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9	CITY OF DETROIT
10	BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
11	December 5, 2024 at 3:00 P.M.
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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Today is December 5th 2024. It is
- 2 3:00 PM. The Board of Police Commissioners meeting is
- 3 called to order. We have an invocation by our chaplain.
- 4 MS. UNDERWOOD: Chaplain Ross.
- 5 CHAPLAIN ROSS: Let us pray. Father God, we come
- 6 before you have honor, grace humbly on today, oh God.
- 7 Thank you for another day in the land of the living. We
- 8 ask that your presence shall be felt, oh God, during this
- 9 Board of Police Commissioners meeting. We ask Psalm 21
- 10 and Psalm 91, protection over our officers, oh, Father
- 11 God. We pray and we stand in the gap, oh God, for all of
- 12 our friends, our foes, our family, our finances, oh God,
- 13 and truly our faith. We ask that we can come together as
- 14 a collective work, oh God, into the community, oh, Father
- 15 God. We praise you, God, for covering this meeting, oh
- 16 God of the mind. Let respect, response and resilience be
- 17 our portion.
- 18 Oh, father God, we ask that you strengthen the
- 19 community, oh God. And as we work together in unity, we
- 20 shall be able to accomplish great things. We thank you,
- 21 oh God, and ask that you cover the mental health, oh God,
- 22 of people in the community, oh, Father God. And that you,
- 23 oh, father God will begin to heal and restore their
- 24 minds, reduce gun violence, oh Father God, in our
- 25 community, and allow us to constantly build, oh, Father



- 1 God, upon the foundation that you have built and created.
- 2 We thank you, oh God, and we honor you, and we praise you
- 3 oh God, as great new things go forth, oh God, let us be
- 4 open, oh, Father God, to the newness of this day, in
- 5 Jesus' holy and masterful name, we pray, and we praise
- 6 you. Hallelujah, and amen.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen. As we are waiting on the
- 8 quorum, I'm going to open it up for oral comments, as we
- 9 are waiting on the quorum.
- 10 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chairman, we have nine speakers.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right. Let's start with
- 12 the first.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Ms. Theo Broughton. When you come to
- 14 the mic, please state your name. The next person after
- 15 Ms. Broughton will be Minister Eric Blount and Mr. Aaron
- 16 Dome.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. It was all good. See, he
- 18 got her. Yes. Beautiful woman. Awesome, courageous
- 19 leader. How are you doing Ms. Broughton?
- 20 MS. BROUGHTON: I'm fine, thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.
- 22 MS. BROUGHTON: Oh, thank you. Happy Thursday to
- 23 everyone. My name
- 24 Is...
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Point of order. Hold on. Alright,



- 1 go ahead.
- 2 My name is Theo Broughton, and I'm the co-founder of
- 3 Hood Research, a community organization, which works to
- 4 help make a better quality of life. You know we hear that
- 5 a two-parent household is ideal. I was compelled to come
- 6 here because I'm concerned about this particular two
- 7 parent household. The father I'm told is a preacher.
- 8 Imagine that, and the mother teaches school. However, it
- 9 was reported recently that two children of theirs, young
- 10 teenage male children, were being forced to sleep on the
- 11 front porch. The temperature was 22 degrees, 18 chill
- 12 factors. A human being can freeze to death at 20 degrees.
- 13 So, 22 degrees plus an 18-wind chill factor, would've
- 14 made it an opportune element in the community for at
- 15 least two young children to freeze to death.
- 16 Neighbors say they have been seeing this going on
- 17 since the summer. The children have toothbrushes on the
- 18 front porch. All the little things on the front porch
- 19 that they have been made to use. They even reached out to
- 20 the neighbors, to the troubleshooters from the TV
- 21 station. They came out, someone took a video with their
- 22 camera, and that's how the information was leaked, shall
- 23 we say. They live in Leslie and Russell Woods. Now,
- 24 according to the law, the police did show up, and they
- 25 said there wasn't anything illegal going on. I remember



- 1 22 degrees, 18 chill factors. The law in this city says
- 2 you cannot have your dog tied up in the yard in
- 3 conditions like that. But there was nothing illegal about
- 4 these two young teenagers on the porch. What would've
- 5 happened if a pedophile had come along and kidnapped
- 6 those kids, put them into the sex slave trafficking that
- 7 goes on here.
- 8 Nobody seems to care about the children. Protective
- 9 Service, hopefully has them now. We have to do something.
- 10 And I ask that you research to see if there is a code, a
- 11 law, or a policy that would cover something like that.
- 12 Two parents, two parent households that would treat their
- 13 children like they were enslaved. We need to pay more
- 14 attention. Education is the key; and obviously, these two
- 15 parents in that particular household need to be educated,
- 16 because as the children are abused, growing into
- 17 adulthood, they will abuse their children. And when their
- 18 children grow into adulthood, pass it on. We don't need
- 19 that kind of activity going on. Something has to be done.
- 20 So, I ask you, please do some research, see if there is a
- 21 policy or why the policy is not followed, if there is
- 22 one. If not, make one and ordinance, codes, something to
- 23 protect the children. They are growing into adulthood. We
- 24 need our young adults to stand beside us, not in front,
- 25 not behind, to help make the community a better place to



- 1 live. You've got to start somewhere. Thank you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Go ahead.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: If you want, let me know. You
- 5 said he would respond.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I haven't asked him yet, but...
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You go ahead.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I appreciate it. I just want to
- 10 mention Ms. Broughton. Commissioner Banks here. I
- 11 appreciate your heart to fight for those kids, okay. I
- 12 know your spirit anyway. I've been knowing you a little
- 13 while, but I appreciate your heart to fight for the kids;
- 14 the babies. I appreciate your drive, your spirit.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You'd like to speak to that,
- 16 Chief?
- 17 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, I would. That was going to be
- 18 in my report, the Chief's report as well. Just updating
- 19 the community. So, I'll do it right now based off that
- 20 question. Just to update everyone. On Monday, December
- 21 2nd, of this year, a video was posted on social media by
- 22 the concerned citizens of the sleeping arrangements of
- 23 juveniles in the 3000 block of Leslie. When the video was
- 24 brought to the Child Abuse Unit's attention, detectives
- 25 responded to the location, and found makeshift beds on



- 1 the front porch of the location. It came into my
- 2 attention as well. Detectives made contact with parents
- 3 at the location, working coordination with CPS. CPS is
- 4 involved. No injuries were reportedly found on the
- 5 children. We made sure that they were examined at the
- 6 hospital, and right now, the juveniles, their ages are 12
- 7 and 15 have been removed from the location. A safety plan
- 8 has been put into place. Child Abuse is monitoring. We're
- 9 investigating, working very closely with CPS on this
- 10 ongoing investigation.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Thank you so much.
- 12 Reverend.
- 13 MINISTER BLOUNT: Chair Woods.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard, sir.
- 15 MINISTER BLOUNT: Hello, I'm Minister Eric Blount. I
- 16 must publicly state what many believe to be true and so
- 17 do I. The Channel 4, 11 o'clock news, Monday, was a shame
- 18 and a scandal, as they reported on the bailiff not being
- 19 charged for Sherman Lee Butler. It was a one-sided
- 20 narrative, so it was not reporting or journalism, it was
- 21 just a repeat of some type of propaganda. Also, in that
- 22 11 o'clock news was victim shaming. The fact that the two
- 23 young men died because the police officer was running red
- 24 lights and didn't have his lights on, had nothing to do
- 25 with whether or not those two young black men had



- 1 anything to drink. So, I would hope that the DPS would
- 2 avoid any victim shaming in this particular case. For
- 3 you, Chairperson Woods, what do they have on you? What
- 4 deed with the devil? We look at this agenda and it talks
- 5 about car insurance. I hope there's a real strong
- 6 connection between this car insurance and police officer
- 7 misconduct, because that's why we are here. And then you
- 8 backslide again, Chairman Woods, giving an award to an
- 9 employee who is not yours. You do not employ police
- 10 officers. Leave awards or recommendations, accommodations
- 11 to the police department. It's their employees, it is
- 12 their job. Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, Reverend.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Aaron Dome.
- 15 MR. DOME: Hello, my name is Aaron Dome, and I live
- 16 on the Eastside of Detroit. On July 30th, 2021, I was the
- 17 victim, and I am a survivor of a traffic accident caused
- 18 by reckless driving. A man, driving in a truck, traveling
- 19 at 85 miles an hour, down a residential street; struck my
- 20 vehicle as I was turning left in the driveway of my home.
- 21 I'm lucky to be alive, and the full use of my body and
- 22 being lucky to be alive means having the duty to speak
- 23 out, and do everything I can to prevent incidents like
- 24 this from happening in the future.
- 25 And I'm here asking the police department to do



- 1 everything they can to prevent reckless driving in this
- 2 city in the future. I realize that some situations are
- 3 unique, and we have streets that are perhaps wider than
- 4 they should be. There are different solutions to the
- 5 problem of reckless driving, drag racing, running of red
- 6 lights, but by asking the police department to do
- 7 everything they can. And if the police department could
- 8 dedicate a task force to do nothing but reckless driving,
- 9 enforcing the law when it comes to speed limits, red
- 10 light running, drag racing, and other reckless driving
- 11 behaviors. It would be much appreciated. And I thank you
- 12 for your time.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you so much. Next speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: The next three speakers will be Mr.
- 15 James Ford, Ms. Bev. Parrish, and Dr. Kate Gordon.
- MR. FORD: Hello, I'm James Ford. I just want
- 17 everybody to know that I went to Lansing, September. A
- 18 couple people follow me, and they're with me now. And
- 19 we're going back and we're going to have quite a few
- 20 more, because when we left, there were only a few of us.
- 21 And when we got to Lansing, they told me, say, Mr. Ford,
- 22 you know you have a big problem down in Detroit. You
- 23 should have more people here than you have. They wanted
- 24 to give me my money back, but they said we can't because
- 25 of state law. They want more people to follow us to



- 1 Lansing, next year. This is a statewide and nationwide
- 2 problem. I just wanted to say this. Detroit Red Lights,
- 3 we have things going, but we're not Detroit Red Lights
- 4 anymore. We're now Michigan and the United States for
- 5 Safe Driving. Really, it's going to be the United States
- 6 for Safe Driving. When we go to Lansing next year, we
- 7 will have way more people and a lot of people, because
- 8 we're connecting the states and people from all over.
- 9 Pastor Banks, we take our hat off you because you were
- 10 there, you spoke, you delivered at the, on the bus and on
- 11 the mall. God bless everybody. We're now Michigan for
- 12 Safe Streets and Driving and United States for Safe
- 13 Streets and Gravity. We have many more people. God bless
- 14 you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: God bless you. Chief.
- 16 CHIEF BETTISON: I just want to say thank you for
- 17 your advocacy in coming out and traffic enforcement,
- 18 traffic safety. We all have to drive, and we all are
- 19 subject to injury when individuals are disregarding stop
- 20 signs, traffic lights, et cetera. I was at the 12th
- 21 Precinct yesterday, you know, making my rounds with the
- 22 officers. And I had TEU, a Traffic Enforcement Unit, meet
- 23 me over there. One of the things that I talked to him
- 24 about yesterday at 4:00 PM was oftentimes, we are still
- 25 one of the main thoroughfares, and it is important to do



