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10	BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
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- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's 3 o'clock. Today is March
- 4 6th, 2025. The Board of Police Commissioners is called to
- 5 order. We are going to ask that the Chaplain Mary Autry,
- 6 if you are online, please open up with the vocation.
- 7 CHAPLAIN AUTRY: Yes, I will. My name is Chaplain
- 8 Mary Autry. And good afternoon to everyone. Father in the
- 9 name of Jesus, I thank you for every panelist, oh God, in
- 10 the name of Jesus. I thank you for the Board of the
- 11 Police Commissioners. God, we lift up the City of
- 12 Detroit, oh God. We're seeking your guidance. We're
- 13 seeking your peace, oh God. Thank you for your wisdom
- 14 that will flow through each and every leader., oh God.
- 15 Each and every dignitary, oh God. Thank you for unity in
- 16 our hearts and in our minds, oh God. For the common good
- 17 of the people. Bless the communities with safety and
- 18 love, oh God. And thank you for love and compassion and
- 19 harmony in this meeting, oh God. In Jesus' name, we all
- 20 say, amen.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen. I apologize for that.
- 22 CHAPLIN AUTRY: That's okay.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. We don't have a quorum yet.
- 24 We expect to have a quorum very, very shortly. And so,
- 25 I'll go to the Secretary's report.



- 1 MS. GARNIER: The report for today, the incoming
- 2 communications can be found under tab six in your binders
- 3 today. And they are as listed. Also note for your
- 4 information, there are documents there that have been
- 5 requested to be placed there. Next, will be the
- 6 announcements of the upcoming meetings. Next board
- 7 meeting is next Thursday, March 13th, community meeting.
- 8 It will begin at 6:30 PM The location will be in the 10th
- 9 Precinct at Union Carpenters and Millwright Skilled
- 10 Training Center, which is located at 11687 American
- 11 Street in Detroit. The next community meeting thereafter
- 12 will be Thursday, April 10th, 6:30 PM and the 9th
- 13 Precinct at Ford Resource Engagement Center, located at
- 14 15491 Madeleine Street in Detroit. Upcoming committee
- 15 meetings are as follows, the Citizens' Complaints
- 16 Committee will meet next Tuesday, March 11th at 4:00 PM
- 17 in the Woodward Conference room here at Public Safety
- 18 Headquarters. Following that meeting next Tuesday is the
- 19 Budget Committee in the Woodward Conference Room here at
- 20 Public Safety Headquarters. And that will end the report
- 21 for today, sir.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. We'll go
- 23 to public comments.
- 24 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We have two
- 25 speakers in the room, then one speaker on Zoom. We'll



- 1 start first with Minister Eric Blount. After Minister
- 2 Blount, it will be Lieutenant Mark Young.
- 3 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon, board and the
- 4 Chief. I am Minister Eric Blount from Sacred Heart
- 5 Catholic Church here in Detroit. Chief Bettison, I
- 6 haven't seen you since your promotion, so
- 7 congratulations. I think you are the right person for the
- 8 job, if for no other reason, but that you know, this
- 9 department and as Deputy Mayor, you know, the city. So, I
- 10 say that to say, you know, the serious problem this
- 11 department has. Formal complaints to this board have
- 12 doubled in the last five years. That should tell you
- 13 something. People just don't complain about any little
- 14 thing that goes on. It takes a lot of courage and
- 15 fortitude to file a complaint. Because they know your
- 16 name, they know where you live, they know the situation
- 17 that happened. And false arrest is something that really
- 18 has to be dealt with. And I'll even go back to Michael
- 19 Jackson, who was arrested twice, and then proven innocent
- 20 of murdering the Jewish woman over in the Lafayette
- 21 Orleans area.
- 22 And then probably equally as more disturbing if my
- 23 memory serves me; an officer called 911 for assistance.
- 24 But then he requested that only the officers in his unit
- 25 respond because he wanted to kill him. That's serious.



- 1 Very, very serious. For the board, the ShotSpotter
- 2 report. What measure of performance do you have? Not just
- 3 general crime, but specific crimes that were solved
- 4 because of ShotSpotter. The last report we got was about
- 5 a year ago before it started up again, and it showed, you
- 6 know, 0.09% of guns recovered; and surely there was no
- 7 report of any crimes actually solved by it. And that goes
- 8 on with this whole surveillance system you guys have
- 9 going on is more of a scam. Facial recognition
- 10 technology. I'll just point you to one specific task that
- 11 I can say shows what's really wrong with this whole
- 12 surveillance system. But facial recognition technology,
- 13 when Covid came and everybody was wearing a mask,
- 14 mandatory facial recognition technology had to have very
- 15 little use.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Time.
- 17 MINISTER BLOUNT: I don't even see that up here.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's up there. I gave you about
- 19 15 extra seconds.
- 20 MINISTER BLOUNT: Okay.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I just got alerted. I would've
- 22 given you a few more, but I got alerted. So, I want to be
- 23 fair to everybody. You want to respond? Go ahead.
- 24 CHIEF BETTISON: Mr. Blount, thank you. I look
- 25 forward to working with you in my role as chief, and one



- 1 of the things that I want to ensure that we do as well
- 2 is, get the information out in various different forms.
- 3 And so, I did a national search for a new media director,
- 4 and we've selected one. And I did something a little bit
- 5 different as well. So, I didn't, because I'm not a media
- 6 professional, but when we came to the interview process,
- 7 I made sure that I had some media professionals to
- 8 actually sit on the board to interview the media person
- 9 to help me get the best person for the position. And so,
- 10 with that, I just say that with ShotSpotter, you raised
- 11 that as a concern. I know that there have been cases
- 12 where ShotSpotter has led officers to the scene quickly
- 13 enough to actually make an apprehension. There's been
- 14 instances where the perpetrator was still on the scene
- 15 trying to even dispose of a body. And so, if we haven't
- 16 got that out to you, we need to make sure that we are
- 17 highlighting and uplifting those cases. But more
- 18 importantly, ShotSpotter, because we know that when shots
- 19 are fired, not always do people call 911. Shots have been
- 20 fired, officers have responded and actually got there and
- 21 found victims and took them to the hospital and saved
- 22 lives. And so, the totality of getting this information
- 23 out to the community so that they really understand both
- 24 sides of the technology. We have to do a better job as a
- 25 department of getting information to you, to your groups,



- 1 et cetera. And so, that's why we need experts and others
- 2 to make sure that we are telling our best story and
- 3 getting information out.
- 4 So, we're looking forward to working with you. And
- 5 as far as citizen complaints being on the rise; as we
- 6 push information out to the Board of Police Commissioners
- 7 and the Office of the Chief investigator educate the
- 8 community and make them aware of different pathways to
- 9 report; it may be a side effect, and I'm speculating, but
- 10 it could be a side effect of making citizens know that
- 11 the information is out there to report complaints and may
- 12 be more folks are doing it that way. But regardless,
- 13 we'll get to the bottom of it and we'll be working to
- 14 address it together, sir. Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Yes. Lieutenant,
- 16 before we move on, we'll let him --- how many more do we
- 17 have on the inside?
- 18 MS. UNDERWOOD: Ms. Smith.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Ms. Smith. Okay. Let's do all the
- 20 ones on the inside and then move on. All right.
- 21 LT. YOUNG: Good evening.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good evening.
- LT. YOUNG: Some of my members have approached me and
- 24 are concerned about how the Board of Police Commissioners
- 25 think of them. And you know what my response is? Do not



- 1 be concerned about how the board thinks of you. You go
- 2 out there with excellence and you do the best that you
- 3 can. You should be more concerned about how the citizens
- 4 of the city think of you, because I'm going to tell you
- 5 how they think of you. They think the world of you, the
- 6 same people that will come before you and vilify you, are
- 7 the same ones that won't whisper on the phone, but no
- 8 911. Well, out of all the phones I report all the calls
- 9 for service that we answered last year. Those people
- 10 weren't afraid of the police. Those people aren't
- 11 concerned. They embrace the police. I know my neighbors
- 12 are so grateful because I live in Detroit. There are so
- 13 many police officers pulling up and down my street. They
- 14 are grateful, they are thankful. And they tell me so.
- 15 It's easy to talk about the negative from a pastor, from
- 16 a bishop, from an anointed one. Let's talk about the
- 17 positive that we do. This department has an outstanding
- 18 relationship with this community. You don't hear that
- 19 enough. They bend over backwards every day. You have men
- 20 and women that are so concerned about the homeless and
- 21 other things. You don't see that because that body worn
- 22 camera footage is not requested. The generosity of this
- 23 department and these men and women is tremendous. I never
- 24 hear the board talk about that. It's easy to vilify. Last
- 25 story. I was in a dark place and I went to Jesus and I



- 1 said how bad things were, and Jesus spoke to me. And you
- 2 know what he said? He said, "Mark, there are billions of
- 3 people on this planet; you hear about a few incidents,
- 4 but I've seen good people. That's why I'm sending you.
- 5 That's why I send the people that you represent. There's
- 6 a small amount of people that do wrong. There's no
- 7 perfect organization. There's no perfect person." But I
- 8 represent some awesome people. Thank you.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Mother Smith.
- 10 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- MS. SMITH: I'm thrilled to see my chief here because
- 13 I haven't seen him since he escorted me. I have to tell
- 14 it. I can't keep it quiet. You all know we lost a chief;
- 15 Chief Knox, and I didn't see any of you there. But anyway
- 16 ---
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I think one of us was there.
- 18 MS. SMITH: One of you? All right. Well, anyway, I
- 19 called the chief. I had the nerve to do it because my
- 20 granddaughter didn't come and get me. And I said, "Chief,
- 21 I need a car. "He said, "Okay, I'll send you an Uber. "I
- 22 said, "An Uber? What's that?" But anyway, I listened to
- 23 what he said. He said, "I'll send you a car." I said,
- 24 "All right." He said, "Be ready by 10." I said, "Okay, I
- 25 will." I rushed and got dressed and everything. And I'm



- 1 sitting there. I live on the first floor there.
- 2 And I'm sitting there because I look out the window
- 3 and see a car. Saw the car pulled up, this black car
- 4 pulled up. And I got out with my walker and everything.
- 5 And who did I see, sitting in the car? But our chief, I
- 6 was so astonished I didn't know what to do. And his
- 7 driver came around and escorted me, folded up my folder
- 8 and put it in the car. And he helped me in the car. I
- 9 said, what did I do to deserve this? But God is good to
- 10 you all. I don't know how good he is to you guys, but
- 11 he's darn good to me because whatever I ask for, whatever
- 12 I try to do, he opens up the door for me. And I was so
- 13 appreciative to my chief escorting me to the church. And
- 14 there were about 30 steps going up the steps. I couldn't
- 15 walk up the steps. So, I told the driver, I said, "You go
- 16 ahead and pull up. " Chief said, "How are you going to get
- 17 up there?" Well, we didn't go around the side of the
- 18 church because there were stairs over there, one of the
- 19 chiefs told me. But anyway, I said, "Well, I'll go up the
- 20 steps. God will help me go up the steps. "So, I went up
- 21 about 30 steps. I held a banister. I went up the steps,
- 22 Chief behind me. And then one of the women officers, I
- 23 don't know who she was, but I'm thankful to her. She had
- 24 my purse and she held me. And when we got in, everybody
- 25 was looking at me. I thought I was a millionaire. Do you



- 1 hear me? And I kissed Knox, his wife, because I know him.
- 2 And we go and sit down and who comes behind us? But
- 3 the chief from Southfield, Baron. Mother Bernice ---
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Three seconds.
- 5 MS. BERNICE: What?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Three seconds.
- 7 MS. BERNICE: Anyway, this is the first time I saw
- 8 him since the funeral. And I'm so grateful to you, baby.
- 9 I appreciate you so much. Not only because you're the
- 10 chief of this city. I knew you were going to be the
- 11 chief, but let me tell you this right quick. Two young
- 12 men, let me give it to them ---
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We have to move on Mother
- 14 Bernice.
- 15 MS. SMITH: They met me at the hospital last week,
- 16 and one wants to become a police officer. I'll get back
- 17 with you. I have their names. Thank you so much.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you so much. Please call
- 19 the roll.
- 20 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods Present.
- 21 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith Present.
- 22 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks Present.
- 23 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell Present District 4.
- 24 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Present, District 5.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused.



