 2020
- 3 At or about 3:00 p.m.
- 4 CHAIRMAN BELL: The meeting is called to
- order. I am your Chair, Willie Bell, from District 4.
- 6 I'm going to have the roll call at this time. Starting
- 7 with the Vice-Chair.
- 8 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Good afternoon, and thank
- 9 you Chair Bell. And good afternoon to all the
- 10 commissioners and the City as well. I am Vice-Chair
- Annie Holt, At-Large bell thank you and I thank my
- immediate past Chair, Ms. Carter, Commissioner Carter.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes. Good afternoon.
- 14 Commissioner Lisa Carter, District 6. Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you for your
- 16 attendance. Now starting with District 1.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: This is Commissioner
- Darryl Brown over here in the fabulous Northwest
- 19 District of District 1.
- 20 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. District 2
- 21 District 2.
- 22 COMMISSIONER GRIFFE: Hi, everyone. My name
- is Evette Griffie and I am the Commissioner for District
- 24 2. Thank you.
- 25 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. District 3.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon. It's
- 2 Commissioner Shirley Burch of the famous, love where you
- 3 live District 3.
- 4 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. We already heard
- 5 from District 4. District 5. District 6. I'm sorry.
- 6 Already heard from District 6, District 7.
- 7 MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon everyone. This
- 8 is Police Commissioner William Davis from the mighty,
- 9 strong District 7.
- 10 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. And starting
- 11 At-Large Commissioner Holley.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, can I
- 13 have the privilege of 60 seconds?
- 14 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, sir.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Before I answer
- 16 present?
- 17 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, sir.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You don't mind?
- 19 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, sir. Go ahead.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
- 21 Chairman. Thank you to the Board. Let me just mention,
- 22 last week in my absence the Board of Commissioners took
- 23 a decision to terminate the services of Attorney
- 24 Jermaine Wyrick as our lawyer. I believe the City was
- 25 wrong in considering the two new members do not have the



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- 1 working knowledge of the Board's activities to make such
- 2 a decision to terminate an African-American lawyer in
- 3 these hard times of COVID 19 even more worse.
- 4 I'll remind the Board that just a month ago
- 5 Attorney Wyrick was given a positive evaluation
- 6 performance. His service to the Board warrants him
- 7 continually the lawyer to the Board. But since the
- 8 Board has reached a decision to terminate this fine
- 9 African-American lawyer, I'm in view of what I consider
- 10 injustice to our community. I'm excusing myself today
- 11 from the Board's meeting in form of a protest to show my
- 12 dissatisfaction with the Board's decision. I thank you,
- 13 Mr. Chairman, for giving me opportunity for this
- 14 privilege and to the Board. I wish you all the best.
- 15 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
- 17 Holley. Continue on with At-Large.
- 18 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon. This
- 19 is Commissioner Martin Jones At-Large.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon.
- 21 Jesus Hernandez At-Large.
- 22 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Ms. White?
- MS. WHITE: You have a quorum, sir.
- 24 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.
- MS. BURCH: Mr. Chair, if I could have the



- 1 privilege that you gave to Dr. Holley. The only thing
- 2 is I ask that I will remain on this call today, but
- 3 regarding again the voting of the pleasure of the Board
- 4 seems to be of Mr. Attorney Wyrick to be dismissed. I
- 5 was not a part of that vote and I texted my opinion in
- 6 that I didn't think it was correct. And I said no. I
- 7 sent it several of the Commissioners. I never received
- 8 a responses back, so I think this was done in a very
- 9 unprofessional manner to attorney Wyrick. But sir, I
- 10 will stay on the line to voice my opinion to represent
- 11 District 3 as this meeting goes on. Thank you, Mr.
- 12 Chair.
- 13 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
- 14 Burch. I just want to say, you informed me of your
- 15 concerns and how you would vote, but you made a decision
- 16 not to participate in the closing session or the voting
- 17 process, and the vote took place by the Commissioners
- 18 that was present. That's basically how our Charter
- 19 reads, and also our bylaws, so it duly noted. But
- 20 there's no proxy voting, but your opinion was expressed
- 21 for what it's worth to the Commissioner for me, but
- 22 there's no proxy voting outside the scope. A
- 23 Commissioner has to be present to vote. And as you well
- 24 know, Commissioner Holley was not present he asked for
- 25 and excused absence. I'll move on at this time. Thank



- 1 you.
- 2 Approval of the agenda for August 27.
- 3 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So moved.
- 4 CHAIRMAN BELL: I hear properly moved and
- 5 second?
- 6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.
- 7 CHAIRMAN BELL: Been properly moved and
- 8 second. Discussion.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion.
- 10 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, sir.
- 11 MR. DAVIS: I am against this agenda because
- 12 it doesn't properly reflect what happened. Also I'm
- 13 against this agenda because the minutes and that doesn't
- 14 reflect the fact that I pointed out that the leadership
- 15 was getting rid of the attorney for abusing his
- 16 authority.
- 17 CHAIRMAN BELL: Bell as you know,
- 18 Commissioner Davis, we captured all our minutes in the
- 19 process by a court reporter. That is a standard
- 20 procedure. That's why that person is here to capture
- 21 everything that's said in reference to our process. So
- 22 noted. Those in favor, yes?
- 23 COMMISSIONERS: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No.
- 25 CHAIRMAN BELL: Did I hear a yes vote?



- 1 MR. DAVIS: Roll call.
- 2 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Roll call, please.
- 3 CHAIRMAN BELL: Those opposed?
- 4 MR. DAVIS: That's another violation, sir.
- 5 There's supposed to be a roll all.
- 6 CHAIRMAN BELL: We can have a roll call,
- 7 sir. It's no major issue here. District 1.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.
- 9 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 2.
- MR. GRIFFE: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 3.
- MS. BURCH: No.
- 13 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 4. Yes.
- 14 Commissioner Bell. District 5.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Burton.
- 17 District 6.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 19 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. District 7.
- 20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.
- 21 CHAIRMAN BELL: At-Large. Commissioner
- 22 Hernandez.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 24 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Commissioner
- 25 Jones.



- 1 MR. JONES: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRMAN BELL: I think we covered --
- 3 Reverend Holley, Commissioner Holley stepped off the
- 4 meeting, is that correct.
- 5 MS. WHITE: Yes. Vice-chair.
- 6 CHAIRMAN BELL: Vice-Chair. I'm sorry.
- 7 Vice-Chair Holt.
- 8 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you Ms. White.
- MS. WHITE: Motion passed.
- 11 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. The next item --
- MS. WHITE: Mr. Chairperson, if I can again
- 13 reiterate what Commissioner Griffie has already said.
- 14 One of the panelist's background is really interfering
- 15 with the meeting and it's very difficult to hear. So
- 16 when you're not speak, if you could, please mute the
- 17 microphone temporarily so we can hear all of the voices.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Approval of the
- 20 minutes from August 20th. Those in favor yes.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRMAN BELL: We have a roll call.
- 23 Starting with Vice-Chair Holt.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 25 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. District 1.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, with the necessary
- 2 corrections.
- 3 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 2.
- 4 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 3.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, with corrections.
- 7 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. District 4.
- 8 Yes. Commissioner Bell. District 5.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes, with the proper
- 10 corrections.
- 11 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. District 6.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 13 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. District 7.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.
- 15 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. At-Large
- 16 starting with Commissioner Hernandez.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Commissioner
- 19 Jones.
- MR. JONES: Yes.
- MS. WHITE: Motion passed.
- 22 CHAIRMAN BELL: Motion passes. Thank you.
- 23 Ms. White, would you introduce the staff, please.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Thank you,
- 25 Chairperson Bell. For the record, the Department of



- 1 Innovation and Technology is monitoring and recording
- 2 the Board's meeting today, and our court reporter today
- 3 is Miss Mindy Womack, and the following Board staff are
- 4 in attendance today, Mr. Robert Brown, Ms. Teresa
- 5 Blossom, Community Relations Coordinator Ms. Jonya
- 6 Underwood, Administrative Assistant, Investigator
- 7 Tiffany Stewart, and Lieutenant James Coles representing
- 8 the Department's Human Resources Division. Also interim
- 9 Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar, Supervising
- 10 Investigator Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
- 11 Lasonia Snow, and Senior Investigator Rosalia Madrigal
- 12 are all present today sir.
- 13 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Chief Craig.
- 14 CHIEF CRAIG: Good afternoon, Chairman Bell,
- 15 and Board of Police Commissioners. How is everybody
- 16 doing? Thank you. Thank you. And with me attending
- 17 today, I can't see everyone, so I would ask for a DPD
- 18 roll call if you could get started. Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRMAN BELL: Ms. White, could you help us
- 20 out on that?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: Deputy Chief Todd Bettison
- 23 should be on.
- 24 MS. WHITE: We will make sure his phone is
- 25 unmuted.



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: Someone from Professional
- 2 Standards?
- MS. WHITE: Okay. D.C. Bettison, if you
- 4 could go ahead and please introduce the members of the
- 5 Detroit Police Department on the line, please, for Chief
- 6 Craig.
- 7 D.C. BETTISON: Okay. I can't see them,
- 8 however, I know that Commander Melissa Gardner Is on,
- 9 Director Chris Graveline is on, our CFO members of the
- 10 bar. If I pronounced his name, I think I slaughtered
- 11 it, but he's on, Deputy Chief, Second Deputy Chief Grant
- 12 Ha is on, Kyra Hope is on as well. Also from the
- 13 Chief's office we have Lieutenant Curtis Shell. We also
- 14 have Sergeant Hewitt Monitoring. And also we have
- 15 Commander Patterson from the 8th precinct who is on as
- 16 well Commander McGinnis, and also Captain Purifoy. I'm
- 17 sorry, Captain Purifoy -- Captain Ladell.
- 18 MS. WHITE: Okay. And then also for the
- 19 record I do see Assistant Chief James White and Captain
- 20 Aric Tosqui on the line as well. Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: Craig thank you.
- 23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Ms. White.
- 24 Elected officials, represented elected officials.
- MS. WHITE: Yes. Mr. Brian Tonille



- 1 representing council member, Roy McAllister, Lieutenant
- 2 Mark Young, President of the Lieutenant and Sergeants
- 3 Association, and that concludes the special VIP guests
- 4 for this afternoon, sir.
- 5 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Ms. White, I'm
- 6 going to ask you once again to send out to the Board in
- 7 reference to minutes and Robert's Rules of Order and the
- 8 process. I'm not going to exhaust any time. Seems like
- 9 we have to explain issues of this nature over and over
- 10 again. But we purchased Robert's Rules of Order book.
- 11 Commissioner Holley has spoken to that clearly. So
- 12 would send a little memo maybe this week for next week
- in reference to the process of minutes and by Robert's
- 14 Rules of Order and also by Charter Mandate. Can we do
- 15 that once again?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. I'll send it out once
- 17 again. And just also noted for the record, please
- 18 understand, Honorable Board, that the transcribed
- 19 minutes are also transmitted to you on Tuesday in your
- 20 weekly packet so you also have those detailed verbatim
- 21 statements in that transcribed report. Thank you, sir.
- 22 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. I
- 23 just want to -- we're going to hear from the Interim
- 24 Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar in a short period of
- 25 time. I just want to highlight one of the longtime



- 1 investigators with the Office of the Chief Investigator,
- 2 Mr. Ainsley Cromwell. He's a supervisor investigator.
- 3 I think he has over 20 years, Ms. Whited, in that
- 4 capacity?
- 5 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 6 CHAIRMAN BELL: So he's a long term person
- 7 that has been involved with the Office of Chief
- 8 Investigator, went through the whole Justice Department.
- 9 I just wanted to cite him as being one of those key
- 10 persons, among others, but I think I would probably do
- 11 that every week in trying to lift up employees, but I
- 12 just want to say that we have some great staff. I know
- 13 Chief Craig always talks about his great staff, and I
- 14 have witnessed this at almost every setting
- 15 acknowledgement, so I'm going to follow his lead. Ms.
- 16 White.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 18 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Commissioners, I
- 19 want to say to good afternoon again. I hope you that
- 20 all you are in good spirits, and the main thing that you
- 21 are safe and your family are safe.
- Nothing can stop the power of a committed
- 23 and determined people to make a difference in our
- 24 society. John Lewis. Detroit Lions came out of their
- 25 building Allen Park and made a statement. We just



- 1 cannot stay on the sideline. We cannot by silenced.
- 2 The Milwaukee Bucks refused to play in the NBA Playoffs
- 3 in the form of protests. If NBA postpones playoffs
- 4 games in that timeframe. The Milwaukee Braves decided
- 5 not to play there Wednesday game against the Cincinnati
- 6 Reds. The WNBA the Women's Basketball Professional
- 7 League joined the boycott. We say changes happening.
- 8 When determined people are committed to make a
- 9 differences, I think people are coming together
- 10 regardless of their race, regardless of their gender,
- 11 they all coming together in terms of issues we're
- 12 dealing with. I don't have to really highlight that.
- 13 You know that.
- 14 As we know, police are called on to deal
- 15 with crime and disorder preventing them when possible
- 16 and to bring to account those who disobey the law,
- 17 perhaps we should say disobey the police.
- 18 Second, the public expects their police to
- 19 be impartial, producing justice through the fair,
- 20 effective and restraining use of their authority.
- 21 Police may feel compelled to use force when a person is
- 22 stopped for questioning, makes certain movements or
- 23 attempts to flee even if they do not have committed any
- 24 offense. The shooting of Jacob Blake on Sunday by
- 25 Kenosha Police Department happened quickly with less



- 1 than three minutes lapses between the time the first
- 2 officer arrived and shots being fired according to
- 3 dispatch audio. The Milwaukee Police in that city are
- 4 not equipped with body cameras. They hope have to that
- 5 next year. They have dashboard cameras in their squad
- 6 cars, but no video at this time.
- Jacob Blake is in the hospital reported
- 8 paralyzed. The Wisconsin Division of Justice Division
- 9 of Criminal Investigation is Investigating in an attempt
- 10 to present its finding in 30 days to the prosecutor's
- 11 office there.
- 12 As you well know, protests broke out after
- 13 shooting for two days. A juvenile, 17 years of age
- 14 shots and killed two people and wounded another recently
- in a protest over police brutality in the shooting of
- 16 Jacob Blake.
- So where are we? Are we there yet? No. We
- 18 have a long way go. It's unfortunate as we echo the
- 19 majority of police, I'll say 90%, 94, whatever it is, do
- 20 an outstanding job 24/7, day-to-day, in responding to
- 21 incidents of police service without incident. You don't
- 22 hear about those, but we all know, we can testify that
- 23 officers are doing a great job, not just in Detroit but
- 24 across this country. But we do have issues of this
- 25 nature.



- 1 This Board stands against police brutality,
- 2 senseless killing, and racism against unarmed black
- 3 people who are going about their business and attempting
- 4 to peacefully live their lives. It is time for people
- 5 to put down the guns, creat change at the ballot box and
- 6 put a priority in terms of human life.
- We review and take a vote on the proper use
- 8 of force policy. And we have to -- that recommendation
- 9 has come forward. We also received update from the
- 10 Office of Chief Investigator, Interim Investigator,
- 11 Lawrence Akbar. Now we're going to hear from that young
- 12 lady from District 2, Commissioner Griffie.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Thank you.
- 14 Commissioner Bell. I'll be very brief. I know our
- 15 meetings are getting longer and longer, so I just I
- 16 think the purpose of our time is to just give a brief
- 17 introduction of ourselves and some of the things that we
- 18 are work on in the Commission.
- 19 As Commissioner Bell stated, I'm from
- 20 District 2. I am a proud product of District 2. I went
- 21 to elementary, middle, and high school in this district.
- 22 Bagley Elementary, Used to be Hanson, and then
- 23 Renaissance High School before I went to the University
- 24 of Michigan to study business and corporate strategy.
- When I got married to my husband, it was no



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- 1 decision, no other choice to make but to move back to
- 2 the neighborhood that I grew up in. And I take a lot of
- 3 pride in the fact that I walk the same streets that I
- 4 walked in as a little school girl with a lot of
- 5 memories. And there's a lot of pride and growing up in
- 6 this neighborhood and coming back to raise my family in
- 7 this neighborhood as an adult. And for that reason I
- 8 take community very seriously. I often try to make
- 9 decisions for the best interest of my community because
- 10 I remember I want the children that are coming up after
- 11 me to have the same positive experiences that I had.
- 12 With that said, I'm going to be leaving the Board in
- 13 December, but this has been a very -- a powerful
- 14 experience for me, and it's been a great honor to serve
- on this Commission, especially during this particular
- 16 time as our country goes through a period of reckoning
- on race and our society and we are confronted with lot
- 18 of long overdue issues. It has been an honor to be in
- 19 this position to have and to learn and try to make
- 20 improvements where we could.
- I've had many experiences both personally
- 22 and professionally and this is going to bear you one.
- 23 But one that I think I've learned probably the most from
- 24 in terms of dealing with different interests and trying
- 25 to come up with a very creative solution to try meet in



- 1 the middle and make improvements that will benefit the
- 2 most people. It has been a challenge at times, but I
- 3 think one that we learn from. So in essence, it's
- 4 always a positive experience.
- 5 One thing I think I've learned the most is
- 6 really the importance, and I think I used this before,
- 7 but the experience really brought home is the importance
- 8 of treating people with civility and respect, and
- 9 importance of having civility and respect to get things
- 10 done and to accomplish goals. And I think when we look
- 11 at commissions and bodies across the City, it's
- 12 important for us to all respect one another so that we
- 13 can, in turn, do more for our communities as we are in
- 14 this role.
- I respect the long history of the Commission
- 16 and the foundation in which it was created and the
- 17 reason it was created as a result of a lot of very
- 18 similar times that we're here not that long ago. And so
- 19 again, it has been an honor, and I know there's a lot
- 20 more work to do. I look forward to finishing up my
- 21 tenure on this Commission in the same way that I
- 22 started, still trying to make improvements and making
- 23 sure that we have a accountable through civilian
- 24 oversight, and I will continue to be very involved in
- 25 the community and within my district once this tenure



- 1 ends. So I appreciate the opportunity to speak,
- 2 Commissioner Bell, and I look forward to spending a few
- 3 more months with the Commission to handle the business
- 4 at hand.
- 5 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you Commissioner.
- 6 Well said. And we appreciate your involvement and I
- 7 want to say that we hold police officers, Chief Craig
- 8 spoke about that recent graduation. On Monday you
- 9 report for duty and you are going to be accountable. We
- 10 have Commissioners who have once they raise their right
- 11 hand and take the office, they are a Commissioner, and
- 12 same thing with any public office. You are taking part
- in the political process. That's how the system works.
- 14 So there is no limitation. Once you raise your right
- 15 hand, you're sworn as Commissioner, you are a
- 16 Commissioner. And Commissioner Griffie, I thank you for
- 17 your service. I thank all of these Commissioners who
- 18 studied the facts and made a decision. They have to
- 19 make a decision from thereafter. I mean that's just the
- 20 way the system works. So we hold police officers to
- 21 that standard. We hold Commissioners to that standard
- 22 to read the material. You can always abstain, like some
- 23 Commissioners has abstaining from voting or
- 24 participating. That is their right. It's not compelled
- 25 that you actually vote. So we're going to move on to --



- 1 thank you. Once again, thank you, Ms. White we have two
- 2 resolutions. Can we outline who's going to read those
- 3 resolutions, please.
- 4 MS. WHITE: Yes. So Madam Vice-Chair Holt
- 5 is reading the resolution opposing the deployment of law
- 6 enforcement at polling locations, and Commissioner Jones
- 7 will be reading the resolution calling for a national
- 8 agency on Police Standards and Practices.
- 9 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.
- 10 MS. WHITE: So Vice Chairperson. And we'll
- 11 pull that, we'll pull the resolutions up as well.
- 12 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Ms. White?
- MS. WHITE: Yes.
- 14 VICE-CHAIR: I would prefer to have it so
- 15 that I can control it. Do you mind?
- MS. WHITE: Oh, no. Not at all.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Point of order,
- 18 Chairman Bell right quick. The agenda that I have
- 19 before me that went out with our Tuesday packet does not
- 20 show these resolutions in there. Was what something
- 21 that was added today. This is what I pulled off the
- 22 City's website, the agenda.
- MS. WHITE: We updated it and may not have
- 24 the had the opportunity to post it to the City's website
- 25 just yet, so I do apologize for that, Honorable Board,



- 1 but these resolutions were supposed to be included for
- 2 today.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: But being that we
- 4 already voted on the agenda, to approve the agenda
- 5 that's there, I think these resolutions are out of order
- 6 at this time and they should probably be put on the
- 7 agenda till next week.
- 8 CHAIRMAN BELL: Ms. White, did we send out
- 9 the resolution to the Board?
- 10 MS. WHITE: Yes. Yes, I did.
- 11 CHAIRMAN BELL: Didn't we make that
- 12 adjustment? Ms. Griffie.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I just want to say
- 14 that I think Commissioner Brown is correct, but I'd like
- 15 to make a motion to amend the agenda to include these
- 16 resolutions. That's the proper way to do it.
- 17 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.
- 18 COMMISSIONER: Second.
- 19 CHAIRMAN BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 20 second. Do we need a roll call vote? Those in favor
- 21 yes.
- 22 COMMISSIONERS: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Those opposed. Ms. White,
- 24 the motion carried?
- MS. WHITE: The motion carried. Yes.