- 1 traffic enforcement. One, the crashes and the, the, the
- 2 wider streets. But also, it's very important on those
- 3 side streets, those stop signs because we have a lot of
- 4 folks that would disregard that. So, I just want you to
- 5 know that you have support, and me, and to the previous
- 6 speaker who requested something like a task force. We do
- 7 have a drag racing task force. It primarily operates on
- 8 the weekends, and they're out there and they're
- 9 enforcing. And so, our drag racing in the City of Detroit
- 10 has tremendously decreased as a result of that. And we
- 11 also utilize our area unit as well to hold individuals
- 12 accountable. But just know that I would love to meet with
- 13 you all and hear some of your solutions that you have to
- 14 further enhance that. But together collaboratively, we
- 15 will continue on addressing this issue. And it's not to
- 16 penalize the individuals with tickets. I just want
- 17 collective action to be able to change behavior to make
- 18 the street safe for all of us. Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Thank you.
- 21 Yes. I was there, Mr. Ford. And I appreciate you giving
- 22 me that platform. And I advise any community leader to be
- 23 a part of what this man is doing. He had a nice, decent
- 24 crowd. We were at the state capitol, nice crowd, decent
- 25 crowd with some strong community activists, strong. And,



- 1 I believe we put a little dent, but I believe we are
- 2 going back stronger next year. I'm with you, Mr. Ford.
- 3 You count on me, brother. It would be good to have you,
- 4 Chief. Bettison. That'd be a blessing; your presence.
- 5 CHIEF BETTISON: I will be there.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, Wow! Wonderful.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Me too.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wonderful. Whoa, whoa. Anymore,
- 9 anymore. Come on, let's build this thing.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I'll be there even if I'm not.
- 11 But, next speaker.
- 12 MS. UNDERWOOD: The next speaker is Bev. Parrish. Dr.
- 13 Kate Gordon, and Ms. Joyce King. Please announce your
- 14 name.
- MS. PARRISH: Yes. My name is Beverly Parrish.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Can you speak to Mike, please?
- 17 Yes, my name is Beverly Parrish.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.
- 19 MS. PARRISH: And I'm here. I joined this group
- 20 because a reckless driver killed my dog, while on the
- 21 sidewalk and killed my baby.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh!
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Talk into the mic.
- 24 MS. PARRISH: And I believe that we need something
- 25 done on Eight Mile. This dog was sitting on the sidewalk.



- 1 He came up over the sidewalk and ran over for this dog;
- 2 hit him so hard, he went up in the air and was killed
- 3 instantly. It was as if I threw a piece of paper in the
- 4 air and it hit the ground. I screamed at him. He was in a
- 5 2013 black Cadillac, low profile tires. He stopped past
- 6 the sign, turned around and looked me straight in the
- 7 face and sped off faster. We have to do something about
- 8 speeding. Yes, I was in Lansing, and there were never any
- 9 speed signs on how fast it is on Eight Mile. That day, we
- 10 came back from Lansing, there was a sign put up. It said
- 11 40 miles an hour, and it was put up with sand pads. I
- 12 have lived in my house for seven years. I invite
- 13 everybody, come sit on my porch with me one day. Come in
- 14 your plain clothes. Let's sit out there and watch the
- 15 speeders go up and down Eight Miles. Next time, it can be
- 16 a human being walking their dog.
- 17 CHIEF BETTISON: When I come on the beat, I'm going
- 18 to be in uniform, and I'm going to have practical
- 19 enforcement with me. And so, we're going to do something
- 20 about it. So, who is on my staff can get her information?
- 21 I need somebody to get her information because I'm going
- 22 to come really soon, probably next week.
- 23 MS. PARRISH: Fine.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: That's good.
- 25 MS. PARRISH: But we are, for now, we want to be the



- 1 United States for Safe Driving, and short dog says, stop
- 2 reckless driving. You know, how smokey the bear says,
- 3 stop horse fires. This is our dog. He is going to be on
- 4 all of our banners, our T-shirts, our flyers; everything;
- 5 we are going to let people know you cannot get away with
- 6 this.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Someone from the staff, the
- 8 Chief's staff. Okay. Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to say that all of
- 10 us here are aware of the fact that a pet becomes a member
- 11 of the family. And many of us have pets of our own, and
- 12 we feel badly for you, and offer you our condolences, if
- 13 you will, about the death of your
- 14 pet.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. You may be heard.
- MS. GORDON: My name is Karen Gordon. I have several
- 17 things, so I'm going to be short with all of them because
- 18 I can't say it all. The police report I made against a
- 19 police officer, this following Monday, ignored that
- 20 because he didn't write what I said. When I read it, I
- 21 did not tell them. The Fischer Burn Center called Fischer
- 22 Block Club has been harassing me, stalking me, using
- 23 intimidation and threatening me. I have a video that
- 24 they... I have some homes in Detroit. They have put my
- 25 homes, my name, my age, and everything of where they feel



- 1 I live. They said I don't belong on the Eastside. They
- 2 have gone to the police to try to have me removed from my
- 3 home. I own this home. This is my family home. And the
- 4 Seneca Burns Black Club members, they went to the police
- 5 and lied on me and told them I was stalking them,
- 6 threatening them.
- 7 My thing is, like I told the police, everybody has a
- 8 ring doorbell in that area, everybody. Why am I the only
- 9 one with video to show I have been tortured by these
- 10 people? And then I had a meeting with the captain and the
- 11 commander, I mean the captain and the two police officers
- 12 at the Seventh Precinct. And they came up with, go talk
- 13 to the members. They called the police two days later to
- 14 send them to my home. The police came to my home because
- 15 the Black Club sent them there. I didn't call them. They
- 16 told them when they came, oh, we called you to get you
- 17 here. Then the police officers that came, I needed his
- 18 body cam hood because he went into cahoots with them to
- 19 try to have me removed from my house. I own this house,
- 20 and the police are in cahoots with the Black Club because
- 21 they are friends of the black club.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let me ask you, ma'am, did you
- 23 file a citizen's complaint?
- Ms. GORDON: Yes. He wrote it up wrong. They came to
- 25 both of my homes. They came to my door.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: But that's something different,
- 2 ma'am. Excuse me.
- 3 MS. GORDON: The officer came to my house...
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me, ma'am. What I'm saying
- 5 to you, a citizen complaint is a complaint.
- 6 MS. GORDON: Yes. I made it. But the complaint...
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: With our office.
- 8 MS. GORDON: I thought when you do it at the police
- 9 station, he's supposed to turn it into you.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Chief Investigator, take care of
- 11 that.
- MS. GORDON: Because what he wrote, it is not what I
- 13 said.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The Chief investigator... We have
- 15 a staff... Excuse me, ma'am. We have a staff member here
- 16 who's going to help you from the Board of Police
- 17 Commissioner, from the Office of Chief Investigator. And
- 18 so, they would get it directly to us. And so, if you can
- 19 get the staff member to meet with her to be able to...
- 20 Where is the staff member? Alright.
- MS. GORDON: And my thing though...
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: See her, right there.
- MS. GORDON: Because I have done anything, why am I
- 24 going to have a video. I have not been on anybody's
- 25 property. I can show you where they have harassed me,



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- 1 have torn up my property. I have a video.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Ma'am, your time is up. But go
- 3 with our staff member.
- 4 MS. GORDON: Okay? And it says it's not in writing.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Ma'am.
- 6 MS. GORDON: I have it in writing. I have a video.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You're going to be able to give
- 8 your complaint to our...
- 9 MS. GORDON: I just have a complaint about that. I
- 10 also want to know why some of my police reports didn't go
- 11 any further. I would like that in writing. I thought it
- 12 was my right to have...
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You want to go to our staff
- 14 member and the department would answer some of those
- 15 things as well. So, you have two people who are going to
- 16 help you out. But you go to our staff member first, and
- 17 then you go to Second Deputy Chief Kara Hope.
- 18 MS. GORDON: And file a report. Then that will tell
- 19 you...?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Chief's right behind you?
- MS. GORDON: No, I'm saying if you don't contact
- 22 them, if you're going to go to the police...
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: She's going to explain all that
- 24 to you. Thank you, and I appreciate you. Next speaker.
- MS. KING: Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Joyce



- 1 King. Born in Detroit. Always lived here. I am thinking
- 2 of saying, I heard a while back, close encounters of the
- 3 third kind. I don't know how many people might be
- 4 familiar with that, but some of us here have been blessed
- 5 by God that we have not had a close encounter with a
- 6 crash or none of our family members or the pets. And that
- 7 is a blessing. And I hope it will ever be. So, if not for
- 8 all of us, we have not had that encounter. For those of
- 9 us who have, I pray that it will never happen again. And
- 10 that we can all look within our hearts and within our
- 11 minds and our lives, and see how we can help to make sure
- 12 that we reduce these types of encounters, and help
- 13 protect each other by increasing our levels of awareness
- 14 of how we drive and how we perform as passengers, and
- 15 pedestrians.
- I don't drive, but I've been in the car with people;
- 17 and I say, I hope we can increase our awareness and our
- 18 concern and give accommodations to those who are
- 19 responsible drivers, who are determined to drive safely
- 20 and protect all of us from those bad encounters. And
- 21 also, I'd like to see if officers that are being very
- 22 helpful will get commendation. I'm wondering if that will
- 23 help. I hope that we can all make some kind of effort.
- 24 And I thank you for making whatever efforts you're able
- 25 to make to protect us all. Thank you very much.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you so much, and God bless
- 2 you. Call the roll please?
- 3 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods Present.
- 4 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith Present.
- 5 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard Attorney Linda
- 6 Bernard, District 2, President. MS. GARNIER: Commissioner
- 7 Banks Present, District 3.
- 8 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell is excused.
- 9 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton Present.
- 10 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter is excused.
- 11 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused.
- 12 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez Present.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley is excused.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche is excused.
- MS. GARNIER: There are six present, sir.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. We have a quorum. I
- 17 entertain a motion for the approval of the December 5th
- 18 2024 agenda.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So, moved.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Bernard,
- 22 second by Commissioner Hernandez. Any discussion? No
- 23 discussion. All in favor say, aye.
- 24 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is



- 1 carried. I entertain a motion for the approval of a
- 2 minutes for November 21st, 2024.
- 3 So, moved. Moved by Commissioner Bernard.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second,
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner Hernandez.
- 6 Any discussion? All in favor, say aye.
- 7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 9 carried. Introduction of the BOPC staff and Chief of
- 10 Police and Elected Officials.
- 11 MS. GARNIER: Today we have Chief Investigator Jerome
- 12 Warfield, Parliamentarian, Dr. Francis Jackson, Robert
- 13 Brown, Jonya Underwood, Teresa Blossom, Artemisia Joshua,
- 14 Mary Barber, Drew Fries, Jasmine Taylor. We also have
- 15 Supervising Investigator Ainsley Cromwell, ASL
- 16 Interpreters Ms. Yakata, and Dr. Stephanie Beatty, Don
- 17 Handyside, court reporter, Charles Henry Media Services.
- 18 We also have Candace Hayes, Katrina Patillo, Police Chief
- 19 Todd Bettison, Marie Overall of State Representative
- 20 Tyrone Carter's office, Fredia Butler, president, Second
- 21 Precinct, Community Relations, LaDon Davis, Office of
- 22 Councilman Fred Durhal, LiSonya Sloan of Chief
- 23 Investigator's Office. Lieutenant Mark Young, LSA
- 24 President, Ron Thomas, DPOA Vice President and former
- 25 BOPC, Commissioner William Davis are here today.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Thank you very kindly.
- 2 Under my report, and I appreciate you Reverend for your
- 3 interest in terms of why do we have Mr. Eric Poe here
- 4 today? I met him about a couple of weeks ago in this
- 5 building, and I heard something very alarming that this
- 6 community needs to know about. There's something that
- 7 falls within our wheelhouse in terms as it relates to
- 8 towing in the City of Detroit. And we do have a tow
- 9 committee, and I think this may activate us in some ways,
- 10 but Mr. Eric Poe is the president and CEO of CURE Auto.
- 11 And there is some very serious information that this
- 12 committee needs to be aware of and as well as the
- 13 department need to have a focus on. So, Mr. Eric Poe.
- MR. POE: Thank you very much, Chairman Woods. And
- 15 thank you very much...
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone.
- MR. POE: Can you hear me? Sorry. Thank you very much
- 18 for having me Chairman Woods, and thank you very much for
- 19 your time. I just want to say thanks to all the officers
- 20 in the room for your service. Before I start, I know that
- 21 this might seem like a topic about car insurance is
- 22 relatively innocuous, but what I've seen in the last
- 23 three years since we've entered the marketplace is that
- 24 car insurance was so unaffordable in the City of Detroit
- 25 that it has made a significant difference in people's



