

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: August 24, 2017 – 3:00 PM**

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

**Chairperson Lisa Carter called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (August 24, 2017)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules** approved the Agenda for August 24, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules** approved the following Board Minutes:

**Thursday, August 10, 2017**

**Thursday, August 17, 2017**

**BOPC Officers Report(s):** After welcome and opening remarks **Chairperson Lisa Carter** asked Willie E. Bell to provide the invocation. **Chairperson Carter** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIPs were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Carter also welcomed Chief of Police James E. Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce his staff.

**Chair Report: Carter** restated the Boards concerns about officer safety and acknowledged the need to remain supportive to friends and family of injured and fallen DPD personnel. Carter expressed deep concern and support for the families of Director Gail Oxendine in connection with the death of Clifford Barker. William Hamilton, who passed several months ago, and Adolph Wilson, who passed last week. Chairperson Carter also acknowledged correspondence from Chief Craig and his recommendation to appoint Commander Elvin Barren to the position of Deputy Chief. Carter also reminded the Department of the Board's request for reports involving Nationwide Towing, Commissioner Vann's traffic stop, and an updated list of vendors eligible for police towing.

**Resolutions and Memorials:**

**Commissioner Crawford** read into the record a resolution honoring Detective John Velasco.

**RESOLUTION HONORING DETECTIVE JOHN VELASCO**

**WHEREAS** Mr. John Velasco began his career with the Detroit Police Department on May 12, 1997, and upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, he was assigned to the Seventh Precinct; and

**WHEREAS** Police Officer Velasco was assigned to Northeastern District, Criminal Investigation, Eleventh Precinct and Fatal Squad; and

**WHEREAS** On March 2, 2015, Office Velasco was promoted to the rank of Detective and was assigned to the Fatal Squad, where he remained until his retirement; and

**WHEREAS** Detective Velasco was the deserving recipient of one (1) Lifesaving Citation and Medal, one (1) Accident Free Driving Award, one (1) Perfect Attendance Award, one (1) Ford Fireworks Celebration Ribbon, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

**WHEREAS** Detective Velasco diligently served the Department and the citizens of Detroit with loyalty, dedication, and integrity for 20 years.

**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 of Detective John Velasco. His pride and dedication have been invaluable assets to the Department and merit our highest regard. **DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**Motion:** Motion to Honor Detective John Velasco (**Crawford**)

Second: (**Vann**)

**Vote:** Yes = 10      No = 0      Abst = 0 (Vacant = 1)      **Action: Approved**

**Commissioner Dewaelsche** read into the record a resolution honoring Police Officer William Hamilton.

**RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM HAMILTON (POSTHUMOUSLY)**

**WHEREAS** Mr. William Hamilton was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on May 31, 2000. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Hamilton began his career at the Eighth Precinct; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Hamilton dutifully served the Eighth Precinct, Northwestern District, and reassigned back to the Eighth Precinct. On Thursday, December 29, 2016, after sixteen (16) years of service, Police Officer William Hamilton, Badge 3875 passed away; and

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

**WHEREAS** Officer Hamilton tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities with unwavering devotion. His commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication were a credit to the Detroit Police Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, award this resolution posthumously in recognition of Police Officer William Hamilton sixteen (16) years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards. **DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**Motion:** Motion to Honor Police Officer William Hamilton (**Posthumously**) (**Dewaelsche**)

Second: (**Sanders**)

**Vote:** Yes = 10      No = 0      Abst = 0 (Vacant = 1)      **Action: Approved**

**Commissioner Bell** read into the record a resolution honoring Police Officer Adolph Wilson (Posthumously).

**BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE OFFICER ADOLPH WILSON (POSTHUMOUSLY)**

**WHEREAS** Mr. Adolph Wilson was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on March 27, 2000. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Wilson began his career at the Second Precinct; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Wilson dutifully served the Second Precinct, to Legal Advisor Section, Police Law, Northeastern District, Gang Enforcement, Eastern District, Central District, the Detroit Detention Center and to the Criminal Investigative Operations. On Friday, August 18, 2017, after seventeen (17) years of service, Police Officer Adolph Wilson, Badge 4462 passed away; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Wilson was the deserving recipient of one (1) Fireworks Award, both Consent Judgment Awards, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, a Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Wilson tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities with unwavering devotion. His commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication were a credit to the Detroit Police Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, award this resolution posthumously in recognition of Officer Adolph Wilson seventeen (17) years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards. **DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**Motion: Motion to Honor Police Officer Adolph Wilson (Posthumously) (Bell)**

