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**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, June 15th, 2021**

Via Zoom Virtual Meeting ID: 890 5068 6315

The Board of Police Commissioners met in regular session and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Patty Farhat.

PRESENT: Commission Members Farhat (from Lansing, MI), Brewster (remotely from Lansing, MI), Carnegie (remotely from Lansing, MI), Jones (remotely from Lansing, MI), Lopez (remotely from Lansing, MI), McDermitt (remotely from Lansing, MI).

EXCUSED: Commissioners Milton, Renfrew.

Also Present: Chief Daryl Green, Assistant City Attorney Mary Bowen, Captain Ellery Sosebee, Dr. Linda Nubani and Ruth Grant.

A quorum was present.

Chairperson Farhat asked for a moment of silence in memory for victims of recent gun violence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner McDermitt.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Chairperson Farhat to approve the May 18th, 2021 board minutes. Motion carried by Commissioner McDermitt; 2nd by Commissioner Brewster.

Yeas: Commission Members: Farhat, Brewster, Carnegie, Jones, Lopez, and McDermitt.

Nays: None

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EDUCATION PRESENTATION: Linda Nubani, Ph.D., MSU Crime Prevention through Environment Design (CPED) Program Coordinator and Grant.

- Background is in architecture and criminology.
- Summary of presentation: CPED, CPED assessments, community needs and assessments, hot spot analysis, community engagement events that have been carried through southwest Lansing and grant.
- CPED Assessment: It is a comprehensive philosophy relying on the physical and social improvements of environment to reduce incidents of crime, fear of crime and improvements.
 - CPED assessments for southwest Lansing with community. Walked area with community on how philosophy could be implemented and envision their neighbor. Holly Park was identified by the community for improvement.
 - Reviewed crime trends for a few months.
 - CPED strives to make the quality of life, the engagements of citizens. Also does community needs assessments. The community needs assessment of southwest Lansing received a large response (188 survey respondents). Asked community if they would like grants available for their community and LPD, MSU is actively working to submit a large grant with Department of Justice (DOJ), and where grant should be applied to. Response was mostly in additional policing, more funding to LPD for community policing, traffic, community center events, park and roads improvements, and lighting. These responses were used in formulating the budget.
- Analysis is conducted at MSU on perception of crime and compare to crime incidents.
- Conducted community engagement events with representatives from other agencies (CATA, Ingham CO Health, LPD, and various community members) has been very well responded. These helped to identify needs for future proposals.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Chief Daryl Green

- Chief thanked Dr. Nubani for all her hard work in CPED and LPD.
- He thanked the Board for all his support he has received while Chief of Police.
- He expressed condolences to the family of Damon Johnson and Marshawn Beard, victims of recent gun violence.
- Chief introduced Captain Ellery Sosebee who was named interim chief by Mayor Schor. He has been a key person in development of strategic approach to gun violence in Lansing.
- He looks forward to seeing future progress of Lansing and LPD as he retires and moves to his new position. He thanks the commissioners for the support given to the chief of police position and for their support for future chiefs.
- In 2020 the department encountered many issues and thanked the commissioners for support during COVID-19, increase of violence, a contentious Presidential election, police reforms, protests, and other issues during those hard times.
- Chief expressed to the Board the honor for him in serving Lansing and LPD.

Captain Sosebee:

- Captain Sosebee appreciates the support of the commission.
- He has similar goals for the city and LPD as Chief Green did for
- He appreciates the open communication with the Board and patience during this transition.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Due to Chair Farhat completing former Chair Drew Macon's term when he left, new elections are necessary for the chair position and vice-chair.

Nominations for the position of Chair:

- Commissioner Brewster nominates Commissioner Farhat for Chair. Commissioner Jones seconded.

Yeas: Commissioners Carnegie, Brewster, Jones, Lopez, McDermitt.

Nays: None.

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chair:

- Commissioner Carnegie nominates Commissioner Jones for Vice-Chair. Commissioner McDermitt seconded.

Yeas: Commissioners Farhat, Carnegie, Lopez, McDermitt, Brewster.

Nays: None.