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- 1 lives. The challenge that we have now in the state of car
- 2 insurance in the City of Detroit is what other car
- 3 insurance carriers have found, and why they don't do
- 4 business in the City of Detroit. And that is that there
- 5 are unforeseen levels of abuse that we can't measure
- 6 before we come into a city like this.
- 7 And these types of things, if they continue, will
- 8 make it so that we can't afford to give affordable rates
- 9 for people in Detroit. The shocking statistic, in the
- 10 last three years since we've entered the State of
- 11 Michigan, 65% of the people that buy our car insurance
- 12 could not afford car insurance prior, Okay? 40% of those
- 13 people live in the City of Detroit. So, we have well over
- 14 50,000 residents in the City of Detroit in the last three
- 15 years that have bought our car insurance. But we've had
- 16 to go through four rate increases because of the abuse
- 17 that we found in not only the city, but also in the
- 18 state. So, I'm here to talk about one major issue, but
- 19 before I get to that, I sort of want to talk about the
- 20 state of car insurance and how it's relevant. If you
- 21 could click the first button, if you would, for me.
- Detroit has the highest cost for car insurance in
- 23 the United States of America as a city. The average cost
- 24 by the five largest auto insurance writers in the state
- 25 of Michigan is over \$6,000 a year for car insurance in



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- 1 Detroit. I'll give you some ideas. In Pennsylvania,
- 2 average cost per car insurance on an annual basis is
- 3 under \$700, okay? The second if you could. Of that is
- 4 that 96% of all regional car insurance companies in
- 5 America use credit based insurance scoring. And as a
- 6 result of that, they charge twice as much for somebody
- 7 with the same exact driving record, simply because you
- 8 don't have a 700-credit score or above. So, there is a
- 9 red lining that goes on in my industry. If you go to the
- 10 next button, if you would; which is why I've testified
- 11 twice before Congress. I don't know if you could... Sorry.
- I was the original whistleblower in this country on
- 13 letting this country understand that my industry uses,
- 14 not only credit scores, but educational attainment and an
- 15 occupation basis to determine what they're going to
- 16 charge for car insurance alone. Meaning, if you don't
- 17 graduate college or you don't have a high paying white-
- 18 collar job, the majority of the largest insurance
- 19 companies in this country will literally double your
- 20 rates for car insurance. And it doesn't matter whether or
- 21 not you've ever had a ticket accident in real life. I've
- 22 testified twice before Congress on this. There is
- 23 redlining that exists. But the reason why I give you this
- 24 background is because ultimately, we do not use credit
- 25 scores at all in our basis for writing car insurance,



- 1 which is why so many of our insured are from Detroit. But
- 2 if this continues to happen, what's happening when I'm
- 3 about to kill you, we will make insurance just as
- 4 unaffordable for the people in Detroit.
- 5 So, sorry, 75%, and this is really good to why I'm
- 6 here. 75% of all the cars are towed in the City of
- 7 Detroit, are towed by non-police authorized towers,
- 8 private tow companies. And we looked at the numbers that
- 9 said, this is unbelievable considering there's a city
- 10 ordinance that says that you cannot charge more than \$200
- 11 for a tow in the City of Detroit. If a Detroit police
- 12 officer calls a tow truck, you as a citizen in the City
- 13 of Detroit, and this happens, cannot pay more than \$200.
- 14 75% of our tows are being towed by people on the average
- 15 cost for that tow is over \$3,300, okay? And what you'll
- 16 see is that I get billed over \$11,000 for towing a car 10
- 17 miles in the City of Detroit. And the repercussions of
- 18 what I have as a choice as a CEO of a car insurance
- 19 carrier, you'll see later on, is the reason why we are
- 20 raising our rates for everybody in the City of Detroit,
- 21 which is not what I want to do.
- 22 So, I'm sorry, the next bullet point, if you would.
- 23 So, we've had four rate increases. We're going through
- 24 our four fourth rate increase in the next two months,
- 25 primarily because of these unforeseen challenges. The



- 1 next slide, if you would. So, the state of towing. Right
- 2 now, it's not a new thing. I think if you follow the
- 3 newspaper articles, you'll know that in the last 20/30
- 4 years, towing is not a new thing for the people in this
- 5 room. People in law enforcement in the City of Detroit
- 6 are very familiar with it, whether there's bribery,
- 7 whether there's city council members, whether there's
- 8 large pervasive problems that have gone on for decades in
- 9 this city. But what I try to explain to everybody is that
- 10 car insurance is a very simple equation. If there are
- 11 going to be a small number of people that steal millions
- 12 of dollars from a car insurance company, the only thing
- 13 we do is just chop it up and end up charging everybody,
- 14 all law-abiding citizens that want to buy car insurance.
- 15 So, if we don't stop it, the same 5 or 10
- 16 individuals that own CURE truck companies or body shops
- 17 that are doing this to your citizens will make it
- 18 unaffordable for the vast majority of people that live in
- 19 this city. So, sorry, the next bullet point, if you
- 20 could. I already said about \$15 a day for storage is the
- 21 maximum, if it was from a Detroit lease Co, and, sorry,
- 22 present-day company is a lot of fraud and abuse. I'm
- 23 sorry, I did this very quickly. So, yeah, if you could go
- 24 to the next slide. So, here are some deposition
- 25 transcripts from recently. We've sued over 30 body shops



- 1 and tow companies within a day about a year and a half
- 2 ago. We've mounted a large offensive; we're going to get
- 3 the bottom of this, whether or not there's cooperation or
- 4 not.
- 5 And the only way to do that is civil warfare, which
- 6 is to sue the people that are doing this to us. And
- 7 during the course of that litigation, we've gotten
- 8 depositions of our own insureds who actually have this
- 9 happen to them. These are some experts from those
- 10 deposition transcripts. I don't want to bore everybody
- 11 with this, so I'm just going to fly through these. But
- 12 basically, what you'll find is a very common theme that
- 13 our own insureds are completely unaware of this scam.
- 14 What happens is these individual tow companies download
- 15 an app on a website or on their phone, and they follow
- 16 around the police scans and they show up every single
- 17 time there's a car accident, or there's a disabled
- 18 vehicle. They show up within 10 to 15 minutes of a car
- 19 accident, and they go up to that individual and say, hey,
- 20 you know, I could tow you your car. It'll be free just so
- 21 long as you have car insurance. And then the person
- 22 doesn't even know what they're talking about and they
- 23 say, oh, it's free. Yeah, a police officer might show up
- 24 5 minutes later, they're writing up their police report.
- 25 They know that it is the right of a citizen to choose



- 1 their own tow company. A private tow company is something
- 2 that you're entitled to do. So, when they see a car being
- 3 hoisted up on a tow truck, they think, okay, that person
- 4 just called a tow truck company. So, the police officer
- 5 doesn't think anything of it, just says, well, okay, well
- 6 that's one less thing for me to do, right? Call a police
- 7 authorized tow. These individuals end up getting their
- 8 cars towed to an auto body shop in Southfield or
- 9 somewhere else out 10 miles outside the City of Detroit.
- 10 We get a phone call from the body shop that says,
- 11 hey, by the way, we have a 2010 Chrysler 300 here, and
- 12 your insured left their car; we had to pick it up. And by
- 13 the way, we had to pay a tow company to bring it here.
- 14 They auction them off. They charge you \$2,000. We're
- 15 charging you a \$1,000 cleaning fee for Covid cleaning
- 16 supply, which is some air freshener. And inside the car
- 17 that I can possibly not possibly verify curs or not. But
- 18 the average tow is over \$3,500 for any... This is the
- 19 average tow, okay? I'll show you, if you can go to a
- 20 couple sides that go on 4 or 5 slides in front of this,
- 21 where this is an actual tow bill that I get. This bill
- 22 right here, \$4,900 is for a regular tow out the City of
- 23 Detroit.
- So, what happens is, when I go to that body shop and
- 25 I say, hey, by the way, I want to get that tow, I'm not



- 1 going to pay \$4,900 for a tow that went 10 miles for one
- 2 day. They will literally say, well, you're not going to
- 3 get the car back. They essentially kidnap the car from
- 4 us. And unless, what am I going to do, take a firearm and
- 5 tell the person that I need to get the car back? Then, I
- 6 have an insured that's sitting here telling me, by the
- 7 way, why is my car not getting fixed? Why is my car not
- 8 getting fixed? Because I either have to pay \$7,000, or in
- 9 this case, \$4,900 in this one case right here, you can
- 10 see \$11,900. I would have to pay as an insurance company
- 11 to get a car out of a lot. Half the time, these cars are
- 12 not even worth \$11,900. So, we have a serious problem
- 13 that's going on in Detroit. I'm here to explain how it
- 14 actually happens. I'm imploring you to help us by... And I
- 15 want to say I applaud Chief Bettison because we work
- 16 together on a forum called a consumer acknowledgement
- 17 forum. If you go to the next slide, sorry.
- I already went through this part, this
- 19 acknowledgement forum, the next slide. Sorry. It's a very
- 20 simple acknowledgement forum. It's simply like a bill of
- 21 rice for consumers. All we're asking for the DPD to do is
- 22 if somebody's going to get their car towed, and it's not
- 23 by the police authorized tow, make them click off whether
- 24 or not they decline a Detroit municipal tow, that they
- 25 certify that they requested an unapproved tow, okay? And



- 1 they've been informed to understand the costs of that
- 2 tow. That way we can make sure that the consumer at least
- 3 understands it is not free, okay? Because under most
- 4 policies that are written by other insurance companies,
- 5 which we might have to actually adopt, it would say that
- 6 we're only responsible for the reasonable cost of a tow.
- 7 So, what that does is it leaves the citizens of Detroit
- 8 that get an unauthorized tow to pay the back balance
- 9 between \$200 and \$4,900. And that's what eventually is
- 10 going to have to happen. This is why most of the
- 11 insurance carriers in the State of Michigan don't have
- 12 any agents writing business in the City of Detroit,
- 13 because nobody wants to deal with this type of headache.
- 14 So, we have a choice here before us. We're either going
- 15 to address this problem or we're going to have
- 16 unaffordable rates in the City of Detroit. So, thank you
- 17 very much for your time today, and hopefully you found it
- 18 compelling.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Mr. Poe, you have a question?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Through the Chair. Mr. Poe,
- 21 do you have any pamphlets or a number for CURE that I can
- 22 get from you?
- 23 MR. POE: Yeah. I mean...
- 24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Because you all are not located
- 25 in Detroit, right?



