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5 WILLIAM M. DAVIS, Commissioner (Dist. 7)

6 WILLIE BURTON, Commissioner (Dist. 5)

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9 SHIRLEY A. BURCH, Commissioner (Dist. 3)

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17 DEPUTY CHIEF ELAINE BRYANT

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2 3:00 p.m.

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4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good afternoon, board.  
5 Good afternoon to all the commissioners and the staff.  
6 We appreciate your involvement this afternoon in our  
7 3:00 o'clock meeting. As you probably might be aware,  
8 Commissioner -- me, the chair -- Lisa Carter is going  
9 to be absent and Commissioner Griffie is going to be  
10 absent from the meeting. So I'm going to call the  
11 meeting to order.

12 Ms. White, do we have a chaplain for  
13 invocation?

14 MS. WHITE: Yes. Our chaplain this  
15 afternoon is Chaplain Tia Davis, and we are locating  
16 her on the (inaudible).

17 CHAPLAIN DAVIS: Okay. I'm here. I'm  
18 here.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am. Go ahead.  
20 (Invocation given at 3:01 p.m.)

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

22 Okay. We're going to start introductions  
23 of the commissioner -- I would like the vice chair,  
24 Annie Holt, to introduce herself first.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you, Chairperson

1 Bell. Yes, Vice Chair Annie Holt, at-large.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Next we're going to  
3 just roll through the districts. District 1?

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: District 1, Darryl  
5 Brown, present.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: District 2 is absent.  
7 District 3?

8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Commissioner Shirley  
9 Burch. Good afternoon.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: District 4 represented  
11 by Commissioner Bell, the chair. District 5?  
12 District 6? Absent. District 7?

13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon,  
14 everyone. This is Police Commissioner  
15 William M. Davis, District 7.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.  
17 Commissioner at-large?

18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Jim Holley.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Reverend  
20 Holley.

21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Jesus Hernandez,  
22 at-large, present.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir.  
24 Commissioner Jones?

25 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon.

1 Commissioner Jones, present.

2 MS. WHITE: Chairperson, you do have a  
3 quorum.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Madam Chair  
5 [sic].

6 At this time, the next item would be the  
7 approval of the agenda, and I'll just ask for your  
8 yea. If there's any nays, you can say nay and just  
9 introduce yourself. I think that would help us  
10 expedite the problem. The approval of the  
11 July 16, 2020, agenda. Those in favor, yea.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yea.

13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Nay.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: I haven't called for  
15 the nay yet. Can we hear the yeas?

16 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: Yea.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Those  
18 commissioners -- nay. Call for the nay.

19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Nay.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Brown is a nay.

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Burch is a nay.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Ms. White?

23 MS. WHITE: Yes. The motion passed.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

25 The next item would be approval of the

1 minutes for July the 9, 2020. Commissioners, those in  
2 favor, yea.

3 COMMISSIONER JONES: Commissioner Jones,  
4 yea.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Commissioner -- Vice  
6 Chair Holt, yes.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Calling for the nays.  
8 Those -- also, yea myself.

9 Those for the nays -- calling for the nays.

10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Nay.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Commissioner Brown is  
12 a nay.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Commissioner Burch is  
15 a nay.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Ms. White?

17 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, if we could have the  
18 yeas once more.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yeah. Vice Chair Holt,  
21 yea.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Bell, yea.

23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
24 Hernandez, yea.

25 COMMISSIONER JONES: Commissioner Jones,

1 yea.

2 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Holley, yea.

3 MS. WHITE: The motion passed,  
4 Mr. Chairperson.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Ms. White.

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair?

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, excuse me.  
9 I would just like to know how does this work if a  
10 commissioner has something to add to the minutes? How  
11 do they get that over to the board for them to hear?  
12 How does that work?

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: I apologize to the  
14 board. I should have had discussion on the item. I  
15 apologize. Any discussion on the minutes, just -- you  
16 can state that now. My apology.

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Oh, okay. Thank you.  
18 This is what I would like to say for the minutes. If  
19 I missed it, I apologized myself already, but  
20 regarding my comment made after the -- what do you  
21 call -- what do you call those people, the --

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Public?

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Public. Thank you.

24 After public comment, I made a comment how  
25 the chair had cut me off in my questions to Chief

1 Craig, and I thought, sir, that it could have been  
2 done in a more professional manner, that I didn't  
3 understand why I could not speak to Chief Craig on my  
4 own when he asked for questions or comments and I was  
5 cut off by the chair, 'cause I just wanted that to be  
6 entered in the meeting that I thought that was not  
7 protocol or professional courtesy to me as a  
8 commissioner, and I wanted that to be reflected in the  
9 minutes.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. As you  
11 know, all the minutes are captured verbatim, verbatim  
12 by Hanson reporting. All the minutes are captured  
13 verbatim, and what we try to do -- it's a long  
14 history -- is just to highlight any action item  
15 (indiscernible) second. That is the format that we  
16 have used. But we do not miss anything according to  
17 the reporting, and that would be posted also online.

18 Right, Ms. White?

19 MS. WHITE: Yes, Mr. Chairperson.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. So duly  
21 noted.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: At this time, we are  
23 going to ask -- introductions for the chief.

24 DC BRYANT: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair.

25 With us today we have, obviously, myself, Deputy Chief



1 Elaine Bryant, sitting in on behalf of the chief.

2 Also, we have Director Graveline, Commander McGinnis,  
3 Deputy Chief Ha, Deputy Chief Bettison, Commander  
4 Stewart, and Captain Severy as well.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

6 Ms. White, do we have any elected officials  
7 or VIPs or any other person on the line for this  
8 meeting?

9 MS. WHITE: Yes, Chairperson Bell. We have  
10 Lieutenant Mark Young, president of the Lieutenants &  
11 Sergeants Association, present.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you for Mark  
13 Young's participation.

14 We can move forward?

15 MS. WHITE: Yes. That is all that I have  
16 at this time and, of course, the staff introductions,  
17 the --

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am. That's  
19 next. Thank you.

20 MS. WHITE: Yes. The Department of  
21 Innovation and Technology is monitoring and recording  
22 the board's meeting today. Our court reporter today  
23 is Ms. Susanne Gorman, and the following board staff  
24 are in attendance today: Mr. Robert Brown, Ms. Teresa  
25 Blossom, Ms. Jonya Underwood, Ms. Delaine Richards,

1 and Lieutenant James Coles representing Dr. Marcella  
2 Anderson, director of police personnel; and, also,  
3 Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar is present,  
4 Supervising Investigator Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising  
5 Investigator Lasonya Sloan, Senior Investigator  
6 Rosalia Madrigal, and Investigator Tiffany Stewart are  
7 also present during today's meeting. Thank you,  
8 Chairperson Bell.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. I just,  
10 once again, want to welcome all concerned parties for  
11 attending our afternoon meeting. It's good to see you  
12 and, hopefully, hear from you. I just want to  
13 indicate if we have over 25 public comments, we're  
14 going to cut that down to one minute if we hit that 25  
15 mark. But, as you well know, they have opportunity to  
16 interact with us in other forums, so we want to make  
17 sure that we entertain their concerns. But if we have  
18 25 or more, we will cut it down to one minute. So  
19 we're just trying to move it along where people are  
20 not dropping off on the call and that we have the  
21 opportunity to interact with them (inaudible).

22 Our next item would be my report. As I  
23 promised, I would keep it simple and to the point.  
24 The critical issue today is the use of force  
25 (indiscernible) police officer. The use of force by a

1 police officer can jeopardize the foundation of a  
2 police department and its relationship with the  
3 community overnight. The question is not "Can you use  
4 deadly force?" The question is "Did you absolutely  
5 have to use deadly force?" It's important that  
6 officers receive training to accurately reflect  
7 department policy. There also is a growing  
8 recognition that officers should be given training  
9 that more effectively prepares them for the type of  
10 difficult situations they will face in the field.

11 The police department needs an  
12 accountability system to ensure that their personnel  
13 are operating in a fair and legal manner. We are  
14 encouraging DPD to review our policy, training in  
15 police culture with respect to use of force. In  
16 closing, the former president of Chicago Police Board  
17 and now mayor of Chicago, Lori Lightfoot, stated that  
18 "We have been happy for too long to let the police be  
19 the social service worker, the domestic violence  
20 intervener. We force them to reckon with problems  
21 that are beyond their training. We are setting the  
22 police up for failure." Thank you. That's my closing  
23 -- I mean remarks for this meeting here.

24 We move on to the Deputy Chief Bryant, who  
25 is reporting out for Chief Craig. Thank you.

1 DC BRYANT: Yes. Through the chair, I'll  
2 start with crime. We are up 7 percent in our Part 1  
3 crime, which includes homicides -- were up 31 percent.  
4 We're down sexual assaults, 30 percent. Aggravated  
5 assaults, we're up 14 percent. Nonfatal shootings,  
6 we're up 51 percent. Robberies, we're down  
7 10 percent, and carjackings, we are up by 1 percent.

8 As it relates to property crimes, we are  
9 down by 18 percent. We are down 29 percent in  
10 burglaries, 17 percent in larcenies, and 7 percent in  
11 motor vehicle thefts. It should also be noted that  
12 for the -- for last week, for the seven-day period, we  
13 took 86 handguns, illegal handguns, off the street,  
14 which resulted in 77 CCW arrests and arrested 123 --  
15 we had 123 felony arrests.

16 As it relates to injured officers, we have  
17 Police Officer Christopher Thurston from 3rd Precinct.  
18 He's still recovering at home from a motor vehicle  
19 accident that occurred in July of 2018. We have  
20 Police Officer Mark Robbins from traffic enforcement.  
21 He's still recovering at home from a motor vehicle  
22 accident which occurred in January of 2020.

23 Detective (indiscernible) Beckham from the  
24 special victim's unit, she's recovering at home after  
25 an accidental gunshot, self-inflicted. Sergeant

1 Michael Bailey was injured detaining a protester back  
2 in May of 2020. He's still in the hospital from his  
3 injuries. He's had to have multiple procedures. And  
4 Police Officer (indiscernible) from the 11th Precinct  
5 is recovering at home from a motor vehicle accident as  
6 well. That's it.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, DC Bryant.

