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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF TUESDAY, November 15th, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Drew Macon, Chairperson
Instructor
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek, Member
Investigator
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie, Member
Commissioner Bill Renfrew, Member
Commissioner Kecia Coats, Member
Commissioner Patty Farhat, Member

Relations

Commissioner Linda Sanchez-Gazella, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sgt. Paul Beasinger, Defensive Tactics

Bernard Brantley, Commission

Mike Yankowski, Chief of Police

Billie O'Berry, City Attorney Office

Cherie Ballor, Recording Minutes

Dr. Joan Jackson-Johnson- Human

Mary Riley - Human Resources

PUBLIC/GUESTS PRESENT -

Peter Hochstedler, 307 North Foster Avenue, Lansing, MI 48912.

CALL TO ORDER - After establishing a quorum, Chairperson Macon welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Chairperson Macon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS -

Peter Hochstedler read a letter to Chief Yankowski regarding undocumented residents of Lansing. (See attached).

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - Chairperson presented a Resolution for the recommendation of hiring two Police Officer I Certified/Certifiable Candidates. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended by Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek; supported by Commissioner Farhat; approved unanimously. The resolution will be forwarded to the Mayor's Office. (See attached).

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Board reviewed the October 2016, meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended by Vice-Chairperson Noordhoek; supported by Commissioner Carnegie; approved unanimously.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION -

Sergeant Paul Beasinger is Defensive Tactics Instructor. He is currently assigned to Internal Affairs. He provided information on the Body Worn Cameras.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT from Chief Mike Yankowski

- Spoke briefly regarding the letter presented by Peter Hochstedler.
- The millage passed securing funds for Lansing Police Department to maintain services. Thank you to Commissioner Farhat for all her work.
- Retirement of Lieutenant Sue Baylis after 25 years of service and the Sergeant. Kris Doerr and Sergeant Ken Callison were promoted.
- Two New Hires started on November 14, Zackery Johnson and Joesph Bacigal. Both have prior police experience.
- First ALPACT meeting was held on November 4. There were 30 people in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled on November 30 at 1-3.
- The department is participating in the Truth Racial Healing Transformation conference in California sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation. Captain Ballor will be attending along with Toni Young from Human Relations as well as Mayor Bernero.
- The Lansing Police Department will be presenting at the Violent Crime Symposium sponsored by the Department of Justice. A team of nine will be attending from Lansing during the week of Dec 5, 2016.

- The Lansing Police Department is one of 100 agencies participating in open data initiative. The data will be posted on the website. The data will include, Traffic Stops, Critical Incidents, Demographics of Employees and Community Engagement.
- Nov 12 the 9th CPO was assigned to the Potter/Walsh area, Officer Rich Ballor. The 10th CPO will be assigned to Reo/Risdale in the Spring 2017 and will be partnering with the Boys and Girls Club.
- Events: Officers participated in Trick or Treat on the Square, the Boys and Girls Club Burger Dinner, the Hope Scholarship Program and the NAACP Dinner. Also attending the dinner were Commissioners Sanchez-Gazella, Coates, Carnegie and Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson, Special Olympics, Veterans Ceremony where Commissioner Renfrew was recognized for his community service.
- New Hire Recognition is Nov 21 at 6pm at the Operations Center. Twenty-five new employees will be recognized.
- New Officer Training will include trips to Jim Crow Museum, Holocaust Museum and the Dearborn Arab American Museum.
- Nov 18 is the 32nd Annual Silver Bells Parade
- Dec 3 Shop with a Cop
- Dec 8 Old New Boys
- Dec 9 No Senior without Christmas
- Citizens Police Academy is taking applications
- The news will be doing a story on the heroin epidemic including the department's use of Narcan. Chief stated Narcan is a new tool for officers with the additional tool that has been used efficiently is the tourniquet. Officer Beth Frazier used the tourniquet to save a shooting victims life.

LEGAL UPDATE--City Attorney's Office

Billie O'Berry was in attendance filling in for Mark Dotson. The office has three positions open for attorney and an opening for support staff. Hiring processes are underway. Attorneys are expected to be hired by mid-December. If have a question can call her directly 483-4327 or email. The office will also be making contact with Law School to hire externs; they would be starting in January.

HUMAN RELATIONS & COMMUNITY SERVICES - Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson

- Met deadlines for getting families relocated out of the Magnason, 125 people displaced. Officers came to assist when one of the tenants barricaded themselves in the room. Thank you to the officers on how the situation was handled.
- Encampments continue, one on the Southside
- Mobile food pantry is November 18th at the Christ of Nazarene Church
- Kids are fed during Christmas breaks by Connect4Kids'
- Always looking for volunteers to help at the Food pantry

HUMAN RESOURCES - DIRECTOR MARY RILEY

Crime Research Analysis and Police Technician in process

Radio Technician in process

Nine positions open

Continuing process for Certified and Certifiable Recruit to the Academy

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

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

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Gov't/Community Liaison Committee - None
- Awards & Incentives Committee - Commissioner Sanchez Gazella advised the board presented a certificate to Lieutenant Baylis in recognition of her 25 years of service

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- Budget Committee - None
 - Recruitment / Hiring Task Force: - Commissioner Macon and the Committee will be meeting with Director Riley to continue working on this issue.
 - Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Board Rules - Advised Board to review procedures in the packet and advise of any recommendations or changes.
 - Complaint Committee - Chairperson Farhat stated the Committee had a good meeting.
1. Commission Investigator Report - None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Renfrew was appreciative of the Chief Yankowski's report. He was impressed and proud of the jail's new restraints that are used instead of belly chains. Commissioner Renfrew has also been a Chaplain since 1992 along with Commissioner Carnagie who minister in the jail on Sunday.

Commissioner Coats - No comment.

Commissioner Sanchez-Gazella thanked Chief Yankowski for Officers being so active at community events. Thank you to Billie O'Berry and Dr. Jackson-Johnson for their work.

Commissioner Macon thanked Billie O'Berry for putting together the resolution with the names so quickly to be signed. He also thanked Dr. Joan Jackson-Johnson for her efforts.

Commissioner Farhat reminded everyone of the Citizens Police Academy. Silver Bells and Neighborhood Watch will be number 11 this year and for the first time volunteers will be able to watch the parade. She wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Pete Hochstedler spoke of Chief Yankowski having a non-supportive statement of non-hatred.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 20th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Alfreda Schmidt Community Center.