- 1 MR. POE: We do have an office in Detroit. We have an
- 2 office in Detroit over a year and a half ago.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, okay. I didn't know that.
- 4 MR. POE: We have about a hundred employees in the
- 5 City of Detroit.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay, good. I'm all set, sir.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright. Commissioner.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: A couple of things, Mr.
- 9 Chairman. And thank you Mr. Poll, for your presentation
- 10 and for opening our eyes and everyone who's listening to
- 11 this particular meeting. A couple of things. Number one,
- 12 I'd like a copy of your PowerPoint today so that we can
- 13 give it to all of the persons that are in this room or
- 14 who wants it, or we can post it on our website, because I
- 15 think it's very important for people to understand the
- 16 facts that you're sharing with us today. Secondly, I'd
- 17 like to suggest; I've never met you before. You're not my
- 18 insurer. I have no knowledge of these issues prior to you
- 19 mentioning them today. But I'd like to ask the chair and
- 20 the vice chair and whatever other members of the board
- 21 that would like to participate for us to petition the
- 22 City Council.
- I know my council member will do it, Angela
- 24 Calloway, and I'm sure many others would; to hear your
- 25 presentation. It directly affects the citizens of this



- 1 city. And it's important that everyone understands; get
- 2 informed quite frankly about the things that you're
- 3 talking about. I know that Allstate, and State Farm,
- 4 they'll come back with their stuff. That's okay. But I
- 5 want the City Council to be in a position to address this
- 6 situation, as well as the commission through our own
- 7 policy initiatives. I chair that committee. And I worked
- 8 closely with Chief Bettison, and his staff on this issue.
- 9 We may not be able to say, go to CURE. That may be
- 10 against the rules, which I assume it might be, but we can
- 11 certainly put the facts out there and make sure that that
- 12 disclosure that you get, that's a good form. And the
- 13 police, when they respond to an accident, they can give,
- 14 do you want to give the form out? It doesn't have your
- 15 name on it. We need to advise the community and let them
- 16 make informed decisions. And I appreciate you bringing
- 17 that to our attention. Thank you.
- MR. POE: Thank you. And you guys do sell bulletproof
- 19 vests, right, like to citizens?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Have to sell bulletproof vests.
- 21 Yeah. And that's a very important point because this is
- 22 egregious. You know, we have been talking about towing
- 23 for a very long time. And many citizens have come in here
- 24 and they have complained to us about the state of towing
- 25 in the City of Detroit. And, and I think that the time is



- 1 ripe for us to be, you know, to use our voice as well.
- 2 But I'm absolutely appreciative that we do have a towing
- 3 committee. A lot of our powers were taken away before I
- 4 got here. But the fact of the matter is that we do have
- 5 some say, and we are at the table somewhat as it relates
- 6 to this particular issue. From the law enforcement side
- 7 of things, I appreciate that form that you present and
- 8 that's something that we should look at. And I want to
- 9 hear from law enforcement as it relates to how egregious
- 10 this thing is. You are talking about from \$200 to
- 11 possibly \$7,000, \$5,000, \$7,000, \$3,000 bills. That is
- 12 unacceptable for the citizens of the City of Detroit. And
- 13 it is a front to the citizens of the City of Detroit. You
- 14 know, I don't care who doesn't like that, I don't care
- 15 who doesn't like it. The fact of the matter is the
- 16 citizens of the City of Detroit deserve way better than
- 17 that. You are talking about \$200 to \$4,000 to \$5,000
- 18 bills. That's sick for...
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Poor people.
- MR. POE: And by the way, I just want to say thank
- 21 you again to Chief Bettison.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh, absolutely.
- MR. POE: Mayor Duggan for all they've done.
- 24 CHIEF BETTISON: Absolutely. Through the Chair. I
- 25 just want to commend Mr. Poe, because he's really



- 1 standing up and it's not only affecting CURE, it's
- 2 affecting All State. It is affecting all car insurers and
- 3 the board, City Council, we are all collectively as
- 4 leadership, have done what we could to ensure that we
- 5 keep rates low with please authorized to, you know, as a
- 6 result, this is outside of that, these are private tow
- 7 companies that are scammers and they're not even located,
- 8 oftentimes in the City of Detroit. So, across the
- 9 jurisdiction lines. Well, let me give you something. We
- 10 are doing something about it and stay tuned. And we are
- 11 wanting to hold them accountable. I can't say what we are
- 12 doing about it, but I am doing something about it, and
- 13 stay tuned. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I appreciate you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wow!
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Chief.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wonderful.
- 17 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you guys.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wonderful, Chief Bettison.
- 19 Wonderful, or are you coming dope or dub us?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And it is crazy that the CEO has
- 21 to ask, are any bulletproof vests available? You know,
- 22 because that's really a real issue, you know, that's
- 23 sickening. He says it facetiously, but that's a real
- 24 scenario, you know? And thank you for your courage and
- 25 thank you that we are not charged any more than \$200,



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- 1 right?
- CHIEF BETTISON: We are good, you all; make sure we 2.
- are good. So, the City of Detroit is doing what we can to 3
- make towing affordable, but we do have folks that are 4
- 5 outside and are taking advantage of our citizens and
- 6 their scammers. And what they're doing is, you know,
- 7 shysty and it's illegal.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. Alright.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: One, I think in order to 9
- inform the community, Chief, maybe you could run some 10
- PSAs on towing, and that Detroit towers are available 11
- 12 when they have accidents; and say the commission
- 13 obviously, and your office are in favor of that. I think
- 14 people are just doing it because they don't know; don't
- 15 believe it's free. It's not free, nothing's free. That's
- 16 the point.
- CHIEF BETTISON: I will have my media team, work on 17
- that. And we need to work together collaboratively and 18
- get that information out and talk about it at every 19
- public meeting, radio, pushing it out, tv, et cetera, 20
- because it's a real issue. And when you empower a 21
- 22 community, then they can stop some of the fraud that's
- 23 going on.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely.
- CHIEF BETTISON: By not being indicative. 25



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- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right. Good job.
- 2 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir. Commissioner Burton.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chief. Welcome, Chief
- 5 Bettison. We had quite a few people this past year that
- 6 came before the board. One was born state representative
- 7 LaMar Lemmons, whose wife was victimized by having her
- 8 car stolen in front of their home. And when the police
- 9 department recovered her vehicle or whatever. LaMar
- 10 Lemmons, former state rep and his wife Georgia Lemmons,
- 11 goes down to the tow yard to try to retrieve their
- 12 vehicle; just the amount of fees that was theirs, you
- 13 know, and so to be a victim, to have your car stolen, and
- 14 then you look at the fees to retrieve your vehicle, it is
- 15 just, you know, it's not right. I don't think victims
- 16 have to pay these ridiculous fees to retrieve something
- 17 that's rightfully theirs.
- 18 When they heard the fees, they turned to each other,
- 19 and now they're wondering, you know, when you look at
- 20 \$2,000 or \$3,000, hypothetically speaking, what if
- 21 someone's car only worth that in the beginning and now
- 22 they have to pay \$2,000 or \$3,000 to get their car back?
- 23 That's just one incident. There's another person by the
- 24 name of Mr. Collins, who's a Detroiter, who also reached
- 25 out to me in the office or whatever, here in the



- 1 commissioner's office whose car was stolen, and he looked
- 2 at what would it cost for him to get his car back. And
- 3 so, Detroiters are wondering, is it really worth it, or
- 4 is it worth going to get another car? And so, we have to
- 5 be able to work with families that wake up every day in
- 6 part, really. A person's vehicle, that probably only
- 7 worth \$2,000 to \$3,000, but should have to pay \$2,000 to
- 8 \$3,000 to retrieve their vehicle. Should they be
- 9 victimized twice? They shouldn't be victimized, period.
- 10 But in a way, they feel like they've been victimized
- 11 twice. The fee stole their vehicle. Now they have to pay
- 12 all this money that they cannot afford; the holidays, a
- 13 season is approaching. So, I know Chief, you just came
- 14 back to the department. I just want to say thank you for
- 15 all your years of service and welcome back. But I know
- 16 you're going to look into this because I know your heart
- 17 is with the citizens.
- 18 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Go ahead.
- 20 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. Commissioner
- 21 Burton, thank you for raising it. I can't even imagine a
- 22 scenario where it would be \$3,000 for the layman's family
- 23 to deal with the scenario that you just described. And
- 24 so, every case like that, you can personally bring that
- 25 to me, my staff, we will look into it; we will report it



- 1 back and know that everything that I can do to lower the
- 2 cost of anything, car related, car insurance, you know,
- 3 mistakes, whatever, that'll be my sole mission. Because
- 4 the lower it is to live, to operate, to move with
- 5 mobility in the City of Detroit is for us overall as a
- 6 whole city. And so, bring that to me, we'll jump on it,
- 7 we'll report back. And you know, that the goal is to
- 8 ensure that through the commission, that we only charge
- 9 at the most \$200 for a city authorized tow. I think the
- 10 fees are \$15 a day if this comes to storage. Some crimes,
- 11 we don't charge anything, depending on if it is a violent
- 12 crime where the individual can get their car back. So,
- 13 let's work together on that.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Absolutely. And through the
- 15 sheriff, through the Chief, I would be happy to share
- 16 their contact numbers with you, with your office. So, you
- 17 all can look into, look into this because some of these
- 18 situations are ongoing. Mr. Lemmons was here not long
- 19 ago, but then there's Mr. Collins, who has a concern as
- 20 well. And one of the situations someone else brought to
- 21 my attention, they said that their car was involved in
- 22 the situation, and they couldn't use their AAA for their
- 23 vehicle. They had to go through, I guess, I don't know,
- 24 some other authorized towing, some other towing. And
- 25 there you go, there are more fees. We hear these concerns



- 1 quite often from the Detroiters, and they don't know who
- 2 to turn to. So, they turn to their city council members,
- 3 their other elected officials, their police
- 4 commissioners, they turn to those at the community
- 5 relations meetings at the precinct. And then we, as
- 6 commissioners, don't often deal with this. We are more so
- 7 rules, regulations, and policies. But I guess, it's
- 8 always good to have this conversation, and because we all
- 9 signed up to serve. And so, we want to be able to point
- 10 people in the right direction.
- 11 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair, this is great for
- 12 me. So, thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, I promise. I just want to
- 15 say that this is so very important in the City of
- 16 Detroit. And Chief, if you could just make this a high
- 17 priority for your administration, it would be helpful. I
- 18 went to the Lions game. I just won tonight. I have to get
- 19 out of here. But there were tow trucks lined up on
- 20 Woodward Avenue on my mother and my father. I'd never
- 21 seen that before, were you just towing everybody who was
- 22 parked, I thought it was okay to park in the evening, I'm
- 23 talking about on the side of the street, just going
- 24 north.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Right by Lumen.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yeah. They just tow trucks
- 2 lined up, just taking people's cars. They had obviously
- 3 parked earlier, probably. This was a Sunday,
- 4 incidentally, this was not a weekday, and I was shocked
- 5 by it. I said, who did this? How did this happen? So, it
- 6 is a real problem for people who come to Detroit, I
- 7 think.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. Commander.
- 9 CMDR. PARISH: Mr. Chairman, through you to the rest
- 10 of this body. As a matter of policy, the Detroit Police
- 11 Department is not authorized to charge citizens for
- 12 stolen vehicles. So, if somebody was charged to redeem a
- 13 stolen vehicle, clearly something went wrong. They're not
- 14 supposed to be non-corporate entities. That is to say,
- 15 individual citizens, whether they're from Detroit or not,
- 16 if their vehicle was stolen in Detroit and recovered in
- 17 Detroit, they may redeem their vehicle for free.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. And I know that to be true,
- 19 because a citizen approached me. I was going to get my
- 20 oil changed about three weeks ago, and the guy told me
- 21 about his father's car being stolen, and the company was
- 22 holding on to it. I called Deputy Chief Hayes and he
- 23 called and got that car turned over back to his, I think
- 24 his father was like 87 years old, still driving and stuff
- 25 like that. His car got stolen. The place was holding onto



- 1 his car and telling him that he had to pay this fee; and
- 2 he was victimized and I called Deputy Chief Hayes, and it
- 3 was turned over without costs. So, there's some glitches
- 4 in the matrix. And again, these people are trying to take
- 5 advantage of the elderly, and other folks, you know,
- 6 people who don't have a voice. And I appreciate their
- 7 voices being echoed by this commission today, and by Mr.
- 8 Poe, and definitely by the Chief. And so, thank you very
- 9 kindly. Let's go to the resolution.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Are there other people?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, that's after. After the
- 12 resolution, we have the Chief of Police report. All
- 13 right. Thank you again. Mr. Poe.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Do you have the resolution?
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm reading?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Is the person here?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Retiring Captain Conway Petty.
- 21 Are you here? If not, I would simply move that this
- 22 resolution become part of the permanent record of the
- 23 police commission, and that I move its adoption. It's in
- 24 your binders, commissioners as written.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner