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- 1 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley Here.
- 2 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche Present.
- 3 MS. GARNIER: Seven present, sir?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We have a quorum. I entertain a
- 5 motion for the approval of the March 6th, 2025 agenda.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: So, moved.
- 7 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Second.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Dewaelsche.
- 9 Second by Commissioner Smith. Any discussion? All in
- 10 favor, say Aye.
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion
- 13 carried. I entertain a motion for the approval of the
- 14 minutes for February 27th. 2025.
- 15 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, moved.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Support.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Pressley.
- 18 Supported by Commissioner Dewaelsche. Any discussion? All
- 19 in favor say aye.
- 20 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 22 carried. Let's go to the Chief of Police Report.
- 23 Introduction of the staff, and so on and so forth.
- MS. GARNIER: Present, BOPC staff, Attorney Goss,
- 25 Chief Investigator Warfield, Drew Fries, Felicia Tyson,



- 1 Teresa Blossom, Candace Hayes, Artemisia Joshua, Jonya
- 2 Underwood. Investigating Supervisor Elgin Murphy. Dr.
- 3 Francis Jackson, Parliamentarian. DPD HR Director Katrina
- 4 Patillo Interpreters today are Ms. Yakata and Dr. Beatty,
- 5 court reporter Don Handyside, Audio Visual Henry Jackson
- 6 and Media Services video, Charles Henry. Elected
- 7 officials and representatives registered thus far are as
- 8 follows: Marie Overall of Office of State Representative
- 9 Tyrone Carter, Fredia Butler, president 2nd Precinct,
- 10 Community Relations. LaDon Davis, Office of City Council
- 11 member Fred Dural III, Lieutenant Mark Young, president
- 12 of Lieutenants and Sergeants Association. Ron Thomas,
- 13 president of Detroit Police Officers of America. And
- 14 former Detroit Police Commissioner William Davis are
- 15 registered at this time, sir?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And former police Commissioner
- 17 Bernice Smith. She's a former police commissioner as
- 18 well.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Chairman, do you have a
- 20 report?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, I don't have a report.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: There is no evidence that
- 25 Bernice Smith was ever a police commissioner. There's



- 1 nothing in the records that state that. And that request
- 2 has been raised before. And Robert Brown, who once worked
- 3 for the board couldn't find anything in the records for
- 4 that.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right. Moving right
- 6 along. Let's go to the Chief of Police Report.
- 7 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you Mr. Chairman and to the
- 8 honorable Board of Police Commissioners. I just want to
- 9 just jump into the overall crime statistics. I want to
- 10 say that over the past weekend; so, Friday, Saturday,
- 11 Sunday something that doesn't happen too often, but we
- 12 didn't have a homicide or we didn't have a nonfatal
- 13 shooting. So, that's something, knock on wood, but I
- 14 really don't need to knock on wood. I just give it to the
- 15 amazing team that we have and the community. And even the
- 16 technology and all of the investment. It is a cumulative
- 17 of everything that's continuing our downward trend in
- 18 crime. So, when I say community, I'm talking about CVI is
- 19 just all of us. Homicides right now, we're compared to
- 20 the same period of last year, we are at a 24% reduction.
- 21 And so, we know it's early yet; and to our
- 22 community, they will, you know, hold the numbers for the
- 23 year. We're sitting at 22 right now, compared to the same
- 24 period of time as of last year, it was 29. So that's 7%,
- 25 I mean, 7 people at this particular point. Sexual



- 1 assaults, which is concerning to everyone. 33% reduction,
- 2 aggravated assault, 12% reduction. And so, in all of our
- 3 violent part one categories, I got green arrows that I'm
- 4 looking at, I'm pretty sure the board has that as well.
- 5 But that is a good thing. Meaning we're down in all
- 6 categories. Robberies, which is a violent, violent
- 7 offense as well. 17% burglary, which is, you know,
- 8 definitely affects us where a home is based. Someone's
- 9 coming into your home. 13% or almost 14% larcenies when
- 10 somebody's taking something from you.
- 11 That's a 19% reduction. And then another particular
- 12 fine that affects our Detroiters as well, where someone
- 13 went in your vehicle 28% reduction. So, in terms of what
- 14 that means is 401 people that still have their vehicles
- 15 this year compared to last year. Violent part one, crime
- 16 overall, 14% reduction, property crime, 21% reduction.
- 17 And when it comes to non-fatal shootings, 22% reduction
- 18 and carjackings of 36% reduction. So, we're definitely
- 19 off to a good start trending down in the right direction
- 20 when it comes to violent crime. Some of the things that
- 21 have occurred reaching out to the community, and
- 22 neighborhood police officers over at the 12th Precinct,
- 23 they went and read to the kids. And so, they visited the
- 24 Bagley Elementary school, the Greenfield Union to engage
- 25 with reading Detroit police officers. They're going to be



- 1 doing an empowerment walk.
- 2 And that's going to be this Friday at the Corner
- 3 Ballpark, March 7th, from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. So, we
- 4 invite anyone who wants to come out and walk. I know the
- 5 weather, it won't be as warm as we'd like it to be, but
- 6 dress warm and just come out and support our ladies, our
- 7 women, we continue to recruit and it's a good time to be
- 8 a Detroit police officer. And so, even though we are at
- 9 98, roughly 99% of full staff rate, we know that it is a
- 10 large department. And so, we're always looking for good
- 11 individuals. And so, our recruiting team went out to
- 12 several events over the past week. We did a career fair
- 13 at Wayne State University. And if you want to meet our
- 14 recruiters, they're going to be at the Women's
- 15 Empowerment Walk at the Detroit Public Safety
- 16 Headquarters.
- 17 Well, I think that's a mistake right there. So,
- 18 they're going to be at the Corner Ballpark. Director
- 19 Patillo can give you a little bit more information on
- 20 that. Director, where we're going to be at for the
- 21 recruitment thing. Somebody from recruiting or HR? Okay,
- 22 we'll make sure that we update that because if somebody
- 23 wants to get hired, I would definitely want them to go to
- 24 the exact right place. Then one of the things that's a
- 25 community top concern, and that obviously should be on as



- 1 well, is traffic enforcement. And so, the 8th Precinct
- 2 did a traffic enforcement blitz on March 5th, 41 traffic
- 3 citations were issued. They impounded 4 vehicles and
- 4 really focused on vehicles with no plates as well. No
- 5 secret that oftentimes when a violent crime is committed,
- 6 before individuals want to do that crime, they do things
- 7 to obscure their plates.
- And so, we're really focusing on that. And then, I
- 9 don't know if you all saw on television, Captain Star
- 10 Gonzalez did an excellent report and they did some great
- 11 work over there with progressing a quality-of-life type
- 12 issue. And I know when I saw the video, and I'll say that
- 13 a community member sent me a video that was captured on a
- 14 ring doorbell and it was some thieves and a U-Haul truck
- 15 in broad daylight just walked up to a residence and stole
- 16 some gutters off the house. And that just was so bizarre
- 17 to me. And I imagine them taking my gutters off my house
- 18 and it just really made me mad. I called the captain, she
- 19 put a detail in place, and by utilizing some of that
- 20 technology, license plate readers, they were actually
- 21 able to track down that U-Haul.
- 22 And we got the three perpetrators, we got them
- 23 arrested, we got the gutters back, and they featured that
- 24 story on the news yesterday. So, if nobody saw it, you
- 25 know, make sure you pull that up. And we have those



- 1 gutter thieves right there. Just for the phenomenal job
- 2 out there doing great work, the men and women of DPD. And
- 3 I'm not going to say much about this, but you know, the
- 4 medical examiner's report did come back from the two
- 5 children that tragically lost their lives over at the
- 6 casino parking lot there in the parking structure. And
- 7 so, from a DPD standpoint, I don't make charging
- 8 decisions. We will turn over the evidence and things of
- 9 that nature to the Wayne County prosecutor, but Madame
- 10 Prosecutor Worthy, ultimately will make the determination
- 11 when it comes to whether or not there'll be any charges
- 12 in regards to that case. And with that, that concludes my
- 13 report, sir.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you Chief. Any questions?
- 15 Commissioner Banks.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you. Through the Chair,
- 17 Chief Bettison, first of all, congratulations on your
- 18 promotion.
- 19 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you, sir.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Because promotion doesn't come
- 21 from man. You know that, right?
- 22 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: You are a man of God.
- 24 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Promotion comes from the Lord.



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- 1 CHIEF BETTISON: Amen.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: And congratulations. But what I
- 3 want to ask is for Chief Bettison. I take church with me
- 4 everywhere I go, minister, former chair, everywhere, you
- 5 know, you're my man, right?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Speak through the Chair.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Alright. Chief, what's the
- 8 difference between a taser and a stun gun? Give me the
- 9 difference, please, between a taser and a stun gun. Two
- 10 different names. I know I just asked it last week. I
- 11 wasn't satisfied with the answer though, and I'm coming
- 12 right back.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the Chair, the chief is
- 14 going to answer.
- 15 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. I don't want to
- 16 be incorrect, and so I've always, and I haven't
- 17 researched this, but a stun gun and a taser with
- 18 language, the words could possibly be used synonymously.
- 19 And then you can have various tasers that have different
- 20 voltages. And so, I will have to get back with you on
- 21 that one right there, because I've never researched it,
- 22 the taser versus the stun gun. So, I will circle back
- 23 around unless there's someone in here who knows the
- 24 answer. So, I will call a friend right now with my
- 25 command folks in the back.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Hey, Google.
- 2 CHIEF BETTISON: Yep, Google may be able to tell me,
- 3 or Parish. We are about to give you that answer. Thank
- 4 you, Mr. Chief.
- 5 CMDR. PARISH: As the chief indicated, there could be
- 6 many, many different varieties of stun guns. And
- 7 depending on how it's being used, it could mean a taser
- 8 or it could mean an off-brand weapon. But the principal
- 9 difference is this. A taser is scientifically designed to
- 10 override your neurological system to effectively seize
- 11 your body so that you can no longer move physiologically.
- 12 A stun gun is there to cause immense pain. Okay? So, it's
- 13 not scientifically designed to actually disable you or to
- 14 immobilize you. A stun gun is usually just there to burn
- 15 you to cause pain, to get you to back off. Stun guns are
- 16 illegal in many states. But a taser is a different
- 17 principle in that regard.
- 18 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair, Commissioner,
- 19 does that answer your question?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: So, they do two different things
- 21 based on the knowledge that came out of your mouth, it
- 22 appears that they do two different things, is that
- 23 correct?
- 24 CMDR. PARISH: They both conduct energy through an
- 25 individual's person. A taser is scientifically designed



- 1 for a particular purpose to immobilize your body. Okay? A
- 2 stun gun is not, does not have the, the, the voltage nor
- 3 the, the, the connectivity to, to really immobilize your
- 4 body in most circumstances. Again, there are many
- 5 different brands of stun guns out there. They are illegal
- 6 in different states. The thing that sets the taser apart,
- 7 is that it is scientifically designed for law enforcement
- 8 to immobilize a person's body by overriding their
- 9 neurological system.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay, I got it. I'm satisfied.
- 11 Thank you. Good job.
- 12 CHIEF BETTISON: I think they both cause pain.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.
- 14 CHIEF BETTISON: They do cause pain, yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. I'm satisfied now. Thank
- 17 you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You're done.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm all set.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Bernard.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. It's a pleasure
- 22 to see you Chief. It's for all of us in this room and for
- 23 our community. There are two things really quickly in
- 24 terms of your announcements and your communication
- 25 section. You have now officially declared that there is a



- 1 code blue in the City of Detroit when the temperature is
- 2 20 degrees or below?
- 3 CHIEF BETTISON: That's the city standard.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, it's the standard here,
- 5 okay.
- 6 CHIEF BETTISON: No, no. That's set by the City of
- 7 Detroit. And so, the housing revitalization department
- 8 and code blue are many different entities that came to
- 9 put that in place and based off of research and what's
- 10 good. So, that's really coming from the mayor in the City
- 11 of Detroit. And we all, whether it's housing
- 12 revitalization the Detroit Police Department to Detroit
- 13 Health Department City of Detroit, Homeland Security, we
- 14 are working to ensure that our citizens, when it's a code
- 15 blue, that we're getting them out of the elements and
- 16 that we can get them to shelter, bundled.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The good part, I mean, I'm
- 18 going to ask our office reprint this for the next meeting
- 19 on blue paper, and it might be a good idea for us to put
- 20 it in the precincts as well, because you have about 15
- 21 different centers where people can go when it is 20
- 22 degrees or less, that are already printed with addresses
- 23 and everything and their hours. So, this is like a
- 24 public, maybe even a PSA you might want to do on TV to
- 25 let people know what the code blue situation is and where



- 1 the facilities are. But my second question is one that
- 2 I've asked that you explained to us and to the community,
- 3 and that is what is fast? FAST.
- 4 CHIEF BETTISON: Fugitive Apprehension Service Team.
- 5 And so that's our officers that, when individuals have
- 6 outstanding warrants, they typically go after violent
- 7 offenders, individuals wanted for non-fatal shootings,
- 8 homicide suspects, robbery suspects, where the prosecutor
- 9 has secured a warrant via judge and that they're on the
- 10 run. So, they are actively out there working to bring
- 11 those violent offenders off the street. That's what they
- 12 do day in and day out. They serve warrants.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But this is a multi-
- 14 jurisdictional project with the state police, it says, I
- 15 guess the federal government, I don't know, you have a
- 16 lot of partners in FAST that you don't routinely have for
- 17 ordinary crimes.
- 18 CHIEF BETTISON: Yeah. And that's what allows us to
- 19 be able to go anywhere we need to go to actually get
- 20 those individuals. Because when folks are on the run, we
- 21 even work with the United States Marshals. So, regardless
- 22 where you go, you could be in Alabama or wherever, we'll
- 23 go to where we need to go to make sure that we apprehend
- 24 folks who have done bad things in the city and hold them
- 25 accountable. And with that, that's another factor that



- 1 contributes to us, our decreasing crime, getting the
- 2 right individuals off the street, holding them
- 3 accountable. And right before Christmas, we executed a
- 4 large fugitive apprehension warrant sweep. What did we
- 5 call that? What was the name of the sweep? Because we had
- 6 a nice name too. It had a holiday ring to it. We always
- 7 give these big one's names. So, yeah, we'll make sure we
- 8 get that to you. But it was a catchy name.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Banks.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: This is going to be really
- 12 quick, Chair, really quick. Chief Bettison, when the
- 13 officers are out on the streets, when it's freezing out
- 14 there, 10 degrees and all that, are they taking citizens
- 15 to warming shelters? That's all I want to know.
- 16 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: They are? They're picking them
- 18 up and taking them to a warming shelter?
- 19 CHIEF BANKS: Yes.
- 20 CHIEF BETTISON: Okay, great.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Pressley.
- 22 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. Through the Chair.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I have two questions. The first
- 24 is a conversation we were having with your predecessor,
- 25 and I just want to make sure that it's been handed off