- 1 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
- 2 Griffie. Vice-Chair Holt?
- 3 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you Chairperson
- 4 Bell.
- 5 Resolution Opposing the Deployment of Law
- 6 Enforcement at Polling Locations. Whereas, the United
- 7 States or the US Constitution provides a fundamental
- 8 right to vote. Since our Federal Charter took effect in
- 9 1789, the 15th, 19th, 24th, and the 26th Amendments had
- 10 to remove inherent barriers against voting by black men,
- 11 women, working, and poor people and young adults.
- 12 Civil Rights movements, new laws and
- 13 numerous court actions also have been needed to protect
- 14 the basic right for everyone and in every state like the
- 15 landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 in efforts against
- 16 restrictive voter IDs and gerrymandering.
- 17 And Whereas, even as our nation celebrates
- 18 100 years of women's suffrage, partisan and racist
- 19 attempts to undermine voting rights remain constant.
- 20 The latest tactic is to deploy police officers at
- 21 election sites mainly to suppress voter turnout in
- 22 communities of color this November.
- 23 And Whereas, there is no factual basis to
- 24 use uniformed and armed police forces at polling sites
- 25 anywhere in the United States except as a weapon against



- 1 voters. In fact, the use of law enforcement at polling
- 2 sites is a wast of taxpayer dollars, taxpayer dollars
- 3 and a abuse of first responders when a global health
- 4 crisis already is constraining public safety resources
- 5 need to patrol our streets, keep our neighborhoods safe
- 6 and protect our communities.
- 7 Therefore: Be it resolved that the Board of
- 8 Police Commissioners is against the deployment of any
- 9 law enforcement officers at election polling locations
- 10 and opposes other measures and tactics used to
- 11 intimidate and frustrate people exercising their
- 12 constitutional right and civic duty to vote.
- 13 Chair Bell?
- 14 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 15 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move that we accept this
- 16 resolution.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.
- 18 CHAIRMAN BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 19 second. Discussion. Those in favor yes?
- 20 COMMISSIONERS: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRMAN BELL: Any opposition no.
- MS. BURCH: No.
- 23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Did I hear a no?
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, you said it. I
- 25 said it. Commissioner Burch.



- 1 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.
- MS. WHITE: The motion passed.
- 3 CHAIRMAN BELL: Ms. White. Thank you. If
- 4 you say a no, please designate your name and then we can
- 5 make sure we have that designated as such. Thank you.
- 6 Next resolution, Ms. White.
- 7 MS. WHITE: Yes. Commissioner Jones. The
- 8 resolution calling for National Agency on Police
- 9 Standards and Practices.
- 10 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon
- 11 Commissioners. As it pleases the Commissioners.
- 12 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.
- 13 COMMISSIONER JONES: Whereas,
- 14 police-involved shootings of unarmed, non-threatening
- 15 black people continue to occur some three months since
- 16 global protests began a call for reform and the end of
- 17 such lethal police brutality. The protests were sparked
- 18 by the death of George Floyd, who died when a
- 19 Minneapolis officer pinned him to the ground and
- 20 suffocated him as other officers stood by on Memorial
- 21 Day, and Whereas, the recent police-involved shootings
- 22 of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Rayshard Brooks in
- 23 Atlanta, Georgia; Breonna Taylor in Louisville,
- 24 Kentucky; and Atatiana Jefferson in Fort Worth, Texas
- 25 also underscore that reforms must happen now in every



- 1 municipality. These and other recent cases signify a
- 2 centuries-old truth for people of color; no offense at
- 3 all or an allegation of a minor offense can get you
- 4 killed by law enforcement, and Whereas, while not every
- 5 police department should be blamed for the actions of a
- 6 few agencies, and not every police officer should be
- 7 vilified by the brutality or lack of intervention of
- 8 others in uniform, it is clear that the United States is
- 9 experiencing a crisis of trust in law enforcement rooted
- 10 in racial bias and injustice. It is a national problem,
- 11 and action must occur urgently on a national scale to
- 12 restore public trust in justice and liberty for all so
- that no person, and especially no person of color, will
- 14 fear immediate death or injury when encountering police;
- 15 therefore be it Resolved, that the City of Detroit Board
- 16 of Police Commissioners calls for the creation of a
- 17 national bureau for Police and Law Enforcement Standards
- 18 and Practices. It's mission would include raising
- 19 criteria for and auditing professional standards and
- 20 best practices in U.S. law enforcement agencies,
- 21 including the use of equipment like body-worn cameras,
- 22 electronic weapons, and other special technology. It
- 23 also would serve as a forensic monitor on cases of
- 24 officer-involved shootings and fatal police encounters,
- 25 and require every law enforcement agency to report



- 1 disciplinary cases and the adjudication of those cases
- 2 so the Bureau can review for systemic problems, as well
- 3 as review data on use of force and other categories now
- 4 reported to the FBI. The new bureau, which could result
- 5 from re-organization at the Justice Department would
- 6 issue annual reports on its work and findings; and be it
- 7 further Resolved, that the Board will hold a panel
- 8 discussion on such a national agency and other national
- 9 reforms on Thursday, September 3, 2020 as part of its
- 10 weekly meeting at 3 p.m., and later make a formal
- 11 proposal.
- 12 Through the Chair, I move that we adopt tis
- 13 Resolution.
- 14 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Support.
- 15 CHAIRMAN BELL: It's been moved and
- 16 supported. Discussion. Those in favor yes.
- 17 COMMISSIONERS: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRMAN BELL: Those opposed no.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.
- MS. WHITE: Motion carries.
- 21 CHAIRMAN BELL: The no is from.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Brown.
- 23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Now we move --
- thank you for, Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Holt.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: You're welcome.



- 1 CHAIRMAN BELL: We move on now to Chief
- 2 Craig. Thank you, Chief Greg, for your attendance.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, Chairman Bell.
- 4 Again, greetings to the Board. I'll start my
- 5 presentation out, I want to acknowledge Assistant Chief
- 6 James White, as some may know he was recently selected
- 7 as the new executive director for Civil Rights for the
- 8 State of Michigan, and I just want to acknowledge him
- 9 and give him I know he's in the audience and maybe he
- 10 can make a few comments. But before he does, I just
- 11 want to thank him for his years of service. Certainly
- 12 he's one of the executives who has been with me here in
- 13 the Detroit Police Department since my appointment.
- 14 He's been a great partner. We've worked on a number of
- 15 issues together. He will truly be missed. In fact, I
- 16 look at assistant Chief White, as he would like to say,
- 17 my little brother, but he also made a comment and said
- 18 also, that I'm like his dad. So I quess -- I mean I
- 19 don't think I'm old enough to have a son as old as James
- 20 White.
- 21 With that said, he's truly been a
- 22 professional, and many of you who don't know, he
- 23 certainly was a key factor as we move through compliance
- 24 with our Consent Judgement. I know we got out of it
- 25 within one year of my appointment, and I do credit James



- 1 White and his team. Why lost a lot of new initiatives
- 2 like our environment audits, which I know many of the
- 3 Commissioners are aware of. And so with that, James, I
- 4 just want to thank you. Job well done. Appreciate your
- 5 service to the City of Detroit. With that, through the
- 6 Chair, if it will be okay to let Chief White make few
- 7 comments.
- 8 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, sir.
- 9 AC WHITE: Thank you Chief, thank you Board
- 10 for this opportunity just to say a couple words. But
- 11 before I do, I've got to qualify that dad part. I spoke
- 12 specifically with regards to those expectations that
- 13 sometimes seem unachievable, but after you reach them,
- 14 you're better for them. And certainly Chief Craig has
- 15 brought some very unique ideas. I've worked on a number
- of chiefs, but I have not learned from any of them as
- 17 much as I've learned from Chief Craig.
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 19 AC WHITE: He does not take no for an
- 20 answer, and one of his favorite lines is that you cannot
- 21 bring him is because we've always done it that way. I
- 22 don't think any Executive Team member in the Department
- 23 will ever use that line on Chief Craig, and the notion
- 24 of speed of execution as it relates to us carrying out
- 25 our mission.



- 1 So it has been an credible journey 24 and a
- 2 half years with the Detroit Police Department. I just
- 3 want to say thank you to this Honorable Board. You have
- 4 taken us to task, you hold us accountable, but you have
- 5 been absolutely professional with us. We have had an
- 6 opportunity to present a number of different ideas, we
- 7 have been challenged, and that's the way it should work.
- 8 I look for toward to continuing the work with this Board
- 9 in my new seat. I certainly look forward to working
- 10 with this agency in my new seat as well as other law
- 11 enforcement agencies, and certainly law enforcement is
- 12 at the center, and it should be, of conversation and
- ideas of reform, so I will be adopting a number of
- 14 positive changes that we made here in Detroit and see if
- 15 we can stretch out around this state and emulate some of
- 16 the great things that we've done here in Detroit with
- 17 this Board, with this chief, and with these officers
- 18 that are just absolutely amazing day in and day out. So
- 19 I'll stop now, but I just want to say thank you to
- 20 everyone. I'm humbled by the support that I've received
- 21 and, you know, and I'm even enlightened by some that I
- 22 haven't received, and I'm read to roll up my sleeves, go
- 23 to work, represent everyone and, quite frankly, make all
- 24 of you proud. So thank you very much.
- 25 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, AC White.



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you for your service.
- 2 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you, AC White, AND
- 3 congratulations.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Congratulations, AC.
- 5 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair, AC
- 6 White, thank you for your service and congratulations.
- 7 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the Chair.
- 8 Just want to say to AC White, I was so delighted when I
- 9 saw the news that you had been selected. It was very
- 10 welcome news and I am so proud of you. And I know that
- 11 that organization, that group is going to be in good
- 12 hands with you at the helm. So congratulations, and we
- 13 look forward to working with you in your new capacity.
- 14 AC WHITE: Thank you very much.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Bell?
- 16 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: To AC White. This is
- 18 Commissioner Burch. I just wanted to say to you, I had
- 19 the opportunity of working with you closer when you were
- 20 one of the sponsors at the Wellness Center regarding
- 21 mental health. I sure do hope that is one of your
- 22 ventures that you're going to continue in because I saw
- 23 your heart as reaching out to mental health, and we
- 24 would love to have your participation, if that's with
- 25 Conrad Mallet, or whatever, but I sure do hope that I



- 1 work with eye in your new position. Thank you for your
- 2 service.
- 3 AC WHITE: Thank you, ma'am. And through
- 4 the Chair. Absolutely. As you know, ma'am, I am
- 5 passionate about mental health. One could argue a
- 6 number of the issues that we see in our community is
- 7 driven by really untreated mental health when your
- 8 decision making tree allows you to entertain causing
- 9 harm to someone from a simple argument or being cut off
- 10 in traffic, one could argue that there's a mental health
- 11 nexus to that and my drive would by to continue at that
- 12 time work. I'm a licensed counselor. I just finished
- 13 my clinical, thank God, and I'm going to continue that
- 14 work and hopefully involve some conversations in my new
- 15 seat. But I got to get there first and find out where
- 16 all the bathrooms are where I hang my coat, and then
- 17 we'll sit down and roll up our sleeves and we'll have
- 18 those conversations. But I'm looking forward to it.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: God bless you. God
- 20 Bless you.
- 21 AC WHITE: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRMAN BELL: I just want to say, we turn
- 23 it back over to Chief Craig, AC White, myself and Lisa
- 24 Carter, we worked with you for the last seven years, and
- 25 you've been a professional team player representing this



- 1 part extremely well. We are going to miss you. You've
- 2 been factfinding, you've been informative, and when I
- 3 heard that report like Commissioner Griffie, they got it
- 4 right. They selected the right man. I hear some of the
- 5 critics about being a police officer, but I think you
- 6 take that to another level. That's a plus. That's a
- 7 blessing to have that experience. And I tell folks that
- 8 don't just label us. You label no other profession, but
- 9 you want to put us in a box. This man got the
- 10 credentials and he's proven himself over the years that
- 11 he is more than capable of handling this, so I'm looking
- 12 forward to interaction with you.
- Ms. White, I think we got a letter. We're
- 14 going to do that later at a date and time.
- 15 MS. WHITE: Yes. Yes. We did transfer the
- 16 letter, sir.
- 17 CHAIRMAN BELL: Okay. Okay. We'll share
- 18 with the rest of the Board. We can send it out.
- 19 Commissioner AC White, you received our acknowledgement.
- 20 Once again, I just want to thank you for your service.
- 21 I wish you could stay a little longer but I want to wish
- 22 you the best, I really do, but you and your family.
- 23 Move forward, young man, move forward. And I don't know
- 24 about that dad stuff, but Chief Craig went through that
- 25 that same thing with me. Chief Craig. Go ahead, sir.



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, Chair Bell. And
- 2 thanks for giving me the opportunity for AC White. You
- 3 no, as I leave this, move into crime, I just want to
- 4 also say, you know, it's humbling to me when I see such
- 5 a great person of the department and the two that have
- 6 left even before him, I'm talking about Chief Barren in
- 7 Southfield, Chief Hall now in Dallas and a host of
- 8 others who have gone on, one who's leading Rock Ventures
- 9 as a security director as an example. That really is a
- 10 testament to the quality of men and women who lead this
- 11 organization. So thank you for that.
- In terms of crime, as you know, we've been
- 13 report out. Detroit, like so many other cities,
- 14 continues to be in the area of violent crime, we are
- 15 showing a 9% year-to-date increase. However, property
- 16 crime, we're showing a 22% reduction, and overall Part 1
- 17 crime, and this is the steepest reduction that we've
- 18 seen for sometime, a 12% reduction in overall Part 1
- 19 crime.
- 20 Another stat that I wanted to share with
- 21 you, and this is kind of on the heals of what
- 22 Commissioner Burch and Chief White talked about. We've
- 23 had year-to-date 20, year-to-date 20 barricaded
- 24 suspects. And when we look at the barricaded suspects,
- 25 anywhere between 60 to 70% are suffering from some form



- 1 of mental illness, so I think we all can agree that the
- 2 system is broken. I'm encouraged that there's some
- 3 things that are moving forward that may be of great
- 4 assistance to both the department and our community.
- 5 Fortunately, in every one of our barricaded suspect
- 6 situations, they have concluded without incident.
- 7 The next item that I wanted to give you an
- 8 update on is our protests. As you know, it's been 90
- 9 days or 13 weeks we're going into 13 weeks. In
- 10 comparison many other cities across this country we've
- 11 had only a few days where there were violent encounters,
- 12 the vast majority of our protests happened peaceful.
- 13 However, on this past Saturday as you read about, and
- 14 again, I thank Chair Bell for being at the press
- 15 conference. We ended up arresting 44 individuals who
- 16 decided that they were not going to leave an area where
- 17 they decided they wanted to set up what up I'm calling a
- 18 Seattle type no-cop zone where lawlessness is allowed to
- 19 flourish. This is the second time an attempt was made.
- 20 The first time was on East Grand Boulevard and Jefferson
- 21 I want to say about three or four weeks ago. That was
- 22 resolved fairly quickly. In this instance, there were
- 23 about 150 in attendance, but once we announced that
- 24 arrests would be made, a number of the protesters
- 25 present who didn't even know that this was part of the



- 1 plan, they opted to leave the location. So we were
- 2 dealing with a much smaller group. That group was
- 3 focused on setting up barriers so that we could not make
- 4 any arrests. They were prepared to deploy a variety of
- 5 weapons. In fact, definitively, as I reported out, that
- 6 like we've seen in other cities, some possess what we're
- 7 calling a green laser. We had a helicopter above.
- 8 Green laser was directed to the helicopter.
- 9 Fortunately, pilot, the green laser did not go into his
- 10 eyes because we know -- I don't know if it was Portland
- or Seattle, the laser was deployed on three federal
- 12 agents. It caused -- I don't know if it was temporary
- or permanent blindness, but there was substantial
- 14 injury. There was two additional times on this Saturday
- 15 that they deployed the green laser at some of our
- officers that were deployed out on the line. And again,
- 17 fortunately, no officer sustained any type of injury. I
- 18 was told later that there may have been some projectiles
- 19 deployed at the officers. I was not aware of that at
- 20 the time of this press briefing.
- 21 So after about an hour and maybe ten minutes
- 22 of giving repeated warnings, probably as many as eight
- 23 warnings that arrests would be made, the decision was to
- 24 go in and make arrests, and they were certainly met with
- 25 some resistance. Some force was used. Some allegations



