



Lansing Police Department

Board of Police Commissioners

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, September 18th, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABESENT	PUBLIC and GUESTS PRESENT
Chairperson, Drew Macon	Commissioner Kecia Coats	Michelle Reddish, Recording Secretary
Commissioner Julee Rodocker	Vice-Chairperson, Sandra Kowalk-Thompson	Mike Yankowski, Chief of Police
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek		Lisa Hagen, City Attorney's Office
Commissioner Patty Farhat		Andrea Crawford, Dept. of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement
Commissioner William Renfrew		Michael Yankowski, Chief of Police
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie		Michelle Reddish, Admin. Specialist II

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Noordhoek.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members reviewed the August 21st, 2018, Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Noordhoek to approve the August 21st, 2018, Meeting Minutes; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion approved unanimously.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION – Director Andrea Crawford of the Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement gave the Educational Presentation. She explained her department connects Lansing residents with City services. She does not have a large staff so she utilizes other departments' staff which creates a collaborative effort among City employees. Question and answer took place after the presentation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT by Chief Mike Yankowski

- Update regarding the criminal investigation at Eastern High School regarding former School Resource Officer, Priebe. Michigan State Police is conducting a criminal investigation. Internal Affairs will also conduct an investigation. The officer resigned on June 22nd, 2018.
- Attended the Chief Forum on August 25th, 2018.
- 911 Ceremony was held.
- Primefest took place at Riverfront Park.
- Old Town has many festivals coming up.
- Over 500 overtime hours were spent in Sectors 3 and 4 to address neighborhood complaints.
- Crime Statistics show homicides went from 10% in 2017 to 4 % in 2018, violent crimes were reduced by -13%, robberies were reduced by -40%, petty crimes were reduced by -15% with an overall reduction in crime at -17%. Non-fatal shootings also down. Heroin overdoses increased by 20%.
- Sitting on a panel for the Public Safety Partnership.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT – Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney

Assistant City Attorney, Lisa Hagen reported there were no significant updates.

HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON REPORT – Director Dr. Joan Jackson-Johnson

Nothing reported, not present.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Director Linda Sanchez-Gazella

- Chief Yankowski reported that Detective Darren Blount retired with a duty disability.
- The Capital City Labor Program Supervisory Contract expires in 2019. Many employees are considering retirement.
- Cadet interviews are being held this week.
- Ten individuals should be going to the Academy in June, 2019.
- Passed out Director's report for board members to review.
- There are several positions open.
- The Human Resources Department is busy with Lansing Police Department. The second process is taking place to fill three Detention Officer vacancies.
- There is one vacancy and one is expected in the future for Police Technicians which will be going through a second hiring process.
- Police Recruit applications have been screened for 2019.
- POI Certified/Certifiable applications have been screened and interviews are scheduled for 8/28 and 8/28/18.
- Police Cadets are being interviewed on 9/17 and 9/21/18.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Government/Community Liaison Committee – None. Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson attended the 911 Ceremony.
- Awards & Incentives Committee – None
- Budget Committee – None
- Recruitment/Hiring Task Force – Chairperson Macon stated he will be meeting with Director Sanchez-Gazella to work on Bernard Brantley's position.
- Complaint Committee Commissioner Farhat stated the Committee will be meeting in October.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- Commissioner Rodocker attended the third annual Strengthen Relationships Between Law Enforcement and the Community at Michigan State University. She stated it was a great learning experience.
- Commissioner Farhat stated the meeting with Andrea Crawford and the Neighborhood Watch Advisory Board in regards to Grants was very helpful. The next Neighborhood Watch Coordinator's meeting will be held at the SWOC.
- Commissioner Renfrew stated he appreciates Chief Yankowski keeping everyone up-to-date.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Chairperson Macon to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.; supported by Commissioner Noordhoek; motion carried unanimously.