8 Commissioners, just identify yourself if  
9 you have a question or concern for the deputy chief.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes. It's  
11 Commissioner Brown, Mr. Chairman.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah. DC, in light of  
14 injured officers, how many -- how many did we have  
15 injured throughout the protests? It was my  
16 understanding that a couple officers were -- in  
17 addition to -- in addition to the list were injured  
18 and may be off for some time. Do we know that number?

19 DC BRYANT: I don't have the exact number  
20 of officers that were injured, but I do know that we  
21 had an officer that was struck in the neck by a flying  
22 cone, and he's -- he's -- he was injured. And we also  
23 have an officer that was struck in the hand with a  
24 flying object as well.

25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. And the police

1 officer that was in the incident last week, how is he  
2 doing?

3 DC BRYANT: Which --

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: The shooting.

5 DC BRYANT: He's -- he's -- he's doing  
6 okay. He's, you know -- he's -- he's doing okay.  
7 He's coming along. Prayers are appreciated.

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: And one more thing. I  
9 was watching the story on the news and on  
10 policeone.com how Chapel Hill, North Carolina, was  
11 instituting having a social worker ride along with  
12 officers to medical emergencies or mental issues  
13 concerning citizens. Have we looked at that and tried  
14 to investigate it, that type of program? I know we  
15 have people in the precinct, but they're actually  
16 having a person, a medical professional, a mental  
17 health professional ride out with the officers to the  
18 scene to assist them in mitigating the situation  
19 with -- as a crisis intervention with the officers.  
20 Have we looked at that, and do we know anything about  
21 that program?

22 DC BRYANT: So I will have to get back with  
23 you in regards to a specific answer, but what I can  
24 tell you is prior to COVID, there were things that we  
25 were definitely looking at in regards to dealing with

1 situations like that; so, unfortunately, COVID kind of  
2 curtailed a lot of our plans to initiate some  
3 projects.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thank you, DC.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner --

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Commissioner Burch.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. Commissioner  
9 Burch to Commissioner Bell to DC Bryant.

10 Hello, and how are you today?

11 DC BRYANT: I'm well. How are you, ma'am?

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm fine. Thank you.

13 I wanted to ask the question about body cams as far as  
14 does each precinct have, like, a great supply? In  
15 other words, how many body cams are assigned to each  
16 precinct? Although they are all supposed to have  
17 them, how many on supply do you have?

18 DC BRYANT: So that would be a question  
19 that would have to be specific to each precinct  
20 because every precinct has a different amount of  
21 people; however, we do have body cams available for  
22 each and every officer.

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. But  
24 follow-up -- the reason I ask is because, for  
25 instance, if the body cam happens to malfunction,

1 could that officer go to the closest precinct to get a  
2 new one? That's my question really.

3 DC BRYANT: Yes. If that body camera  
4 malfunctions, there is definitely a resource available  
5 to be able to get a backup (inaudible).

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Thank you.

7 And, Commissioner Bell --

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: -- would this be the  
10 time to speak on the reform as far as the things that  
11 we as commissioners have listed as priorities? And my  
12 comment would be regarding the body cams, so should I  
13 wait for new business or share that with DC Bryant  
14 now?

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: That's a question for  
16 DC Bryant, on behalf of the chief of police, in  
17 reference to her report. Did I answer your question?

18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Not really, but I'll  
19 wait for new business.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair?

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am -- yes, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Hi. You know,  
25 question for the deputy chief.



1 I am calling for all video to be released  
2 along with audio pertaining to Nakia Wallace, who was  
3 placed under a chokehold. That could have cost her  
4 life.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton,  
6 that is not a question for the deputy chief. That is  
7 not a question appropriate.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The question is we  
9 would like the Detroit Police to release all video and  
10 all audio pertaining to the chokehold of Nakia  
11 Wallace.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: That question's not  
13 appropriate.

14 Any other commissioner?

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order,  
16 Chairman Bell.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other  
18 commissioners?

19 Thank you, Deputy Chief Bryant.

20 Ms. White, the next item would be the 10th  
21 Precinct?

22 MS. WHITE: Yes. Yes, sir. Commander  
23 Stewart and Captain Severy. We are unmuting them at  
24 this time.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

1           COMMANDER STEWART: Hi. My name is  
2   Commander Tiffany Stewart, and I'm the new commander  
3   of the 10th Precinct. Many of you may be familiar  
4   with Commander Kyriacou, who recently retired, and  
5   since then I have been recently assigned to the  
6   precinct. My partner is Captain Ian Severy, who will  
7   be introducing himself to you shortly.

8           The 10th Precinct is located at 12000  
9   Livernois, which is located on the west side of the  
10  city. The precinct encompasses 10.43 square miles and  
11  is bounded on the north by the Lodge, east by Woodward  
12  Avenue, south by Warren Avenue, and west by Wyoming  
13  Avenue. We actually share borders with four police  
14  precincts, and our borders encompass four BOPC city  
15  and (audio drops) council districts. The last U.S.  
16  Census had our population at approximately 57,000  
17  citizens (inaudible). There are approximately ten  
18  schools located within the precinct and numerous  
19  neighborhood organizations, including the Oakman  
20  Boulevard Community Association, the Virginia Park and  
21  Russell Woods neighborhood associations, and the  
22  Boston-Edison Historical District to name a few of our  
23  active ones. Some of the notable business  
24  organizations include Focus: HOPE and Job Corps.

25           The staff has successfully recruited 60

1 businesses into the Green Light program within the  
2 precinct. The staffing levels for the precinct are  
3 about -- we have 94 officers, which includes  
4 supervision. The police officers from -- which are  
5 (indiscernible) patrol officers. Our precinct  
6 detective unit, we have staffing as well, and we have  
7 nine civilians as well. That includes analysts.  
8 Those include social workers, et cetera. As a side  
9 note, regarding the 10th Precinct detective unit, they  
10 took over 2,000 cases, including nonfatal shootings,  
11 assaults, robberies, property crimes, and misreports,  
12 since June 30th of this year from January 1st of this  
13 year.

14 Up on the screen we will look at some of  
15 our current crime stats for the precinct. So, just so  
16 you know, we did the presentation last week, so the  
17 numbers are just slightly different, within a  
18 percentage point or two. For today, our numbers are  
19 as following: For Part 1 crimes, murder, the  
20 10th Precinct is up 38 percent. Robberies are up  
21 3 percent. Aggravated assaults are up 20 percent,  
22 which total Part 1 crime victims are up 16 percent for  
23 the year. This is in comparison to 2019 crime  
24 statistics.

25 For property crimes, we're down across the

1 board. Burglaries, we're down 16 percent. Larcenies,  
2 we're down 7 percent. Motor vehicle thefts, we're  
3 down 11 percent for total offenses of -- down  
4 10 percent in property crimes. Across the board, all  
5 crimes -- violent and property -- were down 2 percent.

6           When we talk about nonfatal shootings,  
7 we're going to go over a few things here. It's broken  
8 down into quarters. From March 1st of this year --  
9 March 31st from this year to last year time frame,  
10 same quarter, we were up 25 percent in our nonfatal  
11 shootings. From the time frame of June, we were up 25  
12 percent in our nonfatal shootings. So that would be  
13 in this quarter right here, so from June 30, 2019 --  
14 April 1st to June 30th, 2019, to April 1st to  
15 June 30, 2020, we were up 25 percent.

16           Homicides, there was a very slight increase  
17 again. From the quarter, when we look at it and break  
18 it down by then, from January 1st to March 31, 2019,  
19 from January 1st to March 31, 2020, the numbers were  
20 the same. So now we're in the summer months. From  
21 April 1st to June 30, '19, to April 1st to June 30th  
22 of this quarter, we're up 33 percent, so we've  
23 instituted a number of strategies, and the impact has  
24 been on nonfatal shootings with a focus on nonfatal  
25 shootings and homicides. Aggravated assaults are up

1 32 percent from this time last year, and what we're  
2 going to do is have Captain Severy go over some of the  
3 precinct strategies we've been using since he's come  
4 on board in the precinct.

5           CAPTAIN SEVERY: Hello, everybody. Through  
6 the chair, I'm Captain Ian Severy. I recently arrived  
7 at the 10th Precinct back in March, the beginning of  
8 March, and since that time, we've noticed the  
9 increase, and recently we've kind of retooled our  
10 strategy. We are a cease-fire precinct, so we do take  
11 advantage of everything that cease-fire model has to  
12 offer for us. In addition to that, we retooled some  
13 of our staffing and deployments, and as a result of  
14 that, this year alone we've taken about 103 guns off  
15 the street, most of those in the last two months, and  
16 I believe with our strategies that we're implementing  
17 with our partnerships with the Michigan Department of  
18 Corrections, the federal agencies that are partners  
19 with DPD, homicide gang intel, major violators, and  
20 vice enforcement -- our numbers will start to trend  
21 down. I'm pretty excited about some of the things  
22 we're putting into play.

23           I can go on further if you would like.

24           COMMISSIONER BELL: No. I just wanted you  
25 to finish your --

1 CAPTAIN SEVERY: Well, I can end there, or  
2 I can keep going.

3 (Cross talk.)

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: You're presenting out  
5 in that ten minutes' time frame, so your clock is  
6 ticking. If you're finished --

7 COMMANDER STEWART: Just so you know, we do  
8 have a social worker embedded in the precinct. I know  
9 you-all were asking about a social worker.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay.

11 COMMANDER STEWART: We do have one  
12 available here to provide assistance (indiscernible)  
13 to the community. That provides time -- callbacks and  
14 resources for victims of assault, stalking, and they  
15 also participate in the aftercare programs in the  
16 domestic violence. Our NPOs -- we have four of  
17 them -- they currently conduct programs which include  
18 The Lawn Academy (indiscernible) program. That's a  
19 program in which the business -- Lawn Academy is  
20 actually a business. They solicit with us and work  
21 with us to find youth to -- they take them out, and  
22 they help them cut grass, and they let them earn a  
23 little money, so it gives them a little bit of an  
24 entrepreneurial spirit.

