

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform**

- I. **Chairperson Willie E. Bell called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain Stanley Mobley provided the invocation.
- III. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson	Yes	
Annie Mae Holt, Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown		Excused
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton		Excused
Lisa Carter		Excused
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Martin Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

- IV. **The Board approved the Agenda for Thursday, June 24, 2021.**
Motion: Commissioner Bernard **Second:** Commissioner Jones **Discussion:** None.
VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0 **Motion: ADOPTED**
- V. **Chairperson Bell called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2021. After no corrections were submitted, the minutes were approved.**
Motion: Commissioner Bernard **Second:** Commissioner Jones **Discussion:** None.
VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0 **Motion: ADOPTED**
- VI. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**
- VII. **Chair's Report.** Chairperson Bell provided remarks regarding the Board's Leadership objectives and achievements over the past year and shared thanks to the Board, Leadership, DPD, and Staff. Chairperson Bell also shared the final disposition regarding the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Report that exonerated all allegations regarding alleged abuse of authority, muting microphones, and other complaint allegations involving the Chairperson.

Resolution: Commissioner Jones read the resolution honoring Chief of Police James E. Craig (Retirement).

RESOLUTION HONORING CHIEF JAMES E. CRAIG

WHEREAS Chief James E. Craig began his career in law enforcement with the Detroit Police Department in 1977. Forced to relocate due to department layoffs, he traveled west and began working for the Los Angeles Police Department. On Tuesday, August 10, 2021, Chief James E. Craig, will retire from the Detroit Police Department, after eight years of dedicated service to the residents, business owners, and visitors of the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS After a 28-year career with the LAPD, he was appointed Chief of Police for Portland, Maine in 2009, then Chief of Police in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2011 before returning to Detroit as the 42nd Chief of Police in 2013; and

WHEREAS Since returning to his hometown, Chief Craig has made significant changes and continuous improvements to the Department's organizational structure and processes. Among the many changes needed, Chief Craig worked to get the Department out of the Federal consent decrees it had been under since 2003. In 2016, after 13 years under strict Federal oversight, the Department met its obligations for reform, and the Department's progress and modernization were early key successes to Chief Craig's tenure and impact; and

WHEREAS Throughout his career, he has embraced and leveraged several innovative technologies, launching the Project Green Light, a public-private partnership aimed to reduce crime, and the Real Time Crime Center, a state-of-the-art intelligence center that began in the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters and expanded to include two mini-Real Time Crime Centers in the 8th and 9th Precincts. Most recently, Chief Craig oversaw the launch of the ShotSpotter technology; and

WHEREAS Chief Craig has also been instrumental in changing the lives of those involved in gang and gun-violence through programs such as Cease Fire Detroit. He also established programs geared toward mentoring and empowering the youth of Detroit, such as The Brotherhood & Sisterhood Programs and Children's In Trauma Intervention Camp, known as C.I.T.I. Camp. He reinvented Detroit PAL and other youth activities; and

WHEREAS He was a leader of great integrity and accountability, striving to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the residents of Detroit. He designed the Neighborhood Police Officers Program, a very successful community-oriented initiative. He was also instrumental in developing the department's first-of-its-kind LGBTQ Liaison unit, an engagement effort that promotes open communication with members of the LGBTQ community throughout Detroit; and

WHEREAS In the continuing effort to bring more accountability and transparency to the Department, Chief Craig established a new unit, the Office of Internal and External Relations. This office expanded both the internal operations of officer support and the external efforts of procedural justice and policing legitimacy through community engagement. One major program under the Office of Internal and External Relations is Peer Support. It resulted from Chief Craig's dedication to ensuring that officers get the supportive resources they need when confronted with traumatic experiences in the line of duty. Other internal support programs successfully developed under Chief Craig include DPD Fit and CORE, the Committee on Race and Equality. CORE aims to safeguard equality and celebrate the strength of diversity while giving members a non-judgmental forum to voice concerns of discriminatory treatment or actions, based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or gender identity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit recognize and honor the commitment and devoted spirit of Chief James E. Craig. The success of his years of service comes from his dedication and commitment on strengthening relationships with the leaders, businesses, and the people he served. In a career marked by vast vision and achievements, Chief Craig leaves a legacy of professionalism, integrity, and distinguished service to the people of the great city of Detroit, the men and women of the Detroit Police Department, and all those aspiring to excellence.

We thank and congratulate you, Chief James E. Craig.

Vice-Chairperson Holt moved to adopt the resolution honoring Chief of Police James E. Craig. **Commissioner Hernandez** seconded. Discussion: None.

VIII. VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0 **Motion: PASSED**

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

Chief James E. White reported on the following: crime and statistical data, recent high-profile incidents; initiatives; and events impacting the Department and City including but not limited to "Operation Brison"; "Operation Restore Order"; and other major events impacting the DPD and the community. **See attached Meeting Transcripts for more information.**

Category	Prior Day	Prior 7 Days	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Change	% Change	
Criminal Homicides*	0	10	152	132	20	15%	▲
Sex Assaults*	0	12	376	308	68	22%	▲
Aggravated Assaults*	29	272	5,654	4,709	945	20%	▲
- Non-Fatal Shootings*	2	38	506	426	80	19%	▲
Robberies	4	24	670	909	-239	-26%	▼
- Carjackings	0	3	90	84	6	7%	▲
Part I Violent Crime	33	318	6,852	6,058	794	13%	▲
Category	Prior Day	Prior 7 Days	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Change	% Change	
Burglaries	7	87	1,688	2,338	-650	-28%	▼
Larcenies	11	146	4,546	5,742	-1,196	-21%	▼
Motor Vehicle Thefts	13	108	2,829	2,803	26	1%	▲
Part I Property Crime	31	341	9,063	10,883	-1,820	-17%	▼
Total Part I Crime	64	659	15,915	16,941	-1,026	-6%	▼

**X. PRESENTATION(S) TO THE BOARD: A. COP Department Reorganization Plan – Chief of Police James E. White
B. Office of the Chief Investigator – Interim Chief of Investigator Lawrence Akbar**

- A. COP Department Reorganization Plan – Chief of Police James E. White** presented on the Department’s Reorganization Plan. *See* PowerPoint Presentation and support material on file with the Board’s Office.
- B. Office of the Chief Investigator – Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar** presented on the OCI’s monthly presentation for the month of May 2021. *See* PowerPoint Presentation and support material on file with the Board’s Office.

XI. Report from Interim Board Secretary Melanie White/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:

- 1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 6/14/21 – 6/20/21
- 2. Staff Reports
- 3. OIG Case No. 20-0026-INV.

XII. Unfinished Business.

POLICE COMMISSIONER INVESTIGATOR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS: City of Detroit Human Resources Department Recruiter III (Talent Acquisition Specialist) Shawn Rule provided information on the process of conducting the Police Commissioner Investigator interviews. The Board and Mr. Rule conducted the interviews for the position of Police Commissioner Investigator for Candidates Mr. Kywane Johnson and Ms. Ellen Counts.

XIII. New Business. None.

XIV. Announcements:

Mr. Robert Brown announced the following:

- 1. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Meeting
- 2. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Meeting

XV. Oral Communications/Public Comments:

CAC Scotty Boman, Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Sharon Pannell, Mr. Jerry Sanders, Ms. Joy, Ms. Brenda Hill, Ms. Michelle George, and Ms. Brenda Butler offered public comments.

XVI. Chairperson Bell adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Motion: Vice-Chairperson Holt

Second: Commissioner Davis

Discussion. None: Motion Adopted.