- were made against our officers and that's currently
- 2 being investigated by Professional Standards Section.
- 3 Again, 44 people were arrested for
- 4 misdemeanors and one felony offense, and that person was
- 5 arrested for disorderly contact, inciting a riot, and
- 6 weapons offenses. 16 of the protesters were from
- 7 Detroit, 27 from outside the City, including one from
- 8 California. The one who was arrested for the felony was
- 9 in possession of a collapsable baton, in professional
- 10 jargon, an ASP. He was also arrested for inciting a
- 11 riot. He was also donning body armor. He has since
- 12 been released, but we are preparing a warrant for review
- 13 by the Wayne County prosecutor.
- So, again, 13 weeks, it's been a pretty
- 15 substantial undertaking. Without going into the number
- of officers that we deployed on these evenings, we have
- 17 to take them from some of our neighborhoods, but it
- 18 hasn't caused any interruption to service. In fact, I
- 19 just want to say that I applaud the men and women of the
- 20 Detroit Police Department who have just continued to do
- 21 a phenomenal job.
- 22 As you may have heard through news reports,
- 23 we're averaging anywhere between 80 to 130 CCW arrests a
- 24 week. My colleagues say they have never seen the number
- of guns that we're finding in the street, and just the



- 1 number of arrests. So I can tell you it's a very
- 2 dangerous time, not just here in Detroit but across this
- 3 country to be a police officer, and our police officers
- 4 continue to do the noble work going into harm's way,
- 5 which brings me to my last point. Before I opening up,
- 6 you may have saw the news reports from an incident that
- 7 happened on Telegraph and McNichols around 2, 3:00 in
- 8 the morning. Our officers from the 8th precinct,
- 9 Special Operations, were out in the process of making a
- 10 detention, making an arrest of individual for CCW. As
- 11 they were make that arrest, they saw a vehicle on
- 12 Telegraph coming the wrong way on the side of the street
- 13 where they were making this arrest. There were several
- 14 shots fired in close proximity to where the officers
- 15 were stopped. That vehicle left, made a U-turn,
- 16 returned, came back, and then fired additional shots we
- 17 believe in the direction of the officers. Fortunately,
- 18 not officer was struck by gunfire. I did talk to four
- 19 of the officers who were at the scene. They're doing
- 20 well. After the second set of shots were fired, that
- 21 information was put out over the air. There was a brief
- 22 pursuit. At some point after the description of the
- 23 vehicle, and then they ended up at some point at a gas
- 24 station where a citizen overheard one of -- they saw an
- 25 assault type rifle on the dash in the car, overheard a



- 1 statement to the effect we shot at some police officers.
- 2 And they were saying it in a very joking way.
- 3 Subsequent to that, we got a location
- 4 because the citizens, the good samaritan who called
- 5 ended up detaining all three, one 14 year old, two
- 6 teenagers. And so that investigation is still ongoing.
- 7 Unknown at this point if anyone's going to be charged.
- 8 But again, this just yet another example of the violent
- 9 encounters that our officers have been confronted with
- 10 over the last several weeks. So I continue to ask for
- 11 your prayers in keeping our officers safe. And with
- 12 that, I will open it up for any questions you might
- 13 have.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Davis. Davis.
- 17 I heard Burch, I heard Brown. Thank you.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Chief, I'd like to
- 19 start out of by letting you know that I was at a meeting
- 20 last night in one of my areas over by Grand River and
- 21 Oakman on the Cloverlawn, and a lot of those residents
- 22 are really pleased and happy the presence lately to cut
- 23 down on the people racing and shooting and a number of
- 24 things. They're pleased to see officers helping to
- 25 deter that activity.



- 1 But I'd like to raise a couple other points.
- 2 One, about the, you know, I was just reading like
- 3 recently ann open letter was posted about the Detroit
- 4 Board of Police Commissioners and it was raising the
- 5 concerned about the fact about legal observers and the
- 6 media people was also harmed, and was harmed this
- 7 weekend by -- you didn't mention anything about that.
- 8 And also I'd like you to bring up and talk about that
- 9 dog that was killed by an officer that was in its yard.
- 10 It looked like the officer should have had greater
- 11 control over the canine and that wouldn't have happened.
- 12 Can you comment on those two thing?
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I sure can.
- 14 Let me start. I appreciate your acknowledgement of
- 15 addressing the drifters and drag racers. As you may or
- 16 may not know, this has been I chronic complaint in
- 17 recent weeks. We deploy detail. We were deploying a
- 18 detail every Saturday and Sunday. And then we started
- 19 getting complaints on Friday. So now as it stands we're
- 20 deploying a detail Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It
- 21 should be noted, though, that after we go out and manage
- 22 the protests that we are managing every night, many of
- 23 the same officers then quickly transition from protest
- 24 management to make sure our city is safe into these drag
- 25 racing and drifter details.



- 1 It is a significant undertaking, significant
- 2 and. So I want the Board to know the impact on nightly
- 3 management, the protests, dealing with that, plus
- 4 continuing to mitigate violence by going out and
- 5 identifying individuals how are illegally carrying guns.
- 6 So I appreciate your acknowledgement of that.
- 7 And the legal observers and press, I did
- 8 talk about it from my briefing. I think there was a
- 9 question that was asked. There's never an intention on
- 10 the part of this department that when we have to make
- 11 arrests that we want to cause anybody harm. In fact,
- 12 using force is not something that we want. You know,
- 13 we've been dealing with protests for some years now and
- 14 all up until the 13 weeks of when it started, most of
- 15 the protesters, if there was going to be an arrest made,
- 16 went without incident. Now it tends to be somewhat
- 17 different. Individuals from among the protesters
- 18 typically as a tactic that we're seeing used who grab
- 19 our officers in an effort to dislodge those who are
- 20 being arrested.
- Now, of course, when force is being used,
- 22 when they're -- and in this instance, in concern for
- 23 those who are not directly involved in any violation of
- laws, in this instance, we deployed gas -- or smoke, not
- 25 gas, initially. And the reason why we deployed smoke is



- 1 because we knew about the green laser and we were trying
- 2 to distract those who had possession of it. But in
- 3 terms of legal observers and some of the press, in the
- 4 middle of a situation where it becomes violent because
- 5 arrests are being made, there are occasions that people
- 6 will be injured. We don't want to injure anyone. We
- 7 don't seek out legal observes. We know they're wearing
- 8 distinctive yellow jackets, but sometimes just like the
- 9 media they get caught up in the melee.
- 10 And then lastly to your issue with the dog,
- 11 I know there's been a lot of conversation. As you now
- 12 know, that canine officer was doing an article search
- 13 for the gun and she was having her dog track the area.
- 14 That dog, in fact, was on a leash which you probably saw
- in the video. We have pulled down body worn camera
- 16 video. Unfortunately, the way this fence was
- 17 constructed, it was right up to the sidewalk line, but
- 18 what the officer did not know -- well, let me back up
- 19 for a moment. When the officer asked the resident of
- 20 that location did she have any dogs, and if so, could
- 21 she put it up, that didn't happen. But as she was
- 22 passing this location with this iron grate fence, what
- 23 the officer did not know, the dog behind the fence was a
- 24 pitbull. The pitbull was able to get his head in
- 25 between the rails. And you can see from the video, and



- 1 particularly from the body worn camera video, that as
- 2 the German Shepherd, the canine, went up, as dogs do,
- 3 they're very curious, they come up, they sniff each
- 4 other. As the police dog was not aggressive, as that
- 5 dog did, the pitbull grabbed onto the snout of the K-9
- 6 and began to attack, so much so, that it caused some
- 7 injury to the dog. I think it was about a two, or two
- 8 and a half inch laceration. The K-9 officer was trying
- 9 to dislodge the dog from the pitbull unsuccessfully.
- 10 And based on the threat that she felt was to the K-9,
- 11 she fired a single round striking that dog.
- So again, this is a matter that we're still
- 13 currently investigating. We're at the conclusion, but
- 14 the matter is also going to be reviewed by the Wayne
- 15 County Prosecutor's Office.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I know on that
- 17 particular issues, I got calls, texts and emails from
- 18 people from all over the world. I'd mean all over the
- 19 world. And also for Ms. White, I just forward you a
- 20 copy if what's posted on the media about the legal
- 21 observer, so perhaps you can forward it to the rest of
- 22 the Board.
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, I'll make
- 24 sure that -- I don't know if that's one of our
- 25 investigations, but if not, I'll make sure, and I know



- 1 that Director Graveline is on the Zoom, and I'll make
- 2 sure he gets a copy of it.
- 3 CHAIRMAN BELL: Before we move on,
- 4 Commissioner Burch, I want to say, even in war,
- 5 reporters have been killed in harms way. That's the
- 6 nature of their job. They're trying to cover the story.
- 7 So the Chief indicated in the press conference, you need
- 8 to stay out of harm's way and observe. I know you're
- 9 trying to get hands on, but you got to keep in mind the
- 10 danger of what we're trying to do here. He took a great
- 11 deal of a length in time with the reporters who raised
- 12 that concern. Commissioner Burch.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. Thank you.
- 14 Hello, Chief Craig. Commissioner Burch. How are you?
- 15 CHIEF CRAIG: Good, Commissioner Burch.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Very good. I just
- 18 wanted to share with you, thank you for, it's been a
- 19 little more peaceful in the 11th. I don't know about
- 20 Number 9, but they will let me know. But a little bit
- 21 more peace regarding the donuts and the speeding, so
- 22 it's a big change. But in working together, and that's
- 23 what we're about, Chief, is that I asked AC LeValley a
- 24 question of police strategize, may be a dumb, question
- 25 but no such thing as a dumb question when it's asked,



- 1 when police know hotspots, and they know when something
- 2 is currently going on, they plan a strategy to capture
- 3 or to decrease that crime going on. That's just one
- 4 thing I want you to answer right there. Could you
- 5 elaborate a little on strategize plan to stop crime
- 6 before it happens.
- 7 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, that is our
- 8 institutionalized in our police department. We develop
- 9 plans for just about everything, even our plan to
- 10 eradicate violence, going into those areas where we
- 11 believe there are individuals who are illegally carrying
- 12 guns. Certainly when you talk about the drifters and
- 13 the drag racers, we have a plan for that. In fact, the
- 14 plan is fluid. We make adjustments. They try to
- 15 outsmart us. Couple of things they did, they know we
- 16 were out Saturday and Sunday, so they decided to get out
- on Friday. We weren't deployed on Friday for it. We
- 18 made an adjustment.
- 19 Another issue what they would do at the
- 20 locations where they frequent and liked to engage in
- 21 this illegal behavior, they have spotters out to see
- 22 whether or not if we're in the area, if we're in the
- 23 area, they notify those who are engaging in this
- 24 activity to not come. So what they also did, is they
- 25 adjusted their hours. And so generally, they'd be out



- 1 after midnight, and so we'd be out with them. And so
- 2 what they what do is wait for us to go end of shift.
- 3 And once that happened at 3, 4:00 in the morning, they
- 4 start up. So we've made other adjustments to adjust for
- 5 that. What we've done, we have elicited some support
- 6 from both the Michigan State Police and the Wayne County
- 7 sheriffs to assist us during those off hours. So in the
- 8 times that we launched our task force, we've made a
- 9 number of arrests, got a number of guns. We have
- 10 impounded several vehicles. So they know we're very
- 11 serious, and it sounds like based on the Commissioner's
- 12 comments at the meeting that they're starting to get the
- 13 message. But we know the summer's not over yet, and if
- 14 we lighten up, it's going to come back. So it's one of
- our many focuses, but it is one of our priorities.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you. Another
- 17 question, Chief Craig. Regarding protesters. I
- 18 listened to your press conference the other day
- 19 regarding how these -- and I'm wondering as a citizen
- 20 and a police commissioner, it seems to be that the
- 21 television stations always focus on this one retired
- 22 commissioner. His name is Commissioner Ramsey, and they
- 23 go to him all of the time, and he's retired. I just
- 24 wonder why the media doesn't reach out to the eleven of
- 25 us that is in Detroit, and I think, Chief, because



- 1 they -- in other words, there's nothing that bad going
- 2 on in Detroit. There's no fires. So it looks like the
- 3 media only comes on when there's violence, but that's
- 4 why I want to commend us. But see, my message to
- 5 protesters is go home, take care of your own business,
- 6 allow us to take care of our police and our citizens.
- 7 We wouldn't have of all this, so why come into a city
- 8 that you do not know that much about when we, the
- 9 citizens, Chief Craig, we feel it every day. We
- 10 experience it every day. Give us the opportunity to
- 11 work with our police who we work very well with.
- 12 About two weeks ago Commander Ewing came on
- 13 the board. I had not heard that man's name in years.
- 14 He came from Number 11. So we had a conversation and
- 15 the things, Chief, that he used to do, and what he's
- 16 still doing. So again, we're all growing, but here's
- 17 the next question to you, sir. I would like to know
- 18 again, did you see the article in the Free Press from
- 19 the former Chief of Police Ike McKinnon about ideas he
- 20 had? Do you have a relationship with him?
- 21 CHIEF CRAIG: I have a relation, through the
- 22 Chair, I have a relationship with him. But just let me
- 23 be clear. I've been in this business for 44 years,
- 24 absolutely don't have all the answers, but one thing I
- 25 can say for certain, there's no former or current police



1 administrator that has ever seen a time like what we're

- 2 going through today.
- 3 And the one thing that the former chief may
- 4 be missing is that this not about our relationship
- 5 between our community, like so many other cities across
- 6 America what I know, and I can tell this Board is what's
- 7 going on today has nothing to do with the community in
- 8 Detroit. This has everything to do with a coordinated,
- 9 orchestrated effort by a group, or groups who are
- 10 deployed across our country and they're set focused on
- one thing, to disrupt and undermine what we're doing in
- 12 our various cities. This has nothing to do with Mr.
- 13 Floyd. And I'm not talking about the peaceful
- 14 protesters. I'm as angry as anyone else about the
- 15 horrible death involving Mr. Floyd. I'm also concerned,
- 16 deeply concerned about the shooting incident in
- 17 Wisconsin. I have some concerns. I know I don't have
- 18 all the facts. With that said, we need to collectively
- 19 start looking at what is really going on, and it's
- 20 bigger than we know. Because if you see --
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I agree.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: It's bigger than what we know,
- 23 so we can focus on well, Chief needs to build better
- 24 relations in our community, well, that's something
- 25 that's institutionalized in Detroit Police Department.



- 1 But what I'm telling you that's going on is bigger. And
- 2 the thing that saved this city from burning, I'm
- 3 absolutely convinced is Detroiters. Detroiters are fed
- 4 up. Detroiters want these outsiders to go home. And I
- 5 don't know if I shared this with this Board. I give you
- 6 one example, and I'll be quiet. There's a local
- 7 motorcycle gang who hasn't always operated on the right
- 8 side of the law. These outsiders came in and were
- 9 threatening to burn, damage and attack our police
- 10 officers. Representatives of that motorcycle gang
- 11 reached out, indicated that they wanted to be present
- 12 and they wanted to make sure that nothing was going to
- 13 happen. And so I will tell you candidly that their
- 14 presence created a chilling effect on these outsiders
- 15 that continue to this day, and I'll close on that.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: One last thing, Mr.
- 17 Bell. One last.
- 18 CHAIRMAN BELL: I want to move on to
- 19 Commissioner Brown, Ms. Burch. I want to move on to
- 20 Commissioner Brown. Thank you. Commissioner Brown.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you, Mr.
- 22 Chairman. Chief, it's good to see you. And as always,
- 23 I just want to thank the men and women of the Department
- 24 tat's out there doing a wonderful job with protecting us
- 25 and protecting our city. You know, and I was explaining



- 1 to some of the people out there that while the
- 2 protesters are out there protesting, the citizens are
- 3 saying get these people off the streets. So it was kind
- 4 of tugging at the officers out there. But also, I had a
- 5 chance to speak with one of the officers very briefly
- 6 that was involved in this morning's incident that was in
- 7 the 8th precinct area. And it was just by God's grace
- 8 that no one was hurt, and it was a very chilling effect
- 9 and arrests were made, and more guns were taken off the
- 10 streets. I'd just like to applaud those men and women
- 11 of the 8th precinct for the work that they did this
- 12 morning.
- 13 And also today I wanted to celebrate the
- 14 career of Lieutenant Geraldine Atkinson with over 34
- 15 years of service to the Detroit Police Department and
- 16 the citizens of the City of Detroit, our community, and,
- 17 more importantly, the great 8th precinct. Her
- 18 retirement reception was today and I talked with Mr.
- 19 Brown today and we're going to try to put together a
- 20 resolution for it to be presented to her at a later
- 21 date. But at this time, I'd just like for Commander
- 22 Gardner, if we can, Chairman Bell, that we give her her
- 23 last call.
- 24 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, ma'am. Yes, sir.
- 25 Sorry. Yes, sir.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Take it away.
- 2 COMMANDER GARDNER: Good evening to the
- 3 Board. This is Commander Melissa Gardner out of the --
- 4 can I be heard?
- 5 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 6 COMMANDER GARDNER: It appears my system has
- 7 frozen. However, I would like to take this time to
- 8 acknowledge and --
- 9 MS. WHITE: Commander Gardner?
- 10 CHAIRMAN BELL: We lost her.
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: I think she's having technical
- 12 problems. I think she wanted to read -- I'm looking to
- 13 see if I have a copy of what she was going to read.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman, if it's
- 15 all right with you. I do have a copy of the script if I
- 16 can read it.
- 17 CHAIRMAN BELL: Okay. Thank you.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Radio calling code 860
- 19 Platoon 2. Radio calling 860 Platoon 2. Lieutenant
- 20 Geraldine Atkinson, Badge L24 served the City of Detroit
- 21 with distinction of over 34 years. Began her career on
- 22 October 20th, 1986. Her assignments include the
- 23 Harbormaster Unit 7th precinct investigations, 13th
- 24 precinct investigations, 8th precinct investigations,
- 25 Northwestern District and the 8th precinct. She cared



- 1 for and is beloved by all the men and women of the 8th
- 2 precinct. Thank you for your unwavering service to the
- 3 citizens of the City of Detroit. Job well done.
- 4 COMMANDER GARDNER: At this time, we will go
- 5 over the air. I am back with you all. We will go over
- 6 the air.
- 7 CHAIRMAN BELL: Okay. Go ahead.
- 8 COMMANDER GARDNER: Waiting for clearance
- 9 for radio traffic, and we will make the announcement.
- 10 CHAIRMAN BELL: It appears it's just not
- 11 working. I think we have to move on. Thank you
- 12 Commander. Yes. Commissioner Burton.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a question for
- 14 the Chief, but if you're going into a presentation, I
- 15 can wait until after this presentation and then raise it
- 16 right after this.
- 17 CHAIRMAN BELL: No. We already had it. You
- 18 can go ahead and speak to your question.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Sure. Thank you. I
- 20 have a few questions, actually, and concerns. First of
- 21 all, I am disturbed and outraged by the officer killing
- 22 a resident dog. Many Detroiters have reached out to me
- 23 this past week want answers because this could have been
- 24 their dog. We know that dogs, our pets, are members of
- 25 the family and that we love them dearly. I'd like to



