

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: February 22, 2018 – 3:00 PM
 Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226

Chairperson Lisa Carter called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (February 22, 2018)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Conrad Mallett, Jr.	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for February 22, 2018.

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, February 15, 2018

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcoming attendees to the meeting **the Chair** invited Rev. Nathan Johnson, D.D., Senior Pastor, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church to provide the invocation. **Chairperson Carter** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIPs were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Carter also welcomed Chief of Police James E. Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce DPD staff (DC Todd Bettison, stood in for the COP and introduced DPD staff. Bettison reviewed the crime statistics for the period.

Chairperson Lisa Carter said “Welcome: Good Afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Lisa Carter, Chairperson for the Board. I also represent District #6. On behalf of the Board, thank you for attending today’s Board meeting. On behalf of the Board, I want to express our concern and support for fallen and injured officers. I would ask the Chief during his remarks to provide us with any additional information related to injured and fallen officers.

The Mayor is expected to give his budget presentation to the Detroit City Council at 10:00 AM, Friday, February 23, 2018. Budget hearings will begin the following Monday. We have received a schedule for the hearings. The Department and BOPC are scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2018. I understand that we have also received questions from the Council’s Legislative Research Section and our staff will be preparing responses to their questions.

Today, we have one presentation. Our Agency Chief Financial Officer, Lisa Jones will join us and make a report on the 2nd Quarter for the current budget year. You have in your package a copy of the presentation. I will also note that questions related to the 2nd Quarter were supplied to the CFO. I am hopeful that the presentation will cover many of these questions.

As we all know, the budget is a spending plan. We are now in the 3rd Quarter of the fiscal year. Today’s report should cover the first 6 months of the current fiscal year or the 2nd Quarter. The major reason for asking our questions is for the CFO to provide us with an assessment of how well the Department is meeting its spending targets and if we have received sufficient revenues to support our spending plan. One major concern is how we are managing police overtime. Management of police overtime is also

a strong concern of the Chief. I would refer the Board to a copy of the questions submitted to the CFO in your package to guide you during the presentation.

Toward the end of the meeting, we will have oral communications from the audience, so if you would like to speak to the Board, please make sure you print your name on a speaker's card. Cards are located in the back on the table or can be obtained by seeing Mr. Robert Brown, and he needs your card before the beginning of public comments.

Resolutions:

Commissioner William Davis read into the record a resolution honoring the service of **Police Officer Sandra Brooks** (Retired)

RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRED POLICE OFFICER SAUNDRA S. BROOKS

WHEREAS Sandra Brooks was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on February 17, 1997. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Brooks began her career at the Sixth Precinct Patrol Operation Section (POS); and

WHEREAS Officer Brooks faithfully served at the Sixth Precinct, Northwestern District, and reassigned to the Sixth Precinct where she remained until her retirement; and

WHEREAS Officer Brooks was the deserving recipient of a Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and numerous letters of commendation from citizens, and superiors; and

WHEREAS Officer Brooks has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and surrounding communities for more than 21 years. Her professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity and dedication has been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. She is highly respected by her peers as the consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, award this resolution in recognition of the lifelong commitment to public safety by Police Officer Sandra S. Brooks. Your exemplary service to law enforcement has been invaluable asset to the Department and merit our highest regards.

We salute and congratulate you, Police Officer Sandra S. Brooks.

MOTION: Commissioner Davis moved the resolution honoring the service of Police Officer Sandra Brooks (Retired) Second, Sanders

VOTE: Yes = 10 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche read into the record a resolution honoring the service of **Police Officer Gerrie Reedy Randall** (Retired)

RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRED POLICE OFFICER GERRIE A. REEDY RANDALL

WHEREAS Gerrie Reedy Randall was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on August 11, 1997. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Randall began her career at the Second Precinct Patrol Operation Section (POS); and

WHEREAS Officer Randall faithfully served at the Second Precinct, Eight Precinct (POS), Patrol East, Fiscal Management, Office of the Chief, Domestic Violence, reassign back to Patrol East, Police Medical, and Fleet Management where she remained until her retirement; and

WHEREAS Officer Randall was the deserving recipient of a Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and numerous letters of commendation from citizens, and superiors; and

WHEREAS Officer Randall has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and surrounding communities for more than 21 years. Her professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity and dedication has been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. She is highly respected by her peers as the consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, award this resolution in recognition of the lifelong commitment to public safety by Police Officer Gerrie Reedy

Randall. Your exemplary service to law enforcement has been invaluable asset to the Department and merit our highest regards.

We salute and congratulate you, Police Officer Gerrie Reedy Randall.

MOTION: Commissioner Dewaelsche moved the resolution honoring the service of Police Officer Gerrie Reedy Randall (Retired)

Second, Mallett

VOTE: Yes = 10 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

COP Police Report: DC Todd Bettison reported on crime continuing to trend downward. Bettison reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending February 18, 2018. Bettison reported Homicides percentage change between 2016 and 2017 of -3% decrease, Sexual Assaults 6% increase, Robbery -23% decrease, Carjacking -12% decrease, Aggravated Assaults -3% decrease, non-fatal shootings -25% decrease, Burglary -32% decrease, Larceny -11% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -33% decrease and Part 1 offenses -19% decrease. DC Bettison gave an update on injured and fallen officers. Bettison also thanked the Board and others for the support shown to the Department during the recent funerals of fallen officers.

