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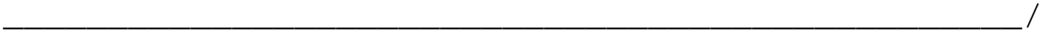
City of Detroit

Board of Police Commissioners

BOPC Virtual Meeting

October 22, 2020@ 3:00 p.m.

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5 MS. WHITE: Good afternoon and welcome to the Detroit
6 Board of Police Commissioners meeting. Today's date is
7 Thursday, October 8, 2020. And please note the following
8 reminders for virtual meetings on zoom.us. A message
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10 nine (*9) on the telephone.

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21 to be acknowledged for public comments.

22 And finally, regarding public comments, each speaker
23 will have two minutes to speak. The BOPC staff will
24 acknowledge each speaker. We ask that you remain
25 respectful and professional and refrain from violating

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2 relevant laws and ordinances, which are posted on all
3 meeting access forums.

4 At this time, please silence your phones and other
5 background sounds to prevent interrupting the meeting.
6 And also just as a reminder to the honorable board,
7 please also note that the board and panelists have the
8 option to self-mute, mute their microphones, and to
9 unmute their microphones at any time during the meeting.
10 And additionally, please also note that when joining the
11 meeting, you join as an attendee and then we move
12 panelists and speakers to the panel gallery. So please
13 allow for a time lag to make that transfer and to send a
14 message to unmute your microphones and to access and
15 operate your videos. So at this time, now, Chairperson
16 Bell.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. I just want
18 to say I acknowledge our Ms. White and interim chief
19 investigator, Lawrence Akbar for their continuous work on
20 behalf of this board, filling some big shoes, and they
21 have really stepped up to the plate. And just to also
22 note, they haven't even had a vacation since they've been
23 placed in their role because of the nature of their work
24 and I really appreciate that. I think the board should
25 acknowledge that also. I'm going to call the meeting to

1 order at this time and we're going to have an invocation
2 by the Chaplain.

3 MS. WHITE: Yes. Chaplain Leonard Jackson.

4 CHAPLAIN JACKSON: Praise the Lord. God bless you for
5 as much then as God has called not only us on to service,
6 but to these great men and women of God on the board, as
7 well as the police officers who serve and protect, for
8 blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the
9 children. God our Father, we thank you as we come before
10 you in the precious name of your son, that you would
11 extend your hand today and touch each and every one,
12 Lord, that is a part of this meeting. We ask not only for
13 the civility and ordinance Lord but also for your
14 presence to be the ruling and the controlling force.

15 We ask that you touch each and every one. Bless each
16 and everyone, even those that are afflicted. We ask that
17 you strengthen and encourage them right now. Now, Lord,
18 we lend our hands and our hearts Lord, to those that are
19 out there during their service today. And as an interim
20 voice we ask, please, if you would continue to bless,
21 lead, guide, and direct. Now we commend this into your
22 hands. We invoke your presence and we'll ever give you
23 the praise for it in the precious name of Jesus Christ.
24 Thank God. Amen.

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1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Amen. All right. Thank you,
2 Chaplain. Yes. Thank you, I appreciate that.

3 CHAPLAIN JACKSON: Yes, sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: First of all, before I do the
5 introduction of the other commissioners, I want to say to
6 the public, first of all, we apologize for not hosting
7 our meeting last week. Unfortunately, we did not have a
8 quorum at that particular time. We only had six members
9 in attendance. And we had three yays and three nos, so
10 therefore we could not have a meeting because with no
11 agenda there's no meeting. So hopefully that is not the
12 case for this meeting here. And I also want to apologize
13 to DPD, who'd prepared to have come before us as always,
14 and also to our board staff who work so hard in terms of
15 these weekly meetings. It's so demanding to prepare for
16 weekly meetings and we are the only board within the
17 State of Michigan that meets weekly and it's a challenge.
18 And as you all know, we've been at it for quite some time
19 under difficult circumstances.

20 We haven't had a break. I hope that when we get an
21 implication that we have more fellowship and I'm going to
22 talk about a little bit more of that in terms of my
23 remarks, but at this time I want to, my deepest apology
24 is shared with the board, representative's board in the
25 leadership role. That was unfortunate. I pray that that

1 does not happen in the future for that type of activity
2 and not understanding the nature of the business at hand
3 that you have to approve the agenda to take care of
4 business. So that should be common ground for all of us
5 to have that type of reminder.

6 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner
8 Jones. Appreciate it. District one.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: District one, Darryl Brown,
10 present.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District two.

12 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Evette Griffie, present.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District three.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon. This is
15 Commissioner Shirley Burch. Love where you live. Thank
16 you.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District four. Bell,
18 present. District five.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner, Burton is muted.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Can you raise your hand? I
21 acknowledge Commissioner Burton is with us. We'll work
22 out the voice technology. We all see him, okay? District
23 six. District seven.

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1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon everyone. Police
2 Commissioner William M. Davis, District 7. Love where you
3 work and respect the people.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At large, Commissioner
5 Hernandez.

6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Just briefly. I believe,
7 Commissioner Carter has joined as well, but Jesus
8 Hernandez, at large, present.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District six. We might
10 have some technical problems. I'll come back. At large,
11 Commissioner Holley.

12 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holley was on the
13 line earlier.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay. Here.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Holley.
16 It's so good to hear your voice.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you very much.

18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon, everyone. This
19 is Lisa Carter, commissioner for district six. I am here.
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Carter,
22 for your attendance. Commissioner Jones.

23 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon, everyone. Police
24 Commissioner Martin Jones, at large.

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1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for your attendance.

2 Commissioner Holt, Vice-Chair.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Good afternoon, Vice-Chair Holt, at
4 large.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for your attendance and
6 all of the commissioners here that we have a full quorum,
7 I mean a full board of commissioners, 11 commissioners at
8 this time.

9 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. You do have a quorum.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The next item. Commissioner Holt?

11 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Oh, okay. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No, hold on. It's on me. I already
13 acknowledged
14 you. Approval of the agenda for October 22nd.

15 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Oh, through the Chair. I move to
16 approve today's agenda as printed.

17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
19 supported. Discussion.

20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Discussion.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.

23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, I have two issues. One as I
24 outlined in my email and has been outlined by others this
25 agenda does not follow the outline as indicated in our

1 bylaws. Two, I also have a problem with the agenda in
2 that there are two items on it that we just got
3 information on yesterday. And also according to our
4 bylaws, we're supposed to have at least 48 hours before
5 to review something, you know? So this is questionable,
6 sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Brown? Commissioner Brown?

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I concur with my colleague. It
9 does not follow the bylaws the way the agenda's out. I
10 did send out an email to everyone pointing that out in
11 the section of the bylaws. And again, we did not get
12 information for the 48-hour review for the two things
13 that are on the agenda.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Vice-Chair Holt?

15 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes, through the Chair. Okay, in
16 reference to the bylaws, Article 5 Section 3L, the word
17 that's used to support the bylaw and the way the agenda
18 should appear is normally. And we all know with these
19 Zoom meetings, crises that this world has never well,
20 previously experienced perhaps in 1918, these are not
21 normal times. We need to be able to conduct business
22 expediently and with urgency and because of COVID the way
23 the agenda appears, the way it's printed now, the
24 unfinished business and the new business will be handled
25 sooner than in previous agenda items. So again, the bylaw

1 says in normal time this is how you would conduct
2 business as the bylaw reflects I think two meetings ago,
3 but keeping that in mind, normal is not the time in which
4 we're living. So for that reason, I strongly, I strongly
5 urge that we support this agenda as printed because it is
6 intended to handle as much business as we can in the time
7 that we have on the Zoom meeting.

8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, Commissioner Hernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I would just add for the
11 public to keep in mind the content of today's agenda is
12 still consistent with our bylaws. The order may have
13 changed, and that's exactly why we're going to vote. So
14 if we could please go to a vote.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I am so disappointed in how
18 people are using COVID as a crutch or excuse. So many
19 businesses are functioning just well through Zoom or are
20 even back to work but when it comes to the board, we have
21 not had an attorney for our office in quite some time
22 now. And when the board is looking at changing formats
23 and things of that nature, it'll be nice to be able to
24 run these things by our attorney, by our attorney. And so
25 right now the board is functioning without an attorney

1 and we should not be making these dramatic changes to the
2 format, because we have been working just quite well
3 under the original format.

4 And so it shows that we, as a board cannot put
5 ourselves in a predicament
6 where we look like we are doing something impropriety,
7 for whatever the reason may be. And therefore my
8 colleagues, I urge you to do the right thing once again
9 by allowing our attorney for this board to look into
10 these matters and do not change the format. It would be a
11 disservice to the community. But more importantly, we
12 must exercise our fiduciary responsibility by doing the
13 right thing and changing the format at this time is not
14 the right thing.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Burton.
16 We've heard the pros and cons. The roll call vote will
17 take place.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I call for a legal opinion.

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The roll call will take place at
21 this time. It's on call for the question.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I call for a legal opinion with
23 the city of Detroit's law department.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.

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1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No, under protest because that
2 normally does not address these times. It's just
3 specifically on the way our agenda is. We've already set
4 up a precedent on this.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 2.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I call for a legal opinion...

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman with the City of
9 Detroit's law department.

10 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Point of order. I've been
11 called on to-

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2. Thank you.
13 Commissioner Burton, this
14 is my first warning. We are not going to tolerate you
15 bursting out. You do not have the floor. I gave you the
16 floor and now we're moving on to roll call and we have
17 roll call for Commissioner Griffie.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman. I did call for...

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, this is my second warning.
20 Please.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman I did call for a
22 legal opinion with the city of Detroit's law department.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton you do not
24 have the floor. Thank you. Second warning.

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1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, you are not going
2 to bully your...

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: This is your third warning, sir.

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Bully your stuff in this
5 meeting. I did call for a legal opinion.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Griffie.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And we should not be voting on
8 this matter today.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Griffie.

10 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: My vote is yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District three.

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm sorry. Mr. Bell, could you
13 please ask Ms.

14 Melanie to submit the motion again. There was so much
15 confusion. What are we voting on?

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's a motion to approve the
17 agenda for today's meeting. The agenda for the meeting.

18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you. I say yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner. District
20 four. Bell, yes. District five.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: For District 5, I'm voting no
22 on the agenda due to the fact that...

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you. District
24 six.

25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes, sir.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chairman Bell, you really are
2 out of order here.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, this is about
4 my fourth warning to you and there are consequences if
5 you continue to talk and you do not have the floor, sir.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chairman Bell, I did call for a
7 legal opinion.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It seems like the only true
10 leadership we have on the board is Commissioner Darryl
11 Brown and Bill Davis.

12 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair. The court reporter
15 along with myself, we are attempting to take the minutes.
16 We are attempting to capture all of the votes. If there
17 could only be one speaker at a time when the Chairperson
18 recognizes the commissioner. Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District seven.

20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. No, because it violates
21 the bylaws.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Hernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Martin
2 Jones.