25 So those are some of the things we do as

1 well as providing -- I know with the COVID, a lot of  
2 the youth haven't had an opportunity to have a  
3 graduation, so they've been assisting with providing  
4 (inaudible), you know, the vehicles for parades, so at  
5 least they can have some kind of acknowledgment during  
6 this difficult time.

7           So we are on hold. We hope, with the  
8 pandemic, what will be happening is when we get -- we  
9 start back up, it's National Night Out, Coffee with a  
10 Cop. We take our citizens to the movies. We still  
11 (indiscernible) interaction, and we'll be back in  
12 schools -- I know that's a current debate, but when  
13 they get up and moving, we'll be back in the schools  
14 to support our youth.

15           So any more questions?

16           COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

17           Commissioners, do you have any questions or comments  
18 for the commander and the captain?

19           COMMISSIONER HOLT: I --

20           COMMISSIONER BURCH: Commissioner Burch  
21 here.

22           COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

23           COMMISSIONER BURCH: Oh, okay. Thank you,  
24 Commissioner Bell.

25           I would like to follow up on what you just

1 said about the social worker at each precinct.

2 Exactly -- could you explain what is their role as far  
3 as the mental health issues that our officers are  
4 called to? What is the process for that social worker  
5 to receive results so it won't be a repetitious run?  
6 Could you share -- how does that work?

7 COMMANDER STEWART: I'm sorry. I didn't  
8 understand your question.

9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You said -- you said  
10 that there are social workers -- right? --

11 COMMANDER STEWART: Correct.

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: -- at each precinct.  
13 Does the social worker deal with the people that have  
14 mental illness?

15 COMMANDER STEWART: So, usually, they deal  
16 with victims. I know you-all were asking earlier  
17 about social workers going out on ride-alongs, things  
18 of that nature.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.

20 COMMANDER STEWART: Certainly, that's --  
21 social workers are bound by a collective bargaining  
22 agreement within their own. Certainly, that's  
23 something we have to introduce to them to find out  
24 whether or not they're amenable to going on  
25 ride-alongs. That was not part of their initial job



1 description, but it's something -- when we're talking  
2 about some of the reforms that we'll be looking at, we  
3 certainly can look at it and include it down the line.  
4 At this point our social workers are resourced for our  
5 victims with regard to providing them resources with  
6 regard to counseling, therapy, possibly finding them a  
7 location to live if they need help as far as that's  
8 concerned. So that's what they do.

9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Well, that's what I'm  
10 saying, ma'am, that when officers are called to a  
11 incident where there's -- involving a mental health  
12 person, would the precinct itself know how to go back  
13 to receive help for that person so it would not keep  
14 repeating itself? That's my question.

15 COMMANDER STEWART: So, certainly, we would  
16 provide the resource information of the social worker  
17 to the person who is having a mental episode. We  
18 would certainly do that.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: All right. Thank you.  
20 Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Next is Commissioner  
22 Brown.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you for the

1 report. We appreciate the information. But what I  
2 was alluding to concerning a mental health issue, that  
3 there's a program that just rolled out in Chapel Hill,  
4 North Carolina, where the social workers are actually  
5 just riding with the officers to go to mental --  
6 mental health crisis incidents, and my question to the  
7 deputy chief was is that something that we need to  
8 look -- have we looked into it? I know we have social  
9 workers in the precincts. I know we have people that  
10 are there handling with, you know -- dealing with a  
11 domestic violence crisis and everything like that, but  
12 are we having people -- will we look at or should we  
13 look at having someone go out to the scene with the  
14 officer to make the initial contact concerning mental  
15 health patients?

16 That's what I was trying to allude to  
17 with -- I think Commissioner Burch was attempting to  
18 follow up on the question. Her concern was the same  
19 thing. What are we doing about having officers go  
20 out -- not just in the 10th Precinct -- citywide to go  
21 out -- and here was the program that's rolled out in  
22 Chapel Hill, North Carolina. So I'll try to get some  
23 more information from it about the program, and maybe  
24 we can send it to the proper chain of command and we  
25 can try to implement something, maybe of a hybrid

1 situation, that if we already have a social worker  
2 there -- I understand the collective bargaining  
3 agreements and all of that.

4 It has to be something that we need to work  
5 out, or hash out maybe with an MOU, that we can get  
6 everything rolling. 'Cause I think that was an  
7 excellent idea that we have people going out there to  
8 the scene to make that initial contact and can make  
9 that assessment that this person is in a crisis and  
10 how we deal with them and how we talk with them. But  
11 excellent job on the report out. I appreciate your  
12 time and efforts and you coming before this board and  
13 all you've done. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair?

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton.

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So, you know, it's --  
17 I'm just glad to see that some of my colleagues are  
18 actually speaking up about protecting those that may  
19 be suffering from mental illness, you know. Once  
20 again -- as you recall, Chairman Bell -- a few years  
21 ago, I actually brought that up at the table that, you  
22 know, we should have social workers, caseworkers going  
23 out and making those runs as well as -- when the  
24 officer is in contact with the mentally ill as well as  
25 domestic violence.

1           We saw -- Minnesota actually started off as  
2 a pilot years ago. They actually had some success  
3 with it, you know, as far as the mental health --  
4 health crisis they had in Minnesota. Although they  
5 still have some other challenges today, I'm still a  
6 firm believer today that having officers going out  
7 making those runs, going out on domestic violence  
8 runs, we will start to see things (indiscernible)  
9 right here in the city of Detroit, but, also, we have  
10 to be able to shift the focus on making sure that the  
11 public has some type of crisis intervention training.

12           Right now -- we talked about COVID.  
13 Families right now are learning how to grieve, don't  
14 know how to grieve, so a lot of families are -- right  
15 now are --

16           (Commissioner Burton was muted at 3:31  
17 p.m.)

18           COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Commissioner  
19 Burton. Commissioner, this is questions for the  
20 commander. You're talking about programs that -- do  
21 you have a question for the commander?

22           The next issue would be -- Commissioner  
23 Jones, I think I saw him, and then Commissioner Davis  
24 and Commissioner Holley. Do you have a question or a  
25 concern for the commander?

1                   COMMISSIONER JONES: This is Commissioner  
2 Jones. First of all, I just would like to thank the  
3 commander for her hard work over in the precinct. I  
4 know she's new on board there, whatever, and I  
5 appreciate that she's giving us a good report about  
6 the workings of that particular precinct. I think  
7 what was touched on was the mental health issues and  
8 dealing with the social workers or whatever, and I  
9 definitely want to make sure that even a social  
10 worker, under circumstances like that, is made in a --  
11 is made safe on a run like that because, as it stands,  
12 the officers themselves don't know what they're  
13 walking into. So if they have another person with  
14 them to accompany them that may not have the police  
15 training that'll help to secure their safety in that  
16 process, we want to make sure that something's in  
17 place to make sure that that social worker is  
18 protected as well as the police officers.

19                   COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

20                   Commissioner Davis?

21                   COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No question.

22                   COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

23                   Commissioner Holley?

24                   COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No question.

25                   COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay.

1           On that note, I want to thank the commander  
2           and the captain for reporting out from the  
3           10th Precinct, and I wish you the best.

4           Commander Stewart, is this your first  
5           command on the precinct level?

6           COMMANDER STEWART: Oh, no. I was  
7           previously the commander at the 6th Precinct, and I've  
8           been the captain at the 9th Precinct.

9           COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Very good. So  
10          you understand. You're going to bring a whole lot to  
11          the table, and I wish you the best.

12          I just ask DC Bryant that we as  
13          commissioners, through the board secretary, get  
14          notified of any change of command at the precinct  
15          level, especially because, as you all know, that is  
16          the heart and soul of the department in terms of the  
17          various precincts that we have. That would be very  
18          helpful if we have notification of a change of  
19          command.

20          COMMANDER STEWART: Absolutely. I will  
21          pass that on, sir.

22          COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.  
23          The next item will be HR report.

24          Ms. White?

25          MS. WHITE: Yes. Lieutenant James --

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you again. We  
2 appreciate it.

3 MS. WHITE: Yes. Lieutenant James Coles is  
4 on the line as well, Chairperson Bell, and he will be  
5 reporting out today.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

7 MS. WHITE: Lieutenant Coles?  
8 We're still unmuting him, sir.

9 LIEUTENANT COLES: I'm sorry. Can you hear  
10 me now?

11 MS. WHITE: Yes.

12 LIEUTENANT COLES: Okay. I'm sorry.

13 Through the chair. Greetings, honorable  
14 board. This monthly report is provided as a summary  
15 of our activities for the month of June, 2020. Also  
16 provided are documents which contain more detailed  
17 information with respect to staffing, hiring, and  
18 manpower by race and sex, specifically by sworn  
19 members. Current department staffing, for sworn we  
20 have 2,566 positions filled, 105 positions vacant.  
21 For civilians, we have 586 positions filled and 83  
22 positions vacant.

23 Sworn recruiting numbers through --  
24 July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, total applicants,  
25 we had 4,779. In process, we had 34. The number that

1 were hired is 210. We had a lack of interest of  
2 1,353. Temporarily disqualified was 2,092.  
3 Permanently disqualified was 712, and those awaiting  
4 MCOLES is 378. As it relates to our testing for the  
5 month of June 2020, for the written exam the total  
6 number we had scheduled was 146. The number that  
7 appeared are 99. 80 of those people passed; 19  
8 failed. Three rescheduled, and we didn't have any who  
9 withdrew at that point. We had 44 people who did not  
10 show up for the testing. For physical agility, we had  
11 a total of 204 that were scheduled. 134 appeared. 79  
12 actually passed. 95 -- excuse me -- 55 failed, 20  
13 rescheduled, and we had 50 who were no-shows.

14 As far as the academy, we did graduate one  
15 academy class of 22 new police officers who are now  
16 police officers. The total new hires that we've had  
17 for the month of June is 31 sworn. Detroit residency  
18 information as of June 30, 2020, our Detroit residents  
19 for a total sworn is 573. Total civilian number is  
20 338. Police assistance, 31. Our attrition numbers  
21 for June of 2020 for sworn members, we have 1 who  
22 left, 15 civilians, no police assistants. The total  
23 attrition was 27.