- 1 know as a commissioner, what is the training component,
- 2 and we need to see all the facts as far as the body worn
- 3 camera was in there along the audio that's leading up
- 4 prior to the dog getting killed.
- In addition to that, this needs to be
- 6 immediate, immediate investigation. I look at the
- 7 Police Department's policy in the manual, which is
- 8 304.2-4.7 Dangerous Animals. Paragraph 1, the use of
- 9 physical force against any animal for use only to the
- 10 extent that such --
- 11 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Burton, what is
- 12 your question? Commissioner Burton, what is your
- 13 question?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Prevent harm or injury
- 15 to another person or animals. An officer should not
- 16 discharge a firearm at a dog or any animals except to
- 17 protect a member or person from an imminent physical
- 18 injury and there is no opportunity to retreat or other
- 19 reasonable means to eliminate the threat.
- 20 So once again, we'd like to evaluate the
- 21 officer's training pertaining to the K-9. We request to
- 22 see video along with the audio.
- 23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Burton, what is
- 24 your question for the Chief? What is your question for
- 25 the Chief?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to have, the
- 2 question would be I'd like to have this within the next
- 3 two weeks.
- 4 CHAIRMAN BELL: Sir, we're not going to go
- 5 there. We're not going to go there. Chief has already
- 6 reported out on the details of the of the dog
- 7 investigation. He indicated this is an ongoing
- 8 investigation so we're going to leave it at that. And
- 9 you don't have to read the policy.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, this
- 11 question is for the Chief, not you Chairman Bell. And I
- 12 did have another concern. I did have a few line items
- 13 of my last concern, but I'd still like the Chief to
- 14 answer that. But my next concern, and he can hold off
- 15 for a second, if you'd like. My next concern would be
- 16 pertaining to protesters that's protesting here in the
- 17 City of Detroit. Many Detroiters, majority of
- 18 Detroiters, want to see the Police Department do away
- 19 with flash bangs, grenades, assault rifles, teargas, at
- 20 protesting demonstrations. I'd like for the Chief to be
- 21 able to weigh in on that as well, why are they using
- these items, and what can we do to prevent the Police
- 23 Department from using teargas, flash bang grenades on
- 24 innocent protesters. You know, this, once again, this
- 25 concern is coming from majority of Detroiters. They



- 1 reach out to me. I've raised their concerns right here
- 2 at this table.
- 3 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Chief Craig.
- 4 CHIEF CRAIG: Okay. Through the Chair. Let
- 5 me start with I've already asked and answered the issue
- 6 involving the shooting of the dog. I think you read the
- 7 policy Commissioner Burton, which delineates, that dog
- 8 if it's a person or another animal that deadly force
- 9 could be used, but we are still in an investigation, so
- 10 when you asked me to speed it up, if you will, that
- 11 investigation is underway.
- I also indicated, I don't know if you were
- 13 paying attention, that there will be a review by the
- 14 Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in addition to
- 15 concluding our work. That's all I have to stay.
- And when you make statements about innocent
- 17 protesters, let's break it down in two ways. Yes, there
- 18 are some peaceful protesters, and by and large, the vast
- 19 majority of the protests have been just that. I'd be
- 20 remiss if I didn't articulate for you that not all of
- 21 the protester to criminal. And let me tell you exactly
- 22 what I'm talking about. I'm talking about grenades or
- 23 mortars being deployed. I'm talking about lasers. I'm
- 24 talking about other projectiles that have been used
- 25 against our police officers. I'm talking about wooden



- 1 sticks, sharp objects, just to name a few. And so when
- 2 you make the claim that every time there's been a
- 3 protest that it's been peaceful, you stand error and
- 4 it's not accurate. We have shown video, and I know
- 5 you've seen some of the video and have the descript --
- of what you saw in that video describes a peaceful
- 7 protest, then all I can say is, let me narrate it for
- 8 you and you tell me if this was peaceful.
- 9 So that said, an officer we're concerned
- 10 injury to our officers, we're concerned about injury to
- 11 protesters and other uninvolved folks. So when a
- 12 decision is made to deploy gas, it's generally deployed
- of when we're met with a certain level of resistance.
- 14 So when you talk about taking tools away like they did
- in the Garden of Eden out on the west coast, the Summer
- of Love, when you take those tools away from police
- 17 officers, there will be no opportunity to disperse a
- 18 protest that may become violent. And you also put
- 19 officers in direct harms way. So I would ask you to
- 20 take a step back, reflect and ask the question, have
- 21 these protests truly all been peaceful. And I think you
- 22 and I know the answer to that. What this is about
- 23 protecting life, protecting property. That's the bottom
- 24 line.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chief, if I may add to



- 1 that, we have saw video where protesters have been ran
- 2 over by cruisers. We've also seen videos where
- 3 reporters were prayed with teargas.
- 4 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Burton, we
- 5 covered your two questions. We're going to move on.
- 6 We're not going to get a rebuttal with the Chief. Thank
- 7 you Chief Craig.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you Chair Bell.
- 9 CHAIRMAN BELL: Any other Commissioners
- 10 haven't had a chance to speak. Yes, sir. Can we move
- 11 on to the next step. Thank you, Chief Craig.
- 12 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRMAN BELL: Ms. White, the budget
- 14 report.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Agency CFO Mr. Nevrus
- 16 Nazarko is on the line, and staff are making way to
- 17 designate him as co-host for him to share the screen of
- 18 the presentation. Mr. Nazarko?
- MR. NAZARKO: Yes, I'm here.
- MS. WHITE: Okay.
- 21 MR. NAZARKO: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair,
- 22 good afternoon, Board.
- 23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Good afternoon, sir.
- 24 MS. WHITE: You should be able to share your
- 25 screen as well, sir.



- 1 MR NAZARKO: Good afternoon again, Mr.
- 2 Chair, good afternoon, Board. I'm presenting today the
- 3 financial reports for the fourth quarter of 2020, which
- 4 is the financial activity up until June 30, 2020. And
- 5 also I have provided to the Board most of the answers to
- 6 the Board's questions through -- I do have that document
- 7 and I'll pull it up too at the end of my short
- 8 presentation to go over those questions. They were only
- 9 couple of questions that are of non-financial nature
- 10 that I'll leave Chief Craig if he wants to answer those
- 11 questions. There were only a couple of them that I
- 12 couldn't answer.
- The reports that I submitted to the Board
- 14 consist of the BOPC's Questions and Fiscal Answers, the
- 15 Budget to Actual Revenues and Expenses for the full
- 16 year, basically, fiscal year, 12 months. The Board asks
- 17 for a overtime report by month, and I have provided that
- in the attachments, and I'll pull that up in a couple of
- 19 minutes.
- 20 Also, the Board asks for the salaries, wages
- 21 and benefits by month for the year, fiscal year 2020,
- 22 and I have attached that report as well. These are
- 23 report that shows the total of vehicle purchase by the
- 24 Department during the fiscal year, and also a report
- 25 that shows the grant assessments for the Department.



- 1 And on the revenue side, I do have that information down
- 2 with the slides.
- For the order ending on June 30, 2020, the
- 4 total budget and revenues for the Department were \$60
- 5 million, and total budget and expenditures were \$317.7
- 6 million, approximately.
- 7 The actuals that we had booked through June
- 8 30, 2020, we are in August now, and we are still in
- 9 process of accruing some expenditures. The revenues
- 10 have not posted and we do not book the revenues in our
- 11 department, the Treasurer's does. So when you see the
- variance there, 3.9, close to \$4 million down, that's
- 13 not the true number. The true number will be
- 14 approximately \$57 million, and I'll show that to you in
- 15 the next slide.
- On the Expenditure side, we expect to almost
- 17 break even with a budget. Right now, we are \$4 million
- 18 short, but as I indicated earlier, we are still making
- 19 general indicated earlier, we are still making general
- 20 entries to that effect.
- 21 Another slide that shows that the budgeted,
- 22 the actual revenues and expenditures, as I said, the
- 23 actual expenditures, \$313.6 million and the actual
- 24 revenues booked up to the June 30th were \$20 million.
- 25 This seems to be the projections. So if you



- 1 see on the second column under the annualized budget
- 2 projections, the total revenues there to expect to book
- 3 for the entire fiscal year will be \$57.6 million. This
- 4 is down from our budget, which was \$60 million, and the
- 5 reason for that is because one major source of revenue
- 6 that we received, which is income tax, we received a
- 7 portion of income tax is expected to be down because of
- 8 the COVID pandemic.
- 9 MS. WHITE: Excuse me. Mr. Nazarko, and I
- 10 see that you are moving forward, but if there's a way
- 11 where you can go into slideshow mode and that can
- 12 project the screen so that it's a larger font.
- 13 MR. NAZARKO: Sure. Let me do that from
- 14 current slide. Do you see better now?
- 15 MS. WHITE: Yes. Yes. Thank you.
- MR. NAZARKO: And at the end of the
- 17 presentation, of course, I'll take any questions that
- 18 the Board may have.
- 19 The forfeiture activity as of June 30, 2020,
- 20 we brought in \$1.6 million worth of \$2.074.000. The
- 21 federal forfeiture revenue was only \$40,221, and for the
- 22 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020, we did not spend
- 23 any money from the federal forfeiture fund.
- 24 During the year there was a total off 265
- vehicle purchased for a total cost of \$13,219,000. And



- 1 there is a detailed report that shows that I have
- 2 attached to the Board that shows the type of vehicles
- 3 and the price for each vehicle. It's a very detailed
- 4 report that you have.
- 5 And with that, I will -- this is the end of
- 6 the PowerPoint slide presentation. Mr. Chair, if I may,
- 7 I'd like to bring up the questions if the Chair wishes
- 8 me to do so, and I can go briefly over the questions
- 9 that the Board submitted through Ms. White.
- 10 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.
- 11 MR. NAZARKO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 12 Melanie, I'm going to bring up -- I'm sharing this.
- 13 Okay. Do you see the heading of the questions that the
- 14 Board submitted?
- MS. WHITE: Yes.
- MR. NAZARKO: Okay. The first question is
- 17 provide the overtime stats by month for the fiscal year
- 18 2020 and year by year for fiscal year 2019. I don't
- 19 have 2019 the month by month, but I do have the totals.
- 20 So at this point, I'm going to share that report with
- 21 you and the viewing audience for the overtime. Okay.
- 22 Do you see?
- MS. WHITE: No, not yet.
- 24 MR. NAZARKO: Do you see this. Do you see
- 25 the total overtime?



- 1 MS. WHITE: Yes.
- 2 MR. NAZARKO: Okay. So the months listed
- 3 from July 2019, which is the first month of last fiscal
- 4 year up to June 2020. The total overtime that the
- 5 Department spent for the entire fiscal year was \$46.5
- 6 million. In 2009, the total overtime spent was \$43
- 7 million, just as a matter of comparison. But this
- 8 document is attached on record to the Board, and this is
- 9 the total overtime that the Department spent broken down
- 10 by month for the fiscal year 2020.
- I'm going to, I'm going to share with you
- 12 the salaries and wages. Do you see the salaries on the
- 13 screen, Melanie?
- 14 MS. WHITE: Yes. And I'm sure you're going
- 15 to Zoom it so that it can be expanded as well.
- 16 MR. NAZARKO: Let me try to do that. How
- 17 about now?
- MS. WHITE: Yes. Better.
- MR. NAZARKO: Much better?
- MS. WHITE: Yes.
- 21 MR. NAZARKO: So Mr. Chair, the first column
- 22 basically shows the budgeted salaries and wages by month
- 23 on a cumulative basis, and the second column shows the
- 24 actuals. So basically the salaries of the Police
- 25 Department are approximately \$17 million each month, and



- 1 then the benefits another \$4.5 million. We were almost
- 2 around that number for most of the month, but there are
- 3 two months in the fiscal year that there are three pays,
- 4 as you know, and that brings a couple of months the
- 5 figure higher than \$17 million. So this report again
- 6 for the entire year, the actual salaries and wages were
- 7 \$225 million, Which is the number at the bottom of the
- 8 second column, and the total benefits, the actual
- 9 benefits \$63 million.
- 10 And Mr. Chair, now I am going to go to,
- 11 because that was the question, I went through this, but
- 12 that was part of the first question. And question
- 13 number two is provide an explanation of why overtime was
- 14 needed and explain any fluctuations. I will let the
- 15 Chief answer, but my explanation of the fluctuation of
- 16 overtime is because it depends on a few factors such as
- 17 vacancies in the Department and needs as they are spread
- 18 throughout the City such as the need to deploy the force
- 19 for various activities, and especially during the COVID
- 20 time, you know, as you know, there were police officers
- 21 that were on quarantine and, of course, the Department
- 22 needed to use some overtime to make up for the straight
- 23 time. But that's my explanation of the variation or
- 24 fluctuation. Chief, do you want to add anything to
- 25 that?



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: No. I think you did just
- 2 fine. I hadn't had a chance to sit down and discuss it
- 3 with you. I think what's important for the community
- 4 and for the Board, certainly there have been some
- 5 significant expenses relative to COVID. A job report
- 6 out in the past, at one point during early COVID, we had
- 7 as many as 650 officers quarantined. It certainly did
- 8 drive overtime. And then certainly as we transitioned
- 9 into protests now going into week 13, there's been
- 10 substantial overtime as we continue to move forward, and
- in addition to our -- it won't reflect on the last
- 12 fiscal year, but certainly in the coming. The special
- details that we've deployed in response to drag racing
- 14 and drifting.
- MR. NAZARKO: Chief, thank you. And to
- 16 continue on to the Chief's response. Question number 3
- 17 has our records of the COVID related expenditures. Per
- 18 our records thus far, the straight time we incurred \$2.1
- 19 million, \$1.2 in overtime. AWL \$1.4 million hazard pay
- 20 for the Mayor's Executive Order, we paid our police
- 21 officers \$4.76 million, and equipment related to COVID
- response, we spent another \$543,000.
- 23 Ouestion number four on the salaries. What
- 24 were the salaries and wages per month. I just showed
- 25 that to the board and again, the record is -- the



- 1 detailed schedule has been submitted to you. What are
- 2 the number of employees for the Department this year
- 3 compared to the last year. '19, '20, we had total
- 4 employees in Department, including uniform and civilians
- 5 was \$3,337. The budget that was adopted for the current
- 6 fiscal year has 3,413 total employees for DPD.
- 7 Question number 6. The City Council
- 8 approved the Department's fiscal year 2020 budget. Were
- 9 there any vacancies within the budget, if so, what is
- 10 the Department's plan to fill these vacancies. There
- 11 always have been vacancies is my response throughout the
- 12 Department. The attrition report that comes out every
- 13 month shows vacancies because of the retirement and
- 14 other attrition factors. However, the Department's plan
- 15 to fill vacancies I know that the City is spending and
- 16 spent a million dollars on the advertising campaign to
- 17 recruit more police officers and through our own academy
- 18 to prepare more young police officers to join the ranks.
- 19 And that's my response on that. I'll defer to the chief
- 20 if he has anything additional.
- 21 CHIEF CRAIG: I was just saying I'm good. I
- 22 have no additional response.
- MR. NAZARKO: Thank you, Chief. I'll
- 24 continue on. Question number 7, what are the revenues
- 25 and expenditures for the third quarter. That was



- 1 provided to you in the slides, and there is another
- 2 document that I submitted that you should have had in
- 3 packet that is called Budget to Actual Report that has
- 4 detailed revenues and expenditures for the Department
- 5 for the last fiscal year.
- 6 Question number 8. What were the grant
- 7 receipts for 2020. We had budgeted \$11.8 million to
- 8 receive for grants in fiscal year 2020. However, the
- 9 recorded receipts up to June 30 were \$6.1 million
- 10 dollars. That doesn't mean that we are not utilizing
- 11 the entire \$11.8 million for the fiscal year. However,
- 12 there are that two factors. One is that the grants
- 13 fiscal year and the City's fiscal year overlapped. Our
- 14 fiscal year ends on June 30th. Most of the grants that
- 15 are federal, the fiscal year ends at the end of October.
- 16 So when we say \$11.8 million, there is an overlap there,
- 17 but we fully expect the budget of \$11.8 million to be
- 18 utilized by the Department.
- 19 Question number 9. What were the forfeited
- 20 funds, revenues for the state and local. The PowerPoint
- 21 slide presentation showed that. Basically the federal
- 22 side is only \$40,000, just to remind of the slide, and
- 23 there were \$1.4 million on the revenue side. Towing
- 24 revenue. Describe towing revenues for the fiscal year
- 25 2020. We had booked \$1,528,000 in revenues from towing



- 1 operations.
- 2 Question number 11. Was DPD able to make
- 3 all major equipment purchases for the fiscal year 2020.
- 4 Please indicate equipment purchases. And the answer is
- 5 yes. The attached vehicle purchases report shows that.
- 6 I requested a report from the facilities that I have
- 7 provided to the Board in the past. As of yesterday I
- 8 was not provided that report. I will submit that
- 9 through Ms. White as soon as I receive that report
- 10 because in the past, if you recall Mr. Chair, I used to
- 11 provide the Board quarterly a expenditure report by
- 12 major buildings of the DPD. I intend to provide that
- 13 report in the future and on quarterly basis.
- 14 Are there any projected equipment purchases
- 15 for fiscal year 2021. Yes. However, those are budgeted
- 16 through capital projects, which is not included in the
- 17 DPD budget. So for example, when we say that the total
- 18 budget for the Detroit Police Department for fiscal year
- 19 2021 is \$327,000,000, we do not include capital projects
- 20 there because those are funded through capital projects
- 21 fund or the bonds, and we do not -- again, I don't have
- 22 access yet to that information.
- 23 And what are the Department's overall
- observations of trends, patterns, and revenue shorts
- 25 falls or revenue trending. Are there any upticks in



- 1 revenue trends of not meeting the budget criteria.
- 2 I indicated earlier the COVID situation has
- 3 caused the revenues to decline in the fiscal year 2020.
- 4 Now, at the citywide level there are three major sources
- of revenue that we receive, the City of Detroit
- 6 receives, and that is the gaming revenue through the
- 7 casinos, it's the income tax revenue. Which is the
- 8 largest source of revenue for the City, and then there
- 9 is a property tax. Those are the three major sources.
- 10 The DPD, of course, is funded through those revenues in
- 11 some way, shape, or form aside from the one that I
- 12 showed you on our budget. However, it's no secret that
- 13 the income tax revenue and the gaming has come in short.
- 14 The projection is that could be as much as \$150 million
- 15 between those two for the entire fiscal year that we are
- 16 in now.
- 17 Last year, although, the COVID started in
- 18 March, meaning that almost three months into the fiscal
- 19 year, there was not as big of a decline as we expected,
- 20 so that's good news. However, this year with income tax
- 21 people working from home and many of the jobs were cut
- 22 or the people laid off, the income tax revenue again the
- 23 finances, City's finance department expects that source
- of revenue not to come within the budget.
- So as to the answer are there any upticks in



