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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Location: Letts Community Center, 1220 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing, MI 48933

The Board of Police Commissioners met in regular session and the meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairperson Jones.

Present: Commission Members: Bitely, Brewster, Jones, and Milton

Also Present: Captain Eric Pratl, Assistant City Attorney Matthew Staples, and Secretary Ruth Grant.

Public attendees: 3

Roll call was taken, and quorum was not present.

Excused Absence: Commissioner Farhat.

Unexcused Absence: Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner McDermitt.

Due to no quorum being present, the absences will be voted for approval at the March Board meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Jones.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Due to no quorum being present, this will be voted for approval at the March Board meeting.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION: Cheryl Rupprecht, Budget Supervisor

- Ms. Rupprecht briefly summarized the submitted budget and answered questions and line items.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Captain Eric Pratl

- In April, LPD will be having a promotional and retirement ceremonies.
- The officer involved in the shooting will be back to duty soon. The investigation of the incident continues with Michigan State Police.
- In March, LPD will be doing a social media push on traffic offenses.

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NEW BUSINESS: None.

LEGAL AND ADVISOR REPORT: Assistant City Attorney Matthew Staples

- No report.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT: Commissioner Sam Brewster

- Crime Research Analyst 34 Status: Top two (2) candidates were sent to background 2/1/2024. Upon clearance, both will be sent for a psychological evaluation.
- Detention Officer 33 Status: One (1) female vacancy, the position was reposted 1/12/2024 (continuous).
- Police Officer Certified/Certifiable: Currently posted on Neogov and accepting applications, screening, and routing to hiring managers for review. 1 Pending new hire, scheduled to start after Police Academy has completed in May 2024.
- Police Recruits (Sponsorship): Posting went live 2/9/2024 and closes on 3/3/2024.
- Police Social Worker: Interviews were conducted and a conditional offer was sent to the recommended candidate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

CORRESPONDANCE SENT AND RECEIVED: None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Due to no quorum being present, vote for approval will be at the March Board meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Budget Committee:** No additional comments after Ms. Rupprecht's report.
- **Government Liaison Committee:** No report.
- **Awards & Incentives Committee:** The committee is reviewing the submitted nominations. May 15th is the scheduled date for the Awards Banquet.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Board Policies and Rules:** No report.
- **Citizen Complaint Oversight Committee:** The committee met. 9 complaints were received: 5 were internal and 4 from the outside. Chair Jones reported that the process of investigating a complaint is sterile and legitimate.
- **Recruitment and Hiring Committee:** See Human Resources report.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Bitely: Hope next month to have quorum at the meeting.
- Commissioner Brewster: The agenda next month should include voting for any required items from tonight's meeting.
- Commissioner Jones: Condolences to the family of a 15-year-old girl tragically taken from an auto accident which occurred in another county.

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- Commissioner Milton: No comment.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Daniel Arnold helped at the police academy recently with scenarios.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Jones concluded by thanking everyone for attending. Meeting ended at 6:09 pm.

Submitted by Ruth Grant, Recording Secretary, Lansing Board of Police Commissioners.

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