- 1 and maybe you can provide some update. And it was around
- 2 the challenges with communication to citizens,
- 3 particularly those who had cases with the detectives. And
- 4 they were saying that they're not getting responses back
- 5 and they're having a hard time getting any feedback. And
- 6 so, I just wanted to know if there's any update on
- 7 improving the efficiency in responding back to citizens,
- 8 whether it's through the homicide department or
- 9 detectives.
- 10 CHIEF BETTISON: As a matter of fact, I just met
- 11 with, and through the Chair, thank you for the question,
- 12 Commissioner Pressley. I just met with Mothers Keeping
- 13 Boots on the Ground. And so, yesterday, as a matter of
- 14 fact, right in the room. And so we are having constant
- 15 communication, my former predecessor now called CEO
- 16 White, but at the time, Chief White, people wanted our
- 17 family unit and their sole purpose is really to ensure
- 18 that they're communicating with our homicide detectives
- 19 and that also they're calling back and keeping in close
- 20 contact with the point of contact that was selected by
- 21 the family to be the representative to receive
- 22 information when it comes to our non-fatal shootings and
- 23 our homicides. And so, they keep a meticulous log of it.
- 24 You'll still see always, at various points here where
- 25 family member says, "Hey, I didn't get a call," but when



- 1 we go back through the log and we have the conversations,
- 2 it is like you are the point of contact and we are going
- 3 to continue with that, and we're working towards
- 4 continuously improving it.
- 5 And so, it's an ongoing process, but thus far I'm
- 6 happy with it. And we're going to continue to build upon
- 7 it and take feedback from those various family members as
- 8 to how we can continuously improve it as well. But we
- 9 are, and it's a top priority for me, and so much so, that
- 10 when it comes to family members that have their cases
- 11 that are still unsolved because we know the cases will go
- 12 cold. I've actually already assigned additional officers
- 13 to our cold case unit. And so, I'm going to continue to
- 14 do that. And one of the things that I'm looking forward
- 15 to is with our budget, et cetera, identifying and putting
- 16 some positions in where I can look to hire some retired
- 17 detectives part-time to further enhance our cold case
- 18 unit.
- 19 So, everything that I can do, looking back to bring
- 20 forth additional eyes and enhance that aspect of it, I'll
- 21 be doing, and I'll communicate that with the families.
- 22 And I'll be able to keep the board updated. But that's
- 23 something that's always been very near and dear to me
- 24 when it comes to cold cases and traffic enforcement and
- 25 I'll be able to report out on what we're going to be



- 1 doing as far as enhancing when it comes to missing
- 2 children, et cetera, human trafficking. But I should be
- 3 updated with that.
- 4 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. And the second
- 5 question, through the Chair, I know that there should
- 6 have been conversations between our board secretary, OCI
- 7 and the department regarding disciplinary actions that
- 8 are taken with officers who have sustained cases. The
- 9 data that we've been receiving has kind of been
- 10 aggregate, you know, to say this number got counseling,
- 11 this number had a disorder disciplinary action, but it
- 12 doesn't really give us the details according to which
- 13 officer or which case. And so, we are hoping to get a
- 14 little bit more detail on that regard so that we are
- 15 aware of the particular sustained cases in which
- 16 disciplinary action was taken. And so again, I just
- 17 wanted to see if you can provide some update on whether
- 18 or not that's something we could expect to receive moving
- 19 forward.
- 20 CHIEF BETTISON: I need to really understand a little
- 21 bit more, but, you know, I'm willing to sit down and have
- 22 a meeting so that I really understand what the ask is, so
- 23 that I know what that is per se. But let's discuss it.
- COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Right now, we are just trying
- 25 to get an aggregate number so we can't tie it to a



- 1 particular case. So, say for instance, we have a
- 2 sustained case where an officer, let's say, violated the
- 3 policy on demeanor. We don't get a sense of what was the
- 4 actual disciplinary action taken on that officer. We just
- 5 get a general aggregate number on how many officers went
- 6 to counseling, how many officers had peer support, how
- 7 many officers were suspended, or how many officers --- I
- 8 don't know what all of those categories are, so we can
- 9 actually assign those to the particular cases, and that
- 10 gives us a little bit more confidence on what's actually
- 11 being done with sustained cases that we're seeing through
- 12 our OCI investigations.
- 13 CHIEF BETTISON: So, we'll have a single purpose
- 14 meeting and we will be able to come to some type of an
- 15 agreement or conclusion with it, because without me fully
- 16 --- yeah, I'm hearing what you're saying, but I need to
- 17 really fully see it and understand. So, when I look at
- 18 the report, I need to know what you're getting now versus
- 19 what the ask is.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We're getting nothing right now.
- 21 The fact of the matter is, as far as public trust and as
- 22 far as the process to make sure that this process is an
- 23 authentic process that's spinning the wheel that these
- 24 CCRs, when they are sustained and sent back over to the
- 25 department, that there is some corresponding action to



- 1 it. And with that corresponding action is to that
- 2 specific case. We, right now have a database that tracks
- 3 all of that, all of that stuff being done and the public
- 4 has the right to know what happened to their particular
- 5 case.
- 6 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, I just wanted to be
- 7 clear. I sympathize with you wanting to actually see what
- 8 we're talking about. So, we do have a citizens complaint
- 9 committee that is scheduled for the 11th. And I don't
- 10 know if someone from your department or you might be able
- 11 to be present, and we can have that to be a single focus
- 12 issue as we attempt to try to be better at responding to
- 13 the citizens on what disciplinary actions have actually
- 14 been taken.
- 15 CHIEF BETTISON: So, with that, I'll check my
- 16 calendar and do everything that I can to be there on the
- 17 11th, and I would like to personally be there, so that I
- 18 can see with my own eyes. So, I look forward to being
- 19 there.
- 20 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly.
- 22 Commissioner Burton and then Commissioner Smith.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: First off, I congratulate Chief
- 24 Todd Bettison for the hard work that his men and women in
- 25 blue are doing in the department. I looked up and I read



- 1 these stories about how officers out in Southwest Detroit
- 2 and the broken water main, but there are officers out
- 3 there helping people evacuate from their homes, walking
- 4 through water that's as high as your car, and this cannot
- 5 be an easy job for the men and women in blue in this
- 6 department. It cannot be an easy job. But those men and
- 7 women in blue are just helping people, I mean, evacuated
- 8 from their homes. People thanking the Detroit Police
- 9 Department for their help.
- I would love to see the department acknowledge and
- 11 recognize those members, as well as us, as a board by
- 12 offering some tribute or certificate of appreciation for
- 13 their work. Personally, I'm not walking through that kind
- 14 of water, but those men and women in blue went out there
- 15 and they helped a lot of families. I'm more so concerned
- 16 about the long-term health of those officers and those
- 17 families. You know, that water, it was sewage water, it
- 18 was the water main break. I mean, all the pollution and
- 19 stuff. I'm more concerned about their health long-term.
- 20 It may not have any effect today, but what about three
- 21 years from now, five years from now? And I don't know if
- 22 there is anything that we can do to lobby with the state
- 23 to come here and help fund this department or to refund
- 24 that community, but we had the Harbormaster, we had the
- 25 4th Precinct.



- 1 We had SRT, and we had the community associations
- 2 and CB radio patrols. You know, we had so many different
- 3 community groups and so many different members of the
- 4 department. I would love to see SRT, Harbormasters, the
- 5 4th Precinct, and those neighborhood associations being
- 6 recognized by this board, but also by this great
- 7 department. We must remember those names of those brave
- 8 officers who went out there that week and help rescue
- 9 those families. It was not an easy job. Somebody had to
- 10 do it, and I can't see any other city going out there to
- 11 do what the Detroit Police Department went out there to
- 12 do. And they rescued families and they are still helping
- 13 families to this day. And I wanted to say thank you to
- 14 our chief Todd Bettison. I always have five favorite
- 15 chiefs in the US and Chief Todd Bettison, our chief, even
- 16 when he was a deputy assistant chief, he was always in
- 17 that top three. So now, we have our chief sitting right
- 18 here, leading this department and leading our community.
- 19 This is the future of policing right here with Chief Todd
- 20 Bettison. Chief, thank you for the work your men and
- 21 women are doing out there helping families.
- 22 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you, sir.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Once again, it wasn't easy, but
- 24 I've heard a lot of the stories from a lot of families
- 25 that've been reaching out to. Thank you.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chair? 2.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to say one thing. 4
- 5 If we're going to honor the people who helped, we should
- include the Fire Department as well, because they helped 6
- with DPD. That's the only point. They were out there
- putting people in boats and all that kind of stuff.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. Let the record 9
- reflect that Commissioner Carter is present. And let's go 10
- back to oral communications. 11
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Again, very
- 13 quickly.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I want to ask the Chief
- 16 something.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Very briefly because we got a 18
- heavy agenda. Also, some closed sessions. 19
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Will do. Chief, you have just
- taken over for Chief White. We have nine more months to 21
- 22 go in the year. What are some of your goals and things
- 23 you want to achieve? You know, when a new administration
- comes in, they have goals they want to achieve, they want 24
- 25 to make new accomplishments. What are some of those goals



- 1 that you want to achieve? If you can put it out to the
- 2 community, or if you want to, you know, I don't know if
- 3 you can put it out, but can you put some of them out?
- 4 Maybe two or three?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Have you released your plan that
- 6 you talked about at the ---
- 7 CHIEF BETTISON: No, I have not. But, through the
- 8 Chair, to the commissioner. So, at next week's hearing,
- 9 well, next week's Board of Police Commissioners meeting,
- 10 I can do a quick rundown of my 30, my 60, my 90-day plan.
- 11 But of course, every chief does a reorganization. So,
- 12 when it comes to the board, I definitely will submit my
- 13 reorg plan to you as well. Some of it's already happening
- 14 when it comes to graphic enforcement. I have to talk
- 15 about it. You see, I already started with additional
- 16 graphic enforcement when it comes to narcotics. That's
- 17 the thing as well. So, I already added additional units
- 18 to major crimes; our narcotics unit, we're doing more of
- 19 these as of right now. Missing persons, I'm beefing that
- 20 up. When it comes to cold cases, that's another thing.
- 21 I'm adding additional officers to our cold case unit.
- 22 And so, things like that. I want you to know that
- 23 when you ask me what my priorities are, my priorities are
- 24 the community's priorities. So, what the community is
- 25 concerned about, that's what I'm concerned about. And



- 1 that's what we're doing. Another thing that is continuing
- 2 crime going down. So, with our officers, you know, when I
- 3 took over as interim chief, making sure that with the
- 4 work that James White had, he had the men and women of
- 5 this department trying already on the trajectory down.
- 6 I'm Tod Bettison, I wouldn't let it go up. It has to keep
- 7 going down. Otherwise, I wouldn't be sitting here as the
- 8 Chief. I have a whole lot for you that I want ---
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm interested in hearing it.
- 10 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm all set, Chair.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, Chief, for that.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just two seconds.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Two seconds.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: There's a women's empowerment
- 17 walk tomorrow, March 7th at 11:30 AM. We start at the
- 18 Corner, Ballpark, Detroit, PAL, at 1680 Michigan. So,
- 19 anyone who wants to walk tomorrow, I'm sure that Kyra
- 20 will be there. She's always leading the parade.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Speaking through the Chief
- 22 though.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Through the Chief.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the Chair, through to the
- 25 Chair.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Absolutely right? So, I just
- 2 want you to know that come out and walk tomorrow. I'm
- 3 going to be there and I hope everyone who can will be
- 4 there as well. Thank you.
- 5 CHIEF BETTISON: Is it just for women?
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's free for all.
- 7 CHIEF BETTISON: Men can support the ladies. So, it
- 8 is for everybody, but we are there supporting women.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'll accept that.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oral communications.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, you have five speakers in
- 14 Zoom. Our first speaker is Ms. Julie Lyman, then former
- 15 Commissioner William Davis. Crafty Roo, and then we'll
- 16 continue.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may speak. You may be heard.
- 18 Caller.
- 19 MS. LYMAN: Hello?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, you may be heard.
- 21 MS. LYMAN: I do apologize. My name is Juliet Lyman,
- 22 and this is my second time being on the Zoom and joining
- 23 you guys. And I'm here on the behalf of my husband, Cora
- 24 Lyman. I was referred by the Council President's office
- 25 to speak with one of the commissioners who I don't think



- 1 is joining you guys today.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: He's not here.
- 3 MS. LYMAN: Yes, sir. I found out about here recently
- 4 by contacting the Council president's office again to see
- 5 if any other commissioner could assist me, and they said
- 6 yes. So, I'm here again to see if someone could reach out
- 7 to me so that I could go in more depth about what I need
- 8 assistance with, if possible.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Do you have my telephone
- 10 number?
- 11 MS. LYMAN: No sir. I'm not sure who I'm speaking
- 12 with.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It is Commissioner Woods.
- 14 MS. LYMAN: Commissioner Woods? No, I don't have your
- 15 number. I have the office number, but I'm not able to get
- 16 anybody.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Give her my number offline. Can
- 18 you direct that to her? And so, when this meeting is
- 19 over, you can call me.
- 20 MS. LYMAN: Yes, sir. I do appreciate that. Do I need
- 21 to stay on the Zoom or ---?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You don't need to stay there; I
- 23 have your information. And so, continue watching the
- 24 meeting. When the meeting is over, about 10-minutes. And
- 25 then give me a call.



