

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: October 5, 2017 – 3:00 PM
 Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 32d Floor, Detroit, MI 48226

Chairperson Lisa Carter called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (October 5, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Excused	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Excused	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	7	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for October 5, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, September 28, 2017

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Acting Chairperson, Vice Chair Eva Dewaelsche** asked Commissioner Vann to provide the invocation. **Dewaelsche** indicated Chairperson Carter was away from the city. **Chairperson Dewaelsche** 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. Dewaelsche also welcomed to the meeting, Chief of Police James E. Craig who introduced DPD staff. COP Craig left the meeting and was replaced by AC Williams.

Chair Report: Dewaelche said, “On behalf of the Board, thank you for attending today’s Board meeting. Chairperson Carter is away from the city and I will be chairing today’s meeting. On behalf of the Board we continue to express our support and concerns for Fallen Officers and their Families. The Chief’s Office may want to add some specific information about the recent conditions of some of our injured officers.

We are saddened by the recent attack on citizens in Las Vegas. These needless acts of violence in our society are wrong and disturbing to our civil society. Later in the meeting, we have a resolution directed at controlling guns. The Michigan Legislature appears to be highly motivated to expand the availability and use of guns in Michigan. Our resolution is in opposition to this approach. We do not support the ability to bring guns into churches and schools. I ask each Commissioners to consider this resolution at the appropriate time on our agenda.

Finally, we have several presentations to the Board today. Aside from Human Resources who will cover their normal report, HR will also address us on recruitment. This presentation will be followed by a presentation from Ms. Lisa Jones, The Department’s Chief Financial Officer who will give a year-end financial report.”

Resolutions – (A) Detective LaShawn Barnett (B) SB 584 thru 586

Resolution read into the record by Commissioner Bell.

RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING DETECTIVE LASHAWN D. BARNETT

- WHEREAS** LaShawn D. Barnett was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on August 11, 1997. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Barnett began her career at the First Precinct; and
- WHEREAS** Officer Barnett dutifully served the First Precinct, Executive Protection Unit, Tenth Precinct, Central District, Organized Crime, Narcotics, and Criminal Investigations. On August 15, 2014, she was promoted to the rank of Detective and assigned to the Second Precinct. Detective Barnett was subsequently assigned to the Sex Crimes Unit where she remained until her retirement; and
- WHEREAS** During her law enforcement career, Detective Barnett received the following awards: a Chief Citation Award, the NFL Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Perfect Attendance Award, (2) two Conclusion of the Conditions of the Confinement Consent Judgement Award, the Fireworks Celebration Award, and several accolades from other agencies and citizens for her professionalism and expertise; and
- WHEREAS** Detective Barnett has diligently served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for 20 years. Her professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication has been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. She is highly respected as a consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, award this resolution in recognition of Detective LaShawn Barnett’s 20 years of dedicated and diligent public service. Her professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards and best wishes for continued success.
We salute and congratulate you, Detective LaShawn Barnett.

Motion by Commissioner Bell to honor the service of Detective LaShawn Barnett.
Second, Vann.

Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

Resolution read into the record by T. Blossom, Media /Outreach Coordinator.

Resolution to Oppose Senate Bills 584-586

- WHEREAS** Senate Bills 584, 585 and 586, introduced September 20, 2017, seek to overturn Michigan’s current concealed weapons’ statutes that provide proactive regulations for a safe and peaceful community for the residents and visitors throughout the entire state; and
- WHEREAS** Senate Bill 584 would allow a person to carry concealed weapons in areas now designated as gun-free zones. The bill only requires an individual to request an exemption when applying for a concealed weapons license and to receive only eight additional hours of training. After such minimal standards, the bill allows an armed person to freely enter schools; public libraries, child and day care centers; child placement agencies; sports arenas and stadiums; bars and taverns; churches and other religious properties, any entertainment facilities seating 2,500 or more; hospitals; and dormitories and classrooms of colleges and universities, and
- WHEREAS** Senate Bill 585 eliminates existing criminal penalties related to carrying weapons into gun-free zones, and
- WHEREAS** Senate Bill 586 takes away the local control from Detroit and other local units of government to stop local authorities from enacting measures they deem essential to public safety. Such a pre-emption of local rights increases the vulnerability of everyone, but puts children at high risk since it takes away the power to protect them from school districts and other officials of places where children are found in large numbers, and
- WHEREAS** Michigan’s concealed weapon laws have upheld responsible gun ownership and helped keep our communities safe. Currently, a citizen is required to obtain a permit to carry a concealed handgun in Michigan, pass a criminal background check, and complete a firearms safety training course. Overturning existing laws only weaken public safety and heighten

public anxiety at a time when mass shootings in public venues are too common and firearms increasingly serve as weapons of mass destruction, and

