

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: April 20, 2017 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Ave., 3rd Floor Conference Room, Detroit MI 48234

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (April 20, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair	Excused	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Excused	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett (6:05)	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Excused	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for April 20, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, April 13, 2017**

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked **Bishop/Commissioner Edger Vann** to provide the invocation. Chairman Bell inquired on the condition of two officers recently shot in the line of duty and requested the support of the organization during their period of recovery. **Chairman Bell** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIP's were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Bell also welcomed the Chief Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce his staff.

Resolutions & Memorial: Commissioner Vann read into the record a resolution on the retirement of **Police Officer Cliffawn Powell**.

RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRED, POLICE OFFICER CLIFFAWN POWELL

WHEREAS Cliffawn Powell was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on June 24, 1996. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Powell began his career at the Tenth Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Powell faithfully served at the Tenth Precinct which later became the Western District, his other assignments include the Twelfth Precinct, and Fiscal Operations where he remained until his retirement; and

WHEREAS Officer Powell was the deserving recipient of numerous awards and honors including the Super Bowl XL Commemorative Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Commemorative Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Commemorative Award as well as numerous letters of commendations from citizens and supervisors; and

WHEREAS Officer Powell has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and surrounding communities for more than 20 years. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity and dedication has been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He is highly respected by his peers as the consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the city of Detroit, recognize the lifelong commitment to Public Safety by Police Officer Cliffawn Powell. Your exemplary service to law enforcement has been an invaluable asset to the Department and merit our highest regard.

Motion: Motion to approve the resolution on the retirement of PO Cliffawn Powell (**Vann**),

Second: (Mallett)

Vote: Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 3) **Action: Approved**

Chief of Police Report: **Chief of Police James Craig** indicated he is scheduled to provide remarks for a ceremony honoring former Michigan United States Attorney Barbara McQuade and therefore may not be in attendance for the entire BOPC meeting. Craig updated the Board on the condition of the two officers shot in the 12 Precinct, the investigation and arrest resulting from a fight recently witnessed on camera in Greektown, and the work of officers who helped save the life of a pregnant female in the Detroit River. The Chief also reported on a recent budget amendment designed to add 12 new corporals and 15 new neighborhood police officers. **Commissioner Vann** made inquiries into the relationship of the parties involved in the Greektown fight and **Commissioner Crawford** inquired into the impact of the large number of guns in relationship to the shooting of the two officers.

Presentation to the Board: **Human Resources Director Gail Oxendine** reported to the Board HR's work in connection with Civilianization. Director Oxendine provided an overview and reported on efforts in Communications, Human Resources, Crime Scene Services, Downtown Services, Neighborhood Policing, Detroit Detention Center, Crime Intelligence. Over all resulting from the work, Oxendine reported 146 officers had been return to patrol or available for investigations. **Commissioner Mallett** inquired on the performance and assessment effectiveness of the civilianization work. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** inquired on the transportability of civilian to sworn personnel, as a means to support police recruitment.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: None.

Report from the Board Secretary: **Mr. Hicks** reported on four communications from various sources.

Old Business. **Commissioner Mallett** inquired about a recent Improvement Plan discussed with the Board. Mallett indicated he was unable to see the strategic viewpoint of the Chief and inquired if an assessment and performance matrix would convey the information better to the Board.

New Business. No new business.

Announcements:

Next Regular Meeting, Thursday, April 27, 2017 @ 3:00 PM Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Ave., Detroit 48226
Next Community Meeting, Thursday, May 11, 2017 @ 6:30 PM, 8th Precinct, location TBA.

Oral Communications: None.

Chairman Bell indicated the Board would now take up the Appeal of DeAngelo Camak. Commissioner Sanders offered a motion to move into closed session as allowed under the Open Meetings Act to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion: Motion to move into closed session as allowed under the Open Meetings Act to discuss a personnel matter of Mr. DeAngelo Camak (**Sanders**),

Second: (Dewaelsche)

Vote: Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 3) **Action: Approved**

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at the call of the Chair. (4:15 PM)

Chairman Bell called the meeting of the BOPC back to regular order. (4:30 PM)

Commissioner Mallett offered a motion in connection with Mr. Camak.

Motion: Motion to deny the appeal at this time, but require reconsideration of the appeal after Mr. Camak had successfully completed his term of duty with the United States Airforce and is honorably discharged. And that during the period of his service Mr. Camak also seek generalized counseling. **(Mallett),**

Second: (Vann)

Vote: Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 3) **Action: Approved**

Chairman Bell accepted a Motion to adjourn at 4:36 PM. Meeting Adjourned.