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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF TUESDAY, January 17th, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Drew Macon, Chairperson
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek, Member
Secretary
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie, Member
Resources
Commissioner Patty Farhat, Member
Commissioner Sandra Kowalk-Thompson, Vice-Chairperson
Attorney's Office
Commissioner Kecia Coats, Member
Commissioner Linda Sanchez-Gazella, Member
Commissioner William Renfrew, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Yankowski, Chief of Police
Michelle Reddish, Recording

Mary Riley, Director of Human

Billie J. O'Berry, City Attorney's Office
Brandon Waddell, City

PUBLIC/GUESTS PRESENT - No public present.

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

Chief Mike Yankowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - Chief Yankowski stated that Joan Jackson-Johnson and Bernard Brantley would not be present.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Board reviewed the Meeting Minutes for December 20th, 2016. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for December 20th, 2016, by Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson; supported by Commissioner Noordhoek; approved unanimously.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION - Walter Doherty from the Electronic Equipment Maintenance Unit gave a presentation in regards to body cameras. He discussed how they work and informed board members of the benefits to the officers and the public. There are, currently, 158 body cameras that are available, 130 of which are in use. Walter answered board members questions and showed an example of a recorded video.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT from Chief Mike Yankowski

- A Promotion Ceremony was held for Captain Cherie Ballor. There are now four Captains and eight Lieutenants.
- Captain Daryl Green is scheduled to be back to work on February 13th, 2017.
- Officer Brian Whitsitt retired after 22 years of service and one employee resigned from the Field Training Officer Program.
- There are four individuals in the police academy which began January 9th, 2017. They are being sponsored by the Lansing Police Department.
- Officer Steven Brooks was hired.
- There are no police officer vacancies, at this time.
- Abby Vanderlaan will be leaving the department for another job.
- There are 19 marked cars that were replaced in 2016 with Ford Explorers.
- Chief Yankowski stated he sits on multiple task forces that address the heroine epidemic. He gave a comparison of heroin overdose fatalities in 2015 and 2016.
- A TRUTH - Truth Racial Healing and Transformation program is being held, tonight, as it is the national day of healing. This event will be held at the Lansing Center.

- Chief Yankowski stated he was contacted in by the State of Michigan to serve on the MCOLES Board for hiring and the Mental Health Review Team for Kevin's Law.
- The first Blue Courage Training took place on January 11th and 12th, 2017. Howard Powers conducted the training with LPD Trainers.
- The Citizens' Police Academy began on January 12th, 2017.
- Lieutenant Rodney Anderson organized a gift donation to the Sparrow Pediatric Center over Christmas.
- Old Newsboys raised record sales of \$181,000.
- Attended the Martin Luther King, Jr., event at the Lansing Center.
- A flyer was passed out regarding the Community Service Unit workshop for Neighborhood and Business Watches.
- Chief Yankowski shared a story about a couple of officers who helped a citizen after a check welfare call.

LEGAL UPDATE— Billie J. O'Berry - Billie J. O'Berry introduced Brandon Waddell a new City Attorney. Brandon gave a short bio of himself. Mark Dotson remains the legal advisor to the board and Brandon will fill in when he can't be present. A new Neighborhood Specialist was hired.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES - DIRECTOR MARY RILEY

- The Police Officer positions are all filled. The position is still posted and they will continue to recruit.
- The HR Department is working on filling the civilian positions.
- The Applicant Tracking System is being used and there was a 64% increase overall in City hires in 2016 for permanent employees.
- Chairperson Macon thanked Mary Riley for her hard work in filling open positions in the department.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

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

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Gov't/Community Liaison Committee - Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson thanked the department for her ticket to the MLK Luncheon. She thanked the City of Lansing for their assistance in scheduled the 2017 away meetings.
- Awards & Incentives Committee - There is a meeting scheduled at the Operation's Center on January 26th, 2017.
- Budget Committee - Commissioner Carnegie - No report.
- Recruitment / Hiring Task Force: - Chairperson Macon stated Director Riley covered the updates in her report.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Board Rules - No Report.
- Complaint Committee - Chairperson Farhat stated the Committee will be meeting on January 18th, 2017.
- Commission Investigator Report - No Report (Not Present).

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson welcomed Brandon Waddell and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Farhat wished everyone a Happy New Year and encouraged board members to attend the Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch workshop.

Commissioner Coats stated she attended the MLK Luncheon which was a great event. She congratulated the new hires and retirees and thanked them for their service to the Lansing community.

Commissioner Sanchez-Gazella wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed Brandon Waddell. She thanked Director Riley for her work with the department.

Commissioner Renfrew stated he learned a lot during the Education Presentation and he likes the way the department is progressing.

Chairperson Macon wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the board members for their work in 2016.

Commissioner Noordhoek stated he is very pleased with Director Riley's interaction and communication with Chief Yankowski to get people hired.

PUBLIC COMMENT - No comment. No public present.

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