



Lansing Police Department

Board of Police Commissioners

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABESENT	PUBLIC and GUESTS PRESENT
Chairperson, Drew Macon	Commissioner Robert Noordhoek	Linda Sanchez-Gazella, HR Director
Commissioner Julee Rodocker		Mike Yankowski, Chief of Police
Vice-Chairperson Sandra Kowalk-Thompson		Amanda O'Boyle, City Attorney's Office
Commissioner Patty Farhat		Bernard Brantley, Commission Investigator
Commissioner William Renfrew		Michael Yankowski, Chief of Police
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie		Michelle Reddish, Admin. Specialist II
Commissioner Kecia Coats		Laura M. Ray, ACLU Researcher, 1601 Lyons Avenue, Lansing, MI 48910
		Harold Leeman, Lansing, MI

CALL TO ORDER

After establishing a quorum, Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Carnegie.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Laura Ray stated she works for the ACLU as a Research person and she wants to become familiar with the Board of Police Commissioners.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members reviewed the September 18th, 2018, Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Renfrew to approve the September 18th, 2018, Meeting Minutes; supported by Commissioner Farhat; motion approved unanimously.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION – Chief Yankowski spoke about Coplogic. Coplogic is a system the department began using in 2011. It is an online reporting system that gives the public another option to file a police report. Chief Yankowski walked board members through how to file a report online.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT by Chief Mike Yankowski

- The FBI 2017 crime statistics are in. Violent crime is down by -1.5%, property crimes are up by +7%. In 2018 January – August 31 violent crime is down by -14%, Property Crimes are down by -10% and overall crime is down by -11%.
- Detective Darren Blount retired, Lead Detention Officer Robert Davis retired, Lieutenant Hung Tran retired, Officer Beth Frazier was promoted to Sergeant, Sergeant Justin Moore was promoted to Lieutenant and Hazel Bethea celebrated 20 years of volunteer service to the department. A promotional/retirement ceremony will be held on October 24th, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.
- Public Safety Partnership – Lansing is the fourth Michigan city to participate in the Public Safety Partnership. Because of the good work Lansing has done the FBI asked the department to present the "Lansing Model" at the Public Safety Partnership Conference.
- The NC4 product is close to be utilized providing real time information.

- The AXON fleet program is on track.
- 911 will be replacing the radios at a cost of \$30M. A surcharge proposal will be on the ballot in November.
- Extra resources have been provided to the Youth Football games at Willard Walker Stadium.
- The use of E-Scooters in the City of Lansing is being reviewed.
- Medical marijuana use is still being reviewed.
- LPD has been busy participating in many events. Upcoming events are Trick-or-Treat on the Square and Silver Bells in the City.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT – Amanda O’Boyle, Assistant City Attorney

Amanda O’Boyle said there were no significant updates.

HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON REPORT – Bernard Brantley, Commission Investigator

- Mobile Food Pantry will be at Friendship Baptist Church on October 20th, 2018.
- Downtown Lansing is still experiencing trouble with panhandlers.
- Cristo Rey celebrated its 50th Anniversary
- Landlord Summit – 55 landlords are scheduled to attend
- Teen Challenge is officially closed.
- Holy Cross officially is now the VOA.
- Three sites are being looked at for homelessness encampments.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Director Linda Sanchez-Gazella

- One Detention Officer began on October 15th, 2018.
- Two Police Technicians were hired on October 8th, 2018.
- Six Recruit backgrounds are in the review phase.
- POI Certified/Certifiable is open until October 26th, 2018.
- Interviews are being held November 6, 8, and 9.
- The Social Worker position is posted.
- Crime Research Analyst applications are being screened.
- Ten applications have been submitted for the Budget Control Supervisor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED

Commissioner Renfrew made a motion to receive and place on file correspondence for the month of September; supported by Commissioner Farhat; motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Renfrew made a motion to receive and place on file department reports for the month September; supported by Commissioner Farhat; motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Government/Community Liaison Committee – Chief Yankowski has been busy, she thanked him for the work he puts into the promotion/retirement ceremony.
- Awards & Incentives Committee – None.
- Budget Committee – Commissioner Carnegie passed out an outline of the budget process. He stated he met with Jim DeLine, Budget Controller who is working in the right direction.
- Recruitment/Hiring Task Force – Chairperson Macon stated he met three weeks ago with the HR Director and they are working on finalizing the Commission Investigator’s job description.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

- Commissioner Renfrew is proud of the department for being asked to participate in the Public Safety Partnership presentation and he is proud of the work Chief Yankowski is doing.

- Commissioner Coats apologized for not being able to attend last month's meeting. She has a meeting scheduled with Andrea Crawford to discuss her presentation she gave to the board at the September meeting. She attended an event put on by MI-MI.
- Chairperson Macon thanked Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson for handling the meeting in his absence and he apologized for being late to the meeting.
- Commissioner Rodocker thanked Officer Julie Thomas for attending the Forest View Neighborhood meeting. She attended the NAACP event and the Police Advisory Board meeting on October 2nd, 2018. The Board welcomes any board member that wants to attend. She also attended the 50th anniversary of Cristo Rey.
- Commissioner Carnegie stated Director Crawford gave an outstanding presentation. He thanked Director Sanchez-Gazella for sending Kesha McKitty to last month's board meeting. He stated she did an excellent job in her absence. He believes the Chief is giving a lot to the human aspect of policing and he thanked him. He also believes the public respect is growing.
- Commissioner Farhat thanked Chief Yankowski for Officer Kasha Osborn remaining in her Community Services role.
- Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson stated 90% of crimes being solved by the department is outstanding and the VCI Initiative is good police work.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carried unanimously.