24 We have for leave of absence or restricted  
25 duty for June 2020, for continuous -- this is for



1 sworn -- continuous FMLA was 18. FMLA intermediate  
2 was 101. On medical leave, two. Three are on  
3 military leave. We had 128 restricted, 55 disabled,  
4 and 13 sick. As far as sworn personnel suspensions,  
5 we've had 12 police officers, 2 sergeants, for a total  
6 of 14. Our monthly separations for June 2020 is 12,  
7 and in the DROP program, we have for June -- up to  
8 June 2020 -- it's 554. That concludes the report. Do  
9 you have questions?

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners?

11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes. Through the  
12 chair.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you, Lieutenant  
15 Cole [sic], for your report. We received an e-mail  
16 from Ms. White that lists the various steps that a  
17 candidate goes through when attempting to become a DPD  
18 officer, and I noticed that under MCOLES written  
19 exam -- and I ask you to perhaps tell me what it looks  
20 like. Are candidates who fail the written portion of  
21 this step -- this step meaning the written exam -- are  
22 advised to take the exam on their own and submit a  
23 passing score? What does that look like?

24 LIEUTENANT COLES: So when the -- I'm  
25 sorry. Through the chair. Thank you for your

1 question, ma'am.

2 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Sure.

3 LIEUTENANT COLES: We -- because the  
4 department is paying for the test when they initially  
5 take it -- we only pay for it the one time. So MCOLES  
6 also offers the test, where they can pay for it on  
7 their own through different academies or schools.  
8 Once we provide the test to them and they do not pass,  
9 then they have to take it elsewhere. The test is a  
10 reading and writing test. It's eleventh and a half --  
11 approximately -- grade comprehension, so you have  
12 to -- there's plenty of questions, and you have to  
13 answer the questions. You have to find, like, main  
14 ideas and things of that nature.

15 So the candidates, once they have that  
16 information -- which we provide to them before the  
17 test -- then after they take the test and if they do  
18 not pass, they just have to take it on their own.  
19 Once they provide the passing test score to us, then  
20 we continue with them in the process. If they have  
21 not already taken their physical agility test, then  
22 we'll provide -- we also still provide the physical  
23 agility test for them at our expense, and then they  
24 continue into the process.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you. Yeah,

1 through the chair. On their own meaning they go to a  
2 testing institution that monitors the exam that  
3 they're submitting to, and then they bring the results  
4 back to you?

5 LIEUTENANT COLES: Through the chair, yes,  
6 ma'am. It's the same way we monitor them when they  
7 take it with us, but, yes, MCOLES has different  
8 proctored locations that they can go take the test  
9 through. It won't be exactly the same test. It's  
10 maybe a different version of it. It's the test that  
11 they --

12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. Thank you.

13 LIEUTENANT COLES: It won't be the same  
14 answers. It'll just be a little different version of  
15 the test.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Oh, a different version  
17 of the test, but, again, they're responsible for  
18 paying for it? When you say "on their own" --

19 LIEUTENANT COLES: Yes, ma'am.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. Thank you so  
21 much.

22 (Cross talk.)

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Brown,  
24 then Commissioner Holley next.

25 Commissioner Brown?

1           Then Davis, then Burton.

2           COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes. Thank you,  
3 Lieutenant Coles, for your report. As always, I'm  
4 interested in the demographics. Your numbers are,  
5 again, astounding. Of the people that have lack of  
6 interest and failures and things like that, I want to  
7 know -- I would like to know those numbers and where  
8 they're failing at. Are they city residents? Are  
9 they black and -- 'cause, like the report you sent out  
10 the last time, the numbers there were astounding, the  
11 number of minorities that are just being disqualified  
12 from the process.

13           Now -- and piggybacking on what  
14 Commissioner Holt was speaking of, there was a  
15 situation where a young lady applied for the  
16 department, and she failed the psychological  
17 evaluation, and we told her that she can go to another  
18 certified -- MCOLES-certified position and take the  
19 psychological exam, which she did. And she passed,  
20 and we still rejected this candidate. So I would like  
21 to know, one, how do we arrive at that decision, you  
22 know? If -- if it's something that, you know -- maybe  
23 it's something that Detroit could be doing wrong, you  
24 know, and definitely not this young lady. She's just  
25 following the rules as to what, you know, we laid out

1 for her.

2           Also, the issue with hiring on police  
3 contact and things like that, why is that relevant?  
4 Because those are things that are just -- to me -- I'm  
5 just trying to understand why is it relevant, and why  
6 does it have such a draw on a person's hirability with  
7 the department because those are things that are  
8 beyond people's control. 90 percent of the time, they  
9 are, you know. So I'm just looking at, you know, what  
10 are we doing to clean that up?

11           And then, lastly, have we thought about  
12 revamping our entire process of how we view  
13 candidates, assess candidates, you know? Is there  
14 anything that Detroit is doing in addition outside  
15 MCOLES, you know? What are we adding to that that's  
16 making this a longer, drawn-out process? And that was  
17 my last question.

18           COMMISSIONER BELL: Lieutenant Coles, could  
19 you give a capsule -- but we have spent a whole lot of  
20 time -- that is an issue for the director of personnel  
21 and the chief of police, the issues of that nature  
22 that's being raised. But could you just focus in on  
23 one aspect of it? We can move on. But we can't have  
24 the follow-up which we have had in the past, people  
25 with MCOLES representatives coming out to speak to us.

1 So go ahead, sir.

2 LIEUTENANT COLES: Yes, sir. Through the  
3 chair. I'm not exactly sure which one to go to.

4 We --

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, I just think we  
6 can address that issue because it's a scope of  
7 directorship and the chief of police.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Next would be  
10 Commissioner Holley.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Holley?

13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No question.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. I thought I saw  
15 you.

16 Commissioner Davis, then Burton.

17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. My question,  
18 sir, is this: Could you give us a breakdown of how  
19 many command staff, say from the chief down to the  
20 captain level, that actually live in the city and how  
21 many live outside of the city? I think that  
22 information would be pertinent, too.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Davis,  
24 that is in your personnel report, a breakdown in terms  
25 of who lives in the city of Detroit from the chief on

1 down. To answer your question, the chief of police  
2 lives in the city of Detroit, but we have a breakdown  
3 in terms -- in writing, so we have to make sure you  
4 get that information.

5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Well, I didn't get it  
6 in my package, sir.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, I don't know  
8 about today's package, but we normally have that  
9 information.

10 Is that correct, Lieutenant Coles?

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That should be part of  
12 the information the public should be aware of.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, (indiscernible)  
14 information. We can share that. I'll say the chief  
15 of police lives in the city of Detroit, so we can move  
16 on.

17 Ms. White, I think we have that  
18 information. Right?

19 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Chairperson, we did  
20 send that information out when we received it from  
21 human resources last week, and then we also sent it  
22 out (indiscernible) today.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

24 MS. WHITE: I'll make sure to send it back  
25 out.

1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Commissioner Bell?

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton and  
3 then Commissioner Davis -- I mean Burton -- I'm  
4 sorry -- Burch.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair, a  
6 question for the deputy chief that's sitting in at  
7 this time, where the department is right now as far as  
8 releasing the video of Derek Driver, I'm calling for  
9 the video myself, the one with the audio, of Derek  
10 Driver, who was killed by the hands of the police.  
11 Where are we right now with that investigation?

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: That's not a question  
13 for Lieutenant Coles.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That was a question  
15 for the chief.

16 (Cross talk.)

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burch?

18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. Thank you. I  
19 will go real fast.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: No, you don't have to  
21 go fast. Just pose your question. You don't have to  
22 go fast.

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Okay.

24 Lieutenant Coles, is your name C-o-l-e-s or  
25 just C-o-l-e?



1 LIEUTENANT COLES: It's C-o-l-e-s, ma'am.

2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: S? Okay. Well,  
3 you're not related to Lieutenant Brandon Coles; right?

4 LIEUTENANT COLES: No, ma'am.

5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Here's the  
6 question: Next time we come on with the people that  
7 can answer this question, how expensive is the  
8 training of our officers as far as protecting  
9 themselves from the suspects? As far as you know, do  
10 they learn those kind of skills and -- especially with  
11 the women because women are not as strong as men. So  
12 that's something you can put on questions that I would  
13 like answered to the extent of your training,  
14 physically. Thank you. That's all.

15 LIEUTENANT COLES: Through the chair, sir?

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

17 LIEUTENANT COLES: I'm sure our academy can  
18 answer that question for them.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Thank you.

20 We will get the answer, Commissioner Burch.

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Thank you,  
23 Lieutenant Coles, for presenting out, director of  
24 personnel and recruiting. We appreciate your  
25 interaction and (indiscernible) of issues. And

1 recruiting is always difficult, as we well know. It's  
2 ongoing, and I would hope that any commissioner that  
3 wants to visit the recruiting office, that they take  
4 time to do that. In fact, Ms. White can schedule an  
5 opportunity to interact with the recruiting staff. We  
6 have some great recruiters. There's been a concern  
7 for quite some time -- we spent a lot of time with  
8 Commissioner Dewaelsche and Commissioner Brooks, and I  
9 would hope that another commissioner would step in  
10 their shoes in terms of getting that interaction,  
11 personally and professionally, with recruiting. Thank  
12 you.

13 Ms. White, what's on the agenda next?

14 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Chairperson Bell, I  
15 also wanted to revisit one of the points that  
16 Commissioner Davis brought up regarding information  
17 being displayed for the public regarding residency by  
18 rank. Please know, honorable board, that that  
19 information is posted and included in the honorable  
20 board's annual publication. So that will be included  
21 for last year, but it's always generally included in  
22 all of the annual reports for the board for the  
23 public's information.