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I want to raise
4 we just got this. We haven't had this information for 48
5 hours.

6 COMMISSIONER JONES: Commissioner Martin Jones votes
7 yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We have not had this
10 information for 48 hours. This is illegal. This is
11 corruption, Mr. Chair.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Vice-Chair?

13 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Vice-Chair Holt, yes.

14 MS. WHITE: The motion passed.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Just as I was getting
16 to Holt we got interrupted.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chairman Bell, you are corrupt.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton--

19 COMMISSIONER JONES: Point of order. It violates our
20 rules of decorum to turn around and say that about the
21 Chair. I would suggest that someone that's speaking and
22 such speaking out of term that doesn't have the floor,
23 please respect the rules of decorum of the meeting. We
24 are in a public situation and we should be respectful to
25 the Chair.

1 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Point of order. You didn't have
3 the floor either, sir.

4 COMMISSIONER JONES: I'm sorry. Through the Chair. I
5 did say point of order.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Jones.
7 Thank you. The next item would be approval...

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you Commissioner Brown
9 and Commissioner Davis for being on the right side of
10 history.

11 MS. WHITE: Excuse me, Mr. Chair. I did not hear the
12 next item.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton...

14 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

16 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I'd like to--

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. You didn't have
18 permission from the Chair. Point of order.

19 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Unfortunately, I tried--

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. You didn't have
21 permission from the Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton. Ms. White,
23 would you mute Commissioner Burton? Because this is about
24 the fifth time he's interrupting this meeting and we are
25 not going to continue to go down that path and I think I

1 have the support of this. Commissioner Griffie, you have
2 the floor. I cannot hear you.

3 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Well, I think you've taken
4 care of it. I was going to ask for a roll call vote to
5 remove him from the meeting or to silence him from the
6 rest of the meeting. I mean, this is ridiculous. I can't
7 hear. I can't participate in the business. This is
8 complete chaos. So if we can have a motion to do that or
9 what but...

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: A motion can do that. This body
11 can take action of that nature for this meeting.

12 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So I move that we silence
13 Commissioner Burton for the remainder of the meeting.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Second.

15 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: That motion is out of order.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: They've been properly moved and
18 supported. They've been properly moved and supported.
19 Roll call vote. District one.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No, the motion is out of order
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District two.

23 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District three.

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1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm not going to vote for that,
2 no.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You're saying?

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. No, I heard you. I got
6 you. Commissioner Bell. Yes. Commissioner Burton. I see.
7 He's the object of the vote. District six. District six.
8 District seven.

9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Did I hear district six?

11 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Nope.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At large, Hernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Abstained.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Abstaining. Commissioner Holley.

15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.

19 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.

20 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, excuse me. For the record
21 Commissioner Burton, you do have the capabilities of
22 enabling your microphone and disabling your microphone.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You didn't have permission to
24 mute me disenfranchising 100,000 people that live in the
25 fifth district. This is shutting down my free speech. So

1 I feel like my freedom of speech is being violated
2 constantly at this board.

3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair. If I might
4 vote. This is Commissioner Carter, district six. I vote
5 that we do turn off the microphone. Thank you. Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Vote yes. Ms. White?

7 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. The motion passed.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I would just like to know what
12 the tally on the votes was. Because I did Commissioner
13 Burton get to vote on this motion?

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We asked him to vote, he started
15 speaking for some reason. He did not vote.

16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So we didn't allow him.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: What's the tally on the vote Ms.
18 White?

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: They just muted my microphone
20 again. For our listening audience, they just muted my
21 microphone again. I voted, no.

22 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, first honorable board,
23 Commissioner Burton has the ability to enable and disable
24 his microphone. He had the option to make his vote at

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1 that time. The vote tally is as follows. There were five,
2 yes votes and four, no votes.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Motion carried.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair. Before we do
5 that let me just make a point that you allowed
6 Commissioner Carter to come back in and vote after she
7 was passed over and then we never put the question to
8 Commissioner Burton to vote. We just went on and was
9 talking with him. Then he came back afterward and voted.
10 So I believe that the vote should be counted.

11 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Point of order. Information.
12 That was not true. When we called on district six, there
13 was a time--

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. You didn't have
15 permission from the Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move on. The next
17 item would be approval of minutes for October the 8th and
18 October the 15th.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move that we approve both sets of
20 minutes, October the 8th and October the 15th.

21 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
23 supported. District one.

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion?

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1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Are we going to have a
2 discussion?

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. Discussion.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair. These
5 minutes, again, this information was not given to us in
6 the allotted time to go over the information, to read
7 through it in the 48 hours which is prescribed in our
8 bylaws, and to vote on this as well as the agenda and
9 items on it is a direct conflict and violation of our
10 bylaws. So this is what we're dealing with right now is
11 that where we want to follow decorum, we want to have
12 decorum, we want to follow rules, but when it comes to
13 certain people, the rules are not being followed and
14 they're being badgered. This is the thing that's on here.
15 And those of you commissioners that have not read the
16 bylaws, you need to read them because this information is
17 in there. And I'm saying that I'm in protest to this
18 because we did not get this information in a timely
19 manner.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other discussion?

21 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the Chair.

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair, I asked for
23 discussion too.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. Commissioner Brown and
25 then Commissioner Griffie.

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Oh, is he going to bypass the
2 first guy?

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: That's the other light-skinned
4 guy.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Davis, I believe,
6 Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. I've just heard from
8 Commissioner Davis, didn't I?

9 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: That was Commissioner Brown.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. Now I'm calling for
11 Commissioner Davis. That's what I said. COMMISSIONER

12 DAVIS: Okay. Well, I would like to emphasize the fact
13 that we did not get the information in a timely manner as
14 outlined in our bylaws. We have not had the opportune
15 time to thoroughly read and digest it.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, I did ask to speak,
18 but I was overlooked.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.

20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm trying to understand you all
21 because if I was not present at the last meeting, how can
22 I approve it or disapprove it? So when you come to a
23 vote, I will not vote on it, that's all.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch, Robert's
25 Rules of Order say, even though you were not present, you

1 can read the minutes and you can vote if you care to.
2 That doesn't mean you have to be present. You are a part
3 of a board you can read the minutes and you can vote, but
4 you have the opportunity to vote yay or nay or abstaining
5 so, but that's basically what Robert's Rule of Orders
6 stipulate you don't have to be present for that meeting,
7 but you can read the minutes and vote. So, I assume the
8 discussions are over with. Roll call, Commissioner Brown.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No, under protest.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District two.

11 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District three.

13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District four, yes. District
15 five. He's mute, okay. District six.

16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District seven.

18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No, under protest.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holly.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.

1 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White?

3 MS. WHITE: The motion passed.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Could you give us the number of
5 votes, please?

6 MS. WHITE: Seven, yes votes. Three, no votes.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And one abstention or no vote?

8 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Burton, was he
9 allowed, or did he?

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No, he was not allowed to vote.
11 He's not participating.

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So this is a point of order for
13 the record, Mr. Chairman. What you're doing is out of
14 order. You can't not allow him to vote. You have to allow
15 him to vote. He is a commissioner representing the people
16 in his area. So what he's saying is correct, we don't
17 have the authority to block him.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We have the authority to. If a
19 Commissioner is or anybody is really disruptive there's
20 an action you can take as a body which we took but I will
21 allow Commissioner Burton to vote. Could you unmute him,
22 please?

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I wanted to say...

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Do you have a vote, sir?

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1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: This is disenfranchising a
2 hundred thousand people that live in the fifth district.
3 Chairman Bell, I call for your resignation. You are cor--

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White? Thank you. We move on
5 to my report. Ms. White, I want to have you post which we
6 receive in our package, the rules, and requirements made
7 at the board meetings that you shared with the board, and
8 what you shared with the public.

9 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, do you
10 want the introduction of staff and...

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. With all this dialogue
12 going on, I'm going to pause, hold that screen. Let's do
13 the introduction. I apologize Deputy Chief Bliss. I'm
14 sorry, sir. I got you. I got you. Go ahead.

15 MS. WHITE: For the record, through the Chair.
16 The department of innovation and technology is monitoring
17 and recording today's board meeting. Our court reporter
18 today is Mr. Don Handyside. The following board staff
19 members are in attendance today. Mr. Robert Brown,
20 administration. Ms. Teresa Blossom, community relations
21 coordinator. Ms. Jonya Underwood, administrative
22 assistant. Ms. Tiffany Stewart, investigator. Lieutenant
23 James Coles, representing police HR division and police
24 recruitment. Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar.
25 Supervising Investigator Ainsley Cromwell. Supervising

1 Investigator Lisonya Sloan, and Senior Investigator
2 Rosalia Madrigal and that concludes the board member's
3 staff in attendance today. I would also mention as far as
4 special VIP guests and elected
5 Officials, we have noticed that Vice President Ron Thomas
6 representing the Detroit
7 Police Officers Association is also present on the line
8 today, sir.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

10 MS. WHITE: And Deputy Chief Bliss, did you want DPD?

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

12 DC BLISS: Good afternoon. Deputy Chief Mark Bliss
13 sitting in on behalf of Chief Craig. Ms. White, I've got
14 a list of some people from the department that are
15 present. I'm going to go through it. If I miss anyone,
16 can you please add it?

17 MS. WHITE: Yes.

18 DC BLISS: Director Graveline from professional
19 standards, Commander Kyra Holt from Chief Neighborhood
20 Liaison, Commander Michael McGinnis from Professional
21 Standards Bureau, Captain Aricc Tosqui from Crime Intel,
22 Captain Tonya Leonard-Gilbert from our new Office of
23 Internal and External Relations, Captain Michael Parish
24 management services section, Director Trisha Stein from
25 administrative operations, Lieutenant Richard Firsdon

1 from civil rights division and as you've already
2 indicated, DPOA Vice President Ron Thomas.

3 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. I do see Deputy Chief Grant Ha
4 and Sergeant Darchell Brown are also present on the line
5 today.

6 DC BLISS: Thank you, ma'am.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you Deputy Chief and all
8 those participating, especially for DPOA Vice President
9 Ron Thomas. I think this is his first opportunity to join
10 a Zoom meeting and I want to welcome him and all the
11 others who might be in attendance. We're going to move on
12 at this time. I'm going to just briefly share these two
13 items then we're going to post rules and decorum. I just
14 want to say this is domestic violence day and I'm wearing
15 purple in honor of that, and Vice-Chair Holt is wearing
16 purple and as you know, we're dealing with domestic
17 violence for this month and also for cancer issues in our
18 community.

19 So the Chief or I attended or we all attended a
20 forum on Saturday, this past Saturday with the St. John's
21 Hospital and in part with Commander Eric Ewing and about
22 a hundred people in attendance. It was just outstanding.
23 I know that we appreciate that type of involvement. And
24 yesterday Vice-Chair Holt and I attended the 8th
25 precinct's Office of Internal and External Relations and

1 you've got an article on that. I'm not going to
2 elaborate. DC Bliss is probably going to elaborate on
3 that. Very crucial. We are very supportive. I think it's
4 very meaningful and we got good coverage. And the thing
5 is we have the opportunity to work with them. Now, I'm
6 going to move on to the Rules and Decorum Debate at the
7 Board Meetings.