- 1 revenue, if you talk about overall, no. But if you are
- 2 talking about that if the casinos, for example, had
- 3 stayed closed for longer period of time, yes, so there
- 4 is an uptick for the casinos. However, they are open
- 5 partial capacity, it is a little bit more than what we
- 6 expected based on my last information. So with that,
- 7 this is the presentation that I had for you today, and
- 8 I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.
- 9 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 10 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, sir.
- 11 Commissioners, any questions?
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 13 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Davis.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, sir. I have a
- 15 couple of quick questions. One, for the vehicle
- 16 purchases, do you know if most of those was made inside
- 17 the City of Detroit or not?
- 18 MR. NAZARKO: I would not know that.
- 19 However, the dealership it's my understanding that we
- 20 purchased them, I believe it's located if not in the
- 21 City, close to the City of Detroit, but I'm not sure
- 22 where they're made. No, sir.
- COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Also, question
- 24 number two. As it relates to a small portion of the
- 25 overall Police Department budget but the utility tax, I



- 1 would think, my personal projections is this going to go
- 2 up in so much that we have more people working from home
- 3 and utilizing more utilities. So you have an estimate
- 4 on that.
- 5 MR. NAZARKO: I'm not sure if the
- 6 correlation works like that, Commissioner. However, as
- 7 you saw in my presentation, I mentioned that we expect
- 8 the income tax revenue and the gaming to go down.
- 9 However, the utility users tax that we get portion of
- 10 that. I do not expect any decline, however, I'm not
- 11 aware of any increases or expected decrease.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRMAN BELL: You're welcome.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman?
- 15 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Brown.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Just one question. I
- 17 just want commend the Chief and the Department for
- 18 really managing the budget with the overtime with all
- 19 that we ask. It didn't look like it inflated that much
- 20 up until this point. But one of the things I would like
- 21 to see is other revenues that's brought in like our
- 22 Secondary Employment Program, how are those dollars
- 23 being included into the budget because it's an ongoing
- thing, and even though it doesn't generate overtime for
- 25 the officers, but it does generate revenue for the City,



- 1 I'd like see line issues on that. But I understand that
- 2 the overtime will go up because of the protesters and
- 3 everything that's going on. So, you know, everybody
- 4 needs to know that when we have all these things going
- on, somebody's got to pay for it. But I think you guys
- 6 are doing a good job with managing the budget. I
- 7 thought it would have been more than that for the
- 8 increase, but looking at it right now from where we are
- 9 right now, I think we're doing a pretty good job with
- 10 managing the numbers.
- 11 MR. NAZARKO: Commissioner Brown, I don't
- 12 have that figure for the Secondary Employment. However,
- 13 I assure you that part of that \$60 million overall
- 14 revenue that we account for in our Department in DPD,
- 15 part of that is Secondary Employment. From the -- my
- 16 recollection it was that the Secondary Employment brings
- 17 close to 1.5 to \$2 million a year. And it is part, it
- is accounted for already in that \$60 million. We don't
- 19 mention that too much of that because of the utility
- 20 users tax and income tax get the lion's share, but this
- 21 other is part of miscellaneous revenue.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. And then in
- 23 light of the stimulus packages that are going out, do we
- 24 know what dollars are being included in those awards for
- 25 stimulus like the Hero's Acts and different things like



- 1 that, what type of dollars are coming directly to the
- 2 police and fire department. Do we know what those
- 3 numbers look like.
- 4 MR. NAZARKO: The best estimate or I can
- 5 give you are the numbers that I know for sure are coming
- 6 to us is the numbers I showed you in one of those
- 7 questions, I think it was question number 7 in your
- 8 questions, I expect those to be fully reimbursement to
- 9 DPD. We are in process of applying for those, and we
- 10 already have received some. But we do not apply for
- 11 those reimbursements only at the DPD basis, the
- 12 application goes citywide. And we are part of that
- 13 application and Chief's office staff has done a great
- 14 job in supporting fiscal operations to track that time
- 15 because it's very important that we trac the time spent
- 16 on COVID relate items for us to reimburse us. The
- 17 Department has done a great job in tracking down those
- 18 expenses.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I think so, especially
- 20 with the managing the numbers for the COVID related
- 21 issues that were something that was just totally unknown
- 22 and unforeseeable that that's a part of our budget now
- 23 with the absent with leave pay. But I think for the
- 24 most part you guys are doing a good job with managing
- 25 the budget. Just need to find some more money, I guess.



- 1 But thank you.
- 2 MR. NAZARKO: Always.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I have a question.
- 4 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Burch.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir. What is your
- 6 name, sir?
- 7 MR. NAZARKO: My name is pronounced Nevrus
- 8 Nazarko, last name, N-A-Z-A-R-K-O. Just as you see it
- 9 on the --
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. I just want to
- 11 call your name. Mr. Nazarko, this is Commissioner
- 12 Burch. I just wanted to ask you, these three things,
- this is what I've been told, has like an assigned van to
- 14 their precinct. Is this in your budget where if that's
- 15 not possible, is it possible in the budget to have a
- 16 police van that is used for community events and
- 17 different things in each precinct? Is that already done
- 18 or not? You know the vehicles I'm talking about?
- 19 CHAIRMAN BELL: I think that question's for
- 20 Chief Craiq.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: It's not through him?
- 22 CHAIRMAN BELL: Chief Craig can respond.
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. Our goal
- 24 was to have a community van for each precinct. As it
- 25 turns out, precincts are sharing vans now. We need vans



- 1 in narcotics, raid type vans. So the goal is to have a
- 2 van per precinct, but we haven't achieved those goal,
- 3 but the precincts are sharing. So 5 and 9 will probably
- 4 share a van as an example, and I know that if Chief
- 5 White was still on the call, he would know. He managed
- 6 fleet. So he knew how many vans were pursuant.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Thank.
- 9 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Commissioner
- 10 Burton?
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question to the Chief
- 12 and any member of the Department. When it comes to the
- 13 budgetary item about overtime for officers and things of
- 14 that nature as far as pertaining to the protesters, is
- 15 it possible that we can utilize police reservists since
- 16 we do not have any festivals going on at this time, and
- 17 we're not having any parades going on as well, could we
- 18 utilize that because my understanding is police
- 19 reservists are required up to 16 hours a month, so is
- 20 there any way we can utilize reservists along with the
- 21 additional police personal that we may need out there so
- 22 we can free up some of the resources, we can focus more
- 23 on patrol to help reduce police response time across the
- 24 City? I'm just thinking outside the box, you know.
- 25 That's a question for the Chief.



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair,
- 2 Commissioner Burton, that's a great question. We do use
- 3 our police reserves as you indicate 16 hours per month.
- 4 However, to use them -- if we use them during a protest
- 5 situation, certainly be in a limited way. They
- 6 certainly don't have the level of training that
- 7 full-time sworn Detroit Police officer has. So I would
- 8 not want them unless they were assisting with some kind
- 9 of traffic. But we have used them in a limited way with
- 10 some of our racing details. So we're constantly
- 11 thinking about, about that. But they can not be
- 12 considered, because they're volunteers, a primary
- 13 resource.
- 14 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. If there's no
- other questions, we thank you. I'm trying to get that
- 16 name straight.
- 17 CHIEF CRAIG: We call him Nev, Chair. We
- 18 just call him Nev in the Police Department.
- 19 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, sir. I
- 20 appreciate that very thorough report, and thank you for
- 21 responding to all the questions previous to the meeting
- 22 and even responding to the Commissioner, and we look
- 23 forward to doing a good job of managing and reporting
- 24 out in terms of what has transpired.
- MR. NAZARKO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.



- 1 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. We're going to
- 2 move on to Ms. White to Chief Investigator Akbar.
- MS. WHITE: Through the Chair, Mr. Chair and
- 4 Honorable Board. Is it okay if we move to the use of
- 5 force policy?
- 6 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, ma'am. We can do that.
- 7 Yes. Thanks you.
- 8 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Griffie is
- 9 preparing for that item.
- 10 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.
- 11 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Thank you so much,
- 12 Commissioner Bell, Chairman Bell. I just wanted to come
- 13 before this body to wrap up a topic that we have been
- 14 discussion since June. If this body would recall, on
- 15 June 4th, I made the motion to work with our policy
- 16 department in the Detroit Police Department to revise
- 17 the use of force policy to reflect best elements of best
- 18 practice that's identified in a number nationally and
- 19 supported by a number of authorities including Obama's
- 20 21 Century Policing, and other organizations. And I'm
- 21 pleased to present today that our team has reviewed and
- 22 worked very closely with DPD under Chief Craig's
- 23 leadership. And I think what we have seen in the
- 24 document that they have accepted all of the changes, and
- 25 the changes that weren't accepted were only not accepted



- 1 because of the fact thought they were in other places.
- 2 So I'm going to quickly summarize the changes, and then
- 3 hopefully we can move for approval after that.
- 4 So there are really eight key changes that
- 5 have been added. One was we talked about a ban on neck
- 6 hold and choke holds and neck restraints have been
- 7 accepted. Required deescalation and continuum and
- 8 additional definitions has been accepted. The added
- 9 requirement, the use of minimal reliance on force has
- 10 been added and accepted. Prohibition of firing on a
- 11 moving vehicle. And I do want to acknowledge the
- 12 Department because they took it a step further, and I
- 13 think our recommendation was to prohibit firing on a
- 14 moving vehicle unless there was deadly force. And they
- 15 took it to strictly prohibit shooting on a moving
- 16 vehicle. So even more progressive what we had submitted
- 17 originally.
- 18 Duty to intervene entered into your report,
- 19 and we talked about that before and already been moved
- 20 by the Department as a policy but added here. Six is
- 21 including vulnerable population for consideration and
- 22 definition for clarity. So this was really language
- 23 around talking about around the need to protect the
- 24 folks who are mentally ill, pregnant or in terms of
- 25 making sure that we took that into consideration when



- 1 we're applying force in this Department.
- 2 Seven is really around reporting. DPD, we
- 3 went back and forth on this a little, but if you'll
- 4 recall DPD agreed to provide us a quarterly report on
- 5 the Department's use of force data and statistics,
- 6 similar to some of the submissions they already do as a
- 7 result of the Consent Decree. So I think it will just
- 8 be a little bit more there.
- 9 And then finally they added some policy
- 10 around responsibility in doing a report. There were a
- 11 number of recommendations that were already present, as
- 12 I mentioned, in other places, and those recommendations
- were really reemphasized in other procedures, directives
- 14 already in place. And so those were really around
- 15 continual, requirement for continual scenario based
- 16 training, the prohibition of retaliation for reporting
- 17 misconduct and cooperating with an investigation.
- 18 Requiring and monitoring how police use force and
- 19 proactively hold an officers accountable for excessive
- 20 force. Mandating the duty to prevent excessive use of
- 21 force through early intervention. How the Department
- 22 collects data and analyzes data was also reemphasized.
- 23 Adding member responsibility and compliance. The duty
- 24 to prevent use of force through early intervention was
- 25 emphasized and then there was one policy recommendation



- 1 that was actually already sufficiently addressed in
- 2 another policy, and that was really around expanding the
- 3 Graham versus Connor standard to include moments leading
- 4 to the force decision, so that's already included in
- 5 another directive. So I just want to say that I -- it's
- 6 been three months, but it's been I think really a lot of
- 7 great work has gone into combing through policy. I
- 8 think that we have received full support from the
- 9 Department. The Department really collaborated with
- 10 this body on making sure that we have a model policy,
- 11 and I think -- I won't even go into more detail. I
- 12 think we should all be proud in the fact that we worked
- 13 together the way we have and I'd like to move for
- 14 adoption of the recommended changes to use of force
- 15 policy and recommended changes to the use of force
- 16 reporting policy which I believe is Directive 201.11.
- 17 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I second.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chairman?
- 19 CHAIRMAN BELL: A motion on the floor, sir.
- 20 Been moved and second for the motion and discussion.
- 21 Commissioner Burton.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I move that we table
- 23 this with NACOLE, which is the umbrella that we fall
- 24 under as far as the Civilian oversight and find out what
- 25 best practices and procedures do they have before we go



- 1 and vote on this today.
- 2 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Burton, I
- 3 served on the National Board of NACOLE and they have no
- 4 authority over any local entity of the National
- 5 Association. Their policy, they're still working
- 6 through all of this. So the motion's on the floor. Any
- 7 other discussion.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I second that table. I
- 9 second this motion to table.
- 10 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Is there a motion on
- 11 the floor?
- 12 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yeah, the motion is on the
- 13 floor.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Motion on the floor to
- 15 table and it's been second.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BELL: We can have a roll call on
- 17 that.
- 18 MS. GRIFFIE: Discussion on that motion if I
- 19 may, Mr. Chair.
- 20 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, ma'am. So sorry.
- 21 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I just want to say
- 22 that one of the things that we -- one of the reasons
- 23 that we pay a large, pretty nice size staff on this body
- 24 is to do the kind of work that we are tabling this
- 25 motion for. It has been three months. Three months



- 1 since we started having these discussions. As I stated
- 2 before, very good collaboration between our staff and
- 3 the staff on DPD. Our staff has already reviewed these
- 4 recommendations against best practices and then made a
- 5 recommendation. I am simply presenting a recommendation
- 6 because as the Commissioner that's worked closely with
- 7 staff, but our staff that we pay and rely on to provide
- 8 solid recommendation and do the work that you're asking
- 9 us to table has already taken place. I worked very
- 10 closely with Melanie White and her team, and I welcome
- 11 Director White's opinion on this.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Call the question, Mr.
- 13 Chair.
- 14 CHAIRMAN BELL: She's speaking on the
- 15 discussion, sir.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I called the question,
- 17 Mr. Chair.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: We're in discussion.
- 19 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So I would simply ask
- 20 that the Board consider the fact that we have competent
- 21 staff that has already done that kind of benchmarking
- 22 and review.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So Mr. Chairman, just
- 24 under the discussion with this. This has nothing to do
- 25 with competency of our Board and the work they put in.



- 1 The thing is that when you put out the motion you didn't
- 2 reference the -- I didn't see anything on the reference
- 3 of the Departments and Practices that you checked. Like
- 4 did you check with Elgin, Illinois who doesn't have a
- 5 Use of Force Policy by title, they have another title
- 6 for it that they call it which is a very outstanding
- 7 policy see I mean wasn't commissioner Burton is
- 8 recommending is that we partner with the people of
- 9 NACOLE, which we also pay a large sum of money to have a
- 10 membership and use them as a resource as will. I
- 11 believe that's what he is really speaking about is the
- 12 question is did we partner with them to get information
- from then, and that's what the concern is before we go,
- 14 because this policy is going to change substantially the
- 15 way officers are trained. They're going to have to be
- 16 retrained because right now, the things they're doing
- 17 right now are trained in and I don't mean to sound
- 18 condescending or nothing, but I don't think you
- 19 understand what a reflex is when it comes to life and
- 20 death situations and things that you have to do. No, I
- 21 don't support the choke hold, but I do understand that a
- 22 choke hold is to designed to subdue and control a
- 23 person. And if you've never been in a situation where
- 24 you have to understand that, which Commissioner Bell
- 25 should and the chief certainly knows, I know that these



- 1 things are there for a reason. But I mean we have to
- 2 find a medium where the language is not as vague or too
- 3 stern to say, simply just say you're going to ban a
- 4 choke hold, to half of the members on the department
- 5 who's already been trained to do that. We're looking at
- 6 a bigger cause say what are we going to do, bring them
- 7 back down here to train them? But I would just say
- 8 that's why I support this motion to table so we can make
- 9 sure we have more research in what we're doing because
- 10 this is a landmark decision, a landmark change in the
- 11 Department and the way we're going to train our
- 12 officers.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the Chair,
- 14 I'd just like to respond to my colleague and --
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. You
- 16 didn't get permission from the chair.
- 17 CHAIRMAN BELL: Excuse me. Commissioner
- 18 Griffie, go ahead and speak. Go ahead. And then after
- 19 that Ms. White staff. Go ahead, Ms. Griffie,
- 20 Commissioner.
- 21 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I would just like to
- 22 respond that I find it very intriguing and interesting
- 23 that for three months we talked about, presented,
- 24 information has been emailed back and forth, and my
- 25 colleague decides to wait until today to decide that he



- 1 wants to do more research. I think that's peculiar and
- very -- and frankly just not a coincidence.
- I would have welcomed a part -- I think
- 4 Melanie and myself would have welcomed partnership from
- 5 every Commissioner on this document if they didn't agree
- 6 with the terms that we were addressing. As a matter of
- 7 fact, we voted as a body on June 4th to proceed with
- 8 writing this exact directive today.
- 9 So this has not happened at the behest of
- 10 Commissioners coming together and saying this is what we
- 11 want to see. And on top of that, I find it very, very
- 12 interesting that the Commissioners that are opposing
- 13 this directive are the very Commissioners that complain
- 14 about the things that are in this directive and stand up
- 15 to the community and talk about these things.
- So I think we can call the question, but I
- 17 just want to say that I think that this is a very
- 18 interesting and strategic way of dealing with this and I
- 19 think that we owe it to our community to pass this
- 20 directive as soon as we can, and not wait another day.
- 21 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair. Mr.
- 22 Chair. Mr. Chair.
- 23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Hold one second, please.
- 24 Ms. White and then Vice-Chair.
- MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, and



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- 1 I'll just be very briefly. Commissioner Griffie has
- 2 already outlined the exact comments in her latter
- 3 remarks as well that I had planned to indicate that the
- 4 Board had already approved all of these recommendations
- 5 back in June. So these have already been brought before
- 6 the Board. The Board has already approved these
- 7 recommendations. This process simply consisted of the
- 8 Department reviewing and evaluating the Board's
- 9 recommendations, and then the Department collaborating
- 10 with the Board to make sure that we were on one accord
- 11 and that we agreed with the final draft policies. So
- 12 all of what you have before you and what you've had for
- 13 the last almost two weeks consists of the board's
- 14 approved recommendations and the Department's agreement
- 15 an confirmation of the Board's recommendations. So it's
- 16 just a reiteration finalizing the policy.
- 17 CHAIRMAN BELL: Hold on. Vice-Chair Holt,
- 18 and then I think we're calling for the question too. So
- 19 Vice-Chair Holt. Just hold on a second, please. Go
- ahead.
- 21 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you, Chair Bell. My
- 22 immediate comment was to support Commissioner Griffie's
- 23 suggestion that we hear from Ms. White. Now, we have
- 24 gone to a professional institution with suggestions as
- 25 it relates to, as it relates to use of force. And a