- Bernard. Anyone second?
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: I second it. 2.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner Banks to 3
- adopt a resolution. And any discussion? All in a favor, 4
- 5 say aye.
- 6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Just to the Chair, a point 7
- of clarity. We typically read first. Did I miss 8
- something?
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, she did say, as approved as 10
- 11 written.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's in your binder.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: He's not here.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: That's fine.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You want to get out here early.
- 16 All in favor say, aye.
- 17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is 18
- 19 carried.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Congratulations to retiring
- Captain Conway Petty. 21
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. 23
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just want to just add some



- 1 words...
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Yes.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Some kind words to Captain
- 4 Conway Petty. I've been on this Board of Police
- 5 Commissioners for over a decade now. I had an opportunity
- 6 to work closely with many members of the department over
- 7 the years, and Captain Conway Petty was one of those
- 8 distinguished individuals who really helped our community
- 9 together safely, especially Downtown. I mean, for many
- 10 years, I recognized him from Downtown Services and things
- 11 of that nature. His leadership goes a long way. He's
- 12 definitely going to be missed by our community as well as
- 13 community partners, Downtown Services. But just a
- 14 distinguished man that really loves the department, but
- 15 also loves this community. And I definitely love his
- 16 personality and his leadership. You know, these years
- 17 watching so many members leave the department over the
- 18 years. But I can also say that our Detroit officers that
- 19 has 25 even more years' experience, they usually go to
- 20 other places and turn other departments around as well. I
- 21 know that this is not going to be the end of leadership
- 22 for Captain Petty. I know he's going to go and serve some
- 23 great places, but I just want some of you on the board
- 24 who may be new and who may not be familiar with his
- 25 leadership. This man is very distinguished. He's a leader



- 1 in so many different ways, and has so many years of his
- 2 experience and his leadership is definitely going to be
- 3 missed. And if anything, I could just say congratulations
- 4 to Captain Conway Patty for his exemplary years of
- 5 service.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, very kindly.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I thought we still had more
- 10 public comments. I thought so.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That's afterwards, once we get a
- 12 quorum.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. So back to where it's on
- 15 the agenda. So, the Chief of Police Report, and then
- 16 we're getting down that close.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Alright, keep rolling.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Chief.
- 19 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir. Mr. Chair, I'll be brief
- 20 as well. I just wanted to say a little something about
- 21 Captain Petty. Captain Petty's job was very
- 22 distinguished. And what was really special about him is
- 23 he actually went from sergeant, never was a lieutenant,
- 24 and went to captain and did a good job. And so, with
- 25 that, he made a pathway for possibly, you never know,



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- 1 another sergeant to go to captain because he did not
- 2 disappoint. No, I see the LSA lieutenant back there
- 3 saying, no, no, no. I'll jump into my report. The
- 4 homicides as of last week, and as of where we are right
- 5 now, we're still trending, definitely in the right
- 6 direction. Hoping, and working very hard to come in at
- 7 the end of the year under 200. That's the goal. But we're
- 8 16% down, and that's considering even from our reduction
- 9 last year, nonfatal shootings are 24% down. Robberies,
- 10 13% down, violent crime overall, 6% down, which is all
- 11 good. And carjacking is 14% down. We had a total of 131
- 12 carjackings this year. Last year, the same period in
- 13 time. We had 152. But if you go back to 2013 to 2014, we
- 14 had like 500 carjackings. At one point we were doing that
- 15 carjacking city with the officers, with community, with
- 16 the green lights, with everything, just the and, the and,
- 17 the and. Crime is continuously going down, and we have to
- 18 continuously keep it going in that direction. I already
- 19 reported earlier on the situation significantly that got
- 20 the whole community's attention with the two juveniles
- 21 that were posted on social media, alternately, making
- 22 regular media that were sleeping on the porch. And so,
- 23 I'll just say that the two juveniles as of now, have been
- 24 removed from the location, a safety plan identified, and
- 25 Child Abuse of the DPD, along with CPS.



- 1 We're working this case and we'll keep the community
- 2 updated, but for the sake of privacy, and seeing what's
- 3 going on, I don't want to get into too many details.
- 4 We've had numerous shootings over the weekend and over
- 5 the week. I won't go into all of those details. But we've
- 6 been doing great. Our closure rate of homicides is
- 7 roughly 61%. So, we are right there beating the national
- 8 average. So, individuals that are committing crimes in
- 9 the city, they are definitely being held accountable. The
- 10 men and women of DPD are doing a great job in that
- 11 regard. But citizens are cooperating, giving us tips
- 12 because without the citizens, we can't close those cases.
- 13 Our Citizens Police Academy, we just had a graduation on
- 14 Monday, December the second. 11 Detroiters graduated from
- 15 the Citizens Police Academy. I attended that. What was
- 16 really special about it, hearing their testimonies. Many
- 17 of them stated that prior to going through the Citizens
- 18 Police Academy, they really didn't understand how the
- 19 department worked.
- 20 And some, quite frankly, were candid to say, we
- 21 really didn't like the police, but now that we have a
- 22 better understanding, we can actually be advocates in the
- 23 community to even explain to our family and friends what
- 24 you all go through. So, they were very complimentary. We
- 25 created some advocates there. We have the AAA School



- 1 Safety Patrol Kenny Ceremony that happened on Tuesday,
- 2 December 3rd. Officers left the 11th Precinct attended
- 3 and led students in their safety patrol play at the
- 4 Cornerstone Jefferson Academy. And I did a Sergeant Santa
- 5 interview, just like the Chief has. It's that time of
- 6 year. And so, you're going to see Chief Santa out there
- 7 being Sergeant Santa Chief Bettison...
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Does everyone have a device on.
- 9 Does anyone have a device on? Okay, thank you. Please
- 10 silence your devices.
- 11 CHIEF BETTISON: We will be out there delivering toys
- 12 to needy families and you know, assisting during that
- 13 time of year. So, I want to continue that, on reaching
- 14 the gap, getting in the gap, being like they are with the
- 15 community. Thank you, sir.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Chief, thank you so much for your
- 17 word. I just want to say off the bat that before the
- 18 Chief came down here, he was in his office and I was in
- 19 the office of the BOPC testifying before the State Senate
- 20 on some police accountability bills. And I want to
- 21 publicly applaud you for your stance, as well as
- 22 recognizing that the department is a leader in this space
- 23 as it relates to no knock warrants. And we have the
- 24 family of Breonna Taylor. She was on for a minute, but
- 25 she couldn't be there. But the commissioner out of, I



- 1 believe, Grand Rapids read her statement into the record,
- 2 with Senator Cheney. There was a number of law
- 3 enforcement officials who gave testimony. Reverend
- 4 Wendell Anthony from the Detroit branch of NAACP, and
- 5 many other leaders throughout this State stood up and
- 6 talked about or testified on behalf of the police
- 7 accountability bills.
- And we lend our voice, and we have been on the
- 9 working committee to be able to get these bills through.
- 10 And I'm very certain that those bills got passed out of
- 11 the committee since we've been in this room. And so, keep
- 12 it in prayer, you know we have to get it through the full
- 13 Senate floor, and get it through the house, which has
- 14 bipartisan support. And so, we really appreciate that,
- 15 and appreciate your strong voice, appreciate your strong
- 16 op-ed on constitutional policing, and bringing more
- 17 clarity in that space.
- 18 CHIEF BETTISON: Well, through the Chair, I just want
- 19 to say it is just my pleasure leading the Detroit Police
- 20 Department and knowing that we are leading and we're able
- 21 to do it all. Police accountability, and I don't want to
- 22 just call it accountability, it's also just our policies.
- 23 It is what we do. We have body cameras; we already went
- 24 to intervene. The board signed off on the policy as well.
- 25 Our officers want body-worn cameras. And we don't do the



- 1 no knock warrants. I mean, we support that and think
- 2 about what we've been doing and where we are. It's just
- 3 natural. And so, to be able to be a leader in that
- 4 showcase, how we do it here in Detroit, our community
- 5 involvement, and still be able to lower crime, we're
- 6 doing it all. And so, showcasing and testifying before
- 7 the Senate about the great work that we are doing here, I
- 8 was bragging.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Any questions?
- 10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Chair, right here.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Did you raise your hand now,
- 13 vice chair? Oh, okay. I thought you raised your hand, I'm
- 14 sorry. Through the Chair. Chief Bettison, the last time
- 15 you were here we were talking about the Mario Willis
- 16 case. I just wanted to give you a little update. You had
- 17 mentioned how the Willis family are in contact with
- 18 Prosecutor Worthy. They were watching on Zoom and they
- 19 never had a communication with Prosecutor Worthy is what
- 20 they told me. And Mr. Chair, any way we can... The family
- 21 tunes in, a very large family guy. I know, you know
- 22 Prosecutor Worthy personally, and I know you all have a
- 23 relationship. Can we make that happen? Can you help us
- 24 help a family out?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well...



- COMMISSIONER BANKS: Can I finish? 1
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. I was going to answer your 2
- 3 question.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. The Conviction Integrity 5
- Unit in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, is the 6
- voice of looking at cases. And I know for a fact that the
- case was submitted through the Conviction Integrity Unit. 8
- And her office would speak as to what her position is on
- that case through the Conviction Integrity Unit. And 10
- that's with Valerie Newman and the Conviction Integrity... 11
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. Now, the Conviction 12
- 13 Integrity Unit, if I'm not mistaken, they rely upon Kim
- 14 Worthy, right? She oversees that?
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: She doesn't interfere with it. 15
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: But is she over that?
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's part of ...
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: All right. 18
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. But the family wants to
- 21 meet with Prosecutor Worthy. Can we possibly make that
- 22 happen; at least ask?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: ask.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Thank you. That's all I'm
- 25 asking.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: For you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I appreciate that.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Not in an official capacity. I'll
- 4 ask, and I'll connect you through an email.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Thank you, and I
- 6 appreciate that.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: All right. My nan.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: My man. Alright.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 11 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. Commissioner
- 12 Banks, I just wanted to say that when I was speaking that
- 13 they were in contact with Prosecutor Worthy, the
- 14 Conviction Integrity Unit, that was me saying they were
- 15 in contact with Prosecutor Worthy. So, because I know
- 16 that it falls under her office, but I tried not to ever
- 17 speak for Prosecutor Worthy. I just, Prosecute Worthy,
- 18 you know, not saying anything about that. But I know that
- 19 it is been through that process. And they have various
- 20 attorneys and also, it's a reporter as well that they're
- 21 working through.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right.
- 23 CHIEF BETTISON: Definitely wishing the best of luck.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Eddie Allen.
- 25 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good friend of mine.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, wonderful. Okay. And I think
- 3 you mentioned, and, you know, I just want to say to you,
- 4 Chief Bettison, I've been knowing you many years, and I
- 5 appreciate your heart, you have for the community, and
- 6 you get after it, you know, great respect for you, you
- 7 know, and you know my character. I don't just tell
- 8 anybody that.
- 9 CHIEF BETTISON: I know.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I don't care who you are. You
- 11 know that. We go back 15 years and I appreciate your
- 12 heart, and your character, stamp for the community. Bless
- 13 your soul, young man.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: If there is nothing else, are we
- 15 going to go to the board secretary report?
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just...
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep, yep, go ahead.
- DR. JACKSON: I wanted to go to oral communications
- 19 to finish public comments.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh yeah. Oral communications.
- 21 Thank you. Miss, you have something before we go there?
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. I just want the Chief,
- 23 since we're still on the Chief's report, essentially. Do
- 24 you mind? I can do it. But you better do it. The notice
- 25 regarding domestic violence that's in the package that



