

City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bryan Ferguson, Chairperson
Melanie White, Interim Secretary, the Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: City Council President Mary Sheffield

DATE: April 17, 2023

RE: Board of Police Commissioners Budget Questions FY23-24

1. Please provide an itemized copy of your adopted FY2023 annual budget as well as your proposed FY2024 budget.
2. The non-departmental budget allocation for the BOPC decreased from FY2023 to FY2024, yet the number of employees stayed the same. What is the cause for the budget decrease?
3. There is a recommendation to go from 15 investigators to 13. How will this change affect operations? Were the savings from this change captured and used for other Board of Police Commission activities? If so, which activities?
4. As reported at BOPC meetings, there is a back-log of cases which require processing. What is needed from a budgetary standpoint to eliminate the back-log and prevent future delays in the processing of complaints and cases?
5. How many citizen complaints against officers do you receive annually? What is the discipline procedure for officers that receive complaints? Please share data on the number of complaints received each year over the past three years. What is being done to lower the number of complaints by residents?

6. What policies and procedures are in place to address the mental health needs of residents in emergency calls? Are there plans to expand the mental health and non-lethal intervention services of the Police Department?
7. What mental health support is available for police officers? What evaluations are necessary to confirm that an officer is “fit for duty”? Please share which resources are available to officers, including whether they are optional or mandated.
8. Recently, Council approved new contracts for police officers which included pay raises, training regulations, and lateral transfers. Please share the new contracts’ effects on officer retention and recruitment.
9. Please share a status update on the Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) program. What data is available to show that the program has been effective? How often is outreach done by these NPO’s?
10. The Police Department Secondary Employment Program will allow DPD officers to be employed by third parties within the City. Please share more information about this program. What effects, if any, will it have on the residents of Detroit?