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- 1 MS. LYMAN: Yes, sir. Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Thank you.
- 3 MS. LYMAN: You're welcome. Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right, next call.
- 5 MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon. Could I be heard?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard, sir.
- 7 MR. DAVIS: Let me start off by saying, I'd like to
- 8 let people know that the Detroit Retiree Task Force is
- 9 meeting tomorrow from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM or maybe a
- 10 little bit later. For those who do not know, the task
- 11 force, one of the things we are doing, we are looking at
- 12 a 13th check for the City of Detroit General Fund
- 13 retirees and Police and Fire retirees. And the 13th check
- 14 is going to be on the agenda and other things. So, if
- 15 anybody's interested as a city retiree, be it general
- 16 fund a police and fire, tune in as it will be on Zoom,
- 17 and also in person. Also, I would like to see more
- 18 emphasis on the Board of Police Commissioners, on helping
- 19 to recruit, especially recruit Detroit residents. I know
- 20 at the time that I was on the board, there were a couple
- 21 of commissioners who were actively involved in
- 22 recruiting.
- I do not hear anything about recruiting in the City
- 24 of Detroit like I used to. Also, I would like to see the
- 25 Detroit Police Department take a more active role again



- 1 in the Michigan Roundtable, Metro Detroit ALPACA. Because
- 2 there were some officers who were joining. I know in the
- 3 past, even the chief used to join well, the current chief
- 4 used to join. But, you know, we'd like to see more people
- 5 because we want to make sure that the community and law
- 6 enforcement have a better working relationship, because
- 7 there's a cross section of people from various entities,
- 8 governmental entities be part of that ALPACA and
- 9 community leaders, community resources and community
- 10 People want to know what's going on and have a better
- 11 exchange with the law enforcement community. Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thanks very kindly. Next speaker.
- 13 Next speaker.
- MR. ROO: Pay close attention, Darryl Woods. Chief
- 15 Bettison, I would like to congratulate you and commend
- 16 you for the assistance you provided for Meme, not for me,
- 17 for Meme. It has been well received. And again, I'd like
- 18 to thank you. Commissioner, Cedric Banks. I would also
- 19 like to thank you. Now, Darryl Woods, they don't call me
- 20 Roo, Black Bag Ro, Motor City Roo, Mr. Roo, for nothing.
- 21 Pay close attention.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I hope you did not threaten me,
- 23 man. I hope not.
- 24 MR. ROO: Man, shut up. Willie Bell. The Detroit
- 25 tapes outline the whole circumstance of you, Lawrence



- 1 Akbar and Melanie White. That's a Detroit tape. That's
- 2 what I call a collection. I'm going to release the whole
- 3 collection. I have five copies spread throughout the
- 4 country of everything. So, if anything was to happen to
- 5 me, it is still coming out. Now, Tamera Liberty Smith and
- 6 Darryl Woods, Kaneisha Coleman didn't shoot herself. I
- 7 told you all that. Now, I'm going to demonstrate it to
- 8 everybody. Charmaine McLeod did it. And I got a 40-year
- 9 reputation of being a standup 100. I don't put stuff out
- 10 my mouth unless I can stand on it. And I told both of you
- 11 all that. Now, you all are getting ready to see what I'm
- 12 talking about. Willy Bell, it's about over for you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. Next
- 14 speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: That is your last secret, Mr. Chair.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Praise of the Lord. I'm going to
- 17 shut up. Let's go to the presentation of the board
- 18 because we have some serious closed-door sessions that we
- 19 need to attend to ---
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Before we move into that. Can I
- 23 say a couple words really quickly?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just wanted to say that you



- 1 have a lot of commissioners on this board. I really want
- 2 to speak to the public right now. We have a lot of
- 3 commissioners on the board that do a lot of work, a lot
- 4 of hard work in their communities, including one of our
- 5 past chairs, Commissioner Willie Bell in District 4.
- 6 Commissioner Bell has attended pretty much every
- 7 graduation of the new officers that come on board with
- 8 this department. Just, you know, very knowledgeable about
- 9 the department, as this is where he retired from, but he
- 10 does a lot of good work in his District, in the
- 11 community. So, a lot of times you don't see what
- 12 commissioners are doing. They have their sleeves rolled
- 13 up, they are busy here in meetings, but also in their
- 14 communities.
- 15 Someone mentioned about police recruitment.
- 16 Commissioner Bell has always been pushing recruitment
- 17 along with Commissioner Carter. Once again, you don't
- 18 always see the work that commissioners do. But
- 19 commissioners are busy working in their Districts,
- 20 working in these meetings, preparing you know, before
- 21 these meetings occurred. And so, I just wanted to say,
- 22 you know commissioner Bell is a great commissioner, great
- 23 person, but the thing about it is he does a lot of work,
- 24 a lot of good work. And I think the community needs to
- 25 sit down with him, and talk with him. Learn about



- 1 history, learn about how we can make things better. This
- 2 is a great man right here, and I had an opportunity to
- $3\,$ sit with him these past $12\,$ years, and I have learned a
- 4 lot from Commissioner Bell as well. So, this is a good
- 5 man. I just want the community to know that. I vouch for
- 6 him, you know, for his leadership. And he's a good man.
- 7 He does a lot of good work in the community that he
- 8 actually runs circles around a lot of us. Trust me.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wonderful.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you very kindly.
- 11 Let's go to the Technology Utilization and Efficacy Gun
- 12 Fire Detection report. We are on the roll today.
- MR. LAMOREAUX: Good afternoon Chair, commissioners
- 14 of this honorable board. Good afternoon, chief.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard. You have two
- 16 and a half minutes.
- MR. LAMOREAUX: We're just waiting for the slides to
- 18 come up.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good guys too. Thank you for your
- 20 hospitality and for the very citizens of the City of
- 21 Detroit, who have come in to be able to see the Real Time
- 22 crime center. You have been a great, great sport in that
- 23 regard, and have been a phenomenon in that space.
- MR. LAMOREAUX: Thank you Chair. We're always happy
- 25 to explain everything to members of the community who



- 1 come in.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And speak into the microphone for
- 3 Commissioner Bernard.
- 4 MR. LAMOREAUX: Yes, sir. Okay. So, I have to lean
- 5 down a little bit. Can we go to the next slide, please?
- 6 I'll go through this part a little quickly. ShotSpotter
- 7 has been around for a while. We've talked plenty about
- 8 it. But just to go back to the beginning, what is
- 9 ShotSpotter? ShotSpotter uses audio sensors to detect and
- 10 locate gunshots that are fired within the coverage area
- 11 that we've defined. They are then able to provide alerts
- 12 to the police department allowing us to more quickly
- 13 respond to aid victims, identify witnesses, collect
- 14 evidence and then potentially identify suspects and
- 15 prosecute them. Next slide, please. So, what does this
- 16 mean? How does this work? A basic overview. So,
- 17 ShotSpotter uses an array of acoustic sensors.
- 18 They're spread throughout the coverage area, with
- 19 the goal of being able to triangulate the location of
- 20 impulsive sounds, right? So, it can cut an impulsive
- 21 sound. Now, that can be a gunshot, that can be fireworks.
- 22 It can also be a car backfiring. Once that sound is
- 23 captured, the audio of that is analyzed by a machine
- 24 learning algorithm that ShotSpotter developed. And then
- 25 that classifies that sound into a variety of categories,



- 1 whether it was gunfire, whether it was a car backfiring,
- 2 whether it was a firework or some other sound. That
- 3 information is then reviewed by an analyst in one of our
- 4 incident review centers. They confirm what the algorithm
- 5 determines. They may add some additional information to
- 6 that, that they are able to determine from listening to
- 7 the audio. And they post that alert to the police
- 8 department usually within about 60 seconds.
- 9 Why is this important? National studies suggest that
- 10 less than 20% of shots fired, not shooting to people,
- 11 just generally speaking, gunshots are reported to 911.
- 12 It's important because firing a gun within the city
- 13 limits is a violation of the ordinance; firing a gun at
- 14 somebody is obviously a much more serious crime. And it's
- 15 important that DPD be able to respond quickly to all of
- 16 those incidents, whether they're reported by citizens or
- 17 not. There's a lot of reasons why citizens may choose not
- 18 to report them. I can think either they've just gotten
- 19 used to it, which is a horrible thought, but potentially
- 20 they don't want to get into a dispute with a neighbor who
- 21 has shown the proclivity to discharge a firearm. Next
- 22 slide, please. So, this is a map of where we have
- 23 coverage. The darker green portions here show the
- 24 original two coverage areas that we implemented in March
- 25 of 2021. The lighter green areas have been added in, so



- 1 the total coverage we have is approximately 39 square
- 2 miles across 9 of our 11 police precincts. And any of
- 3 those shaded areas represents the current coverage area.
- 4 Coverage areas were picked through a data-driven process
- 5 where we identified zones with higher-than-average
- 6 shooting victims, higher than average calls to 911
- 7 reporting shootings and higher than average calls
- 8 reported to 911 for shots fired. Next slide, please.
- 9 So, this is a look at weekly ShotSpotter alerts
- 10 since April 10th, 2023. And the reason we're starting the
- 11 slide on April 10th is this is approximately when the
- 12 expansion to 39 square miles was completed. And so, all
- 13 of these weekly counts are being collected from the same
- 14 square miles. If we went back further, we'd see lower
- 15 counts simply because we had less coverage area. So,
- 16 we're looking at 2023, we saw an average of about 350
- 17 alerts for shots fired each week. And in 2024, we saw
- 18 that come down substantially to about 240 alerts for
- 19 shots fired. Now, you notice the gap there in the middle.
- 20 We have excluded the two weeks surrounding New Year's Eve
- 21 and New Year's Day from this graph. There were such a
- 22 staggering number of shots fired, alerts caught during
- 23 that time that it would throw off this entire graph, and
- 24 we wouldn't really be able to see any patterns of the
- 25 scale.



- 1 The week of New Year's Eve, approximately 2000
- 2 alerts in that week. Most of them are coming from, you
- 3 know, those two days. So, we have seen right behavior
- 4 changing within the area. We're seeing less people going
- 5 out and firing shots. And why is this important? One, you
- 6 know, we hope for an overall effect as part of our
- 7 layered technology approach to reducing overall crime
- 8 throughout the city. And I think we have seen that year
- 9 after year now as we have worked to increase our
- 10 leveraging of these technologies, we've seen these
- 11 declines. But also, from, you know, a public health
- 12 standpoint, a public safety standpoint. The impact on
- 13 children growing up with constant gunfire. We can reduce
- 14 that. We can make a difference in early childhood
- 15 development as well.
- Next slide please. So, looking at some overall
- 17 metrics for 2024 compared to 2023. In 2024 the total
- 18 published alerts were 14,695, and in 2023, the total was
- 19 18,065. So, we are seeing a decline in detected gunfire
- 20 within the city. Now, I think it's also important to
- 21 remember that in 2023, between January 1st and April
- 22 10th, we didn't have that full coverage area. So, we only
- 23 had a partial area throughout that. And so even with
- 24 that, right, where we had a shorter gear, shorter amount
- 25 of time in 2023 with that full coverage area, we're still



- 1 seeing a substantial decrease. The total number of rounds
- 2 fired that were detected in those right, were over 63,000
- 3 in 2023, and we're down to 54,000 in 2024. So, we're
- 4 seeing a decrease, you know, substantial decrease in the
- 5 number of shots actually fired.
- 6 And now when it comes to enforcement stats, right?
- 7 So, for arrests that are connected to these ShotSpotter
- 8 alerts, in 2023, there were 401, in 2024, there were 373.
- 9 And for firearms recovered that were connected to
- 10 ShotSpotter alerts; in 2023, there were 708 in 2024, 596,
- 11 right? We're seeing a decline partially at least driven
- 12 by the decline in those alerts. I also think it's
- 13 important, you know, if you look at these numbers, right,
- 14 we're in completely different magnitudes. We're in the
- 15 tens of thousands for those first two rows, and we're in
- 16 hundreds for the second two rows. Firing a gun is not an
- 17 arrestable offense, right? It's a violation of the
- 18 ordinance, which is dealt with by a ticket. So, those
- 19 arrests are for much more serious crimes that are
- 20 connected to these alerts.
- 21 And then the next slide, please. So, why is this?
- 22 Another reason this is important? Many of you may be
- 23 familiar with NIA and the National Integrated Ballistics
- 24 Information Network. It's an exceptional program here,
- 25 DPD from the ATF. All of our bullet casings that we



- 1 collect, either from the scene or from firearms that we
- 2 recover and then test fire, are loaded into that system.
- 3 3D modeled and those scans are compared, so we can link
- 4 crimes together. Again, this is just an example of how
- 5 one piece of technology supports another piece of
- 6 technology. In this case, very directly. We saw the
- 7 evidence; we collected the amount of bullet casings that
- 8 we collected substantially increased after we expanded
- 9 our ShotSpotter coverage. And so that just gives us
- 10 another investigative tool to link crimes together,
- 11 hopefully finding leads across multiple cases that can
- 12 help us solve them. Next slide, please. And that is the
- 13 end of our presentation are there questions.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Questions. Yes, sir.
- 15 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. Through the Chair.
- 16 I have a question, and I hope I'm remembering this
- 17 correctly. I believe it was around this time of last
- 18 year, there were some reports that the company that we
- 19 contracted with for ShotSpotter had like a leak, and
- 20 there was some concern about whether or not there might
- 21 be retaliation on the devices as a result of people
- 22 knowing where they are. And so, I just wanted to see if
- 23 you could provide any update on whether or not there has
- 24 been any material challenge as a result of the leak that
- 25 occurred last year.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Great question.
- 2 MR. LAMOREAUX: Through the Chair. Very good
- 3 question. Yes. So, the circumstances around that, my
- 4 understanding is a former employee had saved a copy of a
- 5 map layer that had a snapshot of sensors across the whole
- 6 country, and I think in other parts of the world as well.
- 7 They released it at that time when it was already 6
- 8 months old. It was quite out of date. And so, sensors
- 9 had, in some cases, been moved. I took a look at the
- 10 website that posted it, and there was no public facing
- 11 version I could find that allowed you to zoom in beyond
- 12 the city level. So, you couldn't actually see the exact
- 13 locations. You could only really see the approximate
- 14 locations. So, we didn't see any direct retaliation or
- 15 action taken against sensors during that time.
- 16 Occasionally, a sensor will come down either because of a
- 17 car collision into the pole or other equipment; some kind
- 18 of collapse. I'm aware of maybe 3 sensors that have come
- 19 down the whole time. But through our, you know, contract
- 20 with ShotSpotter, right? There are processes in place to
- 21 collect them and have them reinstall.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Dewaelsche, and then
- 23 Commissioner Bernard?
- COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 25 Yes, T just noticed that on the ShotSpotter metrics, the