Second: **(Sanders)**

**Vote:** Yes = 10      No = 0      Abst = 0 (Vacant = 1)      **Action: Approved**

**Resolution for DC Ulysha Renee Hall, read into the record on August 17, 2017.**

**RESOLUTION HONORING DEPUTY CHIEF ULYSHA RENEE HALL**

**WHEREAS** Ms. Ulysha Renee Hall was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on March 8, 1999 and upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy she was assigned to the Community Policing Division/Crime Analysis; and

**WHEREAS** Police Officer Hall assignments also included Executive Protection, Operations Portfolio, Eleventh Precinct, and Community Service Unit; and

**WHEREAS** Police Officer Hall displayed tremendous aptitude in her assignments, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on May 1, 2006. Her other assignments included Southwestern District, Patrol Operations Bureau and Internal Affairs. She developed her supervisory skills and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on December 21, 2010 and assigned as the Commanding Officer of Tactical Operations; and

**WHEREAS** Lieutenant Hall still being recognized for her distinguished service, served as an Interim Inspector of the 8th and 2<sup>nd</sup> Precincts and was promoted to the rank of Commander. Assigned to Downtown Services she monitored the daily operations of three precincts bordering the Downtown businesses, sporting venues, entertainment district, special events, Dignitary Executive Protection and movie productions city-wide. On May 20, 2014, Commander Hall was promoted to rank of Deputy Chief and assigned to Patrol Operations Bureau, which was later renamed Neighborhood Policing Bureau. Deputy Chief Hall provided effective leadership mentoring to all patrol entities under her command, where she remained until her retirement; and

**WHEREAS** Deputy Chief Hall is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Major Cities Chief's Police Executive Leadership Institute (PELI IV), Vice President of the Metro Detroit Chapter-National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) and a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Deputy Chief Hall is also a recipient of a Lifesaving Citation & Medal, National Football League Superbowl XL Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Award, Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, and numerous letters and certificates of appreciation; and

**WHEREAS** Deputy Chief Hall served the Detroit Police Department diligently for 18 years and daily demonstrated her loyalty and dedication to the citizens of Detroit. Her professionalism, expertise and leadership attest to the fact that she represents the consummate professional.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great city of Detroit recognize and honor the contributions and commitment to excellence in public service of Deputy Chief Ulysha Renee Hall.

**Motion:** Motion to Honor Deputy Chief U. Renee Hall (**Bell**)

Second: (**Sanders**)

**Vote:** Yes = 10                      No = 0                      Abst = 0 (Vacant = 1)                      **Action: Approved**