WHEREAS our Board has previously opposed other bills that erase firearm safety measures and that allow permit-less carry of concealed firearms, it stands firm on opposing these newly introduced bills as well.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners expresses its opposition to Senate Bills 584-586 to eliminate gun-free zones by allowing concealed weapons into schools, public facilities, religious centers and other public gathering places. On behalf of our constituency, we urge the Michigan State Legislature to retain the current concealed weapons provisions and conduct further investigation into the best and most safe firearms' (concealed or otherwise) regulations for the citizens of the state of Michigan.

Motion by Commissioner Vann to express BOPC's opposition to Senate Bills 584-586.

Second, Shelby.

Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

COP Police Report:

Chief of Police James E. Craig reported that **Officer Waldis Johnson** remained in grave condition. **Craig** also discussed the recent shooting in Las Vegas. **Craig** reported on the downward trend in crime. He reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending October 1, 2017. **Craig** reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -6% decrease, Sexual Assaults -6% decrease, Robbery -14% decrease, Carjacking -13% decrease, Aggravated Assaults, -5% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -11% decrease for an overall total of -7% decrease, and overall violent crime of -7% and property offenses -7%. **Craig** voiced his rejection of the crime data recent release of FBI. **Craig** indicated that the federal government pulled directly from an old database that had several reporting problems (CrisNet). **Craig** indicated the recent purchase of Superior (formally Sun Guard) at \$9.1 Million would resolve the data reporting errors for the Department. **Vann** inquired about CrisNet and its ability to transmit data in the format required by the FBI and MSP. **Crawford** asked if the Department utilizes comparisons based on "per capita" computations. **Crawford** also recommended the use of a FOIA and provided instructions to BOPC Attorney Wyrick (Subject: Request the number of all Homicides in Detroit from the Wayne County Medical Examiner / Morgue under the Freedom of Information Act). **Bell** inquired as to the Department's support for DPD personnel to have departmental issued weapons at sports and entertainment venues. **Bell** also inquired of the Chief of Police his support for a recent announcement by the International Association of Police Chief's and their recommendation to fire warning shots. **Chief Craig** in response indicated that such a practice would be unsafe and he rejected it as a recommendation and practice. **Bell** also inquired about the condition of and the potential for the purchase of a new DPD helicopter.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Human Resources (B) Recruitment (C) 2016-2017 Year End Report /Agency CFO

(A) Human Resources Report:

Director Gail Oxendine gave her monthly human resources report for DPD employment and recruitment for the August and September statistical period (2017). HR **Director Gail Oxendine** highlighted the personnel associated with DPD as 3180 total positions, 2551 sworn positions filled, and 629 civilian positions. She also indicated last two-month period the Department has made 130 hires, 60 (POs) and 64 (civilians) and 6 Police Assistant. Director Oxendine also gave demographic statistics descriptive of the force as of September, 2017. Detroit residency information as of 9/30/2017 as reported is for sworn officers 634 Detroiters and 1844 Non-Detroiters and for Civilian 356 Detroiters and Non-Detroiters 224. Sworn recruitment for 7/1/2017 - 9/30/2017 total is 1361 with 95 in process and 89 hired. Temporary Disqualifications 495, Permanent Disqualifications 196. Academy graduates W/M = 20, B/M = 11, H/M = 1, A/M = 1, W/F =4, B/F = 3 and Hispanic/F = 1. DPD's Sworn MANPOWER RATE according to Ms. Oxendine's written report is at 97% and Attrition rate at 3%. DPD's actual to budget is down with 73 sworn positions open.

(B) Recruitment Report:

Lieutenant James Coles, Jr. Police Recruiting, **Sergeant Phillip Curtis**, Police Recruiting and **Sergeant Starr Gonzales**, Police Recruiting, reported on the work of the Human Resources Bureau – Recruitment. Select accomplishments for 2017 included reductions in time used to conduct background checks from 56 days to 25 days, free MCOLES testing created new

recruitment video, automation to the application process including on-line applications. Recruitment also indicated the development of www.detroitmi.gov/JOINDPD and NEOGOV. Recruitment reported a 23% increase in applications year-to-date 2017, and 15% increase in police officers hired in 2017. Additional information included highlights of the 2017 Detroit Police Intern Program, 2017 Field Recruiting, summer program and recruitment Strategies for 2018. **Commissioner Vann** inquiries about job hopping, officers who jump from one Department to the next to avoid disciplinary actions or other opportunities.