8 We talk about NACOLE, the National Association of
9 Oversight of a hundred organizations, I'm one of 11 to
10 serve on a board. This is a document that each year board
11 members have to sign off on this article. In other words,
12 you cannot continue as a board member until you sign off
13 on this document. We have to submit it to the Chair and
14 to the board before we have the first meeting. I signed
15 off on it, but I just want to share this with our meeting
16 in terms of we're not signing off on it, but I think it's
17 something that we all should be aware of how we conduct
18 ourselves, because as you can see we have a whole lot of
19 people depending on us to render oversight and for taking
20 part in these meetings.

21 These meetings are not just locally, not just
22 statewide, this is a national form. AC White before he
23 left indicated his aunt watched this meeting from Florida
24 or Arizona. I don't remember what state, but she had the
25 opportunity to watch these meetings so we have to be more

1 civil. That's why we have the invocation by a chaplain.
2 That's why we have ongoing dialogue and Robert's Rules of
3 Order give you the consequences in terms of outs and we
4 have to perhaps take those steps. Unfortunately, we took
5 those steps today and I'm proud of this board because we
6 cannot continue down this path, a person just ignoring
7 the rules and regulations, but hollers about Robert's
8 Rules of Order but this is a format, it's about a
9 fellowship, it's about unity. That's why we have the
10 prayer and that's why we go through it. I'm not going to
11 go through it. I just wanted to show the public and the
12 department that we do have a process of conduct and I
13 just hope that we can arise to a state of order more so
14 in the future, but we cannot allow one person to totally
15 disrupt any meeting. That should not be the case.

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Point of information, sir.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Do you recognize me, sir?

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Is this on the agenda? I don't
21 see it on the agenda.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's under Chairman Bell's report.
23 We finished it. I just wanted to share that it's under my
24 report. Thank you. It's very crucial, very important that
25 we share it with you. And we want to make sure that the

1 public is aware that we are concerned. Thank you, Ms.
2 White. We move on aide position and deputy position.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move that we approve the
6 positions of deputy secretary to the board and Deputy
7 Chief investigator to aid within the board's
8 organizational structure and to appoint an interim
9 secretary to the board, Melanie
10 White, an interim chief investigator Lawrence Akbar to
11 the respective deputy
12 positions.

13 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Been properly moved and supported.
15 Discussion.

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Discussion.

18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Holley, Discussion.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I think someone else came
21 before me, but I'll go if you want me to.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh, yes, sir. Go ahead and I'll
23 come back to Davis. I know you were trying to stay with
24 us.

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1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2 My concern is Mr. Chairman, I'd like to follow your
3 leadership. My concern is that the purpose of the reason
4 why I have not read the memo if you don't mind the
5 purpose if you take it in a nutshell. Number two, my
6 concern is that the city's law department, I'd like to
7 see, have we got an opinion from them that this is an
8 order? Those are the two things I'm concerned about.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We primarily worked with the HR
10 department of the city of Detroit, Ms. White can
11 elaborate on that. It was a long, drawn-out process to
12 establish this process, and this is just a first step. If
13 we approve the next step would be going before the
14 council to get their approval for this change. So, yes.
15 Ms. White, could you elaborate a little bit more on the
16 details?

17 MS. WHITE: Yes. Excuse me, through the Chair,
18 honorable board. The package material that you received
19 has all of the details involved and chief legal counsel
20 of special projects Megan Moslimani is on the line from
21 the city's law department and can speak to the legal
22 effect of the motion that was just presented. The city's
23 HR department was also consulted regarding the two
24 proposed positions which are in line with other city
25 units and other agencies across the city of Detroit. And

1 so, again, all of that information is included in the
2 packet that was distributed to them honorable board over
3 the past month or so.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman, may I hear the
5 opinion of the law department if they are there. Is that
6 appropriate?

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yeah, we'll bring her up. Can you
8 bring her in slightly while we're going to hear from
9 Davis? Commissioner Davis.

10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I have a strong objection
11 to this because looking at the memo that it was dated
12 October six and we just received it yesterday, it would
13 give the appearance that perhaps the board leadership is
14 slipping back into a state that they got sued for not so
15 long ago that said that they would not be making a
16 decision without the input from the board. The whole
17 board should have been involved in developing what we
18 want to do and how are we going to do it as it relates to
19 potential deputy positions, especially so much that we
20 have so many vacancies now. It seems like this is
21 irresponsible and possibly violating your agreement that
22 you got sued for.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

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1 MS. WHITE: Excuse me through the Chair. We're
2 waiting for chief legal counsel, Megan Moslimani to
3 unmute her microphone.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Through the Chair are we
5 going to be moving forward with...?

6 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: Melanie I'm un-muted I'm just
7 waiting to be recognized to speak.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am, go ahead.

9 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: Good afternoon board. Thank you.
10 I had an opportunity to discuss requested positions with
11 Ms. White and I had an opportunity to speak to
12 corporation counsel Lawrence Garcia. And it is the law
13 department's opinion that while we can advise on what the
14 charter says that this honorable board is allowed to do
15 we're not to advise on human resource decisions or
16 staffing decisions. There are a process and protocol set
17 in place for this board to hire people, which is
18 evidenced in the city of Detroit charter under Section 7,
19 Section 804, labeled staff. Number three, the board may
20 hire in accordance with article six, chapter four, such
21 additional staff as is necessary to carry out its duties.
22 All members of the staff are under the direction of the
23 board and the Chief of Police has no authority over any
24 member of the staff.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. That's...

1 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: I'm available for any other
2 questions. I'm sorry.

3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Through the Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Could you just pause Commissioner
5 Davis? That's why we had this process through HR. This
6 has been over a year of having, just looking at staff in
7 terms of what's necessary and also give an opportunity
8 for long-term employees that have demonstrated their
9 ability to function in that capacity. Therefore when we
10 have a void, which this board has had a void over the
11 years, and we have to scramble around to see who could
12 fill that void and that void could last for quite some
13 time, in some instances, two or three years before we
14 could fill a position. So this would be our- Are we
15 prepared to vote?

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The attorney said we could ask a
18 question.

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman...

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Another question. Another
21 question, Davis.

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I have a couple of them.

23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have a question when I'm able
24 to speak.

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1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair Bell. I think, Chair Bell, it
2 is Commissioner Brown's turn to speak because I believe
3 Commissioner Davis had an opportunity so I think it's
4 Commissioner Brown.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, that is correct.
6 Commissioner Brown.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you. Vice-Chair Holt, just
8 to the board attorney what you just stated, it shows that
9 the legal department is not in agreement with this and
10 they just advised him on what the charter says and if
11 that's true through the HR, then this position, should
12 require these positions to be competitive and they should
13 be posted like all positions that you have that are not
14 at the appointment level. and there's nothing in our
15 bylaws or anything like that, that we have not discussed
16 as a board, which now again, says that some of you have
17 gotten together, which is in violation of the open
18 meetings act again. So the thing that troubles me is that
19 we have not gotten together as a board collectively in a
20 closed session to discuss these things. And then why are
21 these people putting in these positions when you're
22 creating an HR position that is not a part of our script,
23 and it's outside the rules of, the HR directive is that
24 these positions are supposed to be posted and be
25 competitive that we must hold these interviews and allow

1 other people to apply for these jobs. Secondly, again,
2 I'm going to say it again, again, and again. We did not
3 get the information with the job descriptions, with any
4 of this information till today, it's violating our bylaws
5 and for us to move forward on this is irresponsible and
6 we are disenfranchising the citizens of
7 the city of Detroit for an opportunity to competitively
8 compete for a job to work for
9 this board.

10 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Vice-Chair Holt.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. I beg to differ. We did
13 receive this information two meetings ago. So it was at
14 our disposal had we read it prior to coming to the
15 meeting, the meeting at which it was not discussed.
16 Another issue and I respect the fact that Commissioner
17 Brown and Commissioner Davis believe that the entire
18 board should have been in on this discussion that seems
19 to have been put into the hands of HR. At one time, I
20 believe, that was before my time, we had a committee of
21 the board that would have managed this kind of process.
22 And do I understand we no longer have that committee?

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: We do not.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We do not. Can we have the roll
25 call vote?

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So I still don't get a question
2 again?

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Another question, sir.

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. For the attorney, if this
5 is the action that they're doing, that the leadership is
6 doing by contacting HR by acting in the process of
7 creating this position and the board leadership has
8 previously been sued for not bringing stuff to us, isn't
9 this also a possibility we're going to be sued again? The
10 attorney.

11 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: Through the Chair. Commissioner,
12 I don't understand your question. Are you asking if this
13 is a potential liability concern for the board?

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right because the leadership is
15 not supposed to make decisions. They're supposed to bring
16 stuff to the board for consideration and
17 this has not happened.

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19 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: I understand what you're saying and I
20 believe that that's what Chairperson Bell is trying to
21 do. I believe he's trying to bring it to the board and
22 take a vote on it, to determine if it is something you
23 all would like to move forward on or not. If a vote is
24 taken and the vote doesn't pass, I don't believe that you

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1 could move forward in creating these two positions.

2 Through the Chair, is that what your intention was today?

3 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair Bell?

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Exactly ma'am. Because the
5 leadership- Yes ma'am. Can you hear me?

6 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: I can hear you that that's what
7 I thought your intention was by bringing it to the board
8 today. Discussion can be had; a debate can be had on
9 whether or not the board would like to move forward on
10 this. The proper decorum under the Open Meetings Act
11 through the attorney general and through the board's
12 bylaws. The language is in there to create positions. As
13 I have already read onto the record. However, the board
14 can have a conversation, can have a debate, and then vote
15 on the topic. And if you choose, if the votes show that
16 you do not want to move forward on this then I don't
17 believe that you all will move forward. With regards to
18 specific litigation or the outcome of a lawsuit against
19 this board, I have to read that judge's opinion and I'd
20 be happy to review that and provide information on that
21 by the next meeting and I can just get information from
22 Ms. White and I will get that for you Commissioner.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Roll call vote. District
24 one.

25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District two.

2 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District three. District four.

4 Yes. District six.

5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm sorry.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.

7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm sorry. I had muted myself.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.

9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: And I wanted to say no with
10 discussion.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District six.

12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District seven.

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No, because of the violation.

15 Also, Commissioner Burton raised up a sign saying no
16 also.

17 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Point of order.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez.

19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.

21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Vice-Chair Holt.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.

25 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

2 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, there were seven, yes votes
3 and three, no votes. The motion passed.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

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6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair. Are we not
7 allowing Commissioner Burton to vote?

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, I'm going to
9 speak to legal about -- Commissioner Burton, yay or nay.
10 Would you unmute him for the vote only?

11 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: He had up a sign earlier. Through
12 the Chair.

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I voted no but Chairman Bell
14 you are disenfranchising a hundred thousand people that
15 I'm representing.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Are you voting yay or nay?