LEGAL AND ADVISOR REPORT: Assistant City Attorney Mary Bowen

- City has updated the website. Take time to review.
- The board will be receiving a referral from the Ethic Board regarding a particular matter that will need to be reviewed under their auspice. Notification will come from the Clerk's office. The Board procedures will help guide through this process.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMUNITY SERVICES: Commission Investigator Delvata Moses

- No report.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

CORRESPONDANCE SENT AND RECEIVED:

Yeas: Commission Members: Farhat, Brewster, Carnegie, Jones, Lopez, and McDermitt.

Nays: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Moved by Chairperson Farhat to accept and place on file. Motion carried by Commissioner Brewster to accept and place on file.

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Nays: None

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BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Budget Committee: Commissioner Carnegie reporting. The department is closing in the black due to vacancies. FY22 budget is status quo. The new social worker and FOIA analyst added, plus the \$30K radio testing equipment. The FY23 budget will begin in the fall. In the packet was included the LPD Budget Process to assist in budget planning. Commissioner Jones will eventually assume responsibility as chair to this committee.
- Government/Community Liaison Committee: Commissioner Lopez reporting. Have not met as of yet.
- Awards & Incentives Committee: Commissioner Brewster reporting. Awards ceremony will be via City-TV video; taping will be next week. Commissioner Farhat is signing the certificates.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Board Policies and Rules: Commissioner Lopez reporting. Met and approved policies. They are to meet with Administration to set up a system for policy review.
- Complaint Committee: CI Moses reporting. For the month of May 2021, there were 11 complaints investigated and closed by Internal Affairs. Five were formal investigations, six were informational. No policy violations. There were 11 complaints received in May 2021, two were formal complaints and nine were informational.
- Recruitment and Hiring Committee:
- Complaint Committee: Chair Farhat presenting. The committee met in May and have not met yet in June due to schedules. The next meeting is anticipated to occur soon.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- Commissioner McDermitt: Wishes Chief Green in his new position and thanked him for his years of service at LPD. He is greatly admired. She welcomes Captain Sosebee in interim position and please reach out to anyone in the commission for assistance.
- Commissioner Lopez: Wish Chief Green the best in his retirement and new endeavor. He thanked the Chief for all his work. Welcomed Acting Chief Sosebee. He also asked boards responsibility in naming a permanent chief. Chair Farhat explained there is a process and will let the commission know.
- Commissioner Brewster: No comments.
- Chairperson Farhat: Will miss Chief Green for all his assistance and communication with her. She also thanked Secretary Ruth Grant for staying during the transition. This is a very bittersweet meeting with chief leaving. She looks forward to meeting face-to-face next month. She attended another community engagement that Ofc. VandeVoorde set up at South Nazarene Church with Chief Green, Sam Brewster, and LPD, and MSP. She was very impressed with the churches set up for the meeting and a wonder well attended event. Will be at Baker-Donor at the end of the month.
- Commissioner Carnegie: Would like to thank Chief Green for leadership given to commission, LPD and the city in working through some many difficulties in the last two years. He also thanked Chair Farhat for her leadership and thanked Vice-Chair Jones for taking on this new role.
- Commissioner Jones: Congratulations to Chief Green in retirement and new career. He admires Chief Green also as a great man and he will be missed.
- Commission Investigator: Happy to announce the commission investigator on the city of Lansing website is fully operational. The process for citizen complaint is explained and provides information to file a complaint of LPD. There is also a fillable form that can be completed and will be submitted directly to Ms. Moses.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

The commissioners have been invited by Mayor Schor at Lugnets game. Friday, September 17th at Jackson Field starting at 7:05 a.m. Tickets will be reserved for all board attendees.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Daniel Arnold: Chief Green has affected his life greatly with encouragement and welcoming in the community. He will miss you as Chief but wishes him the best at MSU. He will do his best to be a positive advocate for LPD and general public. He also welcomed upcoming Chief Sosebee and getting his support.

ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting on July 20th will be held on the 2nd floor of Headquarters. Chairperson Farhat concluded by thanking everyone and wishing good health to each. Farhat moved that the board meeting be adjourned.

Yeas to Adjourn: Commission Members: Farhat, Brewster, Carnegie, Jones, Lopez, and McDermitt.
Nays: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Submitted by Ruth Grant, Recording Secretary, Lansing Board of Police Commissioners

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