- 1 periods for 24 and 23 are not the same. For '23 is an 8-
- 2 month period and for '24-to-12-month period. Is that
- 3 correct?
- 4 MR. LAMOREAUX: So, on the weekly ShotSpotter alert,
- 5 I sorry. Through the Chair. On the weekly ShotSpotter
- 6 alert slide. Yes. so, what is the yellow graph on the
- 7 green background? That is correct. That is starting ---
- 8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: No, I'm actually looking at
- 9 the, at the ---
- 10 MR. LAMOREAUX: At the slide after that, the
- 11 biometric slide?
- 12 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Yes.
- MR. LAMOREAUX: That is 12 months compared to 12
- 14 months; the full year compared to the full year. The only
- 15 caveat for that, as you know, I think you're seeing here
- 16 is that between January 1st and April 10th, we were in
- 17 the process of expanding still, and so we didn't have
- 18 that full 39 square miles during that time. So, we
- 19 started, you know, at the beginning, right? That's why we
- 20 didn't include it in the weekly comparison, because we
- 21 would have less collected during that. So, there is a
- 22 slight discrepancy in what we're comparing, but overall,
- 23 I think it shows programmatically what we got out of that
- 24 program, regardless of whether it was exactly consistent
- 25 year-to-year.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Okay. So, that, I'm sorry.
- 2 Through the Chair, that clarifies my question that I had
- 3 and I just want to highlight that the numbers are
- 4 significantly lower in '24 as compared to '23. And if it
- 5 were for an 8-month period, I was going to say it was
- 6 really lower. But would you attribute that to the
- 7 significant lower numbers? Is it because of ShotSpotter?
- 8 MR. LAMOREAUX: I think ShotSpotter plays a very
- 9 large role in that, right? I think it's important to
- 10 think about everything in the context of our overall
- 11 technology strategy. That includes license plate,
- 12 readers, project, green light everything is thought about
- 13 holistically so that we get the most out of it all. One
- 14 technology is valuable, two technologies working together
- 15 are more valuable. So, ShotSpotter is definitely playing
- 16 a role in that. And I think, you know, that's helping
- 17 drive changes in behavior. I think people in those
- 18 coverage areas are getting a sense that if they fire a
- 19 gun, the police will show up. And so, we would expect to
- 20 see; and I think that substantial decrease in alerts and
- 21 total rounds you know, leads us down that path of saying,
- 22 we are seeing a change in behavior. People are firing
- 23 guns less frequently in the city.
- 24 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. I just have to
- 25 add too, it is another aspect of ShotSpotter alerts,



- 1 where the next day we actually send out officers with the
- 2 little metal detector things and ACF as well to collect
- 3 the shell casings. And so that creates a spirit in the
- 4 neighborhood and individuals who fire shots or folks who
- 5 frequently fire shots in the neighborhood, see that
- 6 wraparound, and that has a tremendous deterrent effect as
- 7 well. So, you're seeing fewer alerts because it's
- 8 changing culture and behavior in the neighborhoods.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Bernard, and then
- 11 Commissioner Banks.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. If I recall, the
- 13 ShotSpotter contract was with the California company. I
- 14 don't recall if it was bid on. I don't think that it was.
- 15 I don't know what the term of that contract is, but we
- 16 would be interested in knowing that. It is about, as I
- 17 recall, 6 or \$7 million a year. So, if you can enlighten
- 18 us on all of those issues. But what I wanted to ask you
- 19 about is, as I recall when we started ShotSpotter, it was
- 20 for the 9th Precinct only. Now, it's spread and I'd like
- 21 to know what precincts it's in. That's number one, and is
- 22 your plan to make it citywide?
- MR. LAMOREAUX: Through the Chair. I believe you're
- 24 right. The total contract amount was about \$7 million for
- 25 the expansion.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The 9th Precinct.
- 2 MR. LAMOREAUX: No, for the total expansion, the most
- 3 recent contract. I believe it's been some time and I
- 4 wasn't directly involved in the process and taking steps,
- 5 you know, for the kind of planning and determining where
- 6 the coverage area should be. I believe we bid it out both
- 7 for the 2021 8th and 9th Precincts and, you know, and
- 8 then also for the, we, we bid it out for the expansion as
- 9 well. You may also remember back in 2014, there was a one
- 10 square mile trial in the 9th Precinct alone. That lasted
- 11 about 18 months. No cost to the city. And then it went
- 12 away. There wasn't really an interest. I think since then
- 13 we saw a lot of other pieces in play for technology. DPD
- 14 implemented a new records management system, and a
- 15 dispatch system. We brought time and care here, and so we
- 16 established the Real Time Crime Center. There were a lot
- 17 of other systems in place to support it. And so, in 2021
- 18 when we brought it back we had, I believe two square
- 19 miles in the 8th Precinct in four and a half square miles
- 20 in the 9th Precinct. That's when we really started to see
- 21 a lot of success in terms of evidence collection. And
- 22 some of you may remember the news within 24-hours,
- 23 approximately, maybe 30 hours of launching it we had
- 24 identified a ghost gun manufacturing house in the 9th
- 25 Precinct successfully set up surveillance, gotten a



- 1 search warrant and recovered a whole bunch of assault
- 2 rifles, not their firearms.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Is it going citywide?
- 4 MR. LAMOREAUX: No.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Chief.
- 6 CHIEF BETTISON: At this point, at this point I
- 7 haven't had any conversations to indicate that it's going
- 8 citywide. So, we have to be very economically
- 9 responsible. And so, it's a pretty significant cost that
- 10 goes along with it. And so, we've identified the most,
- 11 based on data, the neighborhoods where we were seeing the
- 12 most homicides, non-fatal shootings and shots fired. And
- 13 that's why we chose the 39 square miles roughly that we
- 14 have. Of course, the City of Detroit is roughly 141
- 15 square miles. So, at this particular point in time, as of
- 16 right now, there's no conversation to go citywide.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let the record reflect that
- 18 Commissioner Hernandez is present. Commissioner Banks,
- 19 and Dewaelsche.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm all set. Thanks.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just
- 23 wanted to clarify that we do have a report under tab six
- 24 and it is by precinct and the precinct for ShotSpotter.
- 25 And the precincts that are not, there are 1, 3 and 7. All



- 1 of the other precincts have a report. So, I assume those
- 2 are the three that we don't have in ShotSpotter.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Bell.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BELL: When we look at New Year's Eve
- 8 and New Year's Day, especially New Year's Eve, we have a
- 9 tremendous volume of gunshots. I would hope that you
- 10 would [unclear] that, but 911 probably would receive that
- 11 type of information. Could you look in terms of that
- 12 concept? And also, we need to look at in terms of the
- 13 gunfire decreasing, but we know that this is a violent
- 14 society. Too many gun shootings. We've been very blessed
- 15 that we are going to have a shooting this weekend. A
- 16 fatal shooting is only the good Lord, put it in my mind,
- 17 people do not respond. What happened to ghost guns that
- 18 we've been dealing with? Is there any feedback on that?
- 19 And also, in reference to other devices targeted to
- 20 repeat technology processes in place. We need perhaps a
- 21 breakdown on the board in terms of the community concept
- 22 when you're talking about preaching in terms of they have
- 23 a serious, we need to identify that we need to be
- 24 informed. And also, if we work together in terms of the
- 25 New Year's Eve educational process. Maybe we need to



- 1 start a campaign in reference to dealing with New Year's
- 2 Eve, because it's just totally out of control. I know in
- 3 my neighborhood, I know in your neighborhood it is still
- 4 with us, and we are just very fortunate. What goes out,
- 5 don't come down and kill somebody. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly.
- 7 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. Commissioner
- 8 Bell, you're absolutely right. We still capture it. And
- 9 so, the only reason you don't see the ShotSpotter data
- 10 for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day on here, is they
- 11 would've completely skewed everything. But ShotSpotter is
- 12 still on. We just didn't choose to put it here so that
- 13 you could actually see the trend line, but we still
- 14 responded, and for every one of those shots fired, we
- 15 still had a wraparound and sent officers along with the
- 16 metal detectors to all of those locations. And on New
- 17 Year's Eve our officers were out there, they were
- 18 working, and as a result, you can even go back, we
- 19 offered one house over on the Eastside, on the porch they
- 20 were getting ready and prepared to shoot, and we had a
- 21 whole arsenal off their front porch; officers in the 9th
- 22 Precinct thinking.
- So, I could provide that for the boys as well. But
- 24 they're out there, and they're working. And I do agree
- 25 with you starting earlier as to what we can do as far as



- 1 the educational campaign, letting individuals know that
- 2 through the board of police commissioners, our community
- 3 violence intervention, our interrupters still pushing the
- 4 narrative out that hey, what goes up does come down and
- 5 its consequences for firing a gun within the city limits.
- 6 And then also letting individuals know that, if you're
- 7 using a ghost gun or some other illegal firearm, or
- 8 whether it's your legal firearm and you are shooting,
- 9 expect the Detroit Police Department to come collect your
- 10 shell casings and we're going to put them in our system.
- 11 And many of those shell casings are actually linked to
- 12 other crimes. So, with the credit good stuff that they
- 13 leave behind for us to link to serious crimes.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you so much Chief, and
- 15 great, great points. I will ask what were the arrests
- 16 for? Give us a breakdown for that, you know, in the
- 17 future. And also like if it was a homicide and or
- 18 whatever it was, and then how many lives were saved
- 19 during the ShotSpotter, them responded to ShotSpotter,
- 20 because I know of a couple occasions that you guys
- 21 reported to us that they came in, at the nick of time and
- 22 they saved the lives. So, if there were some lives saved,
- 23 I think that the community should hear about that as
- 24 well, because we are saving lives in this process. If we
- 25 save one life it's worth the money, you know? So, I think



- 1 that you should detail that in the report as well.
- MR. LAMOREAUX: Yeah. Through the Chair. It is a very
- 3 good point. And we can work on a breakdown of what the
- 4 arrest was for. In terms of saving a life, I think it
- 5 gets a little more complicated in terms of, you know,
- 6 timing, right? Would that person have died if we had not
- 7 gotten there in time? Is it a little hard to, where you
- 8 draw the line? I do have a ---
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: If you have a victim that they
- 10 could be possibly bleeding out, you know, and I think
- 11 that's important. Commissioner Hernandez, then you finish
- 12 making your point.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the
- 14 Chair. I would just go off that same point, maybe there's
- 15 a preventative chapter that could include some criteria.
- 16 And I know the Chief just mentioned that, you know, there
- 17 was a moment where shots were about to be fired. Maybe
- 18 that's one of the criteria in terms of when the response
- 19 time occurs, how quickly it is and so forth. It would be
- 20 important to capture more of a preventative sense.
- 21 MR. LAMOREAUX: Yes. And through the Chair, just to
- 22 follow up. So, for example for shots fired alerts that
- 23 were connected to a kind of serious RMS report. So, in
- 24 2023, we had 149 RMS reports for either homicide,
- 25 aggravated assault, or a non-fatal shooting. So that



- 1 means shots were fired towards the person, whether they
- 2 took effect or not. About those 149 that I'm talking to
- 3 did not have corresponding 911 calls runs in our dispatch
- 4 system. It was about 30% of the reports. And the same, it
- 5 was about 30% in 2024. So, there are 30% of incidents
- 6 connected to ShotSpotter alerts in the last two years
- 7 where shots fired towards an individual were not also
- 8 reported to 911.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I think that's why it is
- 10 important, you know, those numbers because more than
- 11 likely some lives were stayed there. Yes, sir.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. You know, I guess I
- 13 have a question for the gentleman at the podium; is that
- 14 we would like to know what's the return on investment of
- 15 the Detroit ShotSpotter program? We know that this is a
- 16 very pricey tool that the city is using; especially when
- 17 it comes to alerts, you know, gunfire, alerts how many
- 18 people are arrested? How many guns are confiscated. I
- 19 mean, we have to be able to measure this in some type of
- 20 way to see what type of investment the city's getting for
- 21 its dollars. I look at cities that pushed away from
- 22 ShotSpotter, which would be Chicago, February of 2024,
- 23 Falls Springs Massachusetts, Charleston, North Carolina,
- 24 Dayton, Ohio, which is 3 hours away from here. Durham,
- 25 North Carolina, San Antonio, Texas. And the list goes on.



- 1 But it'd be nice if we could see what the ROI is,
- 2 especially how much this price tag is costing us.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let him respond.
- 4 CHIEF BETTISON: I don't want to definitely explain
- 5 this. Through the Chair, with the report, Reverend Blount
- 6 raised this, as well as wanting to know the number of
- 7 arrests that ShotSpotter was read to. And so, with this
- 8 report, it states that the arrest connected to
- 9 ShotSpotter for 2024, it was 373, and in 2023 it was a
- 10 100, I mean, it was 401. And so, that gives the number of
- 11 arrests and, you know, as we detail out our reports,
- 12 given more specific information, we can look for other
- 13 ways to articulate, and show return on investment, the
- 14 ROI. So, to your point, Commissioner Burton, you know,
- 15 thank you for that. And then looking based on the 911
- 16 calls where there are a lack of 911 calls in many cases,
- 17 but for ShotSpotter alert, the police are very timely in
- 18 finding a victim, you know, getting EMS there and getting
- 19 individuals to the hospital, and actually saving lives.
- 20 So, it has an effect where we are able to get there, save
- 21 lives, and also in many cases arrest perpetrators and
- 22 deal with the situation where citizens would not have
- 23 normally called 911.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right. Thank you. Well,
- 25 Commissioner Smith had a question.