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I vote no. I'm voting no.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Ms. White, thank you,
19 duly noted.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair. Just one more
21 question. So that makes the numbers four to seven,
22 correct?

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White could you give that?

24 MS. WHITE: Yes. Yes, sir.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Could you repeat that, please?

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Don't these resolutions for new
2 positions and changes to staff and everything requires a
3 two-thirds vote?

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No, sir. Let's move on to the next
5 item which would be the draft of the standard operating
6 procedure.

7 MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair. That is the OCI
8 draft...

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, the OCI draft of the
10 standard operating procedures, SOP.

11 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the Chair.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

13 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I move that we accept the
14 recommendations
15 that have been presented before us on the standard
16 operating procedures for the office of the OCI.

17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
19 supported. Discussion.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Can you briefly, let the
23 community know what we're voting on? Take two minutes and
24 just let the community know all these ideas and DOU and
25 those things we don't...

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. The standard operating
2 procedure. Ms. White, would you elaborate?

3 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, honorable
4 board, and community. The OCI draft standard operating
5 procedures handbook is the handbook that serves as the
6 guidelines, policies, rules, and regulations for the
7 board's investigative unit to adhere to on a daily basis.
8 There is currently an SOP, a standard operating
9 procedures handbook in place, but we have revised that
10 standard operating procedures handbook to reflect,
11 emerging trends, emerging updates that are needed for the
12 staff adherence, and regarding the investigative
13 component. Also, Interim Chief Investigator Akbar is
14 available on the line.

15 He is the interim chief investigator of that
16 investigative unit and can add to this discussion, but
17 just very briefly, some of the revisions that we added
18 were provisions relating to the investigation of
19 misconduct investigations, updates to the OCI progressive
20 disciplinary action process, communication policy,
21 resolution of complaints, the appearance before
22 administrative or disciplinary hearings. And so all of
23 this information is contained in the draft that was
24 submitted. It's been submitted to the honorable board
25 throughout this year, just, as a way of having time to

1 review that lengthy document, which has some 60 pages.
2 And, again, all of the information is contained in the
3 report for your review.

4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Commissioner Holley,
6 did that give you an explanation?

7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes. Can Mr. Akbar, take 30
8 seconds and explain how this...

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. No problem. I will go
10 there. Commissioner Griffie then would you unmute Akbar
11 for the answer question. Commissioner Griffie.

12 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yeah, I just wanted to express
13 in the discussion my support for this motion. When I
14 arrived as Commissioner two years ago it was, thought
15 that we desperately needed to take a look at all of our
16 standard operating procedures, not just for the office of
17 the investigator, but also for other personnel matters. I
18 do think that the citizens will find that this will
19 protect us and make sure that we are following policy
20 than that. There have been a number of issues in the few
21 years that I've been here, where we've had some personnel
22 issues, that we needed to deal with. And unfortunately,
23 based on how are the old SEP or the current SOP was
24 written, there weren't really any provisions on how we
25 should deal with those. And so this provides us rules

1 which we can follow. And I think will remove any gray
2 that likely caused a lot of confusion in the last two
3 years.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Griffie, were you involved in
5 this?

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I reviewed it. I was not involved
7 in it.

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good, okay. I'm good.

9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner, just pause one
11 second. Just pause for one second, please. Commissioner
12 Holley, also, when you work for the board, they were all
13 appointees. Now they are unionized, so they have certain
14 collective bargain rights and I mirrored that in terms of
15 other agencies and also look at DPD how they work with
16 unions. So it isn't a different process as Commissioner
17 Griffie indicated. We have to have accountability. We
18 have to have rules and regulations. There has to be a
19 manual that has been an issue with personnel over the
20 years as you well know. So now I think we have a working
21 living document that addresses those concerns.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Oh, thank you. Thank you very
23 much.

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.

1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir. I was just like to
2 know the well-being of the recent fire at the OCI
3 headquarters. And if I'm speaking out of term, far as
4 it's still being under investigation, did they find out
5 if that fire was started intentionally or was it an
6 accident?

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No ma'am. We're still working...

8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Let me finish my sentence. I
9 asked was it an accident?

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Go ahead. I apologize.

11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Well, you won't let me get my
12 thoughts out. Was it an accident or was it intentional?
13 Is everybody okay at the OCI headquarters?

14 MR. AKBAR: Can I answer?

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Akbar, go ahead. Respond to
16 that first.

17 MR. AKBAR: Yes, ma'am. It was an electrical fire.
18 What happened, you know, a fountain that was, located in
19 our lobby was being worked on by a plumber and some water
20 got on one of the outlets and arc and small fire. No one
21 was hurt. the fire was put out by the plumber and the
22 fire department came up, took a look at our wiring, our
23 walls, and the facility, and everything is fine and okay.
24 When I was working Saturday, the next day, the
25 electrician and the plumber showed up at our facility and

1 made the appropriate, repairs. Moved the electrical
2 socket away from the fountain so that will never happen
3 again.

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yeah, that's what I wanted to
5 know Mr. Akbar. Thank you. That's all I was asking. I'm
6 glad everybody's safe.

7 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Call the question.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Roll call vote.
9 District one.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District two.

12 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District three.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District four. Yes. District- I'll
16 come back. District six.

17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District seven.

19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No. Violation.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Reverend Holley, Commissioner
23 Holley.

24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Vice-Chair Holt.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.

3 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Would you unmute Commissioner
5 Burton for the vote?

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm voting no. And if this
7 happens again, I will--

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Ms. White? You're
9 muted.

10 MS. WHITE: Excuse me. There were seven, yes votes
11 and four, no votes.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. The motion
13 passed. We move on. Thank you. We'll move on to Deputy
14 Chief Mark Bliss and thank you for your attendance and
15 thank you for being patient.

16 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. Good afternoon,
17 honorable board.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good afternoon.

19 DC BLISS: I'm going to begin. There were some
20 questions forwarded it to my office on different topics
21 that are basically outside of what we normally discuss
22 here at the board so I will address them at the end and I
23 ask for your patience because there's quite a lot, but
24 I'll make it brief. But let's start with the crime.
25 Currently, for part one violent crime, we're up

1 approximately 13%. Of note, our criminal homicides are up
2 20%. Our sexual assaults are down 28%. Aggravated
3 assaults, up 24%. Non-fatal shootings, 56% up, and our
4 robberies are down 19%, with, carjacking specifically
5 down 7%. For our property crime, for part one property
6 crime we're down 24%. Our burglaries are down 34%.
7 Larcenies down 23% and motor vehicle thefts down 16%. For
8 our overall part one crime, the department is down 12%. I
9 do want to note the outstanding work that our men and
10 women are doing. Last week, we serviced over 5,000 calls
11 for service, in the city.

12 Moving on to, critically injured officers. We have
13 two. Police officer Mark Robbins, he's currently assigned
14 to traffic enforcement. On January 23rd, he was
15 conducting a traffic stop and, he was rear-ended. He
16 sustained injuries. He's currently off disabled and, he's
17 scheduled to start physical therapy in the near future.
18 Another, Sergeant Michael Bailey assigned to the seventh
19 precinct. This happened on May 31st. He was assisting in
20 detaining a protester and he caused injury to his lower
21 extremities. He has undergone several surgeries and he's
22 currently at home recuperating.

23 COVID-19, currently, there are 26 members
24 quarantined or isolated in the department. Of those 26
25 it's broken down as seven of those 26 are civilians and

1 19 are sworn members. We currently have 12 members who
2 last tested positive, which brings the total of
3 department members to 388 who have tested positive, but
4 we have returned to full duty status, approximately 1,263
5 members. Protests, nothing of importance to note. They've
6 been relatively peaceful. The last major one we had, was
7 about 30 people at the fourth precinct but we didn't have
8 any issues with that. It was peaceful and it had broken
9 up peacefully. So, now on to the updates, I'm going to
10 start, with the annual report.

11 There was a question about the completion of our
12 2019 annual report. It is done. We're just reviewing it
13 for content grammar, and to make sure that, everything is
14 in its right place. It went back and forth a couple of
15 times. You should have it shortly because we're in the
16 final stages and I must say it looks very nice. The DPD
17 Reserve Unit presentation before the board, I spoke with
18 Commander Holt that presentation is complete and at the
19 board's prerogative, it can be scheduled for a future
20 meeting so that it is ready for you.

21 Updates on the no-knock warrant. That policy has
22 been completed. It has been reviewed by the Deputy Chief
23 of the Detective Bureau. It does have to go through a
24 couple of other reviews and approvals, but you should be
25 seeing that shortly. The use of force quarterly report. A

1 couple of weeks ago, there was a question in regards to,
2 the board wanted a quarterly report that is complete. It
3 is being forwarded right now for review and approval and
4 you should be receiving that shortly, but I do want to
5 note that, once that report was complete, we did speak
6 with Ms. White and she wanted to add, several other
7 things to that report. It will not be in this current
8 report, it will be in the next report. So please note
9 that if there are things that are missing, it will be
10 included in the next one.

11 For the drag racing, I can give you the year to date
12 stats for all the details for the drag racing. For
13 traffic stops, there were 1,355. Tickets issued 1,782.
14 Tows, 225 tows. Felony arrests, we had 114 felony
15 arrests. Misdemeanor arrest, we had 12 and then weapons
16 recovered, we recovered 79 weapons. And finally, I know
17 that at the beginning, we talked about, the Office of
18 Internal and External Relations. As you know, Captain
19 Tonya Leonard-Gilbert is on the line. I would like her to
20 kind of brief the board out on it because I don't think I
21 could do it justice. I think it's a great office. So if
22 you would please unmute her and let her say a couple of
23 words, I'd really appreciate it.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. By all means.

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1 CAPTAIN LEONARD-GILBERT: Good afternoon, honorable
2 board.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Afternoon.

4 CAPTAIN LEONARD-GILBERT: I am Captain Tonya Leonard-
5 Gilbert and I'm pleased to be with you today. Yes, the
6 chief just announced the establishment of our new unit,
7 the Office of Internal and External Relations. I'm very
8 excited about that. Our unit, on the internal side of the
9 house, will cover, what we've already had in place,
10 historically. Our core committee, which is the committee
11 on race and equality, our peer support team, as well as
12 our DPD fit team. On our external side of the house will
13 be what is newly being established as the external
14 relations and that will cover our procedural justice and
15 police legitimacy and through community engagement.