- 1 professional institution that basically, to some degree,
- 2 without our suggestion, is still heads above other
- 3 police departments in the nation. Detroit Police
- 4 Department says okay. We will look at these
- 5 suggestions. We will make additional comments. We will
- 6 support those that we professional feel will work and
- 7 then we can wrap our thoughts around some of the ones
- 8 that will cause problems.
- 9 Detroit Police Department has said okay, we
- 10 can work with this. I just really don't understand the
- 11 opposition that's coming at this midnight hour when we
- 12 have, as it's been stated, three months to give feedback
- 13 to participate in the research. Through the Chair, I
- 14 think we need to move on the motion to accept the
- 15 proposal.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chair, one last
- 17 comment.
- 18 CHAIRMAN BELL: No, sir. We're going to
- 19 have comments from Commissioner Burch.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I appreciate it. I
- 21 really appreciate it. I'd just like some kind of
- 22 clarity regarding all this you all are talking about.
- 23 It's so confusing. I just want to ask Ms. White. Do
- 24 you remember a revision what I asked in what Ms. Griffie
- 25 read regarding police training of shooting to kill that



- 1 it could be added and it should be revised to say
- 2 wounded when a suspect is fleeing. Do you remember
- 3 that, Ms. White? Is it in part of Ms. Griffie's report?
- 4 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair. Commissioner
- 5 Burch, your recommendations are incorporated within all
- of the recommendations that we submitted to the
- 7 Department for their review and this final draft. So
- 8 everything that you recommended on the Use of Force
- 9 Policy has been incorporated, and everything is
- 10 accounted for. I've spoken with anyone, any
- 11 Commissioner who has reached out to and sent in their
- 12 recommendations and I've incorporated that, and staff
- 13 have incorporated that in our final submission to the
- 14 Department. And that is included in this draft, ma'am.
- 15 And in addition to that --
- MS. BURCH: That's all I want to know.
- 17 Thank you, Ms. White. I just wanted to know the wound,
- 18 not shooting to kill, not doing that. That's all.
- 19 Thank you.
- 20 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Call the question.
- 21 CHAIRMAN BELL: I've been called for the
- 22 question to table.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 24 You have to give every Commissioner equal opportunity
- 25 you allow Commissioner Griffie to go back and forth on



- 1 this during discussion, but you only allow me to weigh
- 2 in one time. But I do like to add something else. And
- 3 I feel like this is harassment, Mr. Chairman, because
- 4 every Commissioner is not getting equal time here, and
- 5 you do show preferential treatment to other
- 6 Commissioners, and it must stop today. May I raise
- 7 another question?
- 8 CHAIRMAN BELL: What is your question, sir?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My question is this.
- 10 To our new Commissioners that's on this Board, I urge
- 11 you to, to, to do the right thing today by allowing this
- 12 body to table, to table this. Here's the reason why.
- 13 Few of us have oversight -- few of us are oversight
- 14 partitioners, meaning we have a lot of training dealing
- 15 with relations to this right here. I have gone through
- 16 seven years of training, many Commissioners have gone
- 17 through a lot of training over the past few years. This
- 18 right here, we want what's best for the community, but
- 19 the community must have an opportunity to weigh in as
- 20 well to be included in this discussion. But also we pay
- 21 a lot of money for us to be part of a NACOLE conference.
- 22 We spent about \$25,000 a year. That's all of us our
- 23 trained. We must have NACOLE co-pay in.
- 24 CHAIRMAN BELL: The question's been called
- 25 for. The questions's been called for. We're going to



- 1 have a roll call vote.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: And we don't even have
- 3 an attorney anymore.
- 4 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Just want remind
- 5 everybody I think the vote, the motion on the floor is
- 6 to table this.
- 7 CHAIRMAN BELL: To table. Vice-Chair Holt.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Roll call vote.
- 9 CHAIRMAN BELL: We have a roll call.
- 10 Vice-Chair Holt, yes or no?
- 11 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I'm voting that we not
- 12 table. I don't know if that's double neck negative. No
- 13 on the table.
- 14 CHAIRMAN BELL: Okay. Starting with
- 15 District 1.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 2.
- 18 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: No.
- 19 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 3.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No.
- 21 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 4. That's
- 22 Commissioner Bell. No. District 5.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 24 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 6.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No.



- 1 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 7.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRMAN BELL: At-Large. Commissioner
- 4 Hernandez.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: No.
- 6 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 7 COMMISSIONERS JONES: No.
- 8 CHAIRMAN BELL: Does that complete roll
- 9 call, Ms. White?
- 10 MS. WHITE: Yes. The motion failed.
- 11 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Now, we'll take
- 12 up the motion for, would you state that Ms. White?
- MS. WHITE: Yes. For the motion to approve
- 14 the Use of Force Directive 304.2 and the Use of Force
- 15 Reporting Directive 201.11.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BELL: It was properly moved and
- 17 second. I think we have had discussion over and over
- 18 again. Roll call vote. Those in favor would by yes.
- 19 Vice-Chair Holt.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 1.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.
- 23 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 2.
- 24 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.
- 25 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 3.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 4. Commissioner
- 3 Bell. Yes. District 5.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
- 5 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 6.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRMAN BELL: District 7.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRMAN BELL: Roll call vote.
- 10 Commissioner Hernandez.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 13 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- MS. WHITE: The motion passed.
- 15 CHAIRMAN BELL: Motion passed. Thank you.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Thank you.
- 18 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair. One
- 19 last comment. I appreciate the professional way in how
- 20 Commissioner Griffie, Ms. White and the executives with
- 21 the DPD worked for this to come to a fruition and for us
- 22 to, again, have a police force that will be a world
- 23 class example for other police forces in the United
- 24 statement.
- 25 CHAIRMAN BELL: I want to thank Commissioner



- 1 Griffie, Ms. White, and Chief Craig, his staff in terms
- 2 of entertained it. We work together on policies. It's
- 3 not a one-way street. It's been a two-way process, and
- 4 that's what the Charter mandates.
- 5 We can move on to the next item would be
- 6 Office of the Chief Investigator.
- 7 CI AKBAR: Okay. How's everybody?
- 8 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.
- 9 CI AKBAR: Good afternoon, Honorable Board.
- 10 I'm interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar, Office of
- 11 Chief Investigator. I'm going to give you a
- 12 presentation on July and August report on OCI operations
- during the COVID-19 crisis. Excuse my voice. Kind of
- 14 hoarse.
- 15 First think I'm going to bring you up to
- 16 date on is the staff returning back to the worksite.
- 17 The OCI staff has recently been tested for the COVID-19
- 18 at the City of Detroit Health Department. At this time,
- 19 I have instructed 50% of the staff to return to the
- 20 Office of the Chief Investigator facility to work full
- 21 time on site. The OCI staff has been working remotely
- 22 the entire time during the COVID-19 crisis. The staff
- 23 will be divided in two groups. One group will continue
- 24 to work from home remotely, while the other is working
- on site. The scheduled was prepared to allow only one



- 1 Investigator per office that would ensure proper social
- 2 distancing and safety. All employees are required to
- 3 wear masks, sanitize their work areas, wash their hands,
- 4 and wash their hands often as mandated by the Center for
- 5 Disease Control and prevention guidelines.
- I want to remind listeners again about the
- 7 Charter Mandate Authority with respect to the Office of
- 8 the Chief Investigator investigating cases. As
- 9 reminding all listeners, the Office of Chief
- 10 Investigator investigates all noncriminal involve -- all
- 11 criminal complaints involving Department members sworn
- 12 and civilian. The City Charter, the City Charter
- 13 Detroit Section 7-803, duties of the Board of the Police
- 14 Commissioner state in part: The Board shall receive and
- 15 resolve as provided in this chapter any complaints
- 16 concerning the operation of the Police Department that
- 17 are allegations of criminality and we are to forward
- 18 them to the appropriate internal and external law
- 19 enforcement agencies for further investigation.
- No I'm going to just talk briefly on the
- 21 recent protests with respect to how it affected our
- 22 operations of the Office of the Chief Investigator.
- 23 Chief Craig spoke in great detail on both incidents
- 24 regarding the protests and the police involved shooting.
- 25 I'm just going to briefly go over this. Last week there



- 1 was 44 arrests of protesters in the City of Detroit.
- 2 This incident transpired Saturday, August 22nd, 2020
- 3 involving a group of protesters that gathered outside of
- 4 the McNamara General Building at the corner of Michigan
- 5 and Cass Avenue. On Monday, August 24th, the Office of
- 6 Chief Investigator, we received 77 voicemail messages
- 7 concerning the protesters and police regarding the
- 8 weekend protest activities. There were only four, only
- 9 four citizen complaint reports generated from all of the
- 10 voicemail messages. All four, complaints were
- 11 transferred to Professional Standards for investigation
- 12 based on the allegations of criminality.
- 13 Looking at the police involved shooting
- 14 incident involving the animal as reported by the Detroit
- 15 Police Department Public Information we Wednesday,
- 16 August 3rd, an officer assigned to the K-9 Unit defended
- 17 an attack on his dog by an another dog that was fenced
- 18 in his yard. The Department's dog was near a wrought
- 19 iron fence while working on a duty searching for a
- 20 suspects weapon when suddenly the dog in the fenced are
- 21 charged and clamped down with his teeth on the snout or
- 22 nose of the Department K-9. The officer fired a shot to
- 23 the head of the aggressive dog to stop the attack.
- 24 A video of the incident by a third party
- 25 posted it on Facebook. The Office of the Chief



- 1 Investigator received 66 voice messages regarding that
- 2 incident. 59 calls were from concerned citizens outside
- 3 of the State of Michigan as far as California and the
- 4 State of Washington. There were seven calls that were
- 5 from Michiganians from citizens of Michigan. The
- 6 majority of the calls were insisting that the involved
- 7 officer should be dismissed immediately from the
- 8 Department and prosecuted. Several other messages
- 9 contained profane and vulgar language from citizens
- 10 expressing their concerning and outrage with the
- 11 incident and the Department. The rest of the telephone
- 12 calls were general calls from citizens basically saying
- 13 a few words and just hanging up. Our office staff
- 14 returned all of those calls and informed citizens that
- 15 the incident is being investigated by Professional
- 16 Standards as mandated by the City Charter and the Board
- 17 of Police Commissioners.
- 18 The Office of the Chief Investigator also
- 19 received 17 online complaints regarding the shooting of
- 20 the dog by the Department. There were 12 of these
- 21 complaints were filed by citizens from out of state.
- 22 There were five online complaints expressing concern by
- 23 residents from the State of Michigan. All of the online
- 24 complaints were submitted by citizens voicing their
- 25 concerns. However, none of those complaints turned into



- 1 a formalized official complaint.
- Now, keep in mind although all protest
- 3 complaints were transferred to Professional Standards
- 4 for investigation, Director Christopher Graveline and I
- 5 frequently communicated with each other and the Director
- 6 will continue to update my office and the Board of the
- 7 progress and disposition of the transferred cases upon
- 8 completion.
- 9 And I think the Board should know and really
- 10 recognize, I really appreciate the cooperation that I am
- 11 getting from Professional Standards working with the
- 12 Office of Chief Investigator, and we are working with
- 13 them. Because of the main mission is to prosecute all
- 14 officers that exhibit criminal conduct. However, it is
- 15 done by a fair competent comprehensive investigation,
- 16 and both of our sections are working to that goal to
- 17 assure that we properly investigate all comments.
- 18 At this time, the Office of the Chief
- 19 Investigator has 287 open cases under investigation,
- 20 only eight are over the 90-day time frame. We have zero
- 21 investigations this month with respect to the violation
- 22 of the Governor's Executive Order.
- During the COVID-19 period, the Office of
- 24 the Chief Investigator has received 506 complaints and
- 25 we've closed 428 cases from March 16 to this date,



- 1 Thursday, August 27, 2020. Now I also took a look at
- 2 complaints from January 2020 to July 2020, and I did a
- 3 comparison to what that same time period for last year.
- 4 This year we had 647 complaints in 2019 from January to
- 5 July 2019 there were 704 complaints. That's 57 less
- 6 cases that we had last year. That's an 8% decrease.
- 7 At this time I'm going to provide you again
- 8 the status of our staff. All of the Investigative staff
- 9 including the clerical staff are well and have tested
- 10 negative regarding COVID-19. The general service
- 11 division cleaning crew continues to clean and sanitize
- 12 our facility seven days a week twice a day. The
- 13 employees of Civil Rights and the Office of the Chief
- 14 Investigator and visitors who enter our facility have to
- 15 register their temperatures on our wellness form as
- 16 mandated by the City of Detroit.
- 17 In closing I updated the Honorable Board on
- 18 the bottom, I updated my activities on the month of
- 19 August. I updated you own OCI staff operations. I
- 20 updated you on the citizen complaint case summary
- 21 statistics, which you have a copy of that in package. I
- 22 thank you for your time and support, and at this time,
- 23 I'll take any questions from the Honorable Board. But
- 24 if you could just hold off, give me one second before we
- 25 start going to the question phase. I too want to thank



- 1 Assistant Chief James White who has worked very closely
- 2 with the Office of the Chief Investigators and the Board
- 3 of Police Commissioners, this fine facility that I'm
- 4 working in every day was -- we were able to move it here
- 5 through the hard work of selecting this project and it
- 6 took us about five or six years with one thing about I
- 7 want to say and I feel strongly about this. One thing
- 8 about Assistant Chief White, he's very professional and
- 9 he's very focused and he stays on task to every project
- 10 that he commits his self to. And I want to thank him
- 11 and wish him great future success with being the
- 12 Executive Director of Civil Rights, and I know he's
- 13 going to do a fine job because he's a very, very
- 14 professional person I really appreciate.
- 15 At this time, I can take your questions, if
- 16 you have any, Honorable Board.
- 17 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Commissioners,
- 18 do we have any questions? Thank you.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, Chairman Bell.
- 20 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, sir. Go ahead.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So you say you were
- 22 down 8% with the number of complaints that have been
- 23 completed, but at the same time, you said you have a few
- 24 that's past the deadline. How is that possible.
- 25 CI AKBAR: Well, it's possible because of



- 1 our cases may require us to go over, go over 90 days.
- 2 Now that we have set up the Zoom interviewing for
- 3 garreting officers. We just got that project going
- 4 within the last month, and due to scheduling conflicts
- 5 with respect to our officers, time -- the case, the
- 6 cases are longer, going to be longer before I can
- 7 actually close the case because I'm not going to close
- 8 any case without interviewing officers.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. So as report to
- 10 the staff, I understand one of the members was moved
- 11 downtown. And my question is, if they came from a Union
- 12 environment and this a position that was being filled,
- 13 why wasn't it posted so that all members would have an
- 14 opportunity to interview for it.
- 15 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Brown, that is
- 16 a personnel question. We're not going to discuss
- 17 personnel at it.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order of the
- 19 Chair. Point of order.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: When was it authorized
- 21 and why wasn't it posted to go through a selection
- 22 process because of the same behavior from the inspector
- 23 general's report, we terminated an employee, the same
- 24 behavior, and that's what I'm asking this question. Why
- 25 wasn't this posted and we didn't go through a fair and



- 1 selective process to make that opportunity available for
- 2 all of them so all of them could go through a selection
- 3 process. That is my question because of same behavior
- 4 that we terminated an employee, and if anyone haven't
- 5 been on here, the new Commissioners, go read the
- 6 Inspector General's report, and it's all in there. It's
- 7 the same behavior.
- 8 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
- 9 Brown. Thank you. Thank you. Any other questions.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Why wasn't it done? I
- 11 want to know why wasn't it done. Let him answer the
- 12 question.
- 13 CHAIRMAN BELL: Any other questions?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Stop interrupting us,
- 15 Commissioner Bell. You're out of order.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BELL: I am the Chair. I am not
- 17 out of order. Any other questions for --
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Your job as the Chair
- 19 is to facilitate a meeting, not to tell and to cut me
- 20 off and interrupt me while I have the floor. My
- 21 dialogue is with him, and when I yield that back time
- 22 back to you, that's when you can chime in. But he needs
- 23 to answer that question. Somebody gave him permission
- 24 to do it and you violated a process that you took --
- 25 that you didn't make it fair for the other employees to



- 1 have an opportunity to be selected for that position,
- 2 and that's what I want to know. Why wasn't that process
- 3 followed, because same behavior we terminated the
- 4 employment of another employee.
- 5 CHAIRMAN BELL: He's not prepared to answer
- 6 that question. We got to move on. Any other questions?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 8 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Burton.
- 9 MR. BURTON: I yield my time to Commissioner
- 10 Darryl Brown out of District 1.
- 11 CHAIRMAN BELL: There's no yield on the time
- 12 Burton, sir.
- 13 CHAIRMAN BURTON: No. Mr. Chair, point of
- 14 order, I can give my time. I was properly recognized by
- 15 you, Mr. Chairman, and I giving my time, I yield my time
- 16 to Commissioner Darryl Brown. I believe you all may
- 17 have him muted right about now.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Why can't we get answer
- 19 about a fair and accurate selection process.
- 20 CHAIRMAN BELL: We're moving on, sir. We're
- 21 moving on. We're moving on. We are moving on.
- 22 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair Bell?
- 23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes.
- 24 VICE-CHAIR: Chair. I believe Ms. White is
- 25 trying to chime in.



- 1 CHAIRMAN BELL: Well, Ms. White is not going
- 2 chime in at this tie. We will respond appropriate to
- 3 the question. We're going move on thank you.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: You're out of order,
- 5 Mr. Chairman.
- 6 CHAIRMAN BELL: Ms. White, I'm going to ask
- 7 you, we have your report. Is any addition to what you
- 8 already written and already covered? We want to move
- 9 on.
- 10 MS. WHITE: Just highlighting through the
- 11 Chair, the next week's board meeting and the panel
- 12 discussion that will be held where attorney David
- 13 Robinson author of You See a Hero, I See a Human Being,
- 14 and police litigation, police misconduct litigation
- 15 attorney, along with other areas. And also professor
- 16 Peter J. Hammer will also be a part of the panel
- 17 discussion on next week, next Thursday, September 3rd,
- 18 2020 at 3 p.m. So I just wanted to highlight that
- 19 information and the and Board has received corresponding
- information regarding those two speakers, and we're also
- 21 waiting for confirmation for other invited guests. And
- 22 that conclude my report.
- 23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Any unfinished
- 24 business?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Mr. Chairman?