24 With respect to the incoming correspondence  
25 for this past week, honorable board, please refer to

1 your agenda item, and the items are as follows and do  
2 not require any action at this time. The first item,  
3 DPD facial recognition report, No. 34; No. 2,  
4 community letters calling for immediate police reform;  
5 No. 3, we received -- the honorable board received a  
6 legal opinion on the term limit restriction for the  
7 position of vice chairperson; No. 4, memorandum from  
8 the honorable city council calling for an  
9 investigation into a recent police protest; No. 5, the  
10 honorable board received information relating to the  
11 2020 Annual NACOLE Conference, which starts next week,  
12 July 21, 2020, until September 22, 2020, which will  
13 include virtual webinars for your informational,  
14 educational resources.

15 And the last item that we received this  
16 week includes the Detroit Board of Police  
17 Commissioners community newsletter, the spring/summer  
18 2020 edition, which was included in an electronic  
19 e-mail earlier and is also in the process of being  
20 distributed mass -- mass to the community at large.  
21 And that concludes the correspondence for this week.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Ms. White.  
23 Any questions for Ms. White? If not, we move on to --

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, I just  
2 wanted to commend Ms. White.

3 I did receive the community newsletter in  
4 the packet, so it's good to see that back out,  
5 available. Thank you, Ms. White and Ms. Blossom.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yeah.

7 Ms. Blossom, that is being mailed out to  
8 10,000 residents, but, as you know, the residents in  
9 the city of Detroit are, like, 700,000, but we don't  
10 have that type of budget to address it, but we do the  
11 best we can. We've come a long way, because two or  
12 three years ago, we did not have that type of mailing  
13 or that type of newsletter; so we have made progress,  
14 but we have to work within our budget.

15 Next item up will be Red's Towing, I think.  
16 Captain Parish?

17 MS. WHITE: Yes. He is on the line,  
18 Chairperson Bell. And, also, I believe the number is  
19 actually 100,000 in which the newsletters are  
20 distributed.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. I misspoke.  
22 Okay. Outstanding. Big correction.

23 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. And if Ms. Blossom  
24 has any additional information, please feel free,  
25 honorable board, to contact Ms. Blossom for additional

1 questions, but she is also prepared to add any  
2 additional information regarding the newsletters.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Thank you.  
4 Captain Parish?

5 CAPTAIN PARISH: Through the chair, thank  
6 you for having me today. I'm here to provide the  
7 board with an update and a recommendation with respect  
8 to the matter of Red's Towing. Mr. Thomas stood up as  
9 an attorney. He represents Red's Towing. It's my  
10 understanding that he was in attendance today. I'm  
11 not sure if the secretary sees him on the line, but  
12 I'll briefly go through where we're at with respect to  
13 this matter.

14 DPD has conducted an inspection of Red's  
15 Tow. They have made some progress, but they still  
16 have a ways to go, unfortunately. But at this time,  
17 given the fact that Red's Towing and the owner is  
18 making an effort to improve their lot and out of the  
19 need that the owner expressed to DPD that he would  
20 like to get back on the tow rotation in some form so  
21 that he can bring employees back to work, that can  
22 help him improve the condition at Red's Towing. And  
23 after conversing with Red's Towing's attorney and  
24 discussing the various options that we have, DPD would  
25 like to request the board to reinstate Red's Towing on

1 a somewhat modified basis. That is to say we're going  
2 to allow Red's Towing to tow vehicles, but we're not  
3 going to allow them to store vehicles at their lot  
4 because the closure order against Red's Towing is  
5 still in effect.

6 We're going to ask the board to allow this  
7 for a period of 60 days. That is how much time Red's  
8 Towing is saying it's going to take for them to bring  
9 their yard to a place where it needs to be so that it  
10 can be effectively audited and generally improve the  
11 conditions at the lot. So DPD supports this and  
12 believes it is an attempt by DPD to be reasonable and  
13 to get Red's to a place where it ultimately needs to  
14 be. So, with that in mind, unless Mr. Stidham has any  
15 additional comments, I would like the board to  
16 authorize DPD to reinstate Red's Towing for a period  
17 of 60 days on the condition that Red's Towing will tow  
18 vehicles to a city lot and over the course of 60 days  
19 take actions necessary to improve the conditions at  
20 their lot so that they can be audited and bring their  
21 yard up to code.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners, you have  
23 heard Captain Parish report on this matter. I think  
24 it's proper to entertain a motion supportive of the  
25 Captain Parish's.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So moved. Brown, so  
2 moved.

3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Seconded, Burch.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: It has been properly  
5 moved and seconded. Discussion? Those in favor --  
6 we'll do a roll call.

7 MS. WHITE: Vice Chairperson Holt?

8 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes.

9 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Brown?

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.

11 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Burch?

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I support.

13 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Burton?

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.

15 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Carter?

16 Commissioner Davis?

17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

18 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Griffie?

19 Commissioner Hernandez?

20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Holley?

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Madam --

23 Mr. Chairman, I've been trying to get in for the  
24 question, but I was muted.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'm sorry.

1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Do we have it -- I'm  
2 sorry. I know you're in the voting phase, but I was  
3 muted. I couldn't have a --

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: We can pause to  
5 entertain your concerns.

6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: My concern -- is  
7 anybody there to represent the -- Red?

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: They didn't answer, but  
9 there was recommendation of -- they requested a  
10 60 days' extension to be open.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I got that, but does  
12 anybody represent him? No?

13 MS. WHITE: No. We did not see him on the  
14 call, through the chair.

15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Then I concur.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

17 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Jones?

18 COMMISSIONER JONES: Commissioner Jones,  
19 yes.

20 MS. WHITE: Chairperson Bell?

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes.

22 MS. WHITE: The motion passed, sir.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, board.

24 Thank you, Captain Parish.

25 CAPTAIN PARISH: Thank you, Commissioner



1 Bell. Thank you to the board.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: New business?

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman?

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a few motions  
6 that I would like to make here going to new business.  
7 I move that -- that we prohibit Detroit Police from  
8 participating in the 1033 program with the Department  
9 of Defense.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton,  
11 our department has already responded to that  
12 particular matter, so your motion is inappropriate.  
13 They indicated --

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: They have not -- they  
15 have not responded --

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Excuse me --

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We have not gotten  
18 anything in our packets.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Excuse me.

20 Ms. White?

21 MS. WHITE: Yes. Yes. Through the chair,  
22 we did send that information out quite some time ago,  
23 almost a month ago. The department did transmit the  
24 information regarding the 1033 program, but I can  
25 resubmit that information to the honorable board.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.

3 And my next motion, Mr. Chairman, I move  
4 that we end Detroit Police Department's facial  
5 recognition.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: The chair is gonna rule  
7 that's out of order. That motion's come up at every  
8 meeting, and this board has consistently said no. Any  
9 other --

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order,  
11 Mr. Chair. The motion can be raised at the very next  
12 meeting, but this motion is (inaudible).

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: This is Brown,  
14 Mr. Chairman. I second the motion.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: (Inaudible) out of  
16 order. Any new business?

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman, you are  
18 out of order.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You are out of order,  
20 Mr. Chair.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: You are out of order  
22 because you're not there to judge whether or not  
23 people make motions. You're there to facilitate that  
24 meeting and not to interject your personal opinion and  
25 your will on somebody's motion. You're out of order,

1 sir.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: The chair has that  
3 authority, sir.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: The chair does not  
5 have that authority.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: New business --

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So you're not going to  
8 entertain this motion? That's what you're saying?

9 (Cross talk.)

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order,  
11 Mr. Chair.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: We're gonna move on.

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I call -- I call --

14 (Cross talk.)

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order,  
16 Mr. Chairman. You are out of order. We call for the  
17 board attorney to weigh in on the motion that we just  
18 placed on the table.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Ms. White, we're gonna  
20 move on.

21 MS. WHITE: Chairperson Bell --

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: New business, Sergeant  
23 Jones arbitration award, Ms. White.

24 MS. WHITE: Yes. Attorney Wyrick is also  
25 on the line to discuss that item.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

2 MR. WYRICK: Good afternoon. Through the  
3 chair and to this honorable body, my name is Jermaine  
4 Wyrick. I'm the board attorney. You should have  
5 received a letter of engagement from the Lewis &  
6 Munday firm, very specifically from their president,  
7 Reginald Dozier. They are interested in pursuing the  
8 arbitration appeal as it relates to Corporal Dewayne  
9 Jones's promotion. Very specifically, when I spoke  
10 with Attorney Samuel McCargo, who would be the  
11 attorney that is actually handling this matter, he has  
12 a theory in his professional judgment that the board  
13 would have to demonstrate in court that in some way or  
14 another that the arbitrator actually abused his  
15 authority.

16 So based upon that, their rates are listed  
17 in the engagement letter. They're probably rates  
18 between 250 to \$450 per hour. The shareholders or  
19 partners bill \$275 per hour, which is what Mr. McCargo  
20 would file within. And their associates bill 250 an  
21 hour, and the paralegals are \$100 an hour. There will  
22 be no initial retainer up front, and I believe  
23 Mr. Brown has taken the steps for procurement that  
24 would need to be taken.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Wyrick, what is

1 your recommendation on this matter?

2 MR. WYRICK: I would recommend, with a  
3 caveat, that the board actually retain the Lewis &  
4 Munday firm. In all candor and all honesty, they --  
5 they think that we still face some of the obstacles  
6 and challenges that I've informed the board of and  
7 that corporation counsel has tried to inform the board  
8 of as well in terms of it being an uphill battle. But  
9 notwithstanding that, the only way at this point to  
10 actually seek to reverse the decision of the  
11 arbitrator would be litigating and then taking it to  
12 court, and this is the means in which the board could  
13 do that.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Ms. White, I would  
15 request that we place this on the agenda for next  
16 week. We're missing two commissioners, and I think  
17 it's a matter that we will make our best effort to  
18 weigh in on it from that perspective. I would hope  
19 the commission have taken time to read the letter from  
20 the law firm and entertain it if we want to move  
21 forward as a major item, so at the board's pleasure,  
22 we can hold on to this for a another week.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the --

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Holley?

25 MR. WYRICK: Respectfully, though,

1 Commissioner Bell -- Chairperson Bell, I think what we  
2 have to be careful of is this: Due to the COVID  
3 pandemic, the statute of limitations for us to appeal  
4 this have already been expanded.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay.