- 1 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Yes. Through the Chair. I was
- 2 just in response to my experience with ShotSpotter. So,
- 3 I'm a community engagement specialist with Cease Fire,
- 4 Detroit, which is in partnership with DPD. And back in
- 5 2022, I reported an incident that we responded to, and
- 6 that was with the department responding to the
- 7 ShotSpotter going off and finding a home that had been
- 8 shot up and a woman had been critically injured, who had
- 9 been shot twice in the head, and once in the abdomen.
- 10 Medics came and transported her to the hospital and her
- 11 life was saved because of ShotSpotter. Had the
- 12 ShotSpotter not gone off, they would not have even
- 13 responded to see that a woman was nearly fatally injured.
- 14 So, that is my evidence and my proof of just being a
- 15 first responder to that scene.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay, thank you.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just one final note on that.
- 18 Mother Bernice, who's sitting right there, showed me her
- 19 car. What you said earlier is true, what goes up does
- 20 come down because there was a bullet hole in the hood of
- 21 her car that was from, you told me, I think it was New
- 22 Year's Eve or something; you came out and there was a
- 23 bullet hole in your car because the shot that went up,
- 24 came down. So, really, it penetrates steel as well.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Alright. Thank you very kindly.



- 1 All right, we are going to the budget presentation.
- MR. NAZARKO: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, honorable
- 3 board, Chief Bettison. The report that was submitted to
- 4 the board is part of the total presentation of the budget
- 5 versus actual from the Department of Finance, through the
- 6 chief's office. And the first slide. The next slide
- 7 please shows the reports that are submitted to the board
- 8 that are the budget versus actual for quarter two. For
- 9 all the funds, then the general fund, quarter two, budget
- 10 versus actuals revenues and expenditures, vehicle
- 11 purchase report, capital expenditure report. And then the
- 12 last one, grant activity report. Next slide, please. This
- 13 report shows the budget and the actual for the quarter of
- 14 all the funds. And as you know, the police budget
- 15 includes four major funds. There is the general fund, the
- 16 largest one, forfeiture fund, the grand revenue fund, and
- 17 then the special revenue fund that includes the tow fund
- 18 together with the 911 fund.
- 19 As you can see from the slide of the budget for the
- 20 general fund, for the second quarter, ending December
- 21 31st, 2024 was \$18.1 million and the actual was almost
- 22 \$118.01 million. There was only a small variant of minus
- 23 0.3%. Forfeiture fund again, was the budget was \$297,000
- 24 rounded up, and the actual was \$273,000. A little bit
- 25 below budget Grant revenue fund is the one that we missed



- 1 the actual compared to the budget and the explanation for
- 2 that from \$1.9 million, we brought in only \$26,000, is
- 3 the timing of the recording of the grant revenue for the
- 4 police department. A better special revenue fund, as I
- 5 indicated, is a tow fund, plus the E911 fund. We budgeted
- 6 2.3 million dollars and we brought in 2.8 million. \$8
- 7 million consisting mainly of the increased, a little bit
- 8 increase in full revenue. Then on the expenditure side,
- 9 the general fund was \$3.9 million, almost \$4 million
- 10 below budget. And again, we do expect at the end of the
- 11 year to finish the year within the budget, however, not
- 12 at the surplus that you see at the end of 6 months. And
- 13 for the board to get out to emphasize the fact that this
- 14 presentation of these numbers represents the half point
- 15 of the year. So, 6 months out of 12. Therefore, this is a
- 16 good indication where the police department stands budget
- 17 wise. The other funds, again, are not a concern of the
- 18 forfeiture fund, and grant fund and the total class 911
- 19 fund all of them doing or staying within the budget while
- 20 supporting the operations of the police department. Next
- 21 slide, please.
- This slide shows the revenues that we are expected
- 23 to receive; just the general fund now. The general fund
- 24 comprises three major revenue sources, is the municipal
- 25 income tax, the utility user tax, and other revenue that



- 1 are the total revenue and the special events combined to
- 2 the secondary employment. We expected to receive or we
- 3 had budgeted. We received \$18 million for the three
- 4 months, and the whole year we expect to receive \$92
- 5 million. So, we actually received 12 to 20% of the
- 6 revenues during the quarter. The established wages in the
- 7 middle of the slide, we spent \$86.8 million on salaries,
- 8 wages and overtime, and for the whole year, we have
- 9 budgeted \$340 million in that regard. So, we are a little
- 10 bit over 2% over the budget amount for the quarter.
- 11 Then you can see down the line, employee benefits,
- 12 contractual services, operating supplies, operating
- 13 services, capital equipment, and other expenses. All of
- 14 them very much stay within the budget confinements. Next
- 15 slide, please. This is a detailed slide and for the
- 16 public, it is too small a print, but I just want to let
- 17 you know that this is a more detail of the previous
- 18 slides that shows details of what the municipal income
- 19 tax, utility user tax and charges for services, license,
- 20 permit, and inspection charges, fine, forfeitures and
- 21 penalties coupled with the revenues from use of the
- 22 assets. And again, those are a lot of details. The
- 23 information has been provided to the board, and I'll be
- 24 happy to answer any questions you may have in that
- 25 regard. Next slide, please. While the previous slide was



- 1 the revenues, this slide again, has the details of
- 2 expenditures and the expenditures are broken down by
- 3 service overtime for their non-uniform, police uniform,
- 4 employee benefits, and all the operation services for the
- 5 police department, from contractual services to medical
- 6 expenses and professional services, the way that they're
- 7 budgeted, and what the actual amount was. Next slide,
- 8 please.
- 9 This is a continuation of the previous slide. We
- 10 continue the other services such as operating supplies,
- 11 operating services, capital equipment, and other
- 12 expenses, including training. The next slide, please.
- 13 This slide shows the vehicle purchase report. The
- 14 total of vehicles that were purchased during the quarter
- 15 for the months of October, November, and December. There
- 16 were 37 vehicles, and the slide has them broken down by
- 17 the type of vehicle and the month that we purchased those
- 18 vehicles. Next slide, please. This slide shows the
- 19 improvements, capital improvements, and the repair
- 20 maintenance that we did during the months of October,
- 21 November, and December, and broken down by the location
- 22 and by the amount. The total amount for the quarter was
- 23 we spent \$316,000 among all the locations that DPD has
- 24 operations or operates in those buildings.
- 25 The next to last slide shows the grant activity



- 1 report. There were only two new grants that started
- 2 during the second quarter of fiscal year 2025, and the
- 3 one of them was overtime traffic and enforcement in the
- 4 amount of \$159,250. And the other one was MCOLES
- 5 community policing competitive rent in the amount of
- 6 \$326,295,000. The grants underneath that are the grants
- 7 that were utilized during the quarter, but they did not
- 8 initiate, they did not start doing that quarter rather
- 9 they are continuation of the previous quarters prior to
- 10 the second quarter 2025. And with that slide, honorable
- 11 Chair, I conclude my presentation, and I'll be happy to
- 12 answer any questions on behalf of DPD that you may have.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Does Commissioner Dewaelsche and
- 14 any other commissioner have any questions? Commissioner
- 15 Dewaelsche.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Oh, why don't they, I'll
- 17 ask mine last.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Through the
- 20 Chair. So, the question I have is you mentioned that
- 21 we're 50% six months into the year, the fiscal year and
- 22 I'm looking at, for instance, total revenues for the
- 23 second quarter, which is the municipal utility dollar
- 24 revenue, that page, and it's 18 million, 18.1 million,
- 25 and our annual budget is 92.8 million; and it only



- 1 represents 20%, even though we're at 50% of the year. So,
- 2 is that timing? Are we going to achieve, you know, a
- 3 hundred percent of our budget?
- 4 MR. NAZARKO: Through the Chair. That's a really good
- 5 question. And the revenues, although we stood at 20% for
- 6 the quarter, most of the revenues are time sensitive,
- 7 meaning that, for example income tax; the police
- 8 department gets a portion of the overall city's income
- 9 tax. Most of that comes in the months of March and April,
- 10 as you know, when we file income taxes. Therefore, not
- 11 much is happening in that regard during the months of
- 12 October and December. [Unclear] utility user tax. We
- 13 receive a portion of the utility expenditures in the City
- 14 of Detroit. But as you know, the heaviest months are
- 15 January, February, and March, which are the coldest, and
- 16 therefore, in short to answer your question, there is a
- 17 timing lag, but we fully expect to receive \$92 million as
- 18 we have budgeted for the fiscal year.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Commissioner Pressley, then
- 21 Commissioner Bernard.
- 22 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. Through the Chair.
- 23 My question is, again, relative to the grant revenue you
- 24 said that the shortage is really a part of the timing,
- 25 and so I'm wondering whether or not we should have seen



- 1 that in the first quarter, or should we expect to see
- 2 that made up in the third quarter?
- 3 MR. NAZARKO: With the grants, and again, that's not
- 4 a good question. The way that County rules work is that
- 5 we do book them as they come in, and usually with the
- 6 grants we square up, we reconcile at the end of June,
- 7 truly. So, the report that I will give you at the end of
- 8 June, will be the more accurate report. However, as we
- 9 move up and down throughout the year, the grants, we book
- 10 them, the way they come, the way that we spend them.
- 11 Therefore, to be more succinct on that point, I found out
- 12 because it, you know, kind of drew my attention as well,
- 13 that we had made a journal entry to book some of the
- 14 expenditures in the previous year to make sure that we
- 15 fully utilize the grants. Therefore, that negative
- 16 expenditure that we took money out from the second
- 17 quarter and put that into the 2024 year took that amount
- 18 down. Therefore, in the next quarter, you expect me to
- 19 give you a fuller and better picture of the grant
- 20 revenues as you expect.
- 21 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay. Thank you for that. And
- 22 a follow up to that and kind of understand these two
- 23 allocations, because again, the actual for the second
- 24 quarter in grants is \$26,000, but the new grant started
- 25 in the second quarter amounts to about \$600,000? So, is



- 1 that captured in a different area?
- MR. NAZARKO: The new grants that are in the
- 3 provision I gave you indicate the amount that we were
- 4 authorized and we signed the contract to spend, doesn't
- 5 mean that we spent or started spending those. You know,
- 6 we are approved. You approve them, the chief approves
- 7 them, the City Council approves them. But it does not
- 8 indicate that the report I give you doesn't have the
- 9 actual expenditure.
- 10 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Yeah, but I'm talking about
- 11 why it's not captured in the revenue.
- MR. NAZARKO: Because we don't give money until we
- 13 start spending.
- 14 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay. Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Bernard.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. Thank you for
- 17 your report. I'm sorry. Thank you for your report.
- 18 According to the general fund, about 62% of the revenue
- 19 for the department goes for personnel related costs.
- 20 That's higher than it used to be. And I'd just like to --
- 21 I know we've done some hiring and so forth, but
- 22 obviously, personnel and benefits are the largest part of
- 23 generally any budget. But to go from like 50 something
- 24 percent to 50% to 62% is the leap. But my second question
- 25 is, and it is even more important than that one, and that



- 1 is, what percentage, in your opinion, of our budget is
- 2 federal grants? And as federal grants decrease probably
- 3 in the next year, how do you see us being able to pay all
- 4 of this money and, you know, absorb the expenses related
- 5 to this budget, considering the fact that there's no
- 6 major tax increase for Detroit residents being projected?
- 7 MR. NAZARKO: I'll start by answering the second
- 8 question first, if I may. Through the Chair. Luckily, or
- 9 fortunately, the Detroit Police Department's budget does
- 10 not depend heavily on the grants. And we know that lately
- 11 the situation with the grants been withheld from the
- 12 federal government coming down, whatnot. The Detroit
- 13 Police Department is built to operate without being much
- 14 dependent on the grants of the federal government, state
- 15 or otherwise. Therefore, as you know, the Detroit Police
- 16 Department is approximately \$450 million, and the grants
- 17 that we expect to receive in any given year is anywhere
- 18 from seven to \$8 million. So, that tells you that again,
- 19 we are not dependent. We appreciate and we make the best
- 20 use of them, but the Chief's business department does
- 21 not, again, depend on those. Chief?
- 22 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. One of the things
- 23 that we're doing also, commissioner, is with our Public
- 24 Safety Trust Fund. 4605. 4606.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Please say it one more time.