16 This was historically born in the fifth precinct
17 under the leadership of Commander Ewing. And it was so,
18 well-received and, the participation that the chief
19 decided to take it city-wide. So now we will be expanding
20 that city-wide and that will be available in every
21 precinct within the city of Detroit. So very excited,
22 very excited about the partnerships, and the expansion
23 and looking forward to working with everyone. Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

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1 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. Thank you, Captain
2 Leonard-Gilbert. I have, two other things to discuss.
3 One, there was a question in regard to the department
4 schedule for sending regular disciplinary records, that
5 reflects the outcome of OCI. As of October 1st, I believe
6 that there was one sent to OCI so, if you don't have it,
7 we can resend it but I know that there was one that was
8 sent, with an update on our disciplinary administration
9 so, please let me know if you'd like that recent. And
10 then finally I'll open it up in regard to the status of
11 the major violator's investigation. I know that there are
12 other, investigations coming out of professional
13 standards that you may have questions on. So I do have
14 Director Graveline who's available and he can address all
15 of those.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you for the report very
19 much. Mr. Chairman on the no-knock, will they be
20 approving that before it gets to us? Will we have a draft
21 of that before it's approved? I was under the impression
22 that what's the point of having a policy if we're not
23 going to do it?

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, Director Graveline, I see,
25 is he unmuted?

1 MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair. Director
2 Graveline, we are preparing to unmute his microphone.
3 Also, Deputy Chief Ha is also on the line to speak to the
4 status of the no-knock warrant policy on the department
5 side and its transmission to the board.

6 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

8 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. I believe also Ms. White, you
9 and, Commissioner Griffie and I were looking at some
10 items, in anticipation of, the policy that the DPD was
11 going to draw up. Did we have an opportunity to bid in on
12 that policy?

13 MS. WHITE: Yes, ma'am. Through the Chair. We have
14 completed a preliminary review for the honorable board's
15 consideration, but again, we are waiting on the
16 department's proposed updated draft of that policy and
17 then we will include those revisions and recommendations
18 if they are not already covered in the updated draft that
19 they transmit. Again, Deputy Chief Ha, through the Chair,
20 he is also on the line.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Go ahead, ma'am.

22 MS. WHITE: DC Ha?

23 DC HA: Good afternoon, Chairman Bell.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

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1 DC HA: Through the Chair. In regards to the no-knock
2 warrant, the department policy 202.3-6 is consistent with
3 state statute. However, we are making it stricter in the
4 sense that if there is a circumstance in which the no-
5 knock needs to occur that it requires the permission of
6 the chief or his designee. We set that out in a teletype.
7 And then in regards to changes in the directives and the
8 policies, it's making its way up to you. We talked about
9 it this morning and we talked about the changes and the
10 attachments so it is making its way up to you.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

12 DC HA: Thank you, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.

15 COMMISSIONER JONES: Do we have any data or
16 information on how many no-knock warrants we've had
17 issued year to date?

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'll let the department respond.
19 DC Bliss.

20 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. I don't presently have
21 that information, but I can get that for you
22 Commissioner.

23 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you, sir.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think in the past couple of
25 weeks ago, they said, no, we haven't had-

1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Right.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: They said a couple of weeks ago
3 they reported out, no, you know, that was the report that
4 we requested at that time. So I don't think anything's
5 changed, but that what the report out a couple of weeks
6 ago. We can
7 review our minutes and see what time period they reported
8 out on that. Thank you.

9 MS. WHITE: That is correct. Through the Chair.

10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, Commissioner Burch.

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir. Thank you. To
13 commander is it, Deputy Chief Bliss and to the others, I
14 want to thank you on behalf of the third district, but
15 please, sir, don't relax. I'm talking to you regarding
16 the doughnut and the speeding. It has decreased and
17 that's a good thing, but I've asked this question before
18 AC Bliss and I would like for you to get an answer back
19 for me. If you can, tell me today. At one time we had a
20 digital sign that said 35 miles an hour. That it was a
21 rotating sign that the police could move in different
22 hotspots of the speeding that was working very well,
23 could you find out if there's going to be repeated in the
24 neighborhood where we can still encourage the motorists

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1 to stop going over the speed limit? If you can't answer
2 me now, please, sir, could you bring that answer back?

3 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. Yes, we do have those.
4 If you're speaking of the trailers, which records your
5 speed and it gives you the posted speed limit, yes, we do
6 have those. Each commander or captain can notify our
7 fleet management that, actually has those and we can have
8 them deployed to the precinct or to the area. I encourage
9 you to talk with your neighborhood NPO, and also your
10 captain and commander and coordinate that. But yes, they
11 are available.

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Now let me clear this.

13 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the Chair.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I wasn't finished. Thank you.
15 I'm sorry, Ms. Griffie. I wanted to follow up sir, about
16 that at one time we had that device in our area and I
17 think it helped by the motorists not realizing they may
18 be recorded, so they're not being, but they don't have to
19 know that, do you see what I'm saying? So I felt that was
20 a deterrent of these speeders, ridiculous, reckless
21 speeders. So I will go back to my Commander in the 11th
22 precinct. Thank you, sir. I'm finished.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Griffie.

24 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I just wanted to give some
25 positive accolades to Captain Tucker from the 12th

1 precinct. We had an incident in the neighborhood where
2 someone was assaulted. A woman who lives in the
3 neighborhood was jogging and was assaulted. And as you
4 can imagine, a lot of the women in the neighborhood, in
5 particular, were very shaken up. People were spending a
6 lot of time outdoors given the predicament. I reached out
7 to Captain Tucker to make sure that he knew about what
8 was going on-

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thanks you. Did we lose her?

10 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Griffie is still on the
11 line. Through the Chair.

12 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Oh, sorry. Were you not able
13 to hear me?

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. We're hearing you
15 now.

16 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Oh, my apologies. I just
17 wanted to give something positive accolades to Captain
18 Tucker in the 12th precinct. There was an incident where
19 we had a neighbor who was assaulted while she was
20 running. And a lot of women in the neighborhood were,
21 very nervous about spending more time outdoors. And I
22 reached out to this, all the priests, in addition to the
23 police report that was filed and he made sure we had
24 extra patrols, and they ended up catching the suspect. So

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1 I just wanted to give some positive news about the police
2 work that was done in the neighborhood.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

4 DC BLISS: Through the Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

6 DC BLISS: Thank you and I will make sure that I pass
7 it on to Captain Tucker.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Talking to me?

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.

13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: DC I have a couple of questions.
14 Do you have any information about three black men that
15 they say was violently assaulted by police while
16 attending a birthday party on September 26? One of our
17 guys involved in it that was I guess, detained, the last
18 name is Bell.

19 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. I do not have any, but
20 I know the Director of Graveline is here so if there is
21 an investigation or if there has been a complaint, I
22 think he can begin to address it.

23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. And also, do you all
24 normally send people out to somebody's house about a
25 Facebook posting? I understand some officers came to a

1 gentleman's house about, something on Facebook that was
2 posted, that Facebook didn't say was a threat of violence
3 but the Detroit police did recently?

4 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. It's going to actually
5 depend upon what the posting is, what it says because
6 there are certain things that regardless of Facebook
7 allows it, that you shouldn't say. If you make outward
8 threats you may get a visit from us. If you make other
9 types of threats, you may get a visit from the United
10 States Secret Service or the FBI. So it can happen but
11 each incident is taken, on its own merit on what the next
12 steps are going to be.

13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So is that normally if somebody
14 says something about the chief or the mayor?

15 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. So there's no normal,
16 it's just each incident taking on and it depends on what
17 it is in regards to the investigation and actually who
18 investigates it. It could be a federal investigation. It
19 could be a federal nexus that involves Detroit police. It
20 could be a number of things.

21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Did the Director say he
22 might have information about the three guys?

23 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Through the Chair. Commissioner
24 Davis, I'm not sure in terms of the name of Bell, but I
25 am aware of allegations of force used against three

1 individuals on the night of September 26 that was in the
2 fourth precinct. I believe we gave a brief out on that a
3 few weeks ago. And what a review of body-worn cameras
4 showed was officers making an arrest for carrying a
5 concealed weapon. This was, at a party that was out on
6 the street, people were drinking. Two individuals
7 continued to come up closer and closer to the officers
8 during the arrest for the CCW, they were instructed
9 multiple times to step back. One of those individuals
10 continually kept reaching into the cargo pocket of his,
11 left side.

12 He was asked repeatedly to keep his hands out of his
13 pocket. And eventually, he came up very close to the
14 officers at which time, they decided to arrest him for
15 impeding the arrest and disorderly conduct that began a
16 tussle on the ground, with that individual and another
17 individual began to, videotape that with a camera and got
18 very close to the officers while they were making that
19 arrest. He was also arrested as well. I believe that's
20 the situation that, is addressing your question but I
21 just don't know that any of the individuals were named
22 Mr. Bell.

23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay, well, because there are a
24 lot of postings
25 about it saying that...

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Davis, why don't we send
2 information to the Director and we can follow up. We want
3 to move on. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Of course you do.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Thank you. Any other
6 questions? Who hasn't had an opportunity to speak? Thank
7 you, Deputy Chief Bliss and Mr. Ha, and Mr. Graveline.
8 Thank you for reporting out. The next item would be
9 unfinished business that has been carried over.

10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, yes. Commissioner. Mr.
11 Bell.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.

13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. Unfinished business is that
14 last week and I apologize for not being on, but we didn't
15 have a meeting anyways, but I wanted to share a kudos to
16 Sergeant Mohammed and Sergeant Austin of narcotics. They
17 are excellent, excellent responders. And we just want to
18 over the air say thank you because we text them and say
19 that, but the public should know the services of these
20 two sergeants that are in narcotics. DC Bliss, I want you
21 to take that back to the chief of how they always respond
22 to our phone calls or texts. And I believe that's why
23 some of the doughnutting and the speeding in our area
24 have decreased. So I wanted to personally shout it out
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1 that we thank that so much for their service. Could you
2 take that back to the Chief, sir?

3 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. Yes, absolutely. I'll
4 also let Commander Pritchett and also Captain, Connor
5 know what a great job the major violators are doing in
6 organized crime.

7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Right. And that's also Commander
8 Holt. That's the new job that she's done which is what DC
9 Bettison used to do. So kudos to her too. All working
10 together. Commander Strappy. And that's what we are about
11 in district three, working together not against one
12 another, but working together to solve these issues in
13 our great city. I thank you, Mr. Chair Bell.

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Unfinished business.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. On the unfinished business,
17 as I look at the minutes that we just received yesterday,
18 they indicated that on October 15th, the attorney
19 verified what I and other people said, and that we could
20 have continued with our meeting and that we could have
21 listened to the presentations and listened to public
22 comments. So we need to make sure this is straightened
23 out. So, in the event that the Chair has to leave, that
24 we can still continue to have, at the very least, even if
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1 the quorum's not present, still continue to listen to
2 presentations and public comments, sir.

3 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: Through the Chair, Chairperson.
4 Bell.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

6 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: Sorry to interrupt. I'd just
7 like a moment to clarify what my legal opinion was last
8 week. After the motion was not approved was that because
9 the motion was not approved, we could not move on the
10 motion to approve the agenda. Because that agenda was not
11 approved, we could not move forward with the meeting at
12 all. Now, if the agenda was approved for clarity and we
13 didn't have a problem approving the agenda for the day,
14 but we lost board quorum, then we could have moved
15 forward on a vote and taken and listened to
16 presentations, but made sure to take no action and no
17 votes. So I just want to be clear about what that advice
18 was last week, and make sure that everyone's on the same
19 page. That's all.

