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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF TUESDAY, April 18th, 2017

Gier Community Center
2400 Hall Street
Lansing, Michigan

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Drew Macon, Chairperson
Commissioner Sandra Kowalk-Thompson, Vice-Chairperson
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek, Member
Secretary
Commissioner William Renfrew, Member
Commissioner Patty Farhat, Member
Commissioner Kecia Coats, Member
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Captain Cherie Ballor
Lieutenant Rodney Anderson
Michelle Reddish, Recording

Mary Riley, HR Director
Mark Dotson, City Attorney's Office

CALL TO ORDER - After establishing a quorum, Chairperson Macon welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Commissioner Noordhoek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None, no public present.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Board reviewed the Meeting Minutes for March 21st, 2017. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for March by Commissioner Noordhoek; supported by Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson, Vice-Chairperson; approved unanimously.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION - Lieutenant Rodney Anderson spoke regarding the G.R.E.A.T. Program. He gave board members an overview of upcoming events for the Spring and Summer and passed out an Events schedule for the Youth Leadership Academy. The team is launching a multi-media campaign advertising the Youth Leadership Academy. There are a number of initiatives this year, such as, a Public Safety Aviation Experience being held on June 20. This will include many interactive activities and competitive games. There are also many new partners this year.

Lieutenant Anderson stated Sergeant Katie Diehl is one of the longest standing G.R.E.A.T. Officers on the team and she does a fantastic job. She is in the process of planning the first after school G.R.E.A.T. Program at Mid-Michigan Academy. The recruitment for G.R.E.A.T. Officers begins May 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Commissioner Macon, Chairperson stated Lieutenant Rodney Anderson is doing a great job leading the team.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT from Captain Cherie Ballor on behalf of Chief Mike Yankowski

- Homicides 2017 YTD 6 compared to 2 at this point in 2016
- Clearance Rates 2017 6 (86%) 2016 8 (86%) 2015 9 (77%)
- LPD Crime Fighting Plan, MSP Secure Cities Partnership will be announced on April 24th. More information will be reported by Chief Yankowski next week.
- Immigrations Issues: A policy/procedure is being worked on regarding the Mayor's Executive Order. Officers are not asking subjects about their Immigration Status.
- Retirement Scott Polhemus
- Retirement K-9 Chase (Szczesny)
- Early Retirement Tony Beattie (April 28th)

Hiring Updates

- Promotion Ceremony April 12th Detectives Darren Blount and Martha McGonagall
- PO1 (4) hope to start on May 22nd
- Detention (3) in background
- Chief attended a National PERF Heroin meeting in NYC on April 6th
- Problem not getting better as numbers continue to rise. However, the department and Ingham County remain ahead of the curve.
- Next step is more community education, outreach, rapid response teams and treatment.
- Chief Yankowski and Captain Ballor attended the Kellogg Foundation "Truth Racial Healing and Transformation" event on Saturday, March 25th, 1-3 p.m., at Union Missionary Baptist Church.
- Captain Darin Southworth was named the Capital Area United Way Lifetime Volunteer of the Year for his work with the Special Olympics.

Upcoming Events

- April 27th - Lansing PROMISE Event
- April 27th - Neighborhood Watch Annual Coordinators Event
- April 26th - ALPACT
- May 2nd - MI COPS
- May 3rd - LPD Advisory Board Student Recognition Program
- May 10th - LPD Awards Ceremony

LEGAL UPDATE– Mark Dotson

- Medical Marijuana is still in the drafting stage.
- Sanctuary City Ordinance is no longer in place and policies are being worked on.
- He has given notice that he will be leaving employment with the City of Lansing.

HUMAN RELATIONS & COMMUNITY SERVICES - Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson - No Report, not present.

HUMAN RESOURCES - DIRECTOR MARY RILEY

- There are four new hires pending approval. They are scheduled to begin work on May 22, 2017, pending approval.
- The Police Officer Recruit Sponsorship process begins on May 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- The Records Data Systems Administrator position has been posted.
- Another POI Process will begin sometime after the Recruit process is finished.
- Secretary 26 position in SOS is being worked on.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE - No comment, no representative was present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED - Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson, Vice-Chairperson made a motion to receive and place on file correspondence for the month of March; supported by Commissioner Drew Macon, Chairperson; carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson, Vice-Chairperson made a motion to receive and place on file department reports for the month of March; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Gov't/Community Liaison Committee - Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson, Vice Chairperson stated that she is looking forward to the Lugnuts Game next month. She stated the Awards process was wonderful and working with Captain Darin Southworth was great.
- Awards & Incentives Committee - None, Commissioner Sanchez-Gazella was not present.
- Budget Committee - None, Commissioner Carnegie left the meeting before Board Reports. Michelle Reddish stated the department's budget will be heard before City Council on Monday, April 24th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
- Recruitment / Hiring Task Force: - No report.

- Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Board Rules - The committee is waiting on a policy regarding the Mayor's Executive Order regarding Sanctuary City.
- Complaint Committee - Meeting on 5/31/17.
- Commission Investigator Report - None, Commission Investigator Brantley was not present.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson, Vice Chairperson congratulated Captain Darin Southworth on receiving the Capital Area United Way Lifetime Volunteer of the Year award.

Commissioner Noordhoek had no comment.

Commissioner Coats thanked Lieutenant Anderson for is educational presentation. She congratulated Captain Darin Southworth on receiving the Capital Area United Way Lifetime Volunteer of the Year award and for the patrol updates.

Commissioner Farhat stated April 27th, 2017, is the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator's meeting. Sergeant Kevin Schlagel will speak about Violence Awareness.

Commissioner Renfrew stated Lieutenant Anderson's presentation was very good.

Commissioner Macon, Chairperson stated he echoed Commissioner Renfrew's sentiments about Lieutenant Anderson's presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None, no public was present.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.