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- 1 CHIEF BETTISON: 4605, 4606.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And one more time. 2.
- 3 CHIEF BETTISON: 4605. 4606.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- CHIEF BETTISON: More than likely we're expecting it 5
- to come out of the State House of Representatives this 6
- week. That's what I've been told. And, you know, if that
- happens, and when it passes the State Senate, that'll be 8
- 9 an additional \$18 million to the City of Detroit,
- approximately for public safety, which will benefit this 10
- department. And so, that comes from state revenue sales 11
- 12 tax, and it not only benefits the DPD, it's going to
- 13 benefit other departments across the State of Michigan as
- 14 well. Grand Rapids, roughly about 3 million, and Lansing
- 15 will get a share from Dearborn; so, I just wanted to
- 16 emphasize that it's good for public safety across the
- State of Michigan, but Detroit gets the lion share. 17
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. 18
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah.
- 20 MR. NAZARKO: Through the Chair, there was another
- question. The percentage of total funds versus [unclear]. 21
- 22 It is okay that the Police Department now is operating
- almost in full capacity; and plus, the contracts that 23
- 24 were approved back in 2023. However, it is not that major
- 25 increase, you know, the police department has always



- 1 operated from 55. The personnel expenditures are anywhere
- 2 from 55 anywhere to 60 to 63% of total budget.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Commissioner Dewaelsche and
- 4 Commissioner Bell.
- 5 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Just thank you through the
- 6 Chair. Just a quick question with regard to the
- 7 appropriation that you talked about, Chief, that, I'm
- 8 sorry, through the Chair. Is that amount already
- 9 factored?
- 10 CHIEF BETTISON: No.
- 11 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Into this budget? That
- 12 would be an amended budget. It would be an additional?
- 13 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, ma'am.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Okay. And you said about 3
- 15 million?
- 16 CHIEF BETTISON: 18 million.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Oh, 18 million. Okay. And
- 18 then my other question, just really quick, under other
- 19 revenue, what does that incorporate? What does that
- 20 include? Other revenue?
- 21 MR. NAZARKO: The other revenue consists of the
- 22 special events that the City of Detroit extends to
- 23 personnel, and we include money. The secondary employment
- 24 fees that we charge. The auction of the abandoned
- 25 vehicles is there. And the fees we receive. General fund



- 1 receives a portion of the towing fees from the towing
- 2 operation going into the general fund, approximately
- 3 \$900,000 to a million dollars a year.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, sir.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Bell.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank Mr. Chairman.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BELL: We approved the budget, and from
- 9 there, the mayor approved the budget and gave the final
- 10 budget to the Council. They are the final authority.
- 11 Michael, can you come back, arrange for the secretary to
- 12 come back to this board to highlight areas that have an
- 13 impact in terms of what we submitted in changes that you
- 14 have? It might be significant, might be insignificant. I
- 15 don't know, but I think we should have that opportunity
- 16 to review that.
- MR. NAZARKO: Through the Chair. And upon the desire
- 18 of Chief Bettison, when the City Council finally passes
- 19 the budget, we make sure that those numbers are passed
- 20 down to the board.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You said you could come back and
- 22 report.
- 23 CHIEF BETTISON: Yeah. Through the Chair. Yeah,
- 24 absolutely. You know certainly the pleasure of the board
- 25 as well, so, yeah.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Thank you so, so much.
- 2 Chief and let me ask about the vehicles in the 2nd
- 3 Precinct. Are we focused now? We have a lot of citizens
- 4 calling in about that, and there have been some
- 5 complaints about that. Are we getting the vehicles there,
- 6 or are there; I don't know what the situation is. I am
- 7 not the police, but, you know.
- 8 CHIEF BETTISON: Yeah. Through this year, I haven't
- 9 heard that.
- MR. NAZARKO: No. Chief, the numbers I present are
- 11 the numbers that we purchased in the second quarter. So
- 12 that's [Crosstalk].
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: [Crosstalk] in the second
- 14 quarter?
- MR. NAZARKO: The vehicles that I showed on the
- 16 slides.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright. Thank you very
- 18 kindly. And as well as the 9th Precinct, right?
- 19 MR. NAZARKO: Correct.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Thank you. That's the
- 21 only question I had. There's nothing further. Oh., yes,
- 22 sir.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the
- 24 Chair. I may tow a very fine line with what I'm going to
- 25 ask, but is there any work underway from a budget



- 1 perspective regarding any potential reductions in budget,
- 2 whether it be grants, revenue, otherwise, based on
- 3 lingering executive orders at the federal level for law
- 4 enforcement? I'm thinking of the ripple effect it could
- 5 potentially have, even on what I call points of access
- 6 for officers, partnerships like Cleary, partnerships like
- 7 Wayne State. Are we going to lose any kind of funding?
- 8 And, is there any kind of work to even interpret to
- 9 control that?
- 10 MR. NAZARKO: The answer is no.
- 11 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. We have no
- 12 indications at this point, but as soon as I become aware,
- 13 if I hear anything, I'll make this board aware.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, as long as Detroiters are
- 15 taxes you have a budget?
- 16 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: This is mostly taxpayer dollars.
- 18 And then this is the reason why we answer to the public,
- 19 you know, because this is their money. Mostly that \$450
- 20 million come from citizens of the City of Detroit. And we
- 21 appreciate our citizens contributing and making sure that
- 22 we have a police department. Commissioner Burton, and
- 23 then we'll move on because we have some Closed-Door
- 24 sessions that are vitally important.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a couple of questions.



- 1 I'll be short and brief on this.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I would love to see more
- 4 dollars put into helping find missing persons here in the
- 5 City of Detroit. I'd love to see more dollars added to
- 6 the traffic enforcement unit as well. And I don't know
- 7 where it would be coming from in this particular budget
- 8 or where I should look, but I'd also like to see dollars
- 9 and telephone crime reported. You know, just a few
- 10 dollars in those areas where we could beef up the missing
- 11 person unit and get more officers and civilians working
- 12 in that office, as well as traffic enforcement. I have
- 13 not heard any discussions about Harbormasters, about how
- 14 many dollars it probably was awarded over the years for
- 15 Harbormasters, but I don't know how they are looking at
- 16 funding. I think DTE probably helped fund the mounted
- 17 unit patrol. These are different divisions that I would
- 18 love to see additional dollars go to those departments as
- 19 well because of the hard work, those men and women in
- 20 those divisions, and what they bring to this department
- 21 and to the great City of Detroit.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right. That is duly
- 23 noted, right, Chief?
- 24 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. Yes, sir. Thank
- 25 you, Commissioner Burton.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. All right. What is the
- 2 pleasure of the board?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Go to Closed Session.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Can you read it off for us?
- 5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I move that we go into Closed
- 6 Session pursuant to section 8 (a) of the Open Meetings
- 7 Act.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: 8(f).
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: MCL15.268 8(f). The department
- 10 requests for the board to consider administration leave
- 11 without pay.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, no, no, no, no.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Without pay.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Someone takes that. He doesn't
- 15 have his glasses.
- 16 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I think you should call for
- 17 unfinished business. Maybe that'll help.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Unfinished business. Okay.
- 19 Unfinished.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Please ---
- 21 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: You were reading new
- 22 business. On unfinished business. Through the Chair.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, okay.
- 25 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I'm going to move to closed



- 1 section pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings
- 2 Act, MCL 15.268 (f) Candidate Charles Bonner for the
- 3 board to consider disqualified applicant appeal for the
- 4 DPD hiring process.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- 7 Pressley, second by Commissioner Hernandez to go into
- 8 Closed Session to consider disqualified applicant appeal
- 9 from DPD hiring process. Any discussion? All in favor say
- 10 aye.
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motions
- 13 carried. This is a 3½minute recess.
- 14 (Whereupon the Board Entered into Closed Session)
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Today is March 6th 2025. It's
- 16 5:17. The Board of Police Commissioners is back in open
- 17 session. Please call the roll.
- 18 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods Present.
- 19 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith Present.
- 20 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard Present.
- 21 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks Present.
- 22 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell Present.
- 23 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton Present.
- 24 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter Present.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused.



- 1 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez Here.
- 2 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley Here.
- 3 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche Here,
- 4 MS. GARNIER: 10 present, sir?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: There is a quorum. What's the
- 6 pleasure of the board?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANK: Go back to Closed Session.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We are in open session. Yes, sir.
- 9 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Through the Chair, I move
- 10 that we grant the applicant appeal for candidate Charles
- 11 Bonner to move forward in the DPD hiring process.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- 14 Pressley, and second by Commissioner Bernard to grant the
- 15 appeal.
- DR. JACKSON: Are you ready for the question?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Are you ready for the question?
- 18 Any discussion?
- 19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BELL: I would think we would need
- 22 clarification on the certification process.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I think we have to be careful
- 24 because it was a Closed-Door matter.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Then I think we need some



- 1 clarification on that issue.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Any further discussion?
- 3 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Through the Chair?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 5 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I want to be clear that
- 6 granting the opportunity to move forward in the hiring
- 7 process does not mean that the candidate will be hired.
- 8 Again, it just provides him the opportunity to move
- 9 forward in the process.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Alright. Any more
- 11 discussion? There is no further discussion? All in favor,
- 12 say aye.
- 13 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? Voice it.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I opposed.
- DR. JACKSON: If you are going to opposed,
- 17 Commissioner, please say no.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: No.
- 19 DR. JACKSON: Thank you, sir.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: No.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright. The ayes have it.
- 22 What's the pleasure of the board?
- DR. JACKSON: Motion adopted, please.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion is adopted.
- 25 Congratulations young man. Have a blessed day. Yes.



- 1 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I move that we enter into
- 2 Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open
- 3 Meetings Act. MCL 15.268 (a). The department's request
- 4 for the board to consider administrative leave without
- 5 pay, but with medical benefits of Police Officer Earl
- 6 Anderson, Badge 31, assigned to the 5th Precinct.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- 9 Pressley, and seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Going
- 10 to a close session. Any discussion? All in favor say aye.
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 13 carried. This is a 2-minute recess.
- 14 (Whereupon the Board Entered into Closed Session)
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. It's March 6, 2025. It
- 16 is 5:28. We are back in open session. Please call the
- 17 roll.
- 18 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods Present.
- 19 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith Present.
- 20 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard Present.
- 21 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks Present.
- 22 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell Present.
- 23 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton Present.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter Here.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused.



- 1 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez Present.
- 2 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley Here.
- 3 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche Present.
- 4 MS. GARNIER: 10 present, sir?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We have a quorum. What is the
- 6 pleasure of the board. Yes, sir.
- 7 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I move that we accepted the
- 8 department's recommendation to suspend Police Officer
- 9 Earl Anderson, Badge number 31 with administrative leave,
- 10 without pay, but with medical benefits.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- 13 Pressley to accept the DPD recommendation to suspend
- 14 Officer Earl Anderson without pay, but with medical
- 15 benefits. Second by Commissioner Herandez. Are you ready
- 16 for the question? All in favor say aye.
- 17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 19 carried. Alright. The next new business I have, I will
- 20 ask something very pressing. Commander Parish, if you
- 21 come to the podium very quickly to ask of us as it
- 22 relates to some special orders that's coming up
- 23 immediately to be addressed. Yes, sir.
- 24 CMDR. PARISH: Absolutely. As this board's aware, I'm
- 25 working with planning to update our policies as part of



- 1 our accreditation efforts; our efforts just to get all
- 2 special orders transformed into policies as soon as
- 3 possible. Planning has submitted over a dozen policies to
- 4 the board, within the last four to six weeks. We are
- 5 going to be sending a lot more. However, we have a number
- 6 of special orders that are coming up on expiration on
- 7 March the 25th, this year. We would like the board's
- 8 support in extending those special orders for a period of
- 9 60 days to give us time to complete the process of
- 10 transitioning them from special orders, which are
- 11 designed to be temporary in nature to directives. This
- 12 will give us time to do the research we need to submit a
- 13 good directive to the board. It'll also give the board
- 14 staff enough time that it needs to communicate with the
- 15 community and stakeholders to make sure that what we're
- 16 presenting fits within the community that we're serving.
- 17 So, we can ask that of the board for its support of that
- 18 endeavor, I would greatly appreciate it.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. And I just say that
- 20 Commissioner Bernard and Commissioner Dewaelsche and the
- 21 Policy Committee and Policy Manager has been doing a
- 22 powerful job in updating these policies and it has been a
- 23 heavy lift because every policy of the Detroit Police
- 24 Department is being reviewed. We're sending them out to
- 25 the ACLU, excuse me, University of Michigan and a number



- of places. Yes.
- DR. JACKSON: My apologies for interrupting you. This 2.
- item is not on the agenda. 3
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, it is a new business though. 4
- COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, I also have a clarifying 5
- 6 question. So, is this different than the motion to adopt
- the use of force policy directive?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It is different.
- 9 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. This is different. This is 10
- all new business, because ---11
- 12 DR. JACKSON: If you would, Mr. Chairman, if you
- 13 would announce that under new business, we are adding the
- 14 request to extend special, we are adding the request ---
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Under new business, we are adding
- 16 the request ---
- 17 DR. JACKSON: To extend ---
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: To extend special orders. 18
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: For 60 days.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: For 60 days.
- 21 DR. JACKSON: Thank you, sir.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, ma'am.
- CHIEF BETTISON: Commissioner. 23
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- CHIEF BETTISON: [Unclear] special orders [unclear]. 25



- 1 COMMISSIONER [Unclear]: He doesn't want to have the
- 2 special order.
- 3 CMDR. PARISH: Currently, all special orders are set
- 4 to expire March the 25th.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All special orders that are due
- 6 to expire on March 26th?
- 7 CMDR. PARISH: 25th.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: 25th.
- 9 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Through the Chair.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 11 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Again, do we have a list of
- 12 what those are? I recognize that there probably are many,
- 13 but I think it's important to at least look at something.
- 14 So, nothing slips through our hands.
- 15 CMDR. PARISH: I can have somebody from planning
- 16 [unclear].
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, then we'll have to deal
- 18 with it at the next meeting. And Mr. Chair, if I may.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: This did not come up in our
- 21 policy meeting Tuesday, right in this room. You didn't
- 22 ask the committee if in fact they would endorse the
- 23 extension. We only agreed on one policy for today's vote.
- 24 And that was the use of force. So clearly, you know,
- 25 we're blindsided by this right now, and we can certainly