Presentations to the Board (A) DPD Agency CFO Lisa Jones, DPD 2nd Quarter

(A) Agency CFO Lisa Jones introduced new staff and announced the retirement of others. DPD/ACFO Jones reported year-to-date that fiscal operations have stabilized after a year of transition and data clean-up including several large scale large projects. The Department was able to submit in a timely fashion the year-end paperwork for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Jones reported that information has been submitted for the 2019 Budget and a Budget Hearing is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2018 with the Detroit City Council. Jones also indicated that the Department was operating within budget for the 2nd Quarter. Jones added that resources have been shifted around to cover overtime needs. ACFO Jones also discussed some of the elements associated with the 2019 budget including equipment upgrades, grants and capital projects. Ms. Jones also indicated that forfeiture revenues is stable reflecting revenue levels over the past few years. **Commissioner Bell** requested that Board Secretary Hicks review some of the concerns of the Board as addressed in questions distributed to the ACFO in advance of the meeting. **Mr. Hicks** indicated that the question, in large part, was an attempt to track the performance of the Department, specifically the BOPC asked for a variance report and overtime data. Mr. Hicks expanded on the content of the variance report and the potential information values of these reports. **ACFO Jones** indicated that such reports would be provided monthly moving forward. ACFO Jones also indicated that resources have been found to cover overtime and we (DPD) do not anticipate ending the year with a deficit in overtime. **Commissioner Bell** also raised if we can anticipate increased compensation and benefits for officers in the future. **Commissioner Sanders** indicated that if the resulting increase comes with a property tax increase it would be in the best benefit for the community. **Chief of Police James Craig** also indicated officers should be at local market compensation levels. Chief Craig also discussed how Detroit patrol force compares to other major cities as well as the demands for high risk calls like incidents related to mental health. Chief Craig also discussed police recruitment in Detroit and the need to create opportunities. **Commissioner Carter** wanted updated grant information. **Commissioner Burch** wanted to know what ordinary citizens can do to increase officer pay. Burch also indicated the need to recruit utilizing area churches as well as efforts to keep officers in Detroit after graduation.

BOCP Standing Committee Reports: None

Commissioner Bell provided special recognition for Black History Month, **Executive Deputy Chief Frank Blount**. Bell noted that Frank Blount was instrumental in the creation of NOBLE, the Blacks Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and the Jim Dandy Ski Club. Other Commissioners and the Chief of Police raised the names of other trailblazers Ella Bully Cummings and Conrad Mallett Sr. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** reported on developing efforts by a consortium of Not-for-Profit community organizations to count minority, immigrants and young children as part of a comprehensive effort to increase the accuracy of census count of citizens within the cities. Dewaelsche added that a correct count has important implications for future funding and programs at the federal and state dollars to help local government.

Added Chief of Police Report: **Commissioner Dewaelsche** asked about the Chief's position in connection with teachers' carrying guns in school. Chief Craig responded, Schools and Churches are soft targets. I have a practical position on arming citizens. Select teachers or citizens should be armed, but a vetting process should happen. If we have a teacher with military experience and trained in the use of weapons, maybe they should be armed. Craig also discussed the problems of mental illness

in connection with purchasing weapons. **Commissioner Burch** asked how the young person in Florida purchased a gun. She asked if there are any bootleg shops in Detroit.

Report from the Board Secretary. Mr. Hicks indicated the office had received three communications/reports, each listed on the agenda.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Commissioner Mallett raised the issue of Police Authorized Towing and reported on the circulation of a memo by him to the Board questioning the budgetary request by the BOPC to create a tow audit unit. He indicated the request was for \$500,000. Mallett also indicated the past history on this issue involved a Board approved resolution to transfer jurisdiction and oversight of towing to the Purchasing Department. Mallett asked for clarity on the BOPC position on Towing. Mallett also indicated he is prepared to put on the table a motion to clarify our role in towing. **Commissioner Bell** responded indicating the Board has had several discussions on towing and has an Ad hoc Committee on Towing Chaired by the Board Chair. Bell added all of the Commissioners should receive the resolution as well as the many documents associated with the issue of towing. Bell reported the towing discussion involved a wide range of people including the new Corporation Counsel and Mayor. Bell indicated that monitoring of tow services is still needed and much of the towing activity has been put on hold by Mr. Massaron in the Mayor's Office. Bell suggested that we not revisit a motion, but rather seek clarity on the issue information by sharing with the full Board all of the background and materials related to Towing. **Commissioner Burch** indicated that new Commissioner do not have a grasp on the issue and they needed to be updated. The **Board Chair ordered** staff to assemble the necessary information for old and new Commissioners on the issues of Towing and distribute the same to support a future discussion on this matter. Mr. Hicks clarified that the actual amount of the request was 260,000, not 500,000 and the requests was to establish our ability to monitor the program which is different from the motion to have the Purchasing Department award contracts.

Announcements: The next regular meeting of the BOPC is scheduled for March 1, 2018, at 3:00 PM, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226. The next Community Meeting of the BOPC is March 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM, at Wayne County Community College District, 801 W. Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48226.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Peter Rhoades expressed his concerns about the 2018 budget and recommended that Downtown Service be cut by 50% and the funds be placed in the 12th Police Precinct to reduce the response time in his neighborhood. **Eric Blount** discussed the dismantling of city services in a wide range of areas. Blount also inquired about the CFO's Report that 25% of the overtime funds in the Police Budget was being reimbursed. Blount asked by who? He indicated that reimbursements should be proportional and should come from corporations receiving tax abatements or corporate welfare. Blount also supported the Chief remarks as expressed by a more realistic approach to mental health. Blount concluded by requesting that we seek out the best practices for towing services. **Chief Craig** responded to Mr. Blount that the City might want to create the internal capacity to control all towing like in the case of LA. The program would include utilizing city employees as well as the creation city tow lots and towing vehicles operated by city employees or a contractor for the city.

MOTION to Adjourn by Commission Bell.

Adjournment 4:47 PM