6 MR. WYRICK: (Indiscernible) we would have  
7 fallen outside the statute of limitations and would  
8 have been too late, actually, bringing this litigation  
9 to court. So I just want to forewarn the board about  
10 that as well, not to delay too long.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, I would hope that  
12 you would have shared that information in reference to  
13 the time frame, that we need to act. So what is the  
14 pleasure of the board?

15 Commissioner Brown?

16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I move that -- I just  
17 have one other question to Attorney Wyrick before I  
18 make this motion. I just want to be clear on two  
19 things, that, one, we listen to -- I'm not interested  
20 in an appeal for Dewayne Jones. What I'm interested  
21 in is how the law reads and who has the final  
22 authority based on -- does just one individual have  
23 the authority to overrule the Charter of the City of  
24 Detroit, which is basically our constitution? That's  
25 my main concern right there, because if it comes up

1 with anyone else, I want to make sure that we -- that  
2 everyone understands that the board has the final say,  
3 and we did make that decision.

4 And, also, then we can look at the  
5 appellate process of overturning, 'cause, I mean,  
6 we've already made a decision, so if the decision is  
7 in our favor, that the board does have the final  
8 authority and not an arbitrator, then we've already  
9 made our decision not to promote him, and it still  
10 stands, so there's no need for an appeal. So my  
11 concern is are we going forward with the understanding  
12 that the law firm understands that our issue is  
13 "You're challenging the Charter of the City of  
14 Detroit"? That's what my issue is.

15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman,  
16 Reverend Holley.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Holley?  
18 Thank you, Commissioner Brown.

19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: To piggyback on  
20 Commissioner Brown, my concern is this is going to  
21 cost us about \$20,000.

22 MR. WYRICK: Between 20- to 25,000, yes,  
23 sir.

24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And I'm just -- I  
25 just want to make sure that people understand that

1 what Commissioner Brown is saying, I think we need to  
2 really be concerned about the 20,000 -- \$25,000 out of  
3 our budget. Anyway, that's my concern.

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Commissioner --

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burch.

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: -- Bell? Yes. I  
7 would just like to concur with what Commissioner Brown  
8 said, that I think that we should -- it does not  
9 matter to me about the funding. It is not our money.  
10 It belongs to the board of police commissioners --  
11 that we need to resolve this regarding this incident  
12 and do it the legal way because we did agree as a  
13 board that he should not be promoted. That's  
14 Mr. Jones. That's the way I see it as a commissioner  
15 and a servant of the people. That's my opinion.  
16 Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: So the money been set  
18 aside in our budget for legal fees, so what is the  
19 pleasure of the board?

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I move that we -- this  
21 is Commissioner Brown. I move that we proceed forward  
22 with this lawsuit and engage with our law firm -- I  
23 can't remember the name. But we need to engage them  
24 into moving forward with this process and to make sure  
25 that we're on the forefront of it.



1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I support.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly  
4 moved and seconded. Discussion? Commissioner Holley.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm okay.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. I guess we're  
7 prepared to vote at this time, then.

8 Ms. White, roll call.

9 MS. WHITE: Madam Vice Chairperson Holt?

10 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes.

11 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Brown?

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.

13 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Burch?

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.

15 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Burton?

16 Commissioner Burton?

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: He's muted.

18 MS. WHITE: I can come back --

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes, yes, yes.

20 You-all had me muted, but I said yes. You keep muting  
21 me. That's a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

22 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Davis?

23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

24 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Griffie?

25 Commissioner Hernandez?

1 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

2 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Holley?

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No.

4 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Jones?

5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.

6 MS. WHITE: Chairperson Bell?

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes.

8 MS. WHITE: The motion passed.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Ms. White.

10 Thank you, board.

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: New business, sir?

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: New business.

13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I move that we should  
14 hire a certified parliamentarian to help conduct our  
15 meetings.

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Second.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: I think we have to  
19 review our budget. There's no such position of that  
20 nature, and we would have to entertain that. I can't  
21 recall any --

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I call the question,  
23 sir. I call the question.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I call the question  
25 as well, and it's been properly seconded.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly  
2 moved and seconded. Discussion? Those in favor, aye?  
3 Roll call vote.

4 MS. WHITE: Madam Vice Chairperson Holt?

5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: No.

6 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Brown?

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.

8 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Burch?

9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No.

10 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Burton?

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.

12 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Carter?

13 Commissioner Davis?

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

15 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Griffie?

16 Commissioner Hernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: No.

18 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Holley?

19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No.

20 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Jones?

21 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.

22 MS. WHITE: Chairperson Bell?

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: No.

24 MS. WHITE: The motion failed.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

1           The next meeting is going to be on  
2   Thursday, July the 23rd, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., and the  
3   next community meeting is going to be  
4   August 13th, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., the virtual meeting  
5   for the community.

6           Ms. White, would you make mention of --  
7   that we, Commissioner Jones and myself, are going to  
8   be on Brenda Jones's coffee hour or virtual Zoom in  
9   the morning? Would you give a little more detail for  
10  the board? If not, you can always still send it out  
11  later.

12           MS. WHITE: Yes. I'll make sure to send  
13  out the information to the full honorable board, but  
14  as Chairperson Bell just indicated, that Chairperson  
15  Bell and Commissioner Jones will be joining the  
16  honorable council president on her coffee and table  
17  talk discussing police reform, and there's a full  
18  panel discussion. I believe it's at 12:00 noon, but  
19  I'll make sure to send that information out to the  
20  full board.

21           COMMISSIONER BELL: I think it's 9:00 to  
22  10:00.

23           MS. WHITE: Thank you.

24           COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

25           COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. -- Commissioner

1 Bell?

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. I'm sorry. But  
4 we didn't complete new business. I didn't have an  
5 opportunity --

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Where is that smell  
7 coming from?

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Do you have an  
9 announcement or new business?

10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. This is  
11 regarding the reform, the police reform that I  
12 mentioned about the body cams.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I wanted this to be  
15 documented, Mr. Bell and Ms. Melanie, that what I'm  
16 suggesting regarding the body cam is that we use the  
17 same reception of the tether. That means that when  
18 that body cam is not on -- because our officers do  
19 tend to forget it's on, or it might malfunction --  
20 there should be an apparatus attached to that cam --  
21 body cam that when it's not working, a buzzer goes  
22 off, but it should go back to the precincts to know  
23 it's not working to assure that everything is reported  
24 correctly -- right with Chief Craig. That saved us a  
25 whole lot of lies, when the media made a mistake and

1 then Chief Craig had the info on the body cams, so we  
2 know in the past body cams do not work. Sometimes the  
3 officers forget.

4 I want that to be, Ms. White, a part of the  
5 reform that we somehow attach an apparatus to all body  
6 cams. Whether they're working or not, they receive  
7 something in that body cam and back to the precincts.  
8 Is that clear?

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burch, we  
10 have extensive policy on body cameras that Ms. White  
11 worked on and this board approved. I'll make sure  
12 that Ms. White sends you -- the policy to you, an  
13 entire commissioner -- especially a new commissioner,  
14 but we -- that's been over a year and a half ago when  
15 Ms. White --

16 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: We're going to make  
18 sure you get the policy as soon as possible, probably  
19 as soon as tomorrow. So that is not new business.  
20 That is something that we have extensive policy on,  
21 and we can sort of cover -- she covered all aspects of  
22 it. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So you're saying  
24 that's already been done?

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am. We have a

1 policy. We have a policy on -- we have a policy on  
2 (indiscernible). We have -- anything that the -- we  
3 have a policy on. And she'll make sure you get the  
4 copy of that policy. This board approved that about a  
5 year and a half ago.

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Well, I won't  
7 start a confusion with you.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, ma'am.

9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yeah. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Brown, oral  
11 communication.

12 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, yes. How you doing,  
13 Mr. Chair?

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'm fine.

15 MR. BROWN: Currently, I have 15 speakers.  
16 Your first speaker will be Mr. Eric Blount, Arthur  
17 Bledsoe, followed by Nicole Fernandez.

18 Mr. Blount?

19 MR. BLOUNT: Can you hear me?

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

21 MR. BLOUNT: Good. For the record, my name  
22 is Eric Blount, a lifelong Detroitter. I have numerous  
23 comments. I'll go until you make me stop. One, we  
24 now know that within 24 hours, body-worn camera  
25 footage can be made available to the public. We

1 expect this in any officer-involved shooting a public  
2 offi- -- I mean public residents or the public.  
3 Number two, assistant Chief Bettison and LaValley's  
4 explanation to the city council regarding the  
5 chokehold on protesters was just bizarre, especially  
6 when the Assistant Chief Bettison stated that it  
7 really wasn't a chokehold, he just had his arms around  
8 her neck.

9           This is the same false narrative used so  
10 many times, including with Officer Dewayne Jones. "It  
11 was -- it only happened for a X number of times or  
12 minute, and, well, she's still alive." I mean, this  
13 is just bizarre. On the topic of facial recognition  
14 technology, along with Robert Williams, we now know  
15 another black man was falsely arrested by the Detroit  
16 public -- by the Detroit Police Department. His name  
17 is Michael Oliver, and he was arrested within the last  
18 12 months. There has been more than enough evidence  
19 to stop this tool of institutional racism.

20           Today my demands to DPD for details on  
21 officers who submit false affidavits has come somewhat  
22 to light. The Wayne County Prosecutor has released a  
23 list of unbelievable officers who have a history of  
24 misconduct in the past. These deeds now prevent  
25 untruthful officers from testifying in court cases.



1 There are currently 25 officers on this list.

2 Number five, Livonia PD has made great  
3 strides within one month toward a transparency by  
4 reporting in great detail the number and the  
5 percentage of total -- of black men and women who were  
6 contacted by the police. These lists include --

7 (Mr. Blount was muted at 4:11 p.m.)

8 MR. BROWN: I don't see Arthur Bledsoe, so  
9 we'll go to Nicole Fernandez.

10 MS. FERNANDEZ: Hi, everyone. My name is  
11 Nicole Fernandez-Gatti. Thank you for giving me the  
12 opportunity to speak with you today. As a community  
13 member of Detroit for ten years now, I've definitely  
14 seen, you know, the city change over the years, even  
15 the police department. I am a concerned citizen. I'm  
16 a student at Wayne State. I'm about to graduate, and  
17 I think it's a good idea to call police departments  
18 and have a conversation with officers about the  
19 current political climate that's happening, so that's  
20 what I've been doing.