- 1 address it at the next committee meeting.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, it didn't require immediate
- 3 action because if we don't, then they have the right to
- 4 special orders that will happen and they will last a
- 5 year. And so, then we will not have the ability to review
- 6 the policy. We don't want that to happen.
- 7 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Point of clarification. Can
- 8 you say that again? If we don't approve them today, you
- 9 said, especially ---
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Not today, but you know, I think
- 11 you have a grace period for at least another week. And
- 12 so, you can have that discussion with ---
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: If he wants a special Policy
- 14 Committee meeting. I can ask the members to see if we can
- 15 do that. But to bring it on us at this meeting ---
- 16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Is the department asking just
- 19 to extend what we already have until ---
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We are able to update the
- 21 policies.
- 22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: We are able to update the
- 23 policies? That's what they're asking?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. Thank you.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's a reasonable request, and
- 2 it's something that's needed very much. But I'm happy for
- 3 you guys to discuss it throughout the week and we can
- 4 extend this to next week.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And we can also be prepared to
- 6 respond to which special order.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We need this, anyway.
- 8 DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 10 DR. JACKSON: It is the Parliamentarian's advice that
- 11 this matter be referred to the Policy Committee and that
- 12 they report back at next week's meeting.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Abracadabra. What is she saying?
- 14 Hold on, hold on.
- 15 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Through the Chair. I need to
- 16 know what is the lasting date on the special orders?
- 17 What's the absolute deadline that we have to extend them?
- 18 CMDR. PARISH: The absolute deadline is March 25th.
- 19 The department could always issue new special orders.
- 20 However, as the Chairman indicated, what we want is
- 21 because we're working with the board so closely on
- 22 transitioning these special orders into directives, we
- 23 want the board's support. So, Commissioner Bernard, I'm
- 24 not trying to blindside the board. Just the opposite
- 25 here. Making the request out of a conservative



- 1 transparency. So, we're not doing something without the
- 2 board's support or knowledge. And I have absolutely no
- 3 issue coming back next week or coming to the Policy
- 4 Committee on Tuesday.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We'll meet Tuesday and that's
- 6 out of our schedule, but we can have a special meeting to
- 7 address it. And we can answer your question.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I'm not referring this to the
- 9 Policy Committee, but I'm happy for the Policy Committee,
- 10 if they can, to take it up. And if not this would be a
- 11 board action to be able to get this done. So, I don't
- 12 know what the schedule is in that regard.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It is you, me and Dewaelsche.
- 14 CMDR. PARISH: The next policy meeting is March 18th.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm sorry.
- 16 CMDR. PARISH: The next policy meeting is March 18th.
- 17 DR. JACKSON: I believe the Chair indicated that they
- 18 would have a special ---
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, every two weeks.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And we can have a special
- 22 meeting.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Hopefully we can, based upon
- 24 people's schedules, you know, so if we can get that done,
- 25 I'm happy to just get it addressed.



- 1 DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman?
- 2. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 3 DR. JACKSON: The Parliamentary is concerned that
- this not be left up in the air. Either it needs to be 4
- 5 referred to the Policy Committee with a date certain by
- which they report back, or you need to postpone it to 6
- next Thursday, and ask that additional information be
- provided. But at this point, I'm not hearing a definitive
- action plan
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, a definitive action plan is 10
- 11 for him to give us a list. And then once we get the list,
- 12 we are going to vote on it.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 15 DR. JACKSON: Leave the motion to postpone because
- 16 now, he can't just leave it either.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We're not.
- DR. JACKSON: But it would be the motion to postpone 18
- 19 to next week ---
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Because if he had the list right 20
- 21 now, we would be ready to move on it now.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, because ---
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. On behalf of 24
- 25 the Commissioner Bernard subcommittee, which is the



- 1 Policy Committee. I like to move with her permission of
- 2 course, so that we move this line item to an emergency
- 3 meeting on the 11th, which would be next week, Tuesday,
- 4 at the original time of 5 o'clock.
- 5 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Point of order. There's
- 6 already a committee meeting, scheduled.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Budget Committee meeting.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Right. That's what I'm
- 9 saying. A). We postponed it. We postponed it. I make a
- 10 motion
- 11 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Just point of clarity though.
- 12 That motion has been made. So, you said there was a ---
- DR. JACKSON: [Multiple seapkers] seconded motion ---
- 14 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: That's what I'm confused
- 15 about whether or not we have to do anything. There was a
- 16 matter that was brought up in a new business where no
- 17 motion was made. I'm confused about why we have to act,
- 18 whether or not it can just be on the agenda next week,
- 19 and make a note of whatever information is taken care of
- 20 on our off time.
- 21 DR. JACKSON: You have a matter that has been brought
- 22 up and a request was made. What are you going to do with
- 23 that item? Now, you could just say we're not through
- 24 discussing it, and it can become unfinished business for
- 25 next week. That is the third option. Mr. Commissioner. It



- 1 would be cleaner if you just postpone it. And the reason
- 2 the Parliamentarian is saying that, is that one of the
- 3 reasons to postpone it is because you want additional
- 4 information. And that's a valid reason for postponing a
- 5 matter. However, there's more than one way to skin a cat
- 6 as your grandmother would say.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: What the hell we get out of here,
- 8 you know?
- 9 DR. JACKSON: The fastest thing is to just move to
- 10 postpone to next week. The problem, and I know you want
- 11 to leave. The problem from a parliamentary point of view,
- 12 is that if we had bylaws that told us what was the role
- 13 of a Policy Committee, then it would be clear that if
- 14 this was something that came under their purview, then
- 15 you would have to refer it to them. But your bylaws don't
- 16 talk about what these committees do. So, that's why you
- 17 have so many options.
- 18 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: That's Chair, that's why I
- 19 wanted to avoid postponing or anything to provide the
- 20 staff and the Chair to be able to figure something out.
- DR. JACKSON: It ends up being the same thing, Mr.
- 22 Commissioner, if you don't deal with it, then it goes on
- 23 next week's agenda as unfinished business.
- 24 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Or he could schedule the
- 25 Policy Committee meeting and then we are made aware that



- 1 it's been referred to the Policy Committee.
- 2 DR. JACKSON: We need to do one or the other.
- 3 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: And I'm saying, I don't think
- 4 we have the information now to be able to make that
- 5 statement and lock us into what we have to do next week.
- 6 And so, I'm just saying if we move on nothing, just
- 7 because we just received information under new business
- 8 as a point of receiving information, it allows the Chair,
- 9 the secretary, and the committee chair to figure out
- 10 whatever --
- DR. JACKSON: If you do nothing, it automatically
- 12 goes under unfinished business for next week.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. we do nothing. Alright.
- 14 What's the pleasure of the board?
- 15 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, just for clarity. Does
- 16 that include this motion to adopt the use of force
- 17 directive, which apparently the Policy Committee was
- 18 aware of?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes ---
- DR. JACKSON: If you do nothing, it also will go
- 21 under unfinished business.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, the ---
- COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I'm saying, at this point on
- 24 the agenda right now. So, I'm asking because a motion for
- 25 adjournment was getting ready to be called. And I'm



- 1 saying, are we going to handle this matter?
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, we're going to handle that,
- 3 for sure. So, that goes to the policy chair to resolve
- 4 that.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman, are we still on new
- 6 business?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I believe so, yes.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'm circulating a memo concerning
- 9 the board secretary. There's a charter mandate and
- 10 there's a bylaw mandate, I think I would request in two
- 11 weeks from now to have a Closed Session in reference to
- 12 that particular item. I just want to hopefully give you
- 13 an opportunity to review the concerns of the charter and
- 14 the bylaw, in terms of; we hired a new secretary, as you
- 15 well know, and we change leadership every year, which is
- 16 unusual for leadership, but we change every year. So, I
- 17 think we need to be consistent in terms of the board's
- 18 secretary to understand her duly fully. So, we went from
- 19 a two-version staff to what, several folks now. So, it is
- 20 a whole concern about the duties and responsibility of
- 21 the board's secretary, being the chief administration
- 22 officer, for the day to day of this board. It is not the
- 23 leadership, it is the board secretary, and that spells it
- 24 out. So, I would bring forth a motion to have that Closed
- 25 Session in two weeks from now.



- 1 DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, I would defer to the
- 2 attorney, but I believe the meetings act requires that if
- 3 a personnel matter is going to be discussed in Closed
- 4 Session, it has to be at the request of the employee.
- 5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: That is correct. Yes. And we'll
- 6 make that clear. And I don't know where this came from,
- 7 but you know, we've been doing great, you know but the
- 8 fact of the matter is that the secretary answers to this
- 9 board and she gets instructions from this board, but
- 10 that's a new issue.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I think it would be
- 14 appropriate to send this seeing that we're all just
- 15 reading this for the first time and had no prior
- 16 knowledge of this. It seems appropriate that this would
- 17 be referred over to the Policy and Planning Committee.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: For initial review and then
- 20 ---
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Referred.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright.
- DR. JACKSON: The use of force policy.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, I'm sorry. On the
- 2 direction of the Policy Committee, I moved to adopt
- 3 section 304.2, use of force policy directive as
- 4 recommended by the Policy Committee on Tuesday, March
- 5 4th, 2025.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Support.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made ---
- 8 DR. JACKSON: Required.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: By the direction of the Policy
- 10 Committee. Amen. Where's my paperwork at?
- DR. JACKSON: Are you ready for the question?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Are you ready for the question?
- 13 All the favors say, aye.
- 14 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 16 carried. What is the pleasure of this board?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner Banks
- 18 to adjourn.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But we still ---
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Hold on.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: One second though.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And is supported by Lisa Carter.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh. Oh, okay.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any discussion?
- DR. JACKSON: It is not a discussion, but you pause



- l in case there would be any one of six things that can be
- 2 done. Motion to adjourn has been made but not announced.
- 3 So, the question would be for Commissioner Burton. For
- 4 what reason does he seek recognition?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. For what reason you seek
- 6 recognition.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I wanted to make a motion at
- 8 this time, Mr. Chair. Something I raised earlier during
- 9 today's meeting that I'd like to see some form of a
- 10 tribute given to the men and women that went out to
- 11 Southwest Detroit during the broken water main break.
- DR. JACKSON: No, this is an item that can be brought
- 13 up when the motion to adjourn has been made, but not
- 14 pronounced. He needs to make a motion at this time.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So, I'd like the move that the
- 16 board do a tribute to the SRT, Harbormaster 4th Precinct
- 17 for the work that they've been doing, services for the
- 18 City of Detroit help the families evacuate from their
- 19 homes into safety.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Second.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, okay. Motion made.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Put the Fire Department as
- 23 well.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And the Fire Department as
- 25 well.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Motion made by Commissioner
- 3 Burton to give a tribute to the 4th Precinct and to
- 4 whoever he deemed fit.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: SRT.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: SRT. Yep.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Harbormaster, 4th Precinct.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: AC, are you making a note of that
- 9 DR. JACKSON: The Fire Department.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The Fire Department and also
- 11 the honorable Tyrone Carter, State Rep for Southwest
- 12 Detroit. He and his wife for the work that they're doing.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: That had nothing to do with
- 14 anything.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That has a lot to do with it...
- 16 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I'll actually ask that we
- 17 amend the motion for a draft to be submitted for review,
- 18 because we're not going to blanket approve random
- 19 individuals being a part of this. I was boots on the
- 20 ground there, literally in my neighborhood. And if
- 21 anyone's going to speak to this, it's going to be me. So,
- 22 out of respect for that, I would suggest that we have a
- 23 draft, not anything else. This isn't for fun and games
- 24 and shows. We're not going to provide support to anyone,
- 25 any individual. It's for our community. And if we do it,



- 1 we have to do it the right way. If there's any opposition
- 2 to that, I can't help you.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 4 DR. JACKSON: Can we have a motion?
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My motion is, I want to
- 6 recognize the SRT, Harbormaster, 4th Precinct, the work
- 7 by the honorable Tyrone Carter, and his wife Lisa Carter,
- 8 who's a member of this board. SRT Harbormaster, 4th
- 9 Precinct. Those members from the department I mentioned
- 10 earlier today, I'd like to recognize the men, women in
- 11 blue that represent this department. So, the motion is to
- 12 recognize; you know what? I like to amend the motion. I
- 13 like to recognize the men and women in the blue of this
- 14 department. SRT, Harbormasters ---
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Burton, can you do
- 16 this for ---
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just made an amendment.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You are doing good? I'm saying,
- 19 can you do this? Can you work with the secretary, and get
- 20 that drafted up, so it is going to have to get approved
- 21 by the board anyway. And I don't think you even need a
- 22 motion for this brother. If you could just get with the
- 23 secretary with whatever ---
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Sure. But I'd still like to put
- 25 this on record and I'd like this to be a motion.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: If you just put it on the record
- 2 clearly, and we're saying if you give it to the
- 3 secretary, draw this thing up and you get it to us next
- 4 week. I'm sure that you have the votes to get it done.
- 5 That's an admirable thing that you're doing. And we
- 6 appreciate your efforts in this regard and your passion
- 7 in this, because absolutely, there is no doubt that
- 8 people did a lot of work, from the mayor on down; the
- 9 mayor of the City of Detroit, who sent tons of resources,
- 10 as well as the Chief of Police involved everybody. But if
- 11 that's what your pleasure is, can you work with us on
- 12 this? Alright. Thank you. So, can you withdraw the motion
- 13 and we guarantee we'll work with you ---
- DR. JACKSON: The motion was withdrawn because it was
- 15 never stated by the Chair for it does not exist.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, the motion to adjourn is
- 17 still on the floor though, right?
- 18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, sir.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And it was second. Any
- 20 discussion? We went to a discussion? All in favor, say,
- 21 aye.
- 22 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 24 carried.
- 25 (Meeting Adjourned at 5:46pm



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