**COP Police Report: Chief James E. Craig** acknowledged the Board's concern and support for fallen and injured officers and their families. Craig reported on the downward trend in crime and discussed several factors associated with the downward trend including CEASEFIRE and the Department Greenlight program. **COP Craig** reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending August 20, 2017. Craig reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -6% decrease, Sexual Assaults -9% decrease, Robbery -12% decrease, Carjacking -3% decrease, Aggravated Assaults, -5% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -8% decrease for an overall total of -7% decrease, and overall property offenses -7%. COP Craig also reported on the Eastside vs Westside Car Show at Riverfront West Park and Drag racing at City airport, On September 23, 2017. Chief Craig also reported he has hired a new legal advisor for the Department, Grant Ha who will start September 11, 2017. Craig also responded to two items listed in Chairperson Carter's report, he indicated he has reviewed the investigation regarding the traffic stop of Commissioner Vann and directed his staff to provide a copy to the Board. He indicated the Nationwide Towing investigation is still open. Chief Craig also spoke and recommended to the Board the appointment of Elvin Barren to the position of Deputy Chief of Police. **Commissioner Vann** inquired as to the jurisdictional control related to a recent raid in Detroit of the Hazel Park Police of a suspect drug dealer responsible for the overdose of a drug victim. **Vann** also inquired about the staged force associated with the above raid including the mobilization of heavy equipment on the streets of the city. **Vann** also inquired about the recent newscast regarding extraordinary use of force in the arrest of a suspected in the fifth precinct. Commissioner Bell inquired about the history of Detroit Police rolling out heavy tanks in sub-urban communities. **Commissioner Crawford** objected to the characterization that citizen are at war with the police as describe in a recent article in the newspaper. **Commissioner Mallett** suggested a letter be drafted for Board consideration which restates the need to notify other policing units and communities when they enter their jurisdiction to service warrants or take police action, support for the continued demilitarization of local Police Departments, and the need to show a high degree of sensitivity for neighborhood in the execution of police services. **Craig** also responded that in the incident in the 5<sup>th</sup> precinct, the Department has submitted to the Prosecutor on the conduct of the officer. **Craig** also discussed in the case of the adjunct raid of the Hazel Park Police he was concerned about mixing tactics and how these situation are with the notification of the Department but under the control of the police jurisdiction maned in the warrant.

**Presentation to the Board: (A) BOPC Policy Division (B) NACOLE Conference**

(A) **BOPC Policy Division. Executive Manager Policy Section Melanie White** reported on posting made by the Department in changes in the police manual and activity associated with the upcoming national conference National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE). Ms. White reported that as part of the BOPC quarterly audit of the police manual and postings at the DPD website, we note 13 modifications to the police manual, most are minor impact items which do not need the formal authorization of the Commission. Ms. White also indicated there are 12 additional policy changes that will be reported on in the next quarterly audit. She also reported that the Board has reviewed and approved ECW; BWC; Civil Asset Forfeiture, and Vehicle Pursuit policies remain with the Board subcommittee.

B) Ms. White also indicated staff has prepared a conference book for the Board and highlighted several critical conference sessions for attendance.

**Commissioner Bell** inquired if the Policy unit has looked at traffic stops from a policy perspective.

**BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: None.**

**Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks** reported on five (5) communications received by the Board.

**Old Business. None.**

**New Business:** Recommendation from Chief Craig to change the duty status of Police Officer Michael Bryant to suspension without pay. The Chair requested a motion to reflect the will of the body.

**Motion:** Motion to Approve the Recommendation from Chief Craig to change the duty status of Police Officer Michael Bryant to suspension without pay. **(Mallett)**

Second: **(Vann)**

**Vote:** Yes = 10            No = 0            Abst = 0    (Vacant = 1)            **Action: Approved**

**Announcements:**

Next regular Meeting, Thursday, August 31, 2017 at Public Safety Headquarters at 3:00 PM.

**September 24, 2017 Meeting is cancelled.**

**Next Community Meeting:** Thursday, September 21, 2017, at the Operating Engineers Local 324, 1550 Howard St., Detroit, MI. 48216

**Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:**

**Mr. Eric Blount** indicated the need to have adjacent communities to have body worn cameras upon entering city of Detroit. Mr. Blount suggested a letter of recommendation to other departments around specific equipment to be used upon entering the city.

**Mr. Peter Rhoades** restated his concerns that Detroit may not have reimbursement agreements with all of the sports and entertainment venues in Detroit to handle the costs of police services. The suggestion was also made to send a communication to the Mayor and City Council to impose a \$2 to support extra police costs required by the sports and entertainment venues. **Ms. Faith**, indicated her appreciation for information about the department and the work of the Department. **Mr. William Davis** commented on recent news accounts of police actions.

**Commissioner Sanders** reported on a ride along with Gang Intel and 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct. **Commissioner Bell** noted the recent L&A and DPOA joint outing. **Commissioner Brooks** applauded the use of patrol bikes in and around the Riverwalk.

Motion to adjourn. Accepted by Bell.

**Adjournment. 4:49 PM**