20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, madam attorney.

23 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: Thank you all for listening.
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1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I am clear with no agenda, there's
2 no meeting. So that was the bottom-line. It wasn't about
3 the quorum. So we're going to move on to new business.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Who's speaking?

6 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: That was Commissioner Brown.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I hear some disruption.
8 Commissioner Brown.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I'd like to have a legal opinion
10 on, what items require a two-thirds vote. And you don't
11 have to give that to me today. They can do some research
12 on it and look it up. I'd really appreciate it. And also,
13 I'd like to move for the motion on the floor that we,
14 contract with a parliamentarian to work just as our
15 stenographer does. So we have this person immediately
16 available to render these decisions on parliamentary
17 procedures.

18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm going to indicate to you as in
20 the past. I think we have to have a ruling in terms of
21 staff that we never had. So we will have to research both
22 items, in terms of your concern. So we'll research both
23 items in terms of your concerns. Any other new business?

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: There was a second on that
25 motion.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other new business?

2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, I do.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir. I would like to make
5 an announcement regarding the trick or treat. So the city
6 is encouraging people not to have Halloween outdoor or
7 parties because of what's going on, but I want the
8 citizens in district three and all over to know that
9 from, Mayor Duggan's office that he has purchased treats
10 to give out to kids to be distributed only from your
11 precinct and it's only drive-by and this way you know
12 that candy is safe. So I want my fellow Commissioners to
13 check your precinct to make sure that's one to happen,
14 that the mayor has provided all of the candy and where
15 can you pick it up. I wanted to give that to the fellow
16 Commissioners and to the public. Please do not give out
17 candy to kids anywhere. Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: For sure. Captain Parish or a
19 designee, Ms. White?

20 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair. Sergeant
21 Darchell Brown will be presenting out on the forfeiture
22 presentation and staff is in the process of enabling the
23 microphone.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: 10 minutes.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

1 SERGEANT BROWN: Can you hear me?

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Thank you.

3 SERGEANT BROWN: Can you hear me?

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

5 SERGEANT BROWN: Okay, good afternoon. I'm Sergeant
6 Brown. Today is my first time presenting before the board
7 so please bear with me.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

9 SERGEANT BROWN: Just let you know, we did receive
10 the questions from you and I made sure to cover every
11 question in my presentation. So if someone can
12 bring up the PowerPoint, please.

13 MS. WHITE: Yes, we are bringing that up now.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Wrong one.

15 MS. WHITE: We're bringing up the forfeiture
16 presentation.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

18 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: Ms. White, were you bringing the
19 law department's presentation up?

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think she had it posted, but she
21 took it down.

22 MS. WHITE: Not at this time. We're bringing the
23 forfeiture presentation, PowerPoint presentation up, and
24 Sergeant Brown, through the Chair, if you do have it
25 available, right at your disposal that will be great. If

1 not, honorable board, please bear with us momentarily, we
2 will have that up.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, if not, we'll move on to the
4 law department. Could you pull back the law department
5 up, please?

6 MS. WHITE: Okay. Yes, sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

8 MS. WHITE: Oh, okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I mean the corporation council
10 office. Thank you. And now we're seeing it, okay. Yes,
11 we're good now. Thank you. So your time will be starting
12 shortly.

13 SERGEANT BROWN: Okay. Can you hear me now?

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. You're on.

15 SERGEANT BROWN: Okay. So I'll proceed.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.

17 SERGEANT BROWN: Okay. Let's start with, go to the
18 second slide, please.

19 The method of forfeiture is recognized as a method of
20 combating illegal drug trafficking and curbing loot, and
21 other wanton behavior so it's not to be used as a form of
22 harassment but a deterrence. Going to the third slide is
23 just a slide to show where forfeiture falls in the
24 hierarchy of the department. First, again, I'm the
25 officer in charge of the forfeiture section and I'm under

1 Captain Parrish, who leads the management services. Then
2 above him would be the office of support operations, led
3 by Assistant Chief David E. LeValley and Deputy Chief
4 Mark Bliss and above them of course, the chief of police,
5 James E. Craig.

6 Going to the next slide, the role of the forfeiture
7 section. Our role is to receive and process all
8 forfeiture petitions. So we ensure all reports and forms
9 are included and are accurate. We serve as a liaison
10 between the Detroit Police Department and the Wayne
11 County Prosecutor's Office, or any other prosecuting
12 agency that may need our assistance. So we make sure
13 everything that they need they have, to move forward with
14 the case. We track the status of all forfeiture cases. We
15 maintain statistics as required by law and department
16 policy. So we complete state and department audits as
17 well. We serve as a final repository for all forfeiture
18 case files and provide information, guidance, and
19 training in matters pertaining to Civil Asset Forfeiture.

20 I am on slide five. What is a Civil Asset
21 Forfeiture? It's a legal process that involves a
22 divestiture without compensation of property that was
23 used in a manner contrary to local state or federal law.
24 So in other words, it's the legal taking of one's
25 property without compensation because they use that

1 property in an illegal manner. There are several types
2 of, civil asset forfeitures. We have the drug asset
3 forfeitures, which involves, narcotic cases. An example
4 would be taking, someone's vehicle because they use that
5 vehicle to transport illegal drugs. In other words, they
6 use that vehicle to facilitate crime. Another example
7 would be the nuisance abatement. An example would be the
8 offer to engage the case. In efforts to protect public
9 health, we would take someone's vehicle because they
10 tried to pick up a prostitute.

11 Next would be operating while impaired to a repeat
12 offender. So, someone who was, charged with that, or
13 convicted, I should say of that charge or enter in a
14 guilty plea before. Next, the drag racing forfeiture,
15 which I hear so many people speaking off today. It's when
16 we take a vehicle from someone who's drag racing that's
17 putting the public's safety at risk. We have the felony
18 identity theft and also the Omnibus forfeitures. Now, the
19 Omnibus forfeitures are special because we have a lot of
20 crimes that fall under that statute. Just to name a few,
21 it would be a home invasion, dogfighting, criminal sexual
22 conduct, larceny, and arson in the fourth degree. Again,
23 that's just to name a few. But regardless of what type of
24 a forfeiture action it is our main goal is deterrence.

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1 Next slide. The step by step process of forfeiting
2 property is the investigation comes first. So an officer
3 comes in contact with a subject on the street. And comes
4 to a determination after the investigation that the
5 property was used illegally. It was used illegally be it
6 the proceeds of a crime, the substituted proceeds of a
7 crime, or the instrument of the crime. Once that probable
8 cause is determined that property is seized and then the
9 property seizure and notice of intent to forfeit are
10 served to the person at the scene. Then that paperwork is
11 then submitted to the forfeiture office. And once we made
12 sure everything is in order, we will petition the Wayne
13 County Prosecutor's Office to bring the appropriate
14 action against the property. Again, the crime is against
15 the property and not the person.

16 If a person's property is no longer subject to
17 forfeiture, we're put on notice by the prosecutor's
18 office and we take prompt action to have their property
19 released according to DPD protocols. And under normal
20 circumstances is that usually takes place within a 14-day
21 period. Forfeited cast assets are deposited into the
22 department's forfeiture account and managed by the Office
23 of Departmental Financial Services. Tangible property is
24 auctioned off and the funds from the auction are
25 ultimately deposited in the DPDs forfeiture account as

1 well. Next slide, please. What are the forfeiture dollars
2 used for? Training equipment. Facilities supplies, it's
3 for any legitimate law enforcement purpose. Things that
4 it is prohibited use for is general government use for
5 personal gain or to replace, law enforcement budgeted
6 allowances.

7 Next slide, please. Is civil asset forfeiture
8 helpful or harmful to the residents of Detroit? Civil
9 Asset Forfeiture is a deterrence to criminals. It helps.
10 It helps to sway criminals from committing crimes, and
11 it's a disruption of the illegal enterprise. Civil Asset
12 Forfeiture is helpful by removing property used to
13 facilitate illegal conduct and placing a property back
14 into the legitimate stream of commerce. So for example,
15 take a vehicle that was used to transport illegal drugs,
16 that vehicle would be auctioned off and purchased by
17 someone who needs day-to-day transportation to get back
18 and forth to work, or that vehicle could go into our
19 fleet, to be an undercover vehicle to help combat crime.

20 Next slide, please. Last year we had some
21 significant events with the changes in forfeiture laws,
22 which prohibited, forfeiting someone's property unless
23 the owner was convicted of the crime or a plea of guilt
24 was put in. also, another major, event was the change in
25 the marijuana law, which, made it legal for someone to

1 possess no more than 2.5 ounces of marijuana in public or
2 10 ounces or 12 plants inside their home for personal
3 use. Next slide, please. So these laws have had a
4 significant effect on our forfeiture program. Just to
5 show you the stats. In fiscal year, 2018 or 2019, the
6 Detroit police department seized 1.6 million in currency,
7 seized 1059 vehicles. We filed 1,742 forfeiture
8 petitions, and that's just a breakdown. The F-cases and
9 DET-cases are just a breakdown of those 1,742 forfeiture
10 petitions.

11 The F-cases would be the drug cases and the DETs
12 would be like the nuisance abatement cases, or the
13 Omnibus cases, the drag racing cases. In fiscal year,
14 2019, 2020 we seized \$793,000 in currency. We seized 372
15 vehicles. Filed 658 forfeiture petitions. So as you can
16 see again, those laws have had a significant impact on
17 our program. We are down 53%. Hopefully, that answers all
18 of the questions that you submitted. I believe I hit
19 every point but if you have any other further questions,
20 let me know. And if there are any questions that I cannot
21 answer, we do have Captain Michael Parish on the line
22 with us as well.

23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Reverend Holley.

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1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yeah, you did a wonderful job
2 for the first time. I couldn't believe that.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Just a point of observation,
5 when you talked about prostitutes, I think we were
6 supposed to change that to street workers now. And so you
7 might want to change that word in there, prostitutes in
8 the report to street workers so we could be in compliance
9 with the new standard now.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. I will be sure to do
11 that.

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. Yes, ma'am. That was simply
15 wonderful what you did.

16 SERGEANT BROWN: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. What hit me was the
18 forfeiture law. Now, regarding the speeding, the
19 doughnut, I spoke with Chief Craig a while back to say,
20 can't you take the car? So he and I kind of joked about
21 it how he mentioned that on the freeway when they caught
22 a car and he asked me whoever the officer was told them,
23 we're going to take your car from you. So this forfeiture
24 thing that you're talking about, are you Sergeant Brown,
25 Ms. Brown, what is your title?

1 SERGEANT BROWN: I'm Sergeant Darchell Brown. I'm the
2 officer in charge of forfeiture.

3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Sergeant Brown.

4 SERGEANT BROWN: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. I just want to identify
6 who you are. You're doing a beautiful job, Sergeant
7 Brown.

8 SERGEANT BROWN: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Now with the forfeiture, does
10 that mean that if they catch a criminal doing a doughnut
11 or speeding they can forfeiture the car and you all take
12 it, you all can use that car for other means of making it
13 more vital as you said, to put it in auctions for people
14 that need a car, is that right so far?

