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**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

Location: Lansing Police Department Headquarters, 120 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933

The Board of Police Commissioners met in regular session and meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Deyeya Jones.

PRESENT: Commission Members Brewster, Carnegie, Jones, Lopez and Milton

EXCUSED: Commissioners Farhat and McDermitt

Also Present: Chief Ellery Sosebee, Assistant City Attorney Mary Bowen, CI Delvata Moses, Lt. Matthew Kreft and Ruth Grant.

Roll call was taken and quorum was present.

Vice Chair Jones asked for a moment of silence in memory of recent homicide victims: Alexis Brown, Michelle Roper and Anthony Davis.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Vice Chair Jones to approve the August 17th, 2021 minutes of meeting. Motion carried by Commissioner Brewster with Commissioner Carnegie seconding the motion.

Yeas: Commission Members: Brewster, Carnegie, Jones, Lopez and Milton

Nays: None

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EDUCATION PRESENTATION: Lt. Matthew Kreft.

- The LPD cadet program targets 17-23 year olds wanting to be a police officer. This is a paid position while completing their college education prior to entering the police academy.
- In 2017 LPD hired 11 cadets who progressed into police officer positions.
- Many police officers have been part of the LPD Police Explorers, Cadet, and Recruit programs. These programs have been nationally recognized as the “LPD Farm System” of recruiting and hiring.
- The cadets are mainly located in Central Records. Last month they recorded: authored >110 reports, handled over 300 FOIA requests and received over 600 phone calls. The work they do is vital for their learning experience and saves the department approximately \$53,000 per year handling tasks instead of a sworn officer.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Chief Ellery Sosebee

- Chief welcomed Commissioner Damon Milton to the Board and looks forward in working with him.
- Hiring: LPD has hired 4 police officers and they are currently in the FTO program.
- Initiating standard traffic stop greetings: Officers will be trained in using a standardized greeting during traffic stops.
- The LPD Independent Review was completed and distributed to all commissioners. This will be on the agenda to be discussed next month.
- Business cards for school district has been designed and is currently in draft. Officers will eventually receive training on this.
- The tri-fold pamphlet for Lansing School District is current being revised. A meeting will be scheduled with each principal to discuss the pamphlet.
- Department monthly reports will include a section on the types of monthly trainings.
- The department will eventually switch back to using “Capital City’s Finest” phrase. The Community Service Unit will continue to use “Neighborhood Strong” for their specific unit.
- The Public Arrest Reports are being added to the Transparency page of the LPD website on a weekly basis.
- Regarding the Everett incident which occurred this morning (9/21/2021). No shots were fired. After receiving information of a student possibly in possession of a gun, the school went into hard lockdown. One student was arrested for possession of a gun. After a thorough search, the school was cleared and school resumed. LSD and LPD both acted appropriately in handling the incident.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Carnegie

- Discussion was to be on the Mayor’s Racial Justice and Equity Alliance report however not all the report has been read.

LEGAL AND ADVISOR REPORT: Assistant City Attorney Mary Bowen

- No legal updates.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT: No reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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CORRESPONDANCE SENT AND RECEIVED: A thank you card was distributed. Vice Chair Jones asked for a motion to be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried by Commissioner Brewster and seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Yeas: Commission Members: Brewster, Carnegie, Jones, Lopez, and Milton.
Nays: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Moved by Vice Chair Jones to accept and place on file. Motion carried by Commissioner Brewster and 2nd by Commissioner Carnegie.

Yeas: Commission Members: Brewster, Carnegie, Jones, Lopez, and Milton
Nays: None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Budget Committee: Commissioner Carnegie – He met with the Budget Department on Monday to establish a format for FY23 planning. Will establish dates to meet with Chief Sosebee, Vice Chair Jones on the budget. Sometime before December the books should be distributed by Budget for review and FY23 planning.
- Government/Community Liaison Committee: Commissioner Lopez – Met with City Council Peter Spadafore and Jeremy Garza to discuss communications with the Board and City Council now and future. Also talked on LPD policy changes, talks with union negotiations. Discussion also surrounded meeting locations. Garza invited the Commission to attend the Public Safety Committee meetings to give quarterly reports. A meeting is scheduled on Sept 27th with Mayor Schor and Commissioner Farhat.
- Awards & Incentives Committee: No updates.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Board Policies and Rules: The policy Less Lethal Weapons was distributed to the committee for review.
- Complaint Committee: Chair Farhat provided an updated prior to this meeting. The committee will be meeting with Lt. Osborn and Sgt. Hughett on September 30th.
- Recruitment and Hiring Committee: The committee is trying to schedule a meeting with Human Resources.

Commission Investigator Delvata Moses:

- 15 complaints were received, 5 were formal and 10 informal. 8 were investigated and closed. 3 are with Internal Affairs and 5 had no policy violations.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Lopez: No comment.
- Commissioner Brewster: Thanked Lt. Kreft for his presentation on the cadet program.
- Commissioner Carnegie: Welcomed Commissioner Milton to the Board. Asked for Administrative policy 200.04 to be reviewed and revised.
- Commissioner Jones: Welcomed Commissioner Milton to the Board. No other comments.
- Commissioner Milton: No comment.

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OTHER BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Daniel Arnold - Appreciates LPD and wants to be the bridge to work with the public and LPD. Spoke on Healing Hearts and asked for the end of violence in the city. He understands the shortage of police officers and encourages citizens to become officers. Appreciates the work done to clean up area around Auto Zone of drug and needle debris.
- Dianne Shorter – She has purchased a house on S. Francis and commends how the police responded and handled a recent breaking and entering incident.
- John Morin – Made reference to a phone call with CI Moses regarding past incidents he experienced (previously shared at Board Meetings). Mr. Morin remains discouraged on how LPD handled his incidents from 2015 and 2016 and stated he will not pay his tax bills in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chair Jones concluded by thanking everyone. Jones moved that the board meeting be adjourned. Motion to adjourn placed by Commissioner Lopez and 2nd by Commissioner Brewster.

Yeas: Commission Members: Brewster, Carnegie, Jones, Lopez, and Milton.

Nays: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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

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