- 1 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, sir.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, for
- 3 unfinished business I no that Board secretary positions
- 4 along with OCI position have not been posted. Right now
- 5 we do, we do currently have a deputy HR Director, and so
- 6 right now I'm calling this motion today is to move, I
- 7 move that we post the Board Secretary position along
- 8 with Chief Investigator position in the next two weeks
- 9 and allow those positions to be posted for 30 days.
- 10 This has been long overdue. Many of our constituents
- 11 has been reaching out to various Commissioner want to
- 12 know what is the holdup. But right now we do currently
- 13 have a Deputy HR Director, so I move that we post these
- 14 job openings.
- 15 CHAIRMAN BELL: We do not have a Deputy
- 16 Director personnel. We do not have a Deputy Director
- 17 personnel. We do not have that person. And so your is
- 18 not in order because we do not have that person.
- 19 Director of Personnel just resigned. So we're working
- 20 through that process to hopefully get that posted as
- 21 soon as possible. Any other unfinished business?
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It was properly
- 23 seconds.
- 24 CHAIRMAN BELL: We don't have a Deputy, sir,
- 25 to handle that process. Any other New Business.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chair, I have two 2 things for New Business. At one, I'd just like to take
- 2 chings for New Dubiness. He one, i a just line to take

a moment of silence, and I should have did this at the

4 beginning of the meeting, but I didn't get a chance

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- 5 really talk to you. Last week a friend of mine and a
- 6 person that trained me, Sergeant Sivad Johnson of the
- 7 Detroit Fire Department dove into the Detroit River,
- 8 saved the lives of three young girls that was drowning
- 9 in the river, and the young ladies were rescued, and
- 10 they're alive today, but he was unable to pull himself
- 11 out and he passed away. This man trained me as a young
- 12 firefighter and poured into me a lot of the things he
- 13 trained me to do that saved my life in some of those
- 14 situations, and fate would have it, when his younger
- 15 brother came on the job, he was a trial man that served
- 16 under me. And I would like to take a moment of silence
- 17 to recognize the Johnson family for the suffering that
- 18 they're going through. And the things I know about
- 19 Sergeant Johnson that he would have it no other way, and
- 20 to live the words what the Bible says that greater man
- 21 hath no love than to give his life for a friend.
- 22 CHAIRMAN BELL: Support.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: The and secondly, I'd
- 24 like to make an announcement. The Prince Hall family
- 25 will be conducting a food drive Friday, that's tomorrow



- 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. It's going to be at the Metro Prince
- 2 Hall Temple. This is hosted by the Shriners also,
- 3 Prince Hall Marracci Temple #13, and the Marracci Court
- 4 #32, and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of
- 5 Michigan and Prince Hall Grand Chapel order of the
- 6 Eastern Star. The event will start at 1:00. We're
- 7 going have to people filter in on Elmwood, and that
- 8 areas is over there by Gratiot and McDougal. They will
- 9 enter on Elmwood and come down Preston to pick up their
- 10 food items. The food is being sponsored by Forgotten
- 11 Harvest. So if any of you know any of the families that
- 12 are out there that are in need and have support, they
- 13 can come over there tomorrow between 1 and 4 and receive
- 14 their items free. They just have to fill out a form
- 15 just so we know where the food is going. There's no
- 16 cost for it or anything. I think it will be wonderful
- 17 event. We've been volunteering at food drives for the
- 18 last three months. I've been out there myself doing
- 19 other things. So again, I would like to just make that
- 20 announcement and take the moment of silence for Sergeant
- 21 Sivad Johnson.
- 22 CHAIRMAN BELL: We will take the moment of
- 23 silence after we finish public comments and prior to
- 24 adjournment because we want to try to move the agenda,
- 25 but we will take that moment of silence. Any other New



- 1 Business.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: New Business.
- 3 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Burch, go
- 4 ahead.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you. I just want
- 6 to say I concur what Commissioner Brown said of the loss
- 7 of the firefighter saving the people's lives. I think I
- 8 sent to everybody on the Board that we pray for that
- 9 family. But then I wanted to also say this is the first
- 10 time I did not receive a delivery packet regarding this
- 11 is meeting. It has always been on time. Now wait a
- 12 minute. The next thing I want to just say as New
- 13 Business is that Doctor Pastor Yvette Griffin, she gives
- 14 out in her church, Pilgrim Baptist, every Thursday. She
- 15 has a food drive that is fee. So you're welcome to come
- 16 by on Binder Street. And then our own 11th precinct is
- 17 going to have a backpack giveaway where you must have
- 18 only two children in the car to receive backpacks full
- 19 of supplies and masks. That's at the 11th Precinct on
- 20 tomorrow from 11 to 1. Thank you, Mr. Bell.
- 21 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Thank you.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Announcement. Yes, sir,
- 24 Commissioner Burton. Yes, sir.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I move that the Board



- 1 create a resolution honoring the life and the service of
- 2 Sergeant Sivad Johnson for everything he brought to the
- 3 citizens of Detroit on behalf of his residents. And the
- 4 man has a admirable history as far as serving. And he
- 5 gave his life trying to rescue a life. And I think this
- 6 Board ought to honor him for his bravery and for his
- 7 courageous work.
- 8 CHAIRMAN BELL: Duly noted. Ms. White
- 9 prepare a resolution.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I think the dinner was
- 11 Saturday.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I'll get her the
- 13 information.
- 14 CHAIRMAN BELL: We will prepare a
- 15 resolution. We can move on thank you. Ms. White, if
- 16 you could work it up prior to the funeral, Commissioner
- 17 Brown will help you in the process. Can we do that?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 19 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Okay.
- 20 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 21 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes.
- 22 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Now may I make an
- 23 announcement about the census?
- 24 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, ma'am. This would be
- 25 appropriate. Go ahead.



- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. Thank you. Since
- 2 1970, three of Detroit's former mayors contested with
- 3 the US Census count. In fact, Mayor Young organized his
- 4 own Census campaign and came up with 100,000 people that
- 5 the Census failed to count.
- Now, the Census provide programs, Block
- 7 Grants, money for education, community, community health
- 8 programs. It supports the SNAP. Those federal dollars
- 9 also are grants to help improve policing businesses.
- 10 Businesses use those Census numbers to determine whether
- or not they should locate in the City of Detroit.
- 12 Now, the Census, the federal dollars are
- accessible to all the cities in the state of Michigan in
- 14 the United States. If we fail to respond to the Census
- 15 appropriately, what will happen is those monies just
- 16 won't come to Detroit. They will come to the State of
- 17 Michigan, but they will not come to the City of Detroit.
- 18 And as Commissioner Burch has indicated,
- 19 there's goings to be an event at the 11th Precinct.
- 20 Census volunteers, I am included, will also be at that
- 21 events encouraging folks to complete their Census. And
- 22 on that note, thank you, Chair Bell.
- 23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. That's a very
- 24 important announcement. We're under announcements. Our
- 25 next meeting will be on Thursday, September 3rd, 2020, 3



- 1 p.m. Ms. White also already reported about the format.
- 2 And day after will be on Thursday, September 10th, 2020.
- 3 So that's next two meetings.
- I want an announcement concerning Captain
- 5 Jonathan D. Parnell. As you know, he was one of the
- 6 first individuals that lost his life due to Corona
- 7 Virus. The Captain in the Department, we witness his
- 8 promotion to lieutenant to captain. Just a great
- 9 individual and tremendous loss. That will be on Friday,
- 10 August 28th, at 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. And I'm not sure
- 11 how to announce this part, but it's going to be in
- 12 Westland. Ms. White will post this at Nankin Mills Park
- 13 in Westland.
- MS. WHITE: Yes. We will make sure to post
- 15 it and send it out to all the Commissioners.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, ma'am. That's on Ann
- 17 Arbor Trail in Westland. And you will make sure you
- 18 post it and share it with the Commissioners and the
- 19 public audience, okay?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 21 CHAIRMAN BELL: So we now move on to public
- 22 comments. We have 20 callers, 21 callers. We're going
- 23 to give them two minutes.
- 24 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair your currently three
- 25 speakers will be Lieutenant Mark Young from LSA,



- 1 Minister Eric Blount, and Mr. Antione Dicaprio.
- 2 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Mr. Brown.
- 3 LIEUTENANT YOUNG: First of all I want to
- 4 say how proud I am of the members of the Detroit Police
- 5 Department. They continue, they continue to work.
- 6 They're working out here. They're doing a great job.
- 7 We have people from outside of this community that come
- 8 here, professional protesters, that come here that
- 9 commit violent acts because they know the great
- 10 restraint and the great professionalism of the Detroit
- 11 Police Department. And I want the members of the
- 12 Department to stay vigilant and continue to back each
- 13 other up and support them like they have been. I have
- 14 never been prouder to be a member of the Detroit Police
- 15 Department. And two messages. For those who really
- 16 want to make a change, truly want to make a change,
- 17 violence is not the way. If you really want to make a
- 18 change, we're hiring. Come and join us. That's why I
- 19 came on the Detroit Police Department because I wanted
- 20 few make a difference to my community.
- 21 Many -- the protesters are taking valuable
- 22 resources out of our neighborhoods. That's not helping
- 23 anybody. That's not helping anybody. I thank you, Mr.
- 24 Commissioner. I yield my time.
- 25 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.



- 1 MR. BROWN: Minister Eric Blount.
- 2 MINISTER BLOUNT: Yes. Can you hear me,
- 3 Board?
- 4 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes.
- 5 MINISTER BLOUNT: Yes. For the record, I am
- 6 Minister Eric Blount from Sacred Heart Church where our
- 7 priest and pastor, Father Norman Paul Thomas. The depth
- 8 of this Board's corruption to reach new lows. Last
- 9 week, the scandalous firing of the Board's attorney is a
- 10 new low when he had a positive performance just two
- 11 months ago. Chairman Bell's trick to eliminate any
- 12 discussion on this matter was appalling. Is this the
- democracy, the justice that our ancestors bled and died
- 14 for? It's not hard to believe that this is related to
- 15 the recent resignations of just two weeks ago Dr.
- 16 Marcella Anderson, the Director of Personnel, two months
- 17 ago the resignation of Dr. Polly McAllister, chief
- 18 Investigative Officer. When will this corruption end.
- 19 As a note -- as was noted in this meeting,
- 20 other cities have not required body worn cameras, but
- 21 Chief Craig, you have, at least in words, committed DPD
- 22 to truth and transparency by stating in one of these
- 23 public meetings that DPD will not work with any agency
- 24 that does not require body worn cameras. Chief Craig,
- 25 are you and DPD still committed to this previous



- 1 statement?
- 2 For the last point, I beg all Detroiters to
- 3 video record all police contacts with the public,
- 4 especially people of color. All of the recent police
- 5 brutality situations were reported by a bystander.
- 6 Police Departments continue to deploy the strategy of
- 7 delaying public release of body worn camera footage.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chair, I don't see
- 9 Mr. Antione Dicaprio. So we're going to go to Nae
- 10 Hawkins, followed by Mr. Stephen Bore and Loving
- 11 Neighbors. Ms. Hawkins.
- 12 MS. HAWKINS: Good afternoon. Can you all
- 13 hear me?
- 14 CHAIRMAN BELL: Afternoon.
- MS. HAWKINS: Hi. Thank you for this
- 16 opportunity. I just want to say briefly I'm going to
- 17 submit a detailed record on behalf of what I've been
- 18 going through. I first spoke about the problems I was
- 19 having with the 10th Precinct, and now I want to include
- 20 an investigation into the Chief's Office. On October
- 21 31st, 2019, long story short. How I've been treated is
- 22 atrocious, and now I'm at the point where I have been
- 23 where I have been threatened if I file another police
- 24 report I'm getting charges against me and the brothers,
- 25 the black man that I have hired to help me with my



- 1 situation since the police won't help me. I was told
- 2 that if my neighborhood has been threatening to shoot
- 3 me, etcetera, if they call the police, that the police
- 4 cannot ensure the safety of my workers versus her. And
- 5 I have a problem with that. I should not have to fear a
- 6 possible negative police confrontation from somebody who
- 7 was helping me remove trash, remove hazards, and
- 8 pushback against the abuse I have experienced seeing
- 9 behind my neighbors and her constant threats. I have a
- 10 problem with people laughing, calling me a liar. I'm
- 11 talking police officers. So you all will get a detailed
- 12 report and I formerly ask for an investigation on how
- 13 the police select who they're going to -- citizens that
- 14 they're going to protect and so-called serve. Thank
- 15 you.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.
- 17 MR. BROWN: Mr. Stephen Boyle.
- 18 MR. BOYLE: Hello. This is Stephen Boyle
- 19 speaking. I'm a little bit appalled at how the Rules of
- 20 Order were handled during this meeting today. We have
- 21 elected Commissioners that have a voice of the people.
- 22 I'm concerned about oversight that basically gets ran
- 23 into the ground. When we have somebody that's operating
- 24 as a chairperson, I'm expecting that person to be fair
- in how they handle the meeting and abide by the Rules of



- 1 Order. I spent ten years on the Board. I understand
- 2 the Rules of Order. What happened today I think needs
- 3 to be written up, it needs to be investigated, and
- 4 somebody needs to be removed from the Chair. You
- 5 understand what I've said, and I hope that I actually
- 6 had some Commissioners who's understanding how appalling
- 7 this behavior is for an oversight organization. I feel
- 8 like we're living in a police state Chairman Bell. Do
- 9 you understand this? Do you understand what a police
- 10 state is. All you look up to is a foot in your face.
- 11 That's all I see is a foot in my face keeping my voice
- 12 from being heard. And I need this to be on the record,
- 13 because Chairman Bell, you don't deserve being
- 14 Chairperson after how you've handled this meeting, and
- 15 you've done this at previous meetings as well. You
- 16 continue to silence people inappropriately, my time is
- 17 done. I yield.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three
- 19 speakers would be Loving Neighbors, Detroit DSA, and Mr.
- 20 Adam Patrick.
- 21 MS. BILBY: Hi. I'm Liza Bilby. I live in
- 22 Commissioner Burch's district, District 3. I've lived
- 23 here a decade. I'm Michigan born. Born in Flint. I
- 24 100% support protests, and I'm really sad that you're
- 25 pushing Fox News, Antifa bus QANON live, Commissioner



- 1 Burch, particularly. So I want to talk about a number
- 2 of chilling and revolving images and stories that I keep
- 3 seeing week after week perpetuated by DPD. Now first it
- 4 was the violent attacks on peaceful protesters in May
- 5 and June. Then the reveal that two black men were
- 6 falsely arrested using racist facial recognition
- 7 technology. Then protesters hit by DPDs in an SUV.
- 8 Then the murder of Hakim Littleton who was restrained on
- 9 the ground when he was shot in the head by DPD,
- 10 protesters who came out to get answers bodes checked by
- 11 police and placed in choke holds, knees on their neck,
- 12 DPD popping out in a tank with a machine gun wearing gas
- 13 masks next to Palmer Park with rolls of bullets strapped
- 14 on their chest which I saw firsthand. Then three other
- men are shot and two are killed by DPD. We don't even
- 16 know their names. Then a dog shot in the head. Then
- 17 protesters, street medics, legal observes peacefully
- 18 occupying a street, not Summer of Free Love, Chief
- 19 Craig, met with riot cops where there was no riot, and
- 20 beaten to the point that they had to go to the hospital.
- 21 I want to vomit. I am concerned about the moral injury
- 22 that this doing to the children in this city, to the
- 23 mothers, the fathers, to the grandmothers. I'm actually
- 24 concerned about the moral injury DPD officers are doing
- 25 to themselves by dehumanizing their fellow citizens as



- 1 they commit such moral transgressions. I'm my own time.
- 2 Inflict harm after harm in the community. The shame and
- 3 trauma that they must be feeling. And I'm concerned
- 4 about the moral injury that you are doing to yourselves
- 5 as a Board by remaining silent. Who will speak up for
- 6 us. Someone needs to stop this violence. DPD is
- 7 killing indiscriminately and then coming into community
- 8 meetings and there is only one of you speaking up.
- 9 MR. BROWN: Detroit DSA.
- 10 MR. DELLICOLLI: Yeah. Hello. Anthony
- 11 Dellicolli here from Detroit Democratic Socialists of
- 12 America. I continue to be shocked about the amount of
- 13 time given to DPD to come into these meetings and make
- 14 excuses for their actions. Why don't you reach out to
- 15 the legal observers that were beaten and arrested and
- 16 have them speak about their experience. The actions of
- 17 the Detroit Police this past weekend were appalling.
- 18 Video footage clearly shows that DPD escalated a
- 19 confrontation with demonstrators exercising their 1st
- 20 Amendment rights and sent many of them to the hospital
- 21 with broken bones.
- 22 Detroit Police have been shamefully
- 23 spreading lies to the media following the events. After
- 24 Sunday's event, the DPD spokeswoman announced that
- 25 protesters had thrown rocks and water bottles at police.