15 SERGEANT BROWN: Yes. Well first let me, tell you
16 what the difference between a seizure and a forfeiture
17 is. A seizure is we're holding the property. It still has
18 to go through the Wayne County prosecutor's office and
19 they have to handle that legally through the Wayne County
20 Prosecutor's Office then it's determined if the vehicle
21 is actually forfeited to the department.

22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. I got that, Sergeant
23 Brown. Now, here's the other piece that I want to ask you
24 and we got to go fast because I know Commissioner Bell
25 wants to move on. This is what I want to ask you. All of

1 that money that you all collect, who makes the decision
2 what do you do with it? Because Sergeant Brown, I would
3 like to make one suggestion to take back to your team,
4 take some of that money and rehab some of these closed
5 buildings and make them into a trade center or trade
6 center to teach the young people about the law that's my
7 suggestion. Rehab some of these closed buildings. And you
8 can call me later and we can discuss Sergeant Brown, but
9 I'll put Mr. Bell so we can move on. Thank you. Beautiful
10 report.

11 SERGEANT BROWN: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other questions? Thank you,
13 Sergeant Brown. As Reverend Holley said, you did a great
14 job for your first time. See the Captain is nodding his
15 head. Outstanding report and hopefully you can respond to
16 Commissioner Burch, you know, the commissioner's inquiry.
17 But I want to know if we got street ladies, what would we
18 call the pimps now?

19 SERGEANT BROWN: I'm sorry, do we have pimps?

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I won't have you go there. Thank
21 you. Outstanding.

22 SERGEANT BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, lawsuits/settlement's -
24 risk management.

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1 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. We are pulling that PowerPoint
2 presentation. Through the Chair. And the Chief Legal
3 Counsel of Special Projects, Attorney Moslimani is
4 presenting out on that presentation.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

6 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: Melanie, are you able to pull it
7 back up? Do you need anything from me?

8 MS. WHITE: Yes. We're able to pull it back up. Thank
9 you.

10 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: You're welcome. Just let me know
11 when you guys are ready.

12 MS. WHITE: Yes, we are ready. Through the Chair.

13 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: Thank you. Good afternoon. So we
14 were asked to prepare a short presentation about, Detroit
15 Police Department lawsuits and risk management. And I
16 just want to start off by saying I was, informed that we
17 have hired a new risk management company that is still
18 doing their reports, gathering information and I think
19 that we will be able to bring back more information about
20 risk management, probably in about three months. It
21 didn't make sense to have a report drawn when they
22 haven't even had, a couple of months to get things
23 together.

24 So we thought it would be most beneficial to show
25 you guys how many, Detroit Police Department cases are

1 open by year. So as you can see, we showed the last five
2 years just to give you an idea of what we were looking at
3 and how to compare the numbers. And we've provided 2015,
4 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 to date. The next part
5 of the information that we thought might be of some
6 importance was payouts by year. And as you can see,
7 payouts have drastically gone down since 2017. 2019 was
8 kind of a beast in and of itself because the Aiyana
9 Stanley-Jones case was settled. If you all remember that
10 case. I think it's been about 10 years now.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Remember it well.

12 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: Yeah, the Aiyana Jones case was
13 an \$8.25 million payout. And as you can see, the majority
14 of the payout was that case so, payouts had decreased
15 that year. And for 2020, we're looking to close out with
16 a decrease as well. The next slide talks about the amount
17 paid in the calendar year 2020. And these are just like
18 different, situations where money was paid out. So in
19 this one, you can see, we did a bite. We pulled the
20 information from our city log which tracks lawsuits. And
21 as we can see here, the majority of payouts came from the
22 violation of constitutional rights. That's almost 1.5
23 million.

24 The remainder came from different situations where
25 like the vehicle was towed and it was damaged. Somebody

1 said that they were missing some property, city vehicle
2 into an accident with a non-city vehicle, and then breach
3 of contract. So just somebody not following through with
4 something that we had agreed upon.

5 And then lastly, the last slide just kind of shows
6 in a pie chart just by category for you to compare, which
7 ones had the biggest payouts. And I think it's important
8 to note that like, even though 96% of the amount paid in
9 2020 was for cases with a code violation of
10 constitutional rights, it only makes up 42% of the cases.
11 They just contain higher payouts. And that's all we have
12 on those slides for today. If the board requires we could
13 bring somebody from litigation if there are more specific
14 questions but this was just prepared to give you guys an
15 idea of what we're looking at and what payouts look like
16 for this year and how we're looking to end 2020.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner --

18 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yeah, I'd just like to ask a
21 question, and if we see that the bulk of the payouts were
22 for violations of human rights, do they have it
23 categorized as far as, what those violations of human
24 rights were because apparently if, if that's the largest
25 number, then that's one of those things that needs to be

1 addressed, more promptly. So Ms. Moslimani, if you could
2 give an idea about what those violations were, or do
3 those fall into different categories themselves?

4 ATTORNEY MOSLIMA: I can see if that information was
5 tracked based on which constitutional right was violated.
6 Like, are you saying, was it a violation of search and
7 seizure, or was it a violation of rights to an attorney
8 or something of that nature, like which violation was the
9 highest?

10 COMMISSIONER JONES: Well, actually, that's what I
11 was asking about. If it was broken into categories and
12 you did just apparently give a couple of those
13 categories.

14 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: I just named two of our
15 constitutional rights. I don't know if they're broken up
16 into categories, but just being a former prosecutor, I
17 know that those are sometimes more popular of where you
18 would see somebody complaining that their rights were
19 violated. So I can go back and ask, hey, have we gathered
20 information regarding which constitutional right may have
21 been violated or alleged to have been violated? And if
22 that information has been tracked, I'd be happy to share
23 it with you all.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones, I want to say
25 that question was right on point because we have a very

1 young department and we talked about constitutional
2 rights so I'm looking forward to that type of reporting
3 out. Thank you for that type of question. Do I hear
4 another Commissioner? Commissioner Davis.

5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. Attorney, do you also have
6 the information as it relates to like say for the past
7 five years of lawsuits settled related to the Board of
8 Police Commissioners?

9 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: So you're saying where the board
10 of police commissioners was the defendant specifically
11 for the city of Detroit?

12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah. Well, people brought
13 lawsuits against the board of police commissioners and
14 won.

15 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Ms. White? Through the Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Is the attorney- Okay.

18 ATTORNEY MOSLIMANI: Oh, I'm sorry. I think it was
19 still muted. I apologize, Commissioner. My question back
20 to your question was, in previous years, it's my
21 understanding that the board of police commissioners
22 always maintained their own attorney on staff that was
23 with you guys throughout the week, a 40-hour workweek.
24 When the board was sued or when different, litigation
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1 occurred, did that attorney handle that for the board or
2 was there--?

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No, ma'am. I'll just interrupt
4 this. There's one case settlement that you can probably
5 look up with corporate counsel that was settled by Robert
6 Brown and company. So just one case pending. So, our
7 attorney does not engage in the endeavors that are
8 handled by your office. Commissioner Holt.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Oh, no, I'm sorry. I was just about
10 to speak in regard to the attorney being muted so that we
11 can move on.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. We have an answer. Any other
13 questions? If not, thank you. Thank you. We'll move on to
14 the board secretary's report.

15 MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, honorable board,
16 just highlighting a few items that are listed on the
17 agenda as far as the incoming correspondence. There are
18 six items that were distributed in your weekly packet.
19 Some of those items contained documents from last week's
20 meeting packet, but just to highlight a few. Number two,
21 Senate bill 1108, discussing and allowing public bodies
22 to continue meeting remotely, dealing with the open
23 meetings act that information was transmitted to you. The
24 governor recently signed that bill into law, and again,
25 that does allow for the continuance of public bodies to

1 meet virtually and the details are included in your
2 packet. Additionally, item number four was discussed
3 earlier, the media release announcing the DPD Office of
4 Internal and External Relations Unit. The board also
5 received under number five, the letter from Chief of
6 Police, James E. Craig regarding the response concerning
7 the Brady/Giglio disclosure directive 102.10. And that
8 correspondence is also included in your weekly packet and
9 staff is reviewing that in connection with the
10 department's policy. And also you received various staff
11 reports that are also included in your weekly packet that
12 we are in the process of distributing the BOPC annual
13 report. We are still awaiting any feedback from the
14 honorable board regarding any additions or feedback, but
15 we have incorporated the revisions and recommendations
16 that we've received thus far and we will share an update
17 for a proposed distribution, and that concludes the
18 incoming correspondence for this week.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, deputy board secretary
20 White. Announcements. Our next meeting will be on
21 Thursday, which is October, what day, the 28th?

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: 29th.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: 29th, thank you. 29th and
24 thereafter will be on Thursday, November the 12th. The

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1 meeting is at 3:00 PM. As you well know, will continue on
2 Zoom. We move on to oral comments at this time.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I have two announcements that I
6 would like to make.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry, go ahead.

8 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. As Commissioner Burch
9 mentioned the city of Detroit desires to encourage no
10 door-to-door trick or treating. Now, as in our example,
11 the eighth precinct, on Halloween night, we will be
12 distributing, drive-up candy stations from 5:00 to 8:00
13 PM. And Commissioner Bell, I know you guys are off the
14 hook over there at the fifth precinct with Commander
15 Ewing. And I received this information from Clarendia
16 Webb, who is a phenomenal neighborhood person who keeps
17 me informed of everything that goes on up there at the
18 eighth precinct. And of course, we're managed by our
19 Commander Patterson and the NPO, Crystal Johns. Another
20 thing that's happening which is on Saturday, we are aware
21 of the national prescription drug take-back day at the
22 eighth precinct. The opportunity will be for folks to
23 drop off their unwanted drugs from 10 to two. And again,
24 I got those two notices from Clarendia Webb, and she said,
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1 oh no, don't share my name. Yes, I am because she's
2 keeping me informed. And thank you, Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Bell.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yeah. Allow me, please, to help
7 you, Commissioner Holt. Would you please go back to the
8 lady who you just mentioned to say what I announced
9 earlier about what mayor Duggan said to every precinct?
10 So number eight is a precinct, correct? So you're a
11 little bit out of order with the candy giveaway that you
12 all are doing on your own. Would you please consult the
13 office of Mayor Duggan? Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Burch. Let
15 me say this. The city of Detroit's going to issue a
16 statement about Halloween. DPD is going to issue a
17 statement about Halloween so we can move on. That's the
18 script we follow. So DPD and the city of Detroit, they're
19 on top of it. It won't be a normal Halloween. So, oral
20 comments Ms. White.