21 And it's been astonishing how -- the  
22 responses that I've generally been getting from police  
23 officers about the violence that has been happening  
24 being justified and -- and, you know, if we take away  
25 the police uniforms, if we take away these, you know,

1 barriers between us, between community members and  
2 police -- I think it's important to see that attacking  
3 each other, brutalizing each other, like, it's not  
4 okay, and it shouldn't be okay in this circumstance.

5           With what is happening with the protests --  
6 I personally like to protest. I don't throw things at  
7 police. I'm not violent. Most of us aren't violent,  
8 and it's scary to me to continue to protest. To  
9 continue to protest for equality among races, you  
10 know, we need to be together as a community in order  
11 to grow, and what is happening right now is not okay.  
12 And just listening to this meeting, the lack of  
13 interaction and listening between -- between the  
14 board is concerning to me as well. Like, how can we  
15 have a real conversation if nobody wants to listen to  
16 each other? That's all I have to say. Thank you.

17           MR. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, your next three  
18 speakers will be Liza Bielby, Anthony Dellicolli, and  
19 Megan S.

20           (Michael Jackson music plays.)

21           MS. BIELBY: Can you hear me?

22           COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

23           MS. BIELBY: You can? Okay. Good. All  
24 right. So for being the citizen oversight board of  
25 the police department, you really are not accessible

1 or accountable to your constituents. I want to see  
2 each individual member's e-mail address and phone  
3 number posted so that we can contact our commissioners  
4 without contacting a general board e-mail, and your  
5 agenda must be posted prior to the meeting time.

6 Commissioner Burch, as your constituent in  
7 District 3, I want to invite you to meet with me and  
8 my neighbors. Please tell me at the end of this  
9 public comment how this will happen.

10 And as a nonelected member, Commissioner  
11 Bell, you are confidentially pulling some bad, bad,  
12 (indiscernible). You are shutting down democracy, and  
13 Santa is watching. While last week you did choose to  
14 promote an officer with 20 use-of-force violations  
15 against him, you did nothing to address facial  
16 recognition in Detroit last week, and I demand that  
17 you ban facial recognition immediately. We, the  
18 residents, workers, and visitors to Detroit, did not  
19 consent to the program. Consent should be freely  
20 given. It should be informed. It should be  
21 reversible. It should be enthusiastic. It should be  
22 specific. Neither Detroit's dystopian pay to police,  
23 surveillance, Project Green Light --

24 (Ms. Bielby was muted at 4:15 p.m.)

25 MR. BROWN: Mr. Dellicolli.

1 MR. DELLICOLLI: Yeah. Hello. Can I be  
2 heard?

3 MR. BROWN: Yes.

4 MR. DELLICOLLI: Thank you. Since last  
5 week's meeting, we've learned now about a second case  
6 in which Michael Oliver was wrongfully arrested due to  
7 another facial recognition technology mismatch. He  
8 looks nothing like the man in the cell phone video of  
9 the incident. Stop letting DPD make excuses, and take  
10 (indiscernible) steps to update policies they don't  
11 even follow. Take the proactive step now, and  
12 permanently ban them from using facial recognition  
13 technology. This board was nearly complicit in  
14 ruining the lives of two black men.

15 How is it that Chief Craig can release  
16 footage of the DPD killing of Hakim Littleton on the  
17 same day when he thinks it fits his narrative, but we  
18 still don't have answers or video footage explaining  
19 the death of Priscilla Slater? The only thing to  
20 deduce from this is that the video footage leading up  
21 to her death is horrific, and Hollywood Craig has no  
22 way to spin it in DPD's favor. In order to even get  
23 Craig to release footage of Hakim Littleton's killing,  
24 a massive wave of Detroiters had to hit the streets  
25 demanding answers.

1           They were met by a militarized police force  
2    in million-dollar armored vehicles and dressed in riot  
3    gear and then deployed tear gas in a residential  
4    neighborhood. One Detroiter was put in an illegal  
5    chokehold while being arrested by DPD. This board  
6    continues to arm DPD with riot gear, tear gas, and  
7    batons to inflict serious injury on Detroiters. When  
8    all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a  
9    nail. Take these weapons away from them before more  
10   people die. Craig should resign. Everyone who voted  
11   no on this board to hiring a parliamentarian is a  
12   coward. Thank you.

13           MR. BROWN: Megan S.?

14           MEGAN S.: Commissioners, I don't really  
15   know what else to say at this point besides that these  
16   meetings are a joke. The way that you treat the  
17   public is despicable, and it's reflected in the way  
18   that you treat Commissioner Burton, one of the few  
19   commissioners who seems interested in representing the  
20   public at all. This is supposed to be a body that  
21   represents the public by holding DPD accountable, but  
22   time after time you make clear that you have no  
23   interest in that.

24           The question period following Chief Craig's  
25   presentation last week was a joke. When Commissioner

1 Bell found questions too critical, they got muted.

2 And this is supposed to be some kind of democratic

3 apparatus.

4 You should be ashamed of yourself,

5 Commissioner Bell.

6 The public is begging you all. Ban the use  
7 of facial recognition technology, and end Project  
8 Green Light. This surveillance is not safety. So far  
9 we know that it has gotten Robert Williams and Michael  
10 Oliver wrongly arrested. How many more do you need?

11 Commissioners Burton, Brown, and Davis tried to stand  
12 up for the public today by moving to ban this  
13 technology. Again, they were silenced by Commissioner  
14 Bell.

15 You should be ashamed of yourself,

16 Commissioner Bell.

17 If Commissioner Bell will keep silencing  
18 Commissioner Burton, another commissioner should move  
19 next week to ban this technology. Do your jobs,  
20 commissioners. Thank you.

21 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three  
22 speakers will be Erin Dwyer, Roger Winn, and Susan  
23 Steigerwalt.

24 MS. DWYER: You're up after me.

25 Hi. Sorry. Good afternoon. I'm Erin

1 Dwyer. I'm a resident of Detroit. For weeks now I've  
2 been attending these meetings, asking that the Detroit  
3 Police defund, disarm, and radically (indiscernible)  
4 imagine what services Detroiters need. A day after  
5 last week's meeting, a young man was shot dead, and in  
6 response --

7 I'm sorry. Are you listening, Commissioner  
8 Bell?

9 A young man was shot dead, and in response  
10 to a grieving community demanding accountability,  
11 demanding transparency, what happens but a police  
12 rolls -- an armored vehicle, like an occupying force,  
13 violently arrested protestors, including using a  
14 chokehold on a teenage woman and teargassing  
15 protestors, including myself, in a residential  
16 neighborhood. But what should we expect other than  
17 violence from a commission that promotes an officer  
18 with 20 counts of use of force on their record?

19 On July 10th, the Free Press also reported  
20 on the false and prejudiced arrest of Michael Oliver,  
21 which surely Chief Craig knew about the day prior when  
22 he feigned ignorance about whether he knew about  
23 former cases, like the false arrest of Robert  
24 Williams, which will cost more money to Detroit  
25 taxpayers. And how is it affecting the lives of these

1 two black men? All these incidents are further proof  
2 that the DPD must end its use of Project Green Light  
3 and facial recognition technology, drop charges  
4 against all protestors, immediately ban the use of  
5 tear gas and rubber bullets, and Chief Craig should  
6 resign for lying to the public and to the board of  
7 commissioners. Thank you for your time, in particular  
8 to Commissioners Davis, Bell, and Brown.

9 MR. BROWN: Mr. Winn.

10 MR. WINN: Yes. I am a Detroit resident,  
11 and I would like to speak out against Project Green  
12 Light and the use of facial recognition. I think  
13 seeing the second case appear in the news is a further  
14 example that this program's not working. This (audio  
15 dropped) tax dollars, and I would like to see this  
16 program be put to the wayside. I also think there are  
17 some serious issues with the way that these meetings  
18 have been run, and I would like to see a  
19 parliamentary position come into place. I think  
20 it's clear from the vote that there are many on the  
21 board that feel this way as well, and that would help  
22 to sort out these issues.

23 Further, I don't like that a mile and a  
24 half from my house, that there are armored vehicles  
25 running down the street. I would like to defund -- I



1 would like for 1033 to be put away and to demilitarize  
2 the police force. Thank you very much.

3 MR. BROWN: Ms. Steigerwalt.

4 MS. STEIGERWALT: Hi. My name is Susan.  
5 I'm a resident of the city since 1974, and I'm a  
6 retired physician. I usually talk about tear gas,  
7 rubber bullets, and flashbangs being permanently  
8 dangerous to people's health, and they should be set  
9 aside as tools that the police use. But I think today  
10 I need to talk about the need to end facial  
11 recognition with yet another person, Michael Oliver,  
12 having his life potentially ruined because of the  
13 incorrect facial recognition.

14 We know these are inaccurate. Boston has  
15 gotten rid of it. Los Angeles has gotten rid of it.  
16 There are multiple cities that have pulled this, and  
17 why there is this resistance in a majority black city  
18 from a majority black board to pull this technology  
19 that hurts black people, it makes absolutely no sense.  
20 I want to congratulate Mr. Brown, Mr. Davis, and  
21 Mr. Burton for continuing to try to do the right  
22 thing, and we are going to persist and try to get  
23 this -- and get this changed because this is hurting  
24 everybody, potentially everybody in the city of  
25 Detroit.

1 I also suggest -- Project Green Light costs  
2 us a lot of money. It cost us \$8 million in 2016,  
3 \$1 million in 2017, another \$4 million in 2019, and it  
4 results in preferential policing and, again, uses  
5 facial recognition technology. So we shouldn't assume  
6 that people are guilty before they're proven innocent,  
7 and that's exactly what all this surveillance does.  
8 Basically, we don't want -- we want to improve  
9 people's lives. We don't want to have them live with  
10 evermore surveillance. Thank you very much. I cede  
11 my time.