- 1 you've had it read at all precincts for 7 consecutive
- 2 days; the notice of rights form, the access that domestic
- 3 violence victims have to the actual incident report,
- 4 which is new, and then the assistance with
- 5 transportation. Do you mind covering that really quickly?
- 6 CHIEF BETTISON: I'm going to let you cover it. I
- 7 only cover stuff that I'm really intimately familiar
- 8 with, and that right there, I'm not as.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You want me to do it?
- 10 CHIEF BETTISON: Yep. Absolutely.
- 11 COMMUNITY BERNARD: Alright. Just for the community's
- 12 edification. Now, officers must apply for victims with a
- 13 completed notice of rights, victims of domestic violence
- 14 form DPD 113. This form should include the reporting
- 15 officer's name, badge number, the address of the relevant
- 16 precinct or command, and the telephone number for the
- 17 Domestic Violence Unit. This is all brand new. Let me
- 18 suggest you put it on colored paper so everybody will be
- 19 able to find it among many pieces of white paper. Second...
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I don't think our people printed
- 21 that out.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I mean, the police have to
- 23 give it out now.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: But now you are going to give it
- 25 out to the community?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But this is what the...
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay, I got you. Good point.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That is what we have to do
- 4 now. Two, access to incident report. Upon receipt, upon
- 5 request, a victim of domestic violence shall be given a
- 6 copy of the incident report at no charge, which currently
- 7 they have to pay, go over to the 2nd Precinct to get
- 8 them. The responsibility falls under the Domestic
- 9 Violence Unit or other specialized command overseeing the
- 10 investigation. So that's now free. You don't have to pay
- 11 the \$10 for the report. Thirdly, this is totally new.
- 12 Assistance with transportation. Members should assist
- 13 victims by providing or arranging transportation to a
- 14 safe location, such as an emergency shelter. If onsite
- 15 transportation to a shelter is not feasible, the victim
- 16 should be brought to the precinct station for later
- 17 conveyance, apparently by the police. In cases of injury,
- 18 standard department procedures for handling sick or
- 19 injured individuals must be allowed. Members shall ensure
- 20 adherence to these protocols when handling incidents of
- 21 domestic violence to provide victims with the support and
- 22 resources they deserve. This has to be read 7 times at
- 23 every roll call training in the City of Detroit at every
- 24 precinct. It's a special order, 24-04 domestic violence
- 25 policy. So please let everybody know, ladies and



- 1 gentlemen, what the protocol is, thank you. Thank you,
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Commissioner Burton,
- 3 and then we're going to oral communications.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you Mr. Chair.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I guess, I'll go ahead and
- 7 yield.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let's finish oral communications.
- 11 How many do we have left?
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, we have 12 speakers.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You said 12?
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, sir.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. And that's in addition to
- 16 the 9. I thought we only had 9 earlier.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: We have 12 speakers left now.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright. Go ahead.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: That's good. We are growing
- 20 though.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We are growing,
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Pastor MCLOUD will be first. After
- 23 Pastor MCLOUD, Ms. Williams, and then Ms. Whaley,
- 24 Lauderdale.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.



- 1 PASTOR MCLOUD: Good afternoon to everybody.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- 3 PASTOR MCLOUD: My name is Whitney McCloud. I have a
- 4 radio show I produce. And I had recently produced a show
- 5 about traffic. Traffic laws need to be enforced because
- 6 in my old neighborhood of joy and death, I see so many
- 7 cars ignoring traffic lights and traffic signs, and the
- 8 police are nowhere around when you take pictures and want
- 9 to report it. I called the 10th Precinct a few times and
- 10 I was told to just come in and make a report. Why not
- 11 make one over the phone? I said that was the right thing
- 12 to do; to call and make a report. Even when they go
- 13 through the motions, they would give you a call back. I
- 14 wonder why? I see cars, people drive past, drive, and
- 15 ignore red lights. Not only cars. Every once in a while,
- 16 you see a police car when they get a half way through the
- 17 traffic light, they turn on the red light and drive
- 18 through. And that's illegal. I see that as illegal. And
- 19 you know I would like to see everybody obey the traffic
- 20 laws.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright, thank you, sir. Next
- 22 speaker.
- 23 PASTOR MCLOUD: Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Hello everyone. I'm here to speak



- 1 about the officer who threatened my life to say he was
- 2 going to cut me up, do something to me, and put me in his
- 3 trunk. His name is Johnson, and he works at the facility
- 4 where I'm at; at 3426. His phone number is (313) 933-
- 5 4700. And how do I know this? It's because he worked
- 6 there and he called it in his badge number. I didn't get
- 7 that, but I got that number. And another officer, Deputy
- 8 Chief, called me a rotten B. I'm being respectable. She
- 9 said, I'm messing up her bread and a whole lot of stuff
- 10 that, you know, insinuating, she's going to be handled.
- 11 I'm not going to tolerate it from no one; anyone
- 12 threatening in my life. No one is above the law. When you
- 13 threaten my life, it is an issue. I've been going through
- 14 a whole lot for the last four years. And all of this is
- 15 on record. At the end of the day, like I said, hacking is
- 16 illegal. I'm sitting up here, on my phone; the majority
- 17 of the people in here are officers. It is not acceptable,
- 18 and especially where officers, I can't say the whole 27,
- 19 but a lot of officers are behind paying people to be
- 20 stalking me through Cash App, Apple Pay. they are paying
- 21 at the dollar stores. It is a new game called swiping. It
- 22 used to be a check game. When you endanger my life, I
- 23 have all kinds of nuts coming at me. It is illegal to
- 24 carry my weapons inside of these facilities, unlike the
- 25 officers that live in these facilities,



- 1 that have the means to pay rent. So, at the end of
- 2 the day, it's the issue. It's not acceptable, and it
- 3 can't work. You say no one is above the law. Have a good
- 4 day, people.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next speaker.
- 6 MS. WHALEY: Hello. Good afternoon.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- 8 MS. WHALEY: I'm Pat Whaley. I have a complaint. Have
- 9 two issues. I had a complaint with OCI, another complaint
- 10 against the officer. Went through the procedures, didn't
- 11 hear anything. Went back. Finally, I asked for a status
- 12 update, and they said, [unclear01:19:59]. I wasn't happy
- 13 with that. So, I went to the Board of Police
- 14 Commissioners, filed another complaint. The first
- 15 complaint was in October of last year. I was told by the
- 16 Board of Commissioner's office that somehow; I would be
- 17 invited to a special meeting to be heard again. I haven't
- 18 heard anything back.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let me stop you there. Anybody
- 20 familiar with it, tell me your name.
- 21 MS. WHALEY: Pat Whaley, Lauderdale.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Are we familiar with her? So, you
- 23 asked him to file an appeal for your complaint, right?
- MS. WHAKEY: Correct.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Take care of her.



- 1 MS. WHALEY: Okay, My second issue. I had a neighbor
- 2 last month put a gun on me, acting crazy, pulled a gun
- 3 out on me. I called the police several times. They
- 4 finally showed up. Whose job is it as far as the charges?
- 5 Because all I know is she's been charged with banishing a
- 6 gun. She also restrained my vehicle in the alley,
- 7 wouldn't let me leave the scene. She parked her vehicle
- 8 behind mine, if I wanted to leave the scene. She didn't
- 9 allow me to do that. So, when the officers came out, I
- 10 have the police report now. He wrote it up completely
- 11 incorrectly. And the prosecutor just gave her a banishing
- 12 charge. Why isn't... Who is this ...?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That's beyond us. If that's what
- 14 the prosecutor did then the police or the Board of Police
- 15 Commissioners have no say so in that.
- MS. WHALEY: So, is the detective that puts on the
- 17 original copy. They took her in that day, tuck me in.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: If you get an officer to
- 19 communicate with her, and just to check into that.
- MS. WHALEY: Okay.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, you can talk to one of the
- 22 DPD officers and then our staff will work with you as it
- 23 relates to your appeal. And I think we have to handle
- 24 that on the board side, right? Okay. All right. So, talk
- 25 to Investigator Sloan, and then also, Officer Tys will



- 1 help you with the other matter.
- MS. WHALEY: Alright? Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Next speaker.
- 4 MS. UNDERWOOD: The next two speakers are in the room
- 5 and then we'll go into Zoom after that. That will be Ms.
- 6 Bernie Smith and Lonnie Griffin. Oh, and Ms. Robin Keith.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah.
- 8 MS. UNDERWOOD: And Lieutenant Mark Young.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep.
- 10 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon to my commissioners.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- 12 MS. SMITH: I'm here and above all to see my son. I
- 13 don't have to call 224 anymore, do I? Glad to see you
- 14 down here with us. Alright, what I want to say is, it's a
- 15 pleasure to know that our commissioners are still active.
- 16 I have communication with the folks in Chicago and they
- 17 talk about us over here. And I really lay them down.
- 18 Don't talk about my Detroit commissioner over here
- 19 because we are doing a hell of a good job trying to
- 20 combat the crime and anything else that comes before us.
- 21 So, I just want to let you know they can't talk about us.
- 22 By no means. I will defend you to the end. Because I know
- 23 what you're doing here. I may not be in the streets, but
- 24 I do have some kind of outlet that will talk with me in
- 25 regards to it.



- 1 Now, the main reason for me coming today was that
- 2 there's a businessman. He was supposed to be here, but he
- 3 is not here. And he has a problem. And I'm not going to
- 4 go into too many details, but I'm glad Chief is here
- 5 because he had asked in regards to do I know him? I said,
- 6 yes, I do. He said, well, he couldn't get to the mayor,
- 7 but he feels as though he can give it to you since you
- 8 were his second in command. And he wants to let you know
- 9 what's going on. And it's in regards to the rehabbing of
- 10 the 8th Precinct. I will go no further than that. It's
- 11 the 8th Precinct that's involved in his situation. So, I
- 12 will tell you part of it, if he's not going to be here,
- 13 and this way, you'll know what the whole story is.
- And as far as Petty retiring, I'm so happy for him.
- 15 He couldn't be a better person. We have some good
- 16 officers on our horse, having we? and I just love them to
- 17 death. Every time I see them out there in the
- 18 neighborhood and doing what they're doing to try to
- 19 combat crime. I'm very proud to be a former member of the
- 20 police commissioner being number one way back in '73. So,
- 21 I still carry that proudly because you guys don't know
- 22 the days. It was a good day. I will get off the phone.
- 23 Get off the mic now as I see you getting ready to say,
- 24 time up. Thank you so much. Afterwards, I'll tell you who
- 25 it is. Thank you so much.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next speaker.
- 2 MR. GRIFFIN: Afternoon.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Afternoon. You may be heard.
- MR. GRIFFIN: All right. Thank you. I appreciate it. 4
- 5 I didn't plan on speaking here today, but I just really...
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Talk on the mic. 7
- MR. GRIFFIN: I have to scoot down a little collar. 8
- Like I said, I didn't really plan on speaking here. I
- really just came to listen. But after listening to the 10
- post speak and the rest of you voice your opinion on the 11
- 12 towing, I decided that I can speak. Again, I created a
- 13 towing app over two years ago. And it's designed to solve
- all the problems that have been voiced in towing for the 14
- 15 last 15, 20 years. For the citizens; it was designed
- 16 really for the police and the top down. But it's a
- 17 system, you know, that get everybody involved. The towing
- companies, the body shops, the police department, but 18
- everybody keeps claiming that it's a problem. But it is 19
- very hard to penetrate all of these businesses to get 20
- everybody on board. From the City Council, the police 21
- department, insurance companies, they say it's a problem, 22
- but nobody wants to address it. And it's just getting 23
- 24 worse and worse and worse. And I have a solution to that
- problem, but like I said, nobody wants to hear it. They 25



