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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF TUESDAY, June 21st, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Patty Farhat, Chairperson
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek, Vice Chairperson
Investigator
Commissioner Bill Renfrew, Member
Commissioner Kecia Coats, Member
Commissioner Sandra Kowalk-Thompson, Member
Commissioner Drew Macon, Member
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie, Member
Commissioner Linda Sanchez-Gazella

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Yankowski, Chief of Police
Bernard Brantley, Commission

Kristen Simmons, Legal Advisor
Michelle Reddish, Recording Secretary
Joan Jackson Johnson, HRCS Director

PUBLIC/GUESTS PRESENT - Griffin Rivers, 3863 Waverly Hills, Lansing, MI 48917

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

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 May, 2016, meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the May Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; approved unanimously. The minutes of the regular meeting of May, 2016, were approved and will be placed on file with the Lansing City Clerk's Office.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION - None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT from Chief Mike Yankowski

- A presentation was made regarding the EMATS Data Analysis for years 2015-16 by Dr. David L. Carter, Ph.D. and Joseph Schafer, Ph.D. The analysis found that LPD is still ahead of the curve compared to other agencies around the country. The Internal Affairs documentation is also ahead of the curve. The report can be viewed on the Lansing Police Department website. The research showed, overall, LPD is stable and there is no problematic behavior from LPD officers in regards to who and how officers are making stops. Commissioner Carnegie stated Chief Yankowski's leadership has been excellent. Lansing can celebrate that racial profiling isn't happening here.
- CPO's are working ten hour shifts beginning June 30, 2016. There will be a CPO Picnic introducing the new CPO's which will be held at Baker/Donora Park. The Potter-Walsh CPO position will be filled at a later time.
- A retirement/promotion ceremony was held on May 28, 2016.
- In July there will be another recognition, retirement, and promotion ceremony. When the date is determined, notice will be sent to board members.
- Craig Anderson, Crime Analyst will be retiring on July 25, 2016.
- Desirae Kelley-Kato, former CARE Coordinator was hired as the HRCS Deputy Director by Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.
- Three police officers have been hired and began working on June 6, 2016.
- There are eight certified/certifiable candidates in the background stage of the hiring process. Thirteen sponsorships are up for hire and a detention officer hiring process was conducted that is now in the background stage. Budget Control Supervisor, Detention Officers, Radio Technician, Cadet Program, Clerical Staff and Crime Analyst positions are up for hire.
- Several photos involving LPD's engagement with the community were circulated for board members to view.

- The Police and Fire Youth Academy was held.
- A bank robbery took place that occurred in Eaton County. The department led the command side of the pursuit.
- Homeland Security gave the department an award for work in a narcotics trafficking investigation.
- Training took place by MCOLES for Blue Courage Professional Policing. A pilot will be held on July 13, 2016, hosted by the department to expose law enforcement agencies to this training.
- Members of the clergy forum participated in deadly force training.
- Bi-monthly meetings with ALPAC will begin.
- Police and Community Leaders Building Trust training was held.
- The budget was revised to include ten SUV Explorers, a CSI Van, and a refurbished Tactical Rescue vehicle at half the cost.
- The body camera project is progressing.
- A JAG Grant will be submitted.
- Redstone submitted some numbers of a stand-alone facility in regards to the facilities project.
- Attended PERF training sessions in New York.
- Command staff training will begin.
- A dedication ceremony for police and fire was held. A video was discovered about policing in the 40's and 50's and it is being edited for viewing.

LEGAL UPDATE - KRISTEN SIMMONS

- A City Attorney will be returning July 1, 2016.
- Hiring will take place in the future.
- Body Cams have been very helpful to prosecutors in court. Kristen stated she and Mark Dotson will get trained regarding body cameras soon.
- The amount of FOIA's being requested, in terms of body camera videos, are manageable.
- There are four cases involving LPD that are active, two inside and two outside.

HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON REPORT from JOAN JACKSON JOHNSON

- The Mobile Food Pantry was this held at Plymouth Church.
- Approximately 350 family food boxes were passed out.
- HRCS had a contract with Listening Ear and as a result of recent events, background checks will be conducted on all non-profit agencies the City does business with.
- CMH made a number of cuts and VOA is also making cuts. There are four VOA staff members working in the HRCS department. All but one of the VOA personnel will be cut.
- Veterans Stand Down and Community Connect events were combined together.
- The 2015 Homeless report was sent out.
- On 8/22/16 Kids Connect will be held.
- The Olds Newsboys Program is coming back to HRCS for 2016, in honor of Dick Letts, the founder.
- Desirae Kelley-Kato was hired as the HRCS Deputy Director.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

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

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Gov't/Community Liaison Committee - Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson stated she and Commissioner Macon spoke with Mayor Bernero and he is very happy to learn that the board will be holding some of their meetings in the community. The Mayor will send out a press release making the public aware of the upcoming meeting in August which will be held at the AFL-CIO offices.
- Awards & Incentives Committee - No Report.

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- Budget Committee - No Report.
- Recruitment / Hiring Task Force: - No Report
- Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Board Rules - Procedures and Policies regarding the board are being reviewed.
- Complaint Committee - The committee will meet in the near future.
 - A. Commission Investigator Report - None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Sanchez-Gazella - No comment.

Commissioner Macon - He is representing the department by teaching a pilot for the G.R.E.A.T Program.

Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson - Two kids from the Boys and Girls Club went through the Police and Fire Academy. She thanked LPD personnel for their assistance with the bank robbery.

Commissioner Coats - She commended the department for the work everyone does and thanked officers that are out in the community attended various events.

Commissioner Renfrew - He is excited about the MATS Report and enjoyed reading and learning from it.

Commissioner Carnegie - He commended Chief Yankowski on the outstanding presentation he gave regarding the MATS Report. He stated the department always does an outstanding job over the 4th of July and is looking forward to this year's activities.

Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek - He thanked Chief Yankowski for leading ALPAC, keeping the board informed, and for showing the officers appreciation for the job they do.

Chairperson Farhat - She thanked Chief Yankowski and the Mayor for the Love Lansing event held on May 18, 2016. Commissioner Farhat stated she thanked everyone for their help during her tenure as Chair and Commissioner Noordhoek's as Vice-Chair. She especially wished to thank Vice-Chairman Bob for everything he did to make her Chairmanship so much easier. She gave a shout out to the Chief Yankowski for his dedication and hard work, making LPD the home of the best and brightest. Chief Yankowski made our jobs easier by never failing to keep them updated on important and time-sensitive issues. Without his efficient Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant Michelle, I'm sure his life would be much less organized. She, by far, has our best interest, and that of LPD, at heart and never ceases to amaze me. It's a real pleasure knowing and working with all of the Commissioners along with the Chief, Dr. J, Kristen, Bernie and Michelle. God Bless you all.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS - Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek reminded board members about the email he sent out several weeks ago, announcing that due to the fact that his current schedule will not allow him to commit the time necessary to carry out the duties of Chairperson with the proper dedication, he will not seek the Chairmanship of the Board for the next two years. However, he emphasized that he will still continue to play an active role on the Board during the next four years. Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek made a motion to nominate Commissioner Macon to serve as Chairperson, no other nominations were made. The nomination was accepted by Commissioner Macon; supported by Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson; carried unanimously. Commissioner Farhat made a motion and to nominate Sandra Kowalk-Thompson to serve as Vice-Chairperson, no other nominations were made. The nomination was accepted by Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson; supported by Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek; carried unanimously. No other

After discussion by board members, it was agreed the August, 2016, meeting will be held at the AFL-CIO. Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek asked that Mayor Bernero let the public know in his upcoming press release about board meetings being held in the community.

Chairperson Farhat made a motion to approve the 2015 Annual Report; seconded by Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek; unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Griffin Rivers had no comment.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.