(C) 2016-2017 Year End Report /Agency CFO:

DPD Agency CFO Lisa Jones presented to the Board the 2017 Year End Budget Report. CFO Jones reviewed the organizational chart for DPD Fiscal Operations which included Office of Department Financial Services, Payroll, Centralized Timekeeping and Grants and Contracts units. Ms. Jones discussed the 2016-2017 activities associated with her agency highlighting process and accomplishments including continued efforts to clean up department cost centers and realign payroll for simple integration into the Department's financial systems. CFO Jones reported a BOPC amended budget of \$3,586,590. And a Departmental amended budget of \$310,047,660. Ms. Jones indicated that the books for 2016-2017 were not closed. Ms. Jones reported a surplus by BOPC. She also discussed the grant activities for DPD Forfeiture Activities including receipt of \$150,000 from DOJ Justice Equitable Sharing Program and \$3.6 Million from Wayne County Asset Forfeiture Unit. CFO Jones also discussed the 2016-2017 Capital Plans for the Department including 9 active business cases approved by the Office of Financial Planning for technologies enhancements, facilities and fleet investments. Ms. Jones concluded her presentation with 2018-2019 highlights.

BOPC Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports:

(A) Policy Committee – Commissioner Bell indicated the policy committee met to discuss the final directives for Body Worn Camera. He indicated the final directive would be brought to the Board at the next meeting. He also indicated that the subcommittee also discussed vehicle pursuits.

(B) Budget Committee – Commissioner Sanders indicated Budget Committee had met and reviewed the revenues and expenditures associated with the Board of Police Commissioners.

(C) CCR Committee – Commissioner Shelby indicated he CCR committee had met and reviewed data related to the Office of the Chief Investigator. Shelby indicated that the committee was working on some policy and/or Standard Operating Procedures that it would share with the Board in the near future.

(D) Personnel and Training Committee – Commissioner Dewaelsche indicated that the committee had met and reviewed (7) disqualification appeals. The appeals were for Nicholas Acosta, Jordan Brooks, Christian Holloway, Arthur Divers, Brandon Andrews, LaTora Hokes and David Zycznski. Based on the information submitted and reviewed the Committee recommends to the Board that Disqualification hearing be granted to (2) applicants, Nicholas Acosta and Brandon Andrews. Dewaelsche requested a motion on the recommendation. Bell moved and Brooks second.

Motion by Commissioner Bell to accept the Personnel and Training Committee Report and to grant disqualifications hearings to Nicholas Acosta and Brandon Andrews.

Second, Brooks.

Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks reported on 10 communications received by the Board including 4 notifications for the receipt of grant awards. Mr. Hicks also provided the Board with an update on the selection process associated with the Chief Investigator. Commissioner Bell indicated that the process for the new OCI should be concluded before the end of the year. Mr. Hicks also reported on policies and strategies for Board and staff training. Mr. Hicks concluded his remarks to the Board with information about the October 12 BOPC Community Meeting presentation by DPW Ron Brundidge and Planning Janet Attrian who would address citizen mobility, traffic and bike lanes.

Old Business. None.

New Business. Commissioner Crawford submitted a FOIA request for the 3rd District, see notes above.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Bill Proctor, former news journalist and private investigator working with innocent claims. Mr. Proctor inquired about the Department work in this area and indicated he and his organization would like to provide input into organizing the department efforts by giving input into the process, AC Williams updated Mr. Proctor indicating that the department is working with the Innocence Project. Commander Elaine Bryant expanded on AC Williams comments suggesting that Department is reviewing cases in this area. **Bernice Smith** discussed her support for recent victims of mass violence. **Scotty Bowman** complained about contributions from the tow industry. **Bill Welborn** indicated that **former Police Commissioners Zeline Richard** had passed and acknowledged the work of current Commissioner Willie Bell. **Eric Blount** requested that presentations to the Board be shared with the general public. **Nicole Lawrence** complained about treatment of her son at one of the Greenlight locations (5546 Woodward Avenue). The complaint was referred to the Chief's Office.

Motion to Adjourn.

Adjourned at 5:32 PM