- 1 just want to say it. But nobody really wants to solve
- 2 that problem. Since I designed this app, I have cataloged
- 3 personally, visually over 600 towing trucks in the City
- 4 of Detroit daily. Everyone I see I take a picture of and
- 5 create a catalog of it, over 600 running around Detroit.
- 6 So, I just thought I'd put that out there for you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly.
- 8 MR. GRIFFIN: All right.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Next.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Probably follow up with him?
- 11 CHIEF BETTISON: I believe I met with you. Through
- 12 the Chair. I believe we had a meeting probably about 3/4
- 13 years ago.
- MR. GRIFFIN: Yep, we did.
- 15 CHIEF BETTISON: And so, I'd love to have a follow up
- 16 meeting and see where the app is today.
- 17 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay.
- 18 CHIEF BETTISON: Okay.
- 19 MR. GRIFFIN: Yep. Alrighty.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Follow up with Mr. Griffin.
- 21 You have it.
- MR. GRIFFIN: I have a lot of to say.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You good? Alright. You may be
- 24 heard. How are you doing? Hello? What's your name?
- MS. ROBIN: Robin.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh, okay.
- 2 ROBIN: I'm going to bring some concerns before the
- 3 board. My sister was recently in a car accident off of
- 4 Finkel and Greenfield last week. And the police had to
- 5 come out. There was a report made. They sent her to Sinai
- 6 Grace. She has a lot of bruises and she's really kind of
- 7 just, you know, emotionally broken up. And so, we haven't
- 8 heard anything back from the 2nd Precinct. That's the one
- 9 who gave us the report. So, we went yesterday and before
- 10 she could even get to the door, she was advised that we
- 11 don't do accident reports here. We don't do auto
- 12 accidents, which I thought was a little, you know,
- 13 absurd. So, I said, well, let me call in. And when I
- 14 called, there was an officer who answered the phone. A
- 15 name was not given. And she stated that we're in no fault
- 16 state. It is up to the insurance to go after the bad
- 17 guys.
- And I advised her, well, within the guidelines,
- 19 insurance companies can investigate within their, you
- 20 know, realm. But this was a crime. I mean, this is
- 21 something that law enforcement is supposed to step in.
- 22 And she said, well, I mean, is she still alive? I said,
- 23 yeah, it wasn't a fatality. She said, well, I mean, if
- 24 she has insurance, then seek it out through her
- 25 insurance. I said, so what is this, a lack of knowledge



- 1 on the police department's part or is this just laziness?
- 2 An officer just took it upon herself and hung up in my
- 3 face. I'm noticing between departments and the State of
- 4 Detroit, there's a real disparity in information. You can
- 5 call one precinct to another and no one is ever on the
- 6 same page about what is supposed to be policy and
- 7 procedures or they're probably making it up as they go.
- 8 I'm really frustrated right now with DPD. I'm coming here
- 9 before the board to see if, you know, I don't know, maybe
- 10 you guys can implement something to get everybody on
- 11 board, maybe retrain them all over again. I don't know,
- 12 maybe they need a webinar training every three months or
- 13 something. I don't know. But they take it upon themselves
- 14 to do what they want, say what they want, give out
- 15 whatever information they feel is or deem necessary. I
- 16 even went through an identity theft situation for a whole
- 17 year, and I had an officer tell me, we don't do identity
- 18 theft, and fraud in DPD. You have to be kidding me. And I
- 19 have at least 10, if not more fraud reports. And through
- 20 the FTC and IRS and all this is stemming from that will
- 21 talk breach. And just because of her lack of due
- 22 diligence, she just didn't want to take it. I had another
- 23 detective on her and she had the case for eight months
- 24 and only made one phone call.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, Mother Smith is giving me



- 1 the signal, you know, what I'm saying, but no, you stay
- 2 there. Our chief investigator is going to communicate
- 3 with you as well as Officer Tys. And rest assured that it
- 4 will be investigated.
- 5 MS. ROBIN: Okay. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. You can go right there. All
- 7 right. Next.
- 8 LT. YOUNG: Good evening.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good evening.
- 10 LT. YOUNG: Chief Bettison, you're going to do an
- 11 outstanding job, and I'm sure a lot of these issues that
- 12 will be written forward are going to be addressed
- 13 immediately. The towing issue is disturbing. We focused
- 14 on the wrong thing. A lot of the time we're focused like
- 15 a laser beam on the wrong thing. We're forced too. I am
- 16 going to address it tomorrow myself with the legislator.
- 17 I live in the City of Detroit. Nobody, that are also
- 18 victims, including us. I'm going to address it with our
- 19 lobbyists and our legislature. They call me for
- 20 endorsements. They are going to hear me tomorrow. This is
- 21 a good thing. They got police accountability out the way.
- 22 Now, let's work on criminal accountability. Let's hear
- 23 the board talk about criminal accountability, because
- 24 that would help my guys as they are already on the street
- 25 to risk their lives every day. Then, it also helps with



- 1 that crime being reduced. We need our voices to be heard
- 2 because...
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We have CVI, man, you know.
- 4 LT. YOUNG: Just like those people are victimized by
- 5 their towing. There are people who are being victimized
- 6 by the criminals that we are arresting on a constant
- 7 basis. So, now that we have police accountability,
- 8 because we've been beating that drum, let's get criminal
- 9 accountability. Let's beat that drum. I want to give a
- 10 shout out to the men and women of the Detroit Police
- 11 Department. But driving crime down, but for the empathy,
- 12 their compassion, not just during the holidays, but
- 13 throughout the year, the generosity that people don't
- 14 see, making sure it got closed. I've seen officers making
- 15 sure some people had socks and gloves, and trying to give
- 16 them as much dignity with compassion. See, we don't talk
- 17 about that. We only focus on negativity. If we are really
- 18 talking about police accountability, let's give them
- 19 police credit too.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. Through the
- 22 Chair. I wanted to say to the president of LSA,
- 23 Lieutenant Mark Young. We hear you loud and clear in our
- 24 community. And I totally agree with your comments that
- 25 you made here at the podium today. And so, everyone in



- 1 the room, let's give our Detroit police officers and our
- 2 Chief a round applause and to the Sergeant, Lieutenant
- 3 Union.
- 4 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, we're going to Zoom now.
- 5 Our first speaker will be Ms. Parnell. After Ms. Parnell,
- 6 it'll be Scotty Bowman and former Commissioner William
- 7 Davis.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. You may be heard.
- 9 MS. PARNELL: Good evening, Sharon Parnell. I'm going
- 10 to call every week Chief because they keep changing our
- 11 commanders. I heard this commander is not community
- 12 based. We need somebody that's going to be concerned
- 13 about our needs. I've been hanging around too long not to
- 14 have somebody to help us. That's why I come to every
- 15 meeting to make sure that things go right in the 2nd
- 16 Precinct. I would appreciate it if you give us somebody
- 17 that cares about the community and why are you changing
- 18 so much? I'm through.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You're done? Oh, go ahead.
- 20 CHIEF BETTISON: Yeah, Ms. Parnell, you bring an
- 21 excellent point, and I've heard that over the years,
- 22 sometimes we can't avoid change, but just know that my
- 23 commitment is to make the precinct commander position and
- 24 captain positions a priority, and really to elevate it
- 25 and spotlight it so that folks will really want to be



- 1 there. And that's celebrated in a real premier spot. And
- 2 my commitment will be that when they're there and they're
- 3 doing well, to keep them there. Now, through promotions,
- 4 through some things that's unavoidable, they'll be
- 5 changed. But I do agree with you. We definitely move the
- 6 precinct commanders and captains around; really the
- 7 commanders around too much when it comes to the
- 8 precincts. And so, it is throughout the whole department,
- 9 but the community is really attached to the ones in the
- 10 precinct; because a precinct commander is really a chief
- 11 of police of that area. And a precinct commander has more
- 12 officers and more citizens than chiefs of police of
- 13 suburban departments. And so that's my commitment to
- 14 really celebrate them. So, thank you for raising that
- 15 point, Ms. Parnell.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Next speaker. You may
- 17 be heard.
- 18 MR. BOWMAN: Yeah. Hello. This is Scotty Bowman, and
- 19 I'm speaking about the tragic death of Sherman Butler.
- 20 This is going back like 5 months, but as recently as
- 21 early this week, our prosecutor said that she wasn't
- 22 going to be pressing charges against the bailiff who
- 23 fired the shots. But there's a little more to this. And
- 24 why am I speaking to the Board of Police Commissioners
- 25 about something a bailiff did? Well, because there were



- 1 officers on the scene. There were two police officers on
- 2 the scene, at least. And that makes it an officer
- 3 involved. They were involved, an officer involved
- 4 shooting. The board, and they had body cams. As far as I
- 5 understand, the police department and the Chief have not
- 6 released those body cams to the BOPC. I mean, the video
- 7 recordings around the body cams. That should be released
- 8 to the BOPC. Now, if the department refuses, they can do
- 9 that, and the Board of Police Commissioners can go over
- 10 their heads. They can subpoena that video content. You
- 11 have that authority under the Charter, and you should
- 12 investigate the officer's roles in that officer involved
- 13 shooting. See, if policy was violated, that needs to get
- 14 out there. We need to hear from the BOPC. In fact, the
- 15 BOPC should not have to wait at all to get access to any
- 16 video that is recorded by the Detroit Police Department
- 17 as part of their fundamental oversight duties. Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next speaker.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Can we get the body cam on the
- 22 Sherman Douglas case?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Sherman Butler.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I mean, Sherman Butler case.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Can we get body cams, because we
- 2 never got that, we never got a chance to do that as a
- 3 body.
- 4 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair to commissioner,
- 5 now that the prosecutor has weighed in and released her
- 6 charging decision and it is exposed out there.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Exposed.
- 8 CHIEF BETTISON: So now, because I'm not going to do
- 9 anything to jeopardize that. Get in front of her. But it
- 10 is my plan to release the body cam to this board. So, I
- 11 will update you as we prepare that for the board so that
- 12 you'll have it and, you know, possibly, the community as
- 13 well. The board is the community and you can do with it
- 14 what you choose.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you Chief Bettison. I
- 16 appreciate you, much.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, I had no doubt about it.
- 18 Next caller.
- 19 MR. DAVIS: Hello. Can I be heard?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard, commissioner.
- 21 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to start off by saying I'm
- 22 in total agreement. Something needs to be done as relates
- 23 to towing and as it relates to the insurance that we pay.
- 24 As you all know, I'm president of a number of groups and
- 25 organizations. And also, I'm very active in the Michigan



- 1 Roundtable, Metro Detroit All-Pac. I know some of you may
- 2 know about it. I know the Chief used to be actively
- 3 involved in it, and sometimes we used to have Detroit
- 4 police officers come to our meetings, but that's been a
- 5 little scarce lately. But, you know, we need to make sure
- 6 we have a number of entities coming involved because, you
- 7 know, part of the All-PAC too, we propose legislation and
- 8 we work with, you know, like Cynthia, you know Senator
- 9 Chan and others. But we need to do something to make sure
- 10 that people are not being victimized and to make sure we
- 11 do something about this high price of insurance.
- Because I also represent, I'm president of the City
- 13 of Detroit Retiree group. And you know, like I said, we
- 14 have thousands of the City of Detroit retirees in this
- 15 city and, you know, we are paying too much for insurance.
- 16 So, I think a great effort needs to be made to get a
- 17 number of groups involved; the police, the commission,
- 18 the City Council, the police unions and what have you.
- 19 So, we can do something about this. We can do something
- 20 about this if we aggressively push it. I know a lot of
- 21 people are still hesitant in dealing with the Board of
- 22 Police Commissions. because at one time, when I was on
- 23 the board, we had a chairperson for the board that was... I
- 24 had a one person towing committee, and I called him out a
- 25 number of times and he changed that. But we need to make