21 MR. BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

23 MR. BROWN: Honorable board. Your first speaker will
24 be Ms. Bernice Smith followed by Mr. Isaiah Eatmon and
25 followed by Minister Eric Blount.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

2 MR. BROWN: Ms. Smith.

3 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon to everyone there on the
4 board. I have listened to some things that I never
5 thought I'd hear the board go through with. I don't know
6 what in the world you're going to do Commissioner Bell.
7 You have a commissioner that is uncontrollable, and I
8 cannot understand why your other commissioners which are
9 Brown and Davis, would they have some kind of input in
10 trying to control Commissioner Burton? It doesn't make
11 any sense. I cannot believe grown men, supposed to be
12 intelligent, but yet you're acting ignorant I don't know
13 what, and it is so deplorable. It is a shame. And I know
14 the audience that has sense knows that it shouldn't be
15 done. And I'm just so disgusted with the board. It is
16 really sad that you cannot control your Commissioner
17 Burton. He is really a disgrace to the Detroit commission
18 board. And I am sorry. I am really sorry. I just got out
19 of the hospital and I've been sitting here waiting and
20 waiting so I can let you know how deplorable that your
21 conduct is, that you cannot control them. I agree with
22 you muting him so he won't destroy the meeting. And Davis
23 and Brown help out. Martin, I'm glad you're on the board
24 because we do need somebody that's strong and you being a
25 300. And I remember the days we all were out there

1 marching, we controlled people. We didn't let people run
2 over us and you're doing a hell of a good job when you
3 were involved with the, what is it? That station.

4 MR. BROWN: You've got 20 seconds.

5 MS. SMITH: So keep up the good work and try to do
6 better. And let theBurton stop interfering and acting
7 ignorant and that is ignorant. He can't tell me the
8 people that he represents approve of what he's doing. No,
9 they do not represent, I'm on the edge of a board of his
10 --,

11 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I don't see Mr. Eatmon.
12 Minister Eric Blount.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. Smith, you've been of good
14 help. Thank you.

15 MINISTER BLOUNT: Yes, can you hear me, board?

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

17 MINISTER BLOUNT: Yes. For the record, I am Minister
18 Eric Blount from Sacred Heart Catholic church where our
19 priest and pastor is Father Norman Paul Thomas. Today's
20 presentation on forfeitures does show some light of
21 justice. I did support this new legislation because it
22 has a very attractive position to it that allows police
23 to take things that don't belong to them through possibly
24 innocent people. So I'm glad that I supported, this
25 legislative change. On the lawsuit side, it's been 10

1 years since our daughter Aiyana Stanley-Jones was
2 murdered in a no-knock warrant. And now 10 years later,
3 we still don't have a firm policy in place for no-knock
4 warrants? How much longer is it going to take? Let's not
5 talk about Breonna Taylor.

6 We have one of our own that was all a part of this
7 no-knock warrant evilness. I'll just call it what it is
8 as a minister. Lastly, it's good to hear about this
9 internal-external affairs department that was newly
10 created, but Captain Gilbert, are we recreating the whole
11 study that CORE did, the committee on racial equality?
12 That report was released in January of 2017. I'm just
13 afraid somebody is looking at this thing as if it's brand
14 new all over again. We have white officers, arresting
15 black officers in the parking lot because they thought
16 they had too much money in the bathroom. This racial
17 issue in DPD has got to be addressed now and forever.

18 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three speakers would
19 be- CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Brown, hold on one second. I
20 just want to, indicate to Mr. Blount that internal and
21 external relations include CORE and peer group and this
22 addresses that concern. So they are part of that concept.
23 So it's not ignoring that. Chief highlighted that's a
24 strong part of that. And I talked to the Lieutenant, Oh,
25 we're sampling. There's all of that. And they're looking

1 forward to that type of dialogue. Mr. Brown, go ahead and
2 continue.

3 MR. BROWN: Yes, your next three speakers would be
4 Ms. Susan Steigerwait followed by the person with the
5 email JohnsonD171 followed by Mr. Scotty Bowman. Ms.
6 Steigerwait.

7 MS. STEIGERWAIT: Hello?

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Hello.

9 MS. STEIGERWAIT: Hi. My name is Susan Steigerwait.
10 I'm a retired and tired, physician. I'm the former
11 president of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association,
12 just by way of identification. I just had a couple of
13 comments on this meeting. First of all, I think the need
14 for a parliamentarian is just obvious over my
15 observations over the last three months and I certainly
16 hope that that's going to be expedited so that the
17 meetings can function a lot better. Second, I'm asking
18 again that you pass a motion, condemning facial
19 recognition, even if you don't have the power to get rid
20 of it because it's racist. It's already resulted in two
21 lawsuits. As was mentioned in the presentation in 2019,
22 there were 52 lawsuits, a number were settled. \$12.4
23 million was gone. 2020, 10 lawsuits so far, two for
24 facial recognition. Think of the services that could be
25 provided to create more safety and stability for the

1 whole city. Water, rec centers, improve city health
2 clinics and improve transportation. Let's stop facial
3 recognition now and lets the board go ahead and suggest
4 to whomever that that's the way it needs to go. Thank you
5 very much.

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7 MR. BROWN: Speaker with the email address
8 JohnsonD171. Seemed like they self-muted. I'll go to, Mr.
9 Bowman.

10 MR. BOWMAN: Okay, am I on? I can't see myself.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

12 MR. BOWMAN: Okay. Well, anyway. I was with a small
13 group of people outside and, we were protesting in favor
14 of the removal of, actually the resignation of
15 Commissioner Bell from his role as Chair. And he has
16 demonstrated his incompetency both last week and this
17 week, thus supporting our point. Mainly, he closed down a
18 meeting last week, completely illegal. First of all, the
19 charter requires that you have a meeting. Second of all,
20 you had adjourned without a vote. The matter of the
21 agenda is irrelevant. Every meeting people participating
22 have the option of adding, removing, or re-organizing the
23 agenda. This is a discussion, there's a deliberative
24 process and when it is completed, and then there is an
25 approved agenda. They didn't approve of the agenda that

1 he offered the commissioners which violated your own
2 bylaws and so they basically ended the meeting because
3 other commissioners would not vote to violate your
4 bylaws. Why is he doing this? Because he is trying to
5 make a dysfunctional commission.

6 The last thing Commissioner Bell wants is true
7 civilian oversight when the strongest, most outspoken
8 person is muted for the entire meeting, again in
9 violation of all sense of parliamentary procedure and
10 law. He is doing that. He is completely incompetent and
11 there was even when the--- And as far as parliamentary
12 procedure, he has a seconded motion to get a
13 parliamentarian and he violates it again by not even
14 acknowledging that and allowing for a discussion. Willie
15 Bell, Burton's great. Bell sucks. Mr. Bell must resign
16 and I encourage the people in the fourth district to vote
17 him out in 2021 if they can't recall him sooner. This man
18 is destroying civilian
19 oversight. People continue to die in no-knock raids.

20 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next two speakers would
21 be Ms. Michelle George followed by Ms. Donna James. Ms.
22 George?

23 MS. GEORGE: Yeah. Hi, Mr. Brown, and to the
24 honorable board and, Chairman Bell. I am concerned, but
25 I'll talk about that last, but I do want to say,

1 Assistant Chief Bettison did answer my questions. He
2 caught me with Sergeant Hewitt concerning the missing
3 young ladies, the facial recognition, the drag racing
4 because last week we were on Livernois and, I think it's
5 the ATVs, the bikes, it was like 50 or 60 bikes on
6 Livernois. It was almost like we were held hostage
7 because they were trying in terms of allowing the cars to
8 go by but it was stopping traffic but I told the
9 Assistant Chief, I didn't want to call the police. I
10 didn't want anyone to get killed or nothing.

11 He says, Ms. George, we don't just go out and shoot
12 and I understand what he was saying, but you have that
13 concern with what we're seeing with the shooting of the
14 unarmed, but we cannot block traffic. When it deals with
15 the drag racing a lot of this- I did a podcast the other
16 day on the legalization with marijuana is causing with
17 the alcohol but let me go back to Chairman Bell.
18 Commissioner Brown, if it's 66% of the two-thirds of the
19 vote which comes out to four, 4.6, if you're doing
20 anything illegal with all due respect, sir, somebody
21 needs to deal with that. We can disagree. I disagree with
22 a lot of commissioners. We're not right all the time. I'm
23 not right. You're not right. But if you're doing anything
24 illegal and the attorney that's here for the mayor's
25 office, Councilman Garcia, I'm going to have to call

1 somebody, but you cannot be illegal. Now if that's 66% of
2 the vote is two-thirds of the vote you all need to speak
3 about that. That's why everybody is saying this to you,
4 Chairman Bell. And I'm going to talk with the mayor about
5 this. Now, everybody, it seems like he votes for is never
6 for the citizens and I'm going to ask him about that. So
7 I have a problem wit

8 h that. We can disagree, but let's not be illegal.
9 Thank you very much. And I'm going to get on board with
10 that one. Thank you very much.

11 MR. BROWN: Ms. James.

12 MS. JAMES: Yes, greetings to each one. I wrote mine
13 out. I'm just going to read what I wrote because I wasn't
14 sure I was going to be able to address anything this
15 evening. But I do want to highly commend Mayor Duggan,
16 Chief Craig, and our phenomenal police department for the
17 outstanding job that they do each and every day. I grew
18 up in the sixties and I remember firsthand the riots of
19 1967, as I know many of you do. And the years of police
20 brutality in the sixties and seventies, particularly with
21 STRESS. I have to give, mention to our late Mayor Coleman
22 Young, who ended STRESS. We were grateful for that as a
23 community. I do applaud the manner in which Chief Craig
24 and our police department, they've handled the previous
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1 protest. I think in an exemplary manner, not perfect. I
2 said not perfect, but exemplary.

3 I have participated in rallies and protests through
4 the seventies and eighties and we always applied for
5 permits and we remained orderly. I think that anytime a
6 group throws objects at the police they should be
7 arrested. If they blocked traffic and they interfere with
8 the rights of other citizens to access streets and roads,
9 they should be asked to cease and desist. If they refuse,
10 then yes, they should be removed. So thank you, Chief
11 Craig and our officers, our police officers, our police
12 commission, the mayor for working with the community to
13 maintain harmony, in our environment so that we did not
14 end up like the riots of 67 as many other cities did. And
15 I do want to commend, Commissioner Shirley Burch, for
16 being, assertive and aggressive in

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18 terms of caring for our community and, I just
19 encourage all of our, officers to do the same.

20 MR. BROWN: D. Johnson? Mr. Chair, I can't control
21 that person's mic so Ms. James was your last speaker.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner if there
23 is no other business I request a motion for adjournment.

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved.

25 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
2 supported. Discussion, those in favor, yay?

3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yay.

4 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those no? The motion carried. We
6 stand adjourned. Have a great afternoon and thank you for
7 your attendance and thank you for your involvement. Be
8 healthy and be safe.

9 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you, sir.

10 Meeting Adjourned at 5:09p.m.

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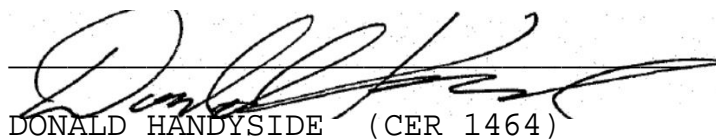
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