- 1 On Monday, Chief Craig was forced to walk back that lie,
- 2 when a police officer was clearly shown on video
- 3 striking a citizen, when his were tied, with a baton --
- 4 were tied behind their back, struck him with a baton,
- 5 Chief Craig provided a lie of his own by saying the
- 6 officer never struck that individual. But Craig's
- 7 response should make this Board doubt whether the
- 8 investigations by the Professional Standards Section can
- 9 properly identify and root out police abuse. If police
- 10 and the public cannot agree on what occurred when
- 11 provided with visual evidence, what hope is there that
- 12 officers can objectively investigate their colleagues.
- 13 At Monday's press conference, Chief Craig
- 14 suggested legal observers and reporters may be arrested
- if they don't leave a protest when officers begin using
- 16 force, a position that courts have long said was
- 17 unconstitutional. Earlier this month, a federal judge
- 18 said law enforcement in Portland cannot arrests
- 19 journalists and legal observers for documenting
- 20 protests. This is one way to ensure police aren't held
- 21 accountable for their aggressive actions against
- 22 protesters. One DPD officer beat a legal observer so
- 23 severely with his baton that she could not move. This
- 24 Board and Chair Bell sure likes citing instances where
- 25 John Lewis and now professional athletes have taken



- 1 action against injustice. This Board needs to finally
- 2 take its own action to take away DPDs toys that they use
- 3 to brutalize protesters. They should start by banning
- 4 DPDs use of teargas, riot gear and near lethal been bag
- 5 rounds. Thank you.
- 6 MR. BROWN: Mr. Adam Patrick.
- 7 MR. PATRICK: Hi. My name is Adam Patrick
- 8 and I'm also with Detroit DSA. First I'd like to say
- 9 end Project Green Light, end use of facial recognition.
- 10 Surveillance is not safety.
- 11 Next I want to address this Department's
- 12 favorite topic, outside agitators. I'm a white guy. I
- 13 was raised in the suburbs, but I moved to Detroit when I
- 14 was 18. Like a lot of people, many, many people in the
- 15 last two decades, I chose Detroit as my home the second
- 16 I was able to. I'm sure you'll still find a way to call
- 17 me an outside agitator though. That rhetoric has been
- 18 used by parties of power for decades. It's no more true
- 19 now than it was during the Civil Rights movement. Stop
- 20 making excuses to use violence to silence the voices of
- 21 citizens.
- 22 As has just been mentioned by my comrade,
- 23 the 1st Amendment of the Constitution guarantees all
- 24 citizens the right to peacefully assemble. In the early
- 25 hours of Sunday, August 23rd, the DPD violated those



- 1 rights. For any officer out there listening, if my boss
- 2 told me to go use violence and violate somebody else's
- 3 rights, I would simply not do it. It wouldn't be a huge
- 4 moral conundrum or an existential crisis. I wouldn't
- 5 violate the highest law of the land to follow orders.
- 6 It's clearly that those officers that rioted on Saturday
- 7 night are highly interested in committing violence
- 8 against the citizens of this City. It's also clear that
- 9 the leadership of the City is far more interested in
- 10 making the City safe for wealthy and their property than
- 11 it is in building an equitable and safe future for all.
- 12 And it's clear from Craig's report today that he's going
- 13 to lie to you guys. He's a liar and he proved it today.
- 14 So the whole thing about the legal observers, he didn't
- 15 even mention it, completely skirted over one of the most
- 16 significant events of the evening. He didn't even
- 17 mention it until it was brought up. I can prove to you.
- 18 He's a liar. He did it right to your faces today.
- 19 Regarding the legal observers, Craig says we
- 20 don't want to injure anybody, but if you don't want to
- 21 get injured, you better get out of here. This is
- 22 complete nonsense. If you don't want to use violence,
- 23 you wouldn't use violence. I demand that this Board
- 24 hold the officers and leadership responsible for the
- 25 crimes committed against protesters this week. End



- 1 Project Greenlight. I yield my time.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three
- 3 speakers would be Ms. Cindy Darrah, Ran Canterbury, Dr.
- 4 Erin Dwyer. Ms. Darrah. Ms. Darrah. Okay. I'll go to
- 5 Mr. Chair, I'll got to Ms. Canterbury next.
- 6 MS. CANTERBURY: Hi. My name is Ran
- 7 Canterbury. I am a member of the Metro Detroit DSA and
- 8 elementary school teacher in Detroit, specifically
- 9 District 2. Hoping that maybe in December we'll get
- 10 someone in the seat who actually cares about
- 11 representing the people of the District, unlike
- 12 Commissioner Griffie.
- Before I begin, having police or ex-police
- on a Board that is supposed to provide police oversight
- is honestly disgusting and wrong, and I think you all
- 16 know that. We all continue you as well to watch as DPD
- 17 brutalizes peaceful protesters and somehow excuses this
- 18 behavior by regurgitating far-right talking points
- 19 calling them outside agitators. What would you call me.
- 20 I'm a white girl from the suburbs coming to the City to
- 21 demand justice for black lives every day as I work
- 22 towards an equitable environment for my students.
- You pick and choose who to villainize and
- 24 when. You welcome outside agitators when they come to
- 25 the City and spend money to make rich white people even



- 1 more rich. You accept outside agitators when the come
- 2 to the city to become police officers who are more than
- 3 happy to shoot journalists with rubber bullets like
- 4 Officer Debono, run people over with SUVs, use chemical
- 5 weapons like tear gas banned in war. Lasers are not.
- 6 Tear gas causes lasting injuries as well, Chief Craig,
- 7 and you also beat and arrest legal observers. I
- 8 shouldn't have to tell you this, but you represent the
- 9 people, not DPD, and you'd do well to start acting like
- 10 it. Peaceful protest is a right of the American people.
- 11 You don't get to decide when that protest ends. While
- 12 Detroit students are about to be forced to back to
- 13 school in unsatisfactory school buildings during a
- 14 deadly airborne pandemic with not enough supplies or
- 15 PPE, this Board continues to vote to spend taxpayer
- 16 dollars that may one day potentially misidentify one of
- 17 those same scholars as a violent offender. Do better.
- 18 We must defund the police and reinvest in black and
- 19 brown communities and target of the real problem of
- 20 public safety.
- MR. BROWN: Dr. Dwyer.
- DR. DWYER: I'm Dr. Erin Dwyer, and before
- 23 Craig calls me an outsider, I'm a Detroit resident and a
- 24 member of Detroit DSA. I've been to a number of
- 25 protests in the City of that I love since the murder by



- 1 police of George Floyd. You call us paid protesters
- 2 because you can't imagine doing anything except for
- 3 profit. None have gotten violent because the police
- 4 weren't there. The police are the ones leading the
- 5 violence and we see that on camera. On Saturday night
- 6 protesters in Detroit were exercising their 1st
- 7 Amendment rights engaging in nonviolent civil
- 8 disobedience only to be tear gassed and beaten. Video
- 9 and witness accounts show medics, legal observers are
- 10 legally targeted by the police and that a protester who
- 11 was restrained was beaten, and Chief Craig has the gall
- 12 to say that this incident caught on camera did not
- 13 happen. He has the audacity to say that people who
- 14 protest police violence are "not welcome," which not
- only ignores our 1st Amendment rights it cast all
- 16 protesters as outsiders. That's pretty rich knowing
- 17 that 75% of DPD lives outside of Detroit. If Craig
- 18 wants to talk about violent outsiders coming into
- 19 Detroit to do harm, he should look no further than his
- 20 own police force. He claims the protests so far have
- 21 been "without incidence" by and large by police. What
- 22 does he call a teenage girl being put in a choke hold,
- 23 protesters being hit by a police car, beating a
- 24 restrained protester. Commissioner Burch says, "go home
- 25 and take care of your business, and we'll take care of



- 1 police." Well, Detroit is my home. This is my
- 2 business, and if I was as bad at my job as you all are
- 3 at keeping the police from being violent, I'd be fired.
- 4 You've shown us all summer that reforms that reforms
- 5 don't work, so listen to Detroiters and, "take care of
- 6 the police." Ban tear gas and all beanbag projectiles.
- 7 Investigate the treatment of protesters on August 22nd,
- 8 and fire all officers involved in violence. Drop all
- 9 charges against protesters. End participation and the
- 10 1033 program that treats Detroiters as the enemy. Ban
- 11 the use of Project Greenlight and similar prejudiced
- 12 facial recognition technology. And after the this
- 13 summer of repeated police brutality, Chief Craig must
- 14 resign.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Cindy Darrah.
- MS. DARRAH: I've said for years that police
- 17 need to study the Constitution once a week, US, the
- 18 State, the City Charter, because they don't understand
- 19 our Constitutional rights, and I would suggest Craig
- 20 needs to go back and study that too, and all of you.
- 21 But the other thing I want you to look at is
- 22 there's New York Times magazine, Sunday magazine a
- 23 couple weeks ago had a whole article about reforming the
- 24 police nationally. And so take a look at that. What my
- 25 friend said, they fired, in one place they fired



- 1 everybody. They made new standards, and then they
- 2 rehired, and most of the bad apples didn't even reapply.
- 3 And you better think big because this -- you set a bad
- 4 example when you don't know the law or the Constitution
- 5 and then you think that people are just supposed to
- 6 follow somebody's orders because they have a police
- 7 uniform on. And I went -- they came by when I was
- 8 protesting a week ago. I ran out, got my phone, and
- 9 followed them all the way till 11:00. We were walking
- 10 all downtown everywhere and nobody's getting hurt.
- 11 Everybody was peaceful. The only thing I could suggest
- is you have one lane for an emergency lane in case you
- 13 need a fire truck or somebody to come down and you make
- 14 an agreement with the protesters to make sure it's safe
- 15 and they keep one lane open so that we can have our
- 16 rights, our 1st Amendment rights to petition our
- 17 government for change. And I would hope that you would
- 18 think about something like that. It used to be we had
- 19 to get a permit every time wanted to have a march.
- 20 Well, I don't think that's necessary. I think what you
- 21 need to do is make an agreement and keep to it and be
- 22 honest because this Craig thing and Chief, Deputy Chief,
- 23 he already.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next
- 25 three speakers would be Ms. Heidi Smith -- West, I'm



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1 sorry, followed by Richard Newman and Ms. Ashley Smith.

- 2 Ms. West.
- MS. WEST: Yes. Can you hear me?
- 4 MR. BROWN: Yes.
- 5 MS. WEST: Okay. So again before I'm called
- 6 an outside agitator, I just wanted to say that I grew up
- 7 in the City of Detroit. I went to Weatherby Elementary
- 8 on the west side, Ann Arbor Trail Middle School, Cass
- 9 Tech High School Class of 1993. I'm now a teacher in
- 10 Southwest Detroit. I've been a Detroit Public School
- 11 teacher for 15 years, and I am appalled at what I have
- 12 seen lately. I have been to one of these protests. I
- 13 am not a paid protester. I went to stand up for the
- 14 people of City of Detroit for their 1st Amendments
- 15 rights to protest, and I am just appalled at what I have
- 16 seen pictures of a police officer macing someone in the
- 17 face while they were laying down already handcuffed. I
- 18 have seen a police officer shooting a dog. I have seen
- 19 police officers beating women that are laying down.
- 20 This is no way to treat the citizens of Detroit. And if
- 21 people are asking people from the suburbs to come in and
- 22 help them, it is because of treatment like this. So if
- 23 people are willing to come in from the suburbs and help,
- 24 they should not be called paid protesters.
- I'm just appalled at what I've seen. I



- 1 think that we need to drop all the charges against the
- 2 protesters. We need to investigate the treatment of
- 3 protesters on August 22nd and fire all the officers that
- 4 are involved in this violence. We need to -- Chief
- 5 Craig should resign if he's not willing to do that, and
- 6 there needs to be a full investigation into all of this
- 7 violence. The world is watching us. This has made
- 8 national news, and if we don't do something about it,
- 9 we're going to be the next Portland. And I'm not
- 10 willing to see that happen to the City that I grew up in
- 11 and love. We could be using these resources to fund
- 12 schools right now.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Newman.
- MR. NEWMAN: Can you hear me?
- MR. BROWN: Yes, sir.
- MR. NEWMAN: Thank you. My name is Richard
- 17 Newman. I lived in Detroit in District 3, although I
- 18 won't say exactly where because I currently have a kiddy
- 19 pool in my side yard, and I know Commissioner Burch has
- 20 a big issue with that, but apparently not such a big
- 21 issue with police using state violence to silence
- 22 protesters 1st Amendment rights.
- Look, I don't know, you guys. I mean it's
- 24 hard to know where to start. I think everyone on the
- 25 Board knows on some level that this rhetoric about the



- 1 protesters being paid or being part of some conspiracy.
- 2 I think you all know that's not true. So why do you let
- 3 that go unchallenged, for the most part. I think
- 4 everybody on the Board knows that none of those
- 5 protesters had grenades. We haven't seen any evidence
- of that, but Chief Craig is saying there's grenades and
- 7 lasers. We keep hearing about railroad spikes from
- 8 different police officers. Who has access to railroad
- 9 spikes? I don't even know where you'd find a railroad
- 10 spike. So we know we're being lied to and we know that
- 11 there's a serious moral calling to speak up. But I'm
- 12 not hearing it from most of the Board. And I just want
- 13 to appeal to your humanity because like we're all people
- 14 here, and we all know, we all know on some basic level
- 15 what is right and what is wrong. We know we don't want
- 16 to live in a surveillance state. We know we don't want
- 17 police to shut down dissent. So please, please take a
- 18 look at this and start doing the right thing. I yield
- 19 my time.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Ashley Smith.
- MS. SMITH: Can you hear me?
- MR. BROWN: Thank you very much, Board.
- 23 This DPD Board, the Detroit Police Department cannot be
- 24 real. This had has everything to do with Detroit. I
- 25 thank God for the protesters because at least they're



- 1 doing what you refuse to do, which is give us justice.
- 2 Loving Neighborhood, as a concerned citizen, I'm adding
- 3 to what you said. I'm here to remind you my sister that
- 4 we cannot forget, Sheldy Smith, my sister, who was
- 5 beaten by a Detroit Police Officer who was charged and
- 6 found guilty of assault. After video being available,
- 7 the other Detroit Officers publically supported him.
- 8 Chief Craig recently recommended him for promotion, and
- 9 this Board has refused to fire him. Instead, he was
- 10 promoted with backpay from Detroit's taxes.
- 11 You all don't listen. Then you have the
- 12 audacity to create a resolution to stop police
- 13 brutality. This is the only force in America that has
- 14 supported police brutality within the last year. Your
- 15 officer beat my sister as if she was a man or if he was
- in a fight. While the rest of the countries firing
- 17 these bad apple, we cannot forget, we cannot forget what
- 18 Sheldy went through, and I'm asking you, please fire
- 19 Jones. Matter of fact, I'm demanding it. Fire Jones.
- 20 Set a standard. And as I've said before, and I'll say
- 21 again, if you cannot get justice in the blackest city in
- 22 America for black people, then where will you get it. I
- 23 yield my time.
- 24 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three
- 25 speakers would be speaker who's phone number ends in



- 1 777. I don't see Mary followed by Father Wayne Jones,
- 2 and then KE.
- 3 777: Good evening Commissioners and my
- 4 fellow Detroiters. I cannot believe what I'm hearing
- 5 this afternoon. This is the most outrageous complaints
- 6 that I have heard. Number one you know goodness well
- 7 Detroit is in a crisis. Crime is infested all over this
- 8 City. You've got shootings, you've got killings. But
- 9 yet still you got people that's talking about the
- 10 marches and how they're doing. They acted ugly down
- 11 here a street from me on Woodward the other day. Now,
- 12 if you want to do some marching get together and do it a
- 13 decently like way like King did. He did it honorably.
- 14 He didn't have no things from the railroad tracks and
- 15 had all the gas and everything. He did it a decently
- 16 way, and if that's what you call yourself doing, marches
- 17 and everything, do it a decently way. And as far as the
- 18 Chief being resigned, hell no. He's not going to resign
- 19 because you know what he's doing. He's trying to clean
- 20 up this City, and what are you doing, you're
- 21 continuously aggravating. We've seen this. I won my
- 22 election because of the fact I want to still fight, and
- 23 I'm going to fight right here in this City as long as I
- 24 got breath in my mind and in my body. I made 88 years
- 25 old and I'm still the good Lord's going to bless me to



- 1 help clean up this City because what you guys are doing
- 2 is creating confusion constantly. If you've got any
- 3 sense you get five people or men and women and have a
- 4 committee and ask to go before the Chief and talk with
- 5 them like people with sense and common sense. You got
- 6 killings going on here, you got shootings going on here.
- 7 Get out here and help get the neighborhood cleaned up.
- 8 You got a 14 year old girl with two men last night at
- 9 2:00 in the morning. Where was her mother. What is she
- 10 doing out at 14 years old at 2:00.
- MR. BROWN: Dewayne Jones.
- 12 MR. JONES: Can you hear me?
- MR. BROWN: Yes.
- 14 MR. JONES: Okay. Very well. First of all,
- 15 I applaud the firing of attorney Jermaine Wyrick. I'm
- 16 glad my complaint to Inspector General didn't fall in
- 17 deaf ears. Griffie needs to get and education. She is
- 18 not going to be going to be leaving in December, she'll
- 19 be leaving on November 4th because we have two
- 20 Commissioners to fill that spot and they will be taking
- 21 office immediately. So on the 5th, there will be new
- 22 Commissioners, the 5th of November. There will be a new
- 23 Commissioner, either one of which will be an
- 24 improvement.
- 25 Why are people being arrested for having



- 1 bulletproof vests? I heard this during the Chief's
- 2 reported. Even passive protection from gunfire is now a
- 3 crime? Why do you want people to be easy to kill?
- 4 Commissioner Bell should not be interrupting
- 5 Commissioner Burton or Brown at all. That's shameful,
- 6 and he is acting completely out of order himself. And
- 7 why are so many people being arrested for exercising
- 8 their human right to be able to defend themselves and
- 9 their Constitutional right to keep and bear arms. That
- 10 is what I've been hearing in the Chief's report. I
- 11 think most police officers are underpaid, but I can see
- 12 why people are calling for them to be defunded when it
- is the Department policy to violate people's rights.
- 14 Ditto for shooting pets on private property and giving
- officers promotions for beating emergency room patients
- 16 like Sheldy. Grow a pair, Board of Police
- 17 Commissioners. Fire Dewayne Jones.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, you had a couple of
- 19 speakers drop off so your last two speakers would be Ms.
- 20 Tawana Petty followed by JW. Ms. Petty.
- 21 MS. PETTY: Can you hear me?
- MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
- MS. PETTY: Those who profess to favor
- 24 freedom, and yet depreciate agitation are people who
- 25 want crops without plowing the ground. They want rain



- 1 without thunder and lightening. They want the ocean
- 2 without the roar of its many waters. The struggle may
- 3 be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, or it may
- 4 be both, but it must be a struggle. Power concedes
- 5 nothing without a demand. It never did, and it never
- 6 well. Frederick Douglas.
- 7 There's been consistent commentary about
- 8 outside agitation regarding protests, but my greatest
- 9 concern is the culture of white racist malitia being
- 10 given cover by law enforcement across this country. No
- 11 doubt some of them are also on police forces across this
- 12 country. They did not disappear into the night and
- 13 vanish when we were given or Civil Rights.
- Regarding protests. There's a difference
- 15 between non-peaceful and violent. Injustice is not
- 16 peaceful. Therefore, resistance to injustice is not
- 17 peaceful, but not being peaceful is not the same thing
- 18 as being violent. What happened in Kenosha last night
- 19 is not an isolated incident. Protesters have a right to
- 20 be upset and fearful of what is going on. While we're
- 21 deploying every tactic to "remove the threat of black
- 22 bodies in our neighborhoods" rhetoric is ramping up from
- 23 the White House and affiliated news media outlets Fox
- 24 News where shockingly DPD has a consistent voice. This
- 25 White House and media outlet is sending dog whistles to



- 1 racists. I need this Board to get real courageous and
- 2 start to really take a deeper look at what's happening
- 3 in our City and across the world. Deescalate the
- 4 police, demilitarize the police, and ban facial
- 5 recognition. I yield my time.
- 6 MR. BROWN: JW. JW? Look like we lost --
- 7 oh, she's back. JW? Mr. Chair, seems like JW is having
- 8 some problems with her mic, and she's your last speaker.
- 9 CHAIRMAN BELL: You want to move on to next
- 10 person?
- 11 MR. BROWN: That's your last speaker is JW.
- 12 CHAIRMAN BELL: Well, they can call next
- 13 week. We apologize for the technical problem. Thank
- 14 you, Mr. Brown. We're going to call for the moment of
- 15 silence for our deceased brother in the Firefighter,
- 16 Sivad Johnson.
- 17 (Moment of silence for Sergeant Sivad Johnson)
- 18 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. If there's no
- 19 other business, Chair will entertain a motion for
- 20 adjournment.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So moved.
- 22 CHAIRMAN BELL: It's been probably moved and
- 23 second. Discussion. Those in favor yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONERS: Yes.
- 25 CHAIRMAN BELL: We stand adjourned. Thank



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