12 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, your next three  
13 speakers will be Tawana Petty, followed by JW and  
14 Laura Walker.

15 MS. PETTY: Good evening, board. Can you  
16 hear me?

17 THE BOARD: Yes, ma'am.

18 MS. PETTY: Once again I am before you, not  
19 only as a resident -- a lifelong resident of  
20 Detroit -- but also as a researcher who works in  
21 technology and who is in constant communication with  
22 technologists and data scientists around this facial  
23 recognition. I am begging of the board, as I have for  
24 now well over a year, to ban facial recognition before  
25 an innocent person is charged with a violent crime and

1 loses years away from their life or worse. We don't  
2 need any more examples of how bad things can get with  
3 facial recognition technology. Detroit still has a  
4 chance to become a model for the world by getting out  
5 in front of this.

6           End Project Green Light. Ban facial  
7 recognition, and please let us invest resources as  
8 things that can truly make our community safer, like  
9 recreation, adequate grocery stores, affordable water,  
10 affordable housing, job training programs, mental  
11 health resources. And this board can have the  
12 resources that it needs to adequately represent the  
13 public. A lot of times when things come up where  
14 you-all should be able to defend the civil liberties  
15 and rights of the people, you don't have the resources  
16 to do that. If you divest from situations like  
17 Project Green Light and facial recognition, you would  
18 have more resources to do the things that represent  
19 the public.

20           Please ban this technology before someone  
21 spends their life in jail for something they didn't  
22 do. Thank you.

23           MR. BROWN: JW. JW? JW?

24           Mr. Chairman, I'll go to Ms. Walker, Laura  
25 Walker.

1 MS. WALKER: Hi, all. My name is Laura  
2 Walker, and it has been exhausting watching Detroiters  
3 ask you week after week to ban facial recognition and  
4 to not participate in the 1033 program. Today we saw  
5 Commissioners Burton, Davis, and Brown motion to ban  
6 facial recognition, and Chair Willie Bell ruled out of  
7 order. You guys need a parliamentarian to help you  
8 run these meetings properly and legally. And to see  
9 photos of a young woman put into an illegal chokehold  
10 by cops is horrifying. Body cams and audio should be  
11 provided as well as the video of Derek Diver's murder  
12 per Commissioner Burton's request. Those cops should  
13 be charged.

14 And where is the info that Commissioner  
15 Burton requested last week in regards to the cops  
16 plowing down protesters? What is it going to take for  
17 you guys to put your responsibility to oversee the DPD  
18 first? Please choose to be on the right side of  
19 justice. This is a critical moment in Detroit's  
20 history. Thank you.

21 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three  
22 speakers, Ashley Smith, followed by Richard Newman and  
23 Brenda Hill.

24 Ms. Smith?

25 MS. SMITH: Yes. Can you hear me?

1 MR. BROWN: Yes.

2 MS. SMITH: Yes. Hi, everyone.

3 Commissioners, it's obvious that, you know,  
4 we need to ban facial recognition, but also, you know,  
5 I've asked for, what, three months now to get an  
6 answer regarding what we're going to do with Dewayne  
7 Jones. At some point things -- it just seems as if  
8 things are getting worse instead of better, and, you  
9 know, we already discussed that this was a potential  
10 when you guys allowed, you know, Jones to get promoted  
11 after the heinous thing he did to my sister, beating  
12 her in a hospital.

13 I think we're heading in the wrong  
14 direction in Detroit, and although there are several  
15 issues, we have to tackle at least one of them; so,  
16 please, you know, if you could put it on the agenda,  
17 maybe next week, just to give us an update of what  
18 we're doing regarding the Dewayne Jones promotion. I  
19 yield my time.

20 MR. BROWN: Mr. Newman.

21 MR. NEWMAN: Can you hear me? Richard  
22 Newman, District 3. DPD committed a grave injury  
23 against concerned protestors on July 10th. They had  
24 no business going into a neighborhood in riot gear  
25 when people were respecting the police line on

1 McNichols. They had absolutely no business bringing  
2 tear gas at all, let alone in a neighborhood in a  
3 pandemic when cases are rising again. They had no  
4 business beating people, placing them in illegal  
5 chokeholds, placing knees on their neck. There's a  
6 work colleague of mine that that happened to. He's a  
7 puppeteer, so that's -- he's a very nonviolent person.

8           The "use it or lose it" nature of the 1033  
9 program -- which you said you would talk about last  
10 month and you never did, and you silenced Commissioner  
11 Burton when he brought it up -- that program made it  
12 so that DPD thought it was okay to put a tank on Seven  
13 Mile in a neighborhood. The officers looked inhuman  
14 because they were. Pull Detroit out of the 1033  
15 program. Return the equipment. Demilitarize the  
16 police. The ones escalating the situation are the  
17 DPD, 75 percent of which are not city residents and  
18 seem to come down here to beat people up. Release the  
19 video from June 28th and the audio of the police  
20 running cars into protestors. Release the video and  
21 audio from July 10th. Ban facial recognition, end  
22 Project Green Light, and give that woman some justice  
23 regarding Shelby Smith.

24           MR. BROWN: Ms. Hill?

25           MS. HILL: You can hear me?

1 MR. BROWN: Yes.

2 MS. HILL: Yes. Thank you for listening.  
3 We need to ban facial recognition. Those two  
4 gentlemen -- and we know that there will be more  
5 stories forthcoming. I did view the Real Time Crime  
6 Center, and we knew, and we told you thousands and  
7 thousands of people came before you saying that this  
8 would happen. One person unjustly arrested, thrown  
9 into tanks with -- into cells with other people that  
10 he did -- they did nothing -- is an egregious -- an  
11 egregious crime against citizens of Detroit. Facial  
12 recognition should be stopped. The science has said  
13 that this would happen. The people said this would  
14 happen, and you continue to ignore us.

15 Now we have another appointee on this  
16 board. It's rife with people who are not elected, and  
17 they continue to go against the people in this city.  
18 That is egregious as well. I was on Seven Mile -- and  
19 I tell you I'm still getting choked up -- when I saw  
20 that tank roll out into the street. When I saw  
21 officers putting on 1945 gas masks, when I saw  
22 hundreds of police officers in riot gear -- I had  
23 never seen and been treated that way. I am a citizen  
24 of Detroit. I did not throw anything. I did not  
25 assault an officer. I did not yell at an officer. I

1 did nothing. But I was assaulted by what happened on  
2 12 Mile, and the answer to that was for the cops to  
3 step aside. I understand that they were afraid that  
4 something was going to happen to the 12th Precinct,  
5 but what they did was just step aside and protect the  
6 pre- --

7 (Ms. Hill was muted at 4:31 p.m.)

8 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your last two  
9 speakers will be Gabriella, and I'm going to go back  
10 to JW.

11 Gabriella?

12 GABRIELLA: Can you hear me?

13 MR. BROWN: Yes.

14 GABRIELLA: Hi, everybody. My name is  
15 Gabriella. I'm a resident here in District 6. Last  
16 week this board promoted an officer with 20 counts of  
17 use of force on their record, including complaints  
18 such as prisoner care, obstruction of justice, with  
19 some as recent as 2019. This is absurd and speaks to  
20 the fact that this board has no interest in performing  
21 the job that they were elected or appointed to do.  
22 Chief Craig asked you to trust his judgment on this  
23 officer the same way that he asked you to trust his  
24 judgment on how this department would utilize facial  
25 recognition technology.



1           You have now all seen how that led to two  
2 innocent men being wrongfully arrested, Robert  
3 Williams and now Michael Oliver, as we've recently  
4 found out. How long until this officer's promotion  
5 backfires in a similar fashion? You probably won't  
6 care because this body is not actually an  
7 accountability body. You-all are just here  
8 rubber-stamping Mike Duggan and Chief Craig.

9           Last Friday after the killing of Hakim  
10 Littleton, an officer put Nakia Wallace in a  
11 chokehold. This is despicable. She was a part of a  
12 community outcry demanding accountability after a  
13 police killing, and this needs to be investigated.  
14 I'm here to also ask you-all to end facial recognition  
15 or to reiterate that we need to end facial  
16 recognition. There's also still no accountability for  
17 the officer who attempted vehicular manslaughter  
18 against protesters marching in Southwest Detroit on  
19 June 28th.

20           Chair Bell, you don't get to make up your  
21 own parliamentary rules as you please. Just because  
22 you are in Mike Duggan's pocket doesn't mean you get  
23 to silence any dissent on this board. I am exploring  
24 options to sue this board for violations of the Open  
25 Meetings Act and the city charter. I am ashamed that

1 also my elected commissioner, Lisa Carter, hasn't  
2 bothered to show up in any of these meetings in the  
3 last few weeks. I'm asking that you demilitarize,  
4 defund, and disman- --

5 (Gabriella was muted at 4:33 p.m.)

6 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, going back to JW.

7 JW?

8 Mr. Chair, that's your last speaker, but  
9 I'm not getting anything from her.

10 MS. WHITE: Also, Mr. Chair, I wanted to  
11 mention that JW -- the microphone is unmuted at this  
12 time, so I just wanted to make mention if she is still  
13 there.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

15 If there is no other business before this  
16 body, the chair will entertain a motion for  
17 adjournment.

18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Let Burton talk.  
20 Let Willie Burton make his proposals. He just wants  
21 to make his proposals. Let him make his proposal.

22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chairman.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: This is Commissioner  
25 Burch. I just wanted to give kudos to Lomax Temple

1 Church under the leadership of Pastor Peterson. They  
2 are making masks and giving them away through the  
3 people that I know, like Imperial and children's and  
4 adults, and they're free. So we need kudos out to  
5 Pastor Peterson of Lomax Temple. District 3 is doing  
6 something about change, everybody out there. Thank  
7 you.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Motion for  
9 adjournment?

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly  
13 moved and seconded. Those in favor, aye.

14 THE BOARD: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Motion carried. We  
16 stand adjourned. Thank you for your attendance, and  
17 thank you for your involvement. If you get an  
18 opportunity to, tune in tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.  
19 with Zoom for Council President Brenda Jones. Thank  
20 you. Have a great evening.

21 (The meeting was concluded at 4:35 p.m.)

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