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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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Detroit, Michigan,
Commencing at 3:05 p.m.,
Thursday, July 18, 2013,
Before Wendy A. Boer, CSR 3505.

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APPEARANCES:

MS. JESSICA TAYLOR, CHAIRPERSON

MR. JEROME WARFIELD, COMMISSIONER

MR. GEORGE ANTHONY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE

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1 Detroit, Michigan
2 Thursday, July 18, 2013
3 About 3:05 p.m.
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5 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Good afternoon. Welcome
6 to the Board of Police Commissioners meeting. I'm
7 Commissioner Jessica Taylor. And I am joined by
8 Commissioner Warfield. And I think Commissioner White
9 is on his way. At this time, I'm going to ask, George,
10 will you introduce our staff?

11 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you, ma'am. Madame
12 Chair, we have present for today's meeting Miss Pamela
13 Davis-Drake, our chief investigator; Ms. Lolitha
14 Porter-Coleman, our director of police personnel;
15 Miss Celia Banks Washington who is our attorney to the
16 Board; Mr. Robert Brown, our office manager; Officer
17 Kent Cooper who is assisting in recording the
18 proceedings; Officer Dan Donakowski who is also
19 assisting. Sergeant Alan Quinn is present as well as
20 Miss Wendy Boer from Hanson Court Reporting Service.
21 That completes the introductions.

22 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Joining us is --

23 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Assistant Chief James
24 White.

25 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: We can't do any of the

1 approval of the agenda. If Chaplain James Powell will
2 come and give us a word of prayer, please. Well, I'm
3 going to ask Commissioner Warfield, Pastor Warfield, if
4 he would.

5 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Let us pray. Father,
6 we thank you for yet another day's journey. We thank
7 you for getting us to this portion of our day. We ask
8 right now that your presence will be here in this
9 meeting. We thank you for this facility. We thank you
10 for those who are here and those who are yet still on
11 their way. We ask that you will guide us in our meeting
12 as relates for the business of the department and the
13 citizens of the City of Detroit. In your son Jesus'
14 name I pray, amen.

15 THE AUDIENCE: Amen.

16 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: I don't have a report
17 today. George, do you, Secretary, have a report?

18 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am, there is a
19 report. You should have a copy in your packages. This
20 is the report of the citizen complaints that were
21 received in June of 2013. The 2013 monthly count of
22 complaints were 113 compared to the 2012 monthly count
23 of complaints at 135. So, it represents a 16 percent
24 decrease. The year-to-date figures were 584 for 2013,
25 674 for 2012. And that's a 13 percent decrease.

1 At the end of June, 2013, the Office of the
2 Chief Investigator had open investigations, 273; cases
3 filed, 588; cases closed, 530. Of the 113 cases that
4 were filed in June, 38 percent involved unknown
5 officers. The alleged known units involved that were
6 leading in complaints filed in June of 2013 were the
7 Eastern District at 9 percent, the Northeastern District
8 at 7 percent, the Eighth Precinct, Tenth Precinct and
9 communications at 6 percent. The 113 cases filed in
10 June of 2013 involved 177 allegations where the leading
11 areas of concern were demeanor at 33 percent, procedure
12 at 22 percent, service at 15 percent and force at
13 13 percent.

14 You also have in your package the unknown
15 allegations or the unknown officer allegations as well
16 for the month of June and year to date figures for that.
17 And that completes my report, ma'am.

18 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Do you have any
19 questions?

20 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: No, ma'am.

21 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.
22 AC White, do you have any report?

23 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Good afternoon.
24 Through the Chair, I have no formal report. I do
25 apologize for being late. I was running late from

1 another meeting.

2 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay. Thank you, sir.
3 OCI, we can skip that report.

4 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: That concludes --

5 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All right. Okay. Well,
6 our next meeting is going to be Thursday, July 25th,
7 2013, at 3:00 at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters,
8 1301 Third Avenue, in the Media Room, Detroit, Michigan.
9 And also, there's an announcement. And I want you to
10 save the date for the Metro Detroit Chapter of the
11 National Organization of Black Law Enforcement
12 Executives or NOBLE is proud to announce the chapter's
13 second annual You Make a Difference Anti Youth Violence
14 Prayer Breakfast, a youth crime prevention initiative of
15 the metro Detroit chapter of NOBLE. It is Saturday,
16 July 20th, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the
17 American Serbian Hall, 19940 Van Dyke. And that's in
18 Detroit. And if you have any questions about anything,
19 you can ask George.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How much is it?

21 SECRETARY ANTHONY: \$20.

22 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Tickets are \$20, donation
23 payable to the Metro Detroit Chapter. It's a 501(c)(3)
24 organization. You have youth ministers, youth, you're
25 going to have organizational motivational speakers,

1 musical and spoken word per performances will be
2 featured. Corporate sponsorship is needed to underwrite
3 the cost of 150 youth to attend the breakfast. So, if
4 you want to sponsor that or donate money, even if you're
5 not attending, you can still donate money.

6 That concludes my announcements. Next will be
7 the oral communications from the audience. And please
8 give your name and limit comments to two minutes.

9 MS. PANNELL: Good afternoon, Board. Sharon
10 Pannell. I was at the COMSAT meeting this morning.

11 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Miss Pannell, will you
12 address the Chair, and then I will direct.

13 MS. PANNELL: Okay. I'm sorry. I was at the
14 COMSAT meeting this morning. Commander Yost, she only
15 talked about Southwest. My understanding is that she is
16 over Second and Southwest. And she never -- they never
17 talked about the Second Precinct at all this morning.
18 It was like it wasn't even on the agenda. And I was
19 questioning it.

20 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Thank you for that,
21 ma'am. Actually, the -- her report, I did catch that as
22 well. But she was speaking of the Second and Fourth
23 precinct in her report. They were combined.

24 MS. PANNELL: But she did not make --

25 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: You're correct, she

1 did not make the distinction. We will make that
2 correction for the next community --

3 MS. PANNELL: That's one of the reasons I come
4 to these meetings because I want to know what's going on
5 in the Second Precinct.

6 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: I will make sure that
7 that adjustment is made.

8 MS. PANNELL: Thank you very much.

9 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Ma'am?

11 MS. ROMANO: Good afternoon, Anna Romano. I
12 was also at that meeting, and I heard you were in need
13 of latex gloves.

14 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Anna, can you just --

15 MS. ROMANO: To the Chairperson, at that
16 meeting this morning, they mentioned that they were in
17 need of latex gloves. I have a case of latex gloves to
18 donate to the department.

19 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair,
20 thank you very much for that donation. Can you -- DC,
21 will you take care of that? All right. Thank you.

22 MS. ROMANO: If there's anything else the
23 community can do, they are more than welcome to let us
24 know; and we will try to help out in any way we can.

25 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: We really appreciate

1 that. Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you. Any more
3 communications? Any other communications? Any more
4 communications? If not, adjourned. The meeting is
5 adjourned.

6 (Proceedings concluded at 3:16 p.m.)

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