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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF TUESDAY, January 19th, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Clyde Carnegie
Investigator
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek, Vice Chairperson
Commissioner Bill Renfrew, Member
Commissioner Kecia Coats, Member
Commissioner Sandra Kowalk-Thompson, Member

Commissioner Drew Macon, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Bernard Brantley, Commission

Mike Yankowski, Chief of Police
Kristen Simmons, Legal Advisor
Michelle Reddish, Recording Secretary
Joan Jackson-Johnson

PUBLIC/GUESTS PRESENT - None, no public was present at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER - After establishing a quorum, Chairperson Farhat welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Fahat led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None, there were no additions to the Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Board reviewed the December, 2015, meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek; supported by Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson; approved unanimously. The minutes of the regular meeting of December, 2015, were approved and will be placed on file with the Lansing City Clerk's Office.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION - None, no education presentation at this meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT from Chief Mike Yankowski

- Gave a general wrap-up report for 2015 and spoke about what is ahead for 2016.
- Gave an overview of the officer involved shooting.
- Passed out the Critical Incident Guidelines which is also on the department's website for media and citizens to refer to. Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek asked if officers have been trained and are following the critical incident protocol. Chief Yankowski stated yes, but officers also must follow internal procedures.
- Crime is down 36% and property crimes are down by 54% over a 25-year period. There were two unsolved homicides in 2015.
- Three new officers have been trained for GREAT.
- Starting in 2016 there will be a youth academy with 15 kids participating in a 5-day academy.
- Training and education will begin on several different aspects of law enforcement. Implicit bias training will be conducted for all officers.
- The Citizens Police Academy begins January 28, 2016.
- VCI was very successful in 2015.
- The DDACTS Program will move to Kalamazoo and Pennsylvania. In 2015 there was a 41% reduction in crime.
- In 2015 there was a surge in heroin overdoses. Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Community Mental Health, Human Resources and Community Services, Hospitals and Advocates will be working on this problem in 2016. VOX supplied the department with 120 Narcan's they obtained through a grant. Each Narcan cost \$300 and is good for one use.
- Crisis Intervention will help with mental illness issues. Twenty-five percent of officers will be trained in how to deescalate situations.

- Community policing will be retooled. There will be nine officers and a command officer. The command officer will oversee the Neighborhood Watch, School Resource and Community Policing officers.
- LPD is expanding community partnerships and youth programs and will be holding quarterly community forums.
- There are 14 vacancies.
- Drug testing will begin in February along with mandatory physical agility testing.
- Captain Daryl Green is leaving for a one year military assignment. There was a goodbye ceremony held on January 22, 2016.

LEGAL ADVISOR UPDATE from Kristen Simmons - Kristen stated Mr. Burke from the City Attorney's office has been deployed. He will be serving in Lansing for up to two years. Someone will fill in during his absence on a temporary basis. A new Deputy City Attorney has been hired. He will handle much of the transactional work in their department. The law suit involving Mark Dodson will be kept in-house and the other case will be sent to Foster and Swift. She will be the liaison.

HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON REPORT from BERNARD BRANTLEY FOR DR. JOAN JACKSON-JOHNSON

- HRCS held the 36th Annual MLK Celebration.
- The mobile food pantry took place at Tabernacle of David Church.
- On 12/29/2015 Feed the Kids was held. Meijers prepared the food boxes.
- Cold weather concerns continue to be addressed by her staff.
- Mayor Bernero asked her to address homeless veterans which her department continues to work on.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Body Cameras and Meeting Locations

1. Meeting Locations: Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson stated, at the last meeting she distributed a proposed timeline for four board meetings to be held in the community. She suggested the first meeting be held at the Foster Community Center. She proposed that at least two meetings per year be held in the public. Discussion ensued as to how many meetings a year to hold at community locations. Commissioner Coats suggested holding the meetings at the four fire stations and Commissioner Macon suggested holding at least two a year. Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson stated two could be held at community locations and the third would be held at the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitor's Bureau before the yearly Lugnuts Game board members attend. Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson will contact the Parks and Recreation to see when it is available within the first five months of the year. A motion was made by Commissioner Macon to hold one meeting at the Foster Community Center, one meeting at the Southside Community Center and one meeting at the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitor's Bureau. The Board also discussed holding a meet and greet with the new Lansing City Councilmembers at the beginning of the February, 2016, meeting. All Councilmembers should be invited. Commissioner Macon made a motion to hold the meetings at the community locations designated about along with invited the City Councilmembers to the February meeting; seconded by Commission Renfrew; carried unanimously.
2. Body Cameras: Chief Yankowski asked board members if they had any comments regarding the body worn camera policy. There was no discussion. Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek made a motion to approve the procedure; seconded by Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson; supported unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED - Commissioner Kowalk-Thomson made a motion to receive and place on file correspondence for the month of December; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; carried unanimously.

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Gov't/Community Liaison Committee - Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson suggested holding a meet and greet during the February Board meeting with Lansing City Councilmembers. (See discussion above).
- Awards & Incentives Committee - Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek stated the awards committee will be meeting on May 4th and will also meet later this month to review the nomination forms.
- Budget Committee - Commissioner Carnegie stated he visited with the Budget Controller to find out where the budget was. He reported that the budget process is moving forward and the committee will be meeting to review the budget information.

- Recruitment / Hiring Task Force: - Commissioner Macon stated he will have a committee meeting to discuss what information he received from other agencies in regards to hiring. He would also like to hold a meeting with the new HR Director.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Board Rules - None.
- Complaint Committee - Chairperson Farhat stated the committee would be meeting next week.
 1. Commission Investigator Report - None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek - No comment.

Commissioner Coats: She is looking forward to attending the Citizens Police Academy, later this month along with Commissioner Sanchez-Gazella. She also attended the MLK Celebration on January 15th, 2016, the MLK Luncheon on January 18th, 2016, Captain Green's Goodbye Celebration and the Endowment Fund event at MSU on January 18th, 2016. Commissioner Renfrew stated he is ready to go for 2016. He liked Chief Yankowski's report and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Macon thanked Chief Yankowski for handling the press conference in regards to the shooting.

Commissioner Carnegie thanked Chief Yankowski for the document he presented showing an overview of 2015. He also

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., at the Headquarters Bldg, 2nd Floor Alexander Lang Conference Room. (Note: *The meet and greet with Councilmembers begins at 5:30.*)

thanked him for setting the tone for this organization and for becoming more knowledgeable with the national work that is being done in law enforcement. He attended the MLK Luncheon and he was very impressed by the diversity of individuals thanking Chief Yankowski for his work and how he responded. He thanked him for his openness and transparency in the community.

Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson stated Chief Yankowski for submitting an excellent document and she appreciated his informative overview. She stated his communication within the department and to the Commissioners is outstanding. She attended the funeral of Lt. Tran's wife.

Chairperson Farhat stated she and Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek went to the funeral home for Lt. Tran's wife also.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.