- 1 sure everything is above board and we need to make sure
- 2 we do something about the cost of insurance in the city.
- 3 As you know, the crime has gone down in a number of ways,
- 4 carjackings and all this, you know, cars being stolen.
- 5 But we need to make sure we do something about the high
- 6 cost of insurance in the city. Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. We look forward to
- 8 working with you on this. And I appreciate your
- 9 leadership. That's it.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: We have two more speakers.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Two more?
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Ru. And after Mr. Ru, iPhone.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard. You may be
- 14 heard.
- MR. RU: Tell me, Darryl Woods, all those people out
- 16 there within earshot, they can hear me talking. Now, you
- 17 have this. Conrad Mallett Jr. a corporation council, came
- 18 over to the Board of Police Commissioners and has opined
- 19 that you all can't view that file, that report, Michigan
- 20 State Police report. The one that has information that
- 21 should conclusively demonstrate that Kaniesha did not
- 22 shoot herself. Now, I don't know what the holdup is. I
- 23 don't know what you all problem is, but Mimi wants what
- 24 she wants now. She asked me for some help. So, I
- 25 endeavored to give her that. I gave you all every clue,



- 1 every road to find out who shot her. This is a seven-and-
- 2 a-half-minute timeframe. There should be an incoming
- 3 phone call to another phone saying that person, that
- 4 Kaniesha shot herself, for her to be informed of that.
- 5 Now, if that is not taking place and there's no evidence
- 6 of a phone call, no incoming call on that phone, no
- 7 outgoing call from the other phone, then how did she know
- 8 that Kaniesha shot herself? That's a question that I
- 9 raised to the Michigan State Police, as well as the
- 10 Detroit Police? Both times I was kicked out of the
- 11 debriefing, and couldn't attend the next one. But the
- 12 question still remains. How did Charmaine MCLOUD find out
- 13 that Kaniesha Coleman shot herself? How did Charmaine
- 14 know? She said she was dropped off at work. She was...
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright, thank you. Next caller.
- 16 You may be heard. This is last caller, right?
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, sir. They're not muted.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Are you there? Going once. Going
- 19 twice. Going thrice. All right. Madam Secretary.
- 20 MS. GARNIER: We have the incoming correspondence
- 21 that's listed under tab 11 of your binders. The first
- 22 three, of course, are personnel matters. The fourth is,
- MR. ARD: May I be hurt?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. They're back.
- MS. GARNIER: I'm sorry.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: They're back. Okay, so they have
- 2 two minutes.
- 3 MR. KANNARD: May I be heard?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, you may be heard.
- 5 MR. KANNARD: Yeah, I apologize. I was having some
- 6 technical difficulties.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Not a problem.
- 8 MR. KANNARD: My name is Troy Kannard. I wasn't
- 9 planning on speaking today. I just happened to listen to
- 10 the meeting and I wanted to just give some information. I
- 11 am a Detroit authorized tower. I represent the towers
- 12 that do the right thing, that don't take advantage of
- 13 vehicle owners the way that it was represented today. The
- 14 police department have a software that sends us requests
- 15 via app. We respond immediately. We charge the rates that
- 16 are contracted by the city for these requests. We want to
- 17 create a separation of how towers are looked at instead
- 18 of looking at all towers as one way versus looking at
- 19 those bad actors. The good towing companies that work
- 20 with the city, we all share the same concern. We all are
- 21 victims, just like the vehicle owners.
- We show up, we try to do a good job for the city,
- 23 for the citizens. And at times our trucks get canceled
- 24 because of those road towers who show up and convince
- 25 that vehicle owner to let them tow their vehicle. And



- 1 they tell lies to them that it's going to get towed for
- 2 free. So, we're working every day and we show up to these
- 3 scenes and we get turned away as well. So, we just want
- 4 to try to create a dialogue with the BOPC, with the
- 5 police department, and with the administration to
- 6 separate the good tours from those road tours. There's
- 7 not a whole lot of them out there that are rogue, but we
- 8 do, we do agree with you. We do agree that we need to
- 9 work together and come up with something to take care of
- 10 this. And I plan to have more dialogue with you guys in
- 11 the future.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Please do.
- 13 NR, KANNARD: Thank you.
- MR. KANNARD: Thank you. And I hope you are not
- 15 charging \$4,000, \$5,000 to the citizens of the City of
- 16 Detroit.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Madam Secretary.
- 18 MS. GARNIER: The incoming communication is listed
- 19 under tab 11 in your binders. The announcement for this
- 20 week is as follows: Next board meeting is next Thursday,
- 21 December 12th at 6:30 PM which will be held at Wayne
- 22 County Community College District, Curtis L. Ivery
- 23 campus, which is located 1001 West Fort Street in
- 24 Detroit. The following community meeting is January 9th,
- 25 2025 at 6:30 PM and the location is to be determined.



- 1 Next committee meetings for this month, December, next
- 2 Tuesday, December 10th at 5:00 PM policy committee, as
- 3 well as the following Tuesday, December 17th at 5:00 PM.
- 4 Both of those committee meetings will be held here at
- 5 DPD's headquarters. Those are the announcements. And
- 6 report from the secretary today, sir.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. Question for
- 10 our Madam Secretary. Have we approved the calendar for
- 11 2025? And because, you know, I recall years ago on the
- 12 board, Commissioner Willie Bell, out of District 4,
- 13 always had it where we visit a school or whatever. And
- 14 I'd like it if we can get back to doing that because we
- 15 do have to reach our schools and allow them to understand
- 16 about the board of our police commissioners, and things
- 17 of that nature. I know we have a youth advisory group
- 18 that's part, you know but I know in the past, the board
- 19 has visited a school and I'd like to know if the calendar
- 20 is not together quite yet, I'm not sure we approve this.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Did you send out the draft to all
- 22 commissioners?
- MS. GARNIER: Through the Chair, Commissioner Burton.
- 24 It is in draft. No, sir. That particular draft...
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Send it to all commissioners.



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- 1 MS. GARNIER: I'm sorry.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Send to all commissioners to 2.
- 3 chime in.
- MS. GARNIER: Okay. We will together with several 4
- other staff members, first thing tomorrow, we're going to 5
- review it and update it, as far as location, because
- there are some; I hear you loud and clear on the schools
- and Ms. Blossom and I have been in conversation about 8
- that because of finances, et cetera, with many of the
- 10 locations after the pandemic is impacting that. So, we're
- going to revise it and we'll send it out before close of 11
- 12 business tomorrow.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: So, we have not voted on it. 13
- 14 MS. GARNIER: We have not voted yet, no.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.
- 16 MS. GARNIER: It's coming.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairperson.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. So, make sure all
- 21 commissioners get, review it and they can chime in on it
- 22 and then we can get it approved. So that's it. New
- business. Budget committee memorandum. 23
- 2.4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Mr. Chair.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Hernandez. 25



- 1 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I have a memorandum dated
- 2 December 5th, 2024 for the budget committee. None of this
- 3 information should come across as new because we've been
- 4 promoting and sharing with full transparency, not only
- 5 our timeline for the next fiscal year. We've also taken
- 6 input and feedback from every commissioner about five to
- 7 six weeks ago when we began meeting on this and setting a
- 8 timeline in partnership with Mr. Fries, our fiscal
- 9 manager. That timeline was adopted. That timeline has
- 10 been reviewed, so there's no information that is new
- 11 about this are in your packet, if you've been paying
- 12 attention. Dear colleagues, on behalf of the Board of
- 13 Police Commissioners Budget Committee, please see the key
- 14 follow up from the committee meeting held on December
- 15 3rd, 2024. The board attendees were Chairperson Eva Garza
- 16 Dewaelsche, along with Chairman Woods, staff, attendees
- 17 board secretary executive fiscal manager, BOPC, staff
- 18 specialist Mr. Robert Brown, fiscal year 2025/26 BOPC,
- 19 budget, draft. And the keyword there is draft. After
- 20 extensive review and analysis, the BOPC budget committee
- 21 would like to recommend the approval of the 2025/26
- 22 fiscal year BOPC budget draft to the full board of police
- 23 commissioners. In the building of this budget, the
- 24 following fiscal year, '25/'26 initiatives were
- 25 submitted. I'd like to note that we have...



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Burton.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Refusing to leave mid-way of
- 3 this memorandum. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Burton.
- 4 DR. JACKSON: You just lost the quorum, Mr. Chair.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So unfortunately, just for
- 6 the general public to know we have a commissioner that
- 7 has chosen to step away, as I'm reading the memorandum,
- 8 which we're not able to approve, and we're not able to
- 9 move forward to stay in line with the timeline that this
- 10 body adopted, which is one that actually put us behind
- 11 when it comes to submitting the draft to City Council,
- 12 which is unfortunate.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. And the press we're
- 14 seeing here taking pictures and here today because of
- 15 stuff like this he reached out to us and, you know, nah,
- 16 we didn't invite them here, but they were here taking
- 17 pictures, and there will be a story tomorrow on this, you
- 18 know, and so, I don't think we would need that type of
- 19 embarrassment. I don't think that Commissioner Burton
- 20 needs that type of embarrassment.
- DR. JACKSON: He is back. You have your quorum back.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Thank you.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thanks so much.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You didn't have to convince him
- 25 Mr. Fries, you know. No, no,



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- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's an unfair statement.
- Oh, okay. But I was calling you. Your duty and
- 3 obligation are to the Board of Police Commissioners or to
- 4 the citizens of the City of Detroit, and not to disrupt
- 5 forums. It's illegal and it's not right.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: If I can continue, sir?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Finish it. Okay. If you want to
- 8 leave, to disrupt the forum is illegal.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. I got it.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We can't do that. We don't have
- 11 that ability.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: He didn't deserve the
- 13 criticism.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No. You say that. You are an
- 15 individual commissioner, just like I am. And it's not
- 16 right to do the citizens of the City of Detroit like
- 17 that.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chair, I've been here and as an
- 19 elected official, I have a district, right? I have
- 20 somewhere else I need to be. Thank you very much.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. You don't want to do this
- 22 vote for the budget?
- 23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Sir. I'll still make a
- 24 motion by direction of the budget committee. I move the
- 25 adoption of the following motion.



- DR. JACKSON: Sorry, Mr. Chair. He cannot take any
- 2 action, in the absence of a quorum.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: What? He was still in the room.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: He was still in the room.
- 5 DR. JACKSON: He's not anymore.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Not now, but we could finish that
- 7 vote ahead of time. Alright. It is what it is. You know
- 8 the thing is that this is not a playground. This is the
- 9 citizens of the City of Detroit, the people's business.
- 10 And we need to take care of the people's business. And
- 11 it's a front to the citizens of the City of Detroit, and
- 12 I detest it.
- DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, this item will come under
- 14 unfinished business at your next meeting.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, ma'am. You may.
- 16 Mr. Chairman, I take exception to your commentary.
- 17 Let me just say why. Mr. Burton is one of only 18, 19
- 18 elected people in the City of Detroit. If a City Council
- 19 member leaves a meeting for whatever their reason is, and
- 20 there is no quorum, they're not criticized by chairperson
- 21 Sheffield. That is inappropriate.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: This is not the City Council.
- 23 This is the Board of Police Commissioners.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But he is an elected official
- 25 for the city. Just like Janice --



- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Like you are, and everyone is a 1
- representative of the city. 2
- Mr. Chairman Janice Winfrey is... 3
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. 4
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: She leans... And there is no 5
- quorum present. She has a right... 6
- 7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: We can't vote.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: What is the pleasure of the
- board. We can't vote.
- 10 DR. JACKSON: We can make the motion to adjourn.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Make the motion to adjourn.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I entertain a motion to
- 13 adjourn.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Support.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Point of order, please. Motion
- 16 made by Commissioner Herandez. Second by Commissioner
- 17 Bernard. Any discussion? All in favor, say aye.
- 18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any one opposed? The motion is
- 20 carried.

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- 22 (Meeting Adjourned at 4:56pm)
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