# CITY OF DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

#### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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Before Wendy A. Boer, CSR 3505.



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Detroit, Michigan 1 Tuesday, July 3, 2012 2 About 3:10 p.m. 3 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Good afternoon, ladies and 4 5 gentlemen, and welcome to the holiday version of the Board of Police Commissioners meeting. My name is 6 Jerome Warfield, chairman of the Board of Police 7 8 Commissioners. We obviously do not have a quorum today. 9 So, we will be meeting as a committee of one until 10 others may or may not come. We will move forward that way, okay. We'll move forward until other commissioners 11 12 come. We are expecting I know for a fact at least one, 13 maybe two more. And if we do get a quorum, we will go ahead and do some official voting. At this time, I'm 14 15 going to ask if our chaplain for the day -- I'm sorry, 16 your name is not on my sheet. 17 REVEREND MYATT: Myatt. 18 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Reverend Myatt, if you could come and just lead us into our invocation that 19 20 would be great. Thank you, sir. 2.1 REVEREND MYATT: Heavenly Father, we thank 22 you, God, for this day. We come today recognizing that 23 you are the God that has ordained this day. We thank 24 you as we release peace in this room, order and 25 structure. We thank you for all that you do all things



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well. We pray your ble	essings upon our	r commissioners,
upon not only commission	oners but those	who are gathered
in this sacred place.	In Jesus name,	Amen.

CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you, sir. We greatly appreciate that. Again, my name is Jerome Warfield, Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners. Serving with us today from the Chief's office is Deputy Chief Benjamin Lee. Sir, good to see you. I'm going to ask if sitting in for Secretary Anthony, sitting in for him is our attorney, Attorney Celia Banks Washington. I'm going to ask if she can introduce our staff for the day.

ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We have present with us today Dalph Watson, director of police personnel, Lieutenant Timothy Leach who is acting chief investigator. We have Mr. Robert Brown, our office manager. Recording today we have Sergeant Quinn and we have Wendy Boer as our court reporter. And I believe — I don't believe I've missed anybody, sir.

CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you. We will again hold as relates to any voting issues that we have before us, which means voting on past agendas as well as voting on minutes and move straight to the Chairman's report. First of all, again, happy to see you all here. There are a few agenda items that we want to move fairly

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expeditiously through the next few months. I just want
to give you all a heads up of what those agenda items
are. And certainly we will start this next week. We
definitely want to respond as relates to the RFP
information that was submitted to us by purchasing.

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They were supposed to get back with us. We have not heard anything else from purchasing. So we will want to -- I want to produce my findings -- as I said at the meeting when we had them here, I want to produce my findings and share it with the members of the Board and make a recommendation to the Detroit City Council as relates to how we should move forth in towing overall.

In addition to the RFP situation, we also want to set a date that we may be able to get on track with our tow rules to get those firmed up hopefully by the —let's see. Today is the 3rd. Thank you. I'm looking at the calendar here. Today is the 3rd. And I'm off because I'm looking at Thursdays. So, hopefully by the 26th, Madame Secretary, acting secretary attorney, hopefully by the 26th of this month, the Board can firm up all of its — what it believes will be the changes and vote on them and then send that back out to the community so that the towing community at that time will have a 30-day period to look over it. And then in

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August and I'm guessing around August the 30th at
that meeting, we will be able to have our final public
hearing on August 30th. And we can vote at that
particular meeting the tow rules up or down officially.
So, hopefully we can have the tow rules solidified and
deal with any rotational issues at that particular time
as well.

In addition to that, as you all know, I have along with a group of other former commissioners and community leaders introduced a motion or introduced an idea of the proposal of a millage, a public safety millage that would potentially put up to 500 more police officers, some fire fighters and EMS people back on the streets of the City of Detroit. Just to give you an update, we submitted that language to City Council. And we expect that this month, they would vote on that. And we will give you the dates that it will appear in front of the sub committee, the public safety sub committee as well as the general body of the Detroit City Council.

Without question, we need more bodies on the street. And you're not going to get more bodies on the street by continuing to cut. And so we want to do that. We have some provisions we believe in that millage that hold things where they should be or hold things where they are right now before any 10 percent cuts. So we

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1	will talk about that at the City Council table. But
2	that will be coming up this month as well. And
3	certainly, we will be pushing for that.

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So those are some of the immediate items that we want to do. We will also want to make sure that we firm up all of our annual reports. There are a couple of outstanding annual reports we want to get done and get done within the next 45 days to make sure that we live up to our charter mandate and responsibilities of getting those annual reports out. So we will be working on that.

And then finally hopefully by the end of this year, we will have made some very significant movement as relates to mediation. I am of the opinion and others are that mediation needs to be a part of our investigative process in solving — I'm sorry, in resolving complaints for those who have filed against the City of Detroit Police Department. And we believe that mediation will help lighten the case load as well as straighten out some things with the citizens and the officers in a very professional but yet efficient way. So, we will be looking at those issues of mediation as well.

As the Chair said last week, we are still waiting on pending litigation to be resolved before we



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1	move forward with any other issues for towing as relates
2	to the tow rotation of certain individuals. Outside of
3	that, that is the report that I have for today. And
4	certainly, I would entertain any questions later during
5	the oral communication portion of our meeting. Chief,
6	do you have anything, Deputy Chief?
7	DEPUTY CHIEF LEE: We don't have a formal
8	report today. But I do have with me DC Melvin Turner
9	from community policing, Commander Frankie Lewis from
10	CIB and Sergeant Brian Harris from the patrol operations
11	bureau.
12	CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Great. Thank you, sir.
13	Well, we do have a grant on our agenda. But of course
14	again because we do not have a quorum, we cannot act on
15	that grant. So, we will do that and place that on the
16	next agenda. Our next meeting will be Thursday, July
17	12th, 2012. That will be our community meeting,
18	6:30 p.m., in the 10th Precinct. We will be at Focus
19	Hope over at 1400 Oakman Boulevard, 1400 Oakman
20	Boulevard. That's in Detroit, 48238 of course.
21	At this time we will open up the floor for
22	oral communications. If you wish to address the Board
23	of Police Commissioners, you may come to the microphone,
24	and you may do so at this time if you wish to address

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the Board of Police Commissioners.

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1	MS. SEMMA: Good afternoon, Julie Semma from
2	70's. I don't know if you guys are aware of this or
3	not, but the supposed company that was awarded the RFP
4	that won that the purchasing indicated was Auto
5	Return, and Auto Return has contacted 70's Towing as
6	well as all the other towers and wants to meet with them
7	next week individually. I don't know what's going on.
8	But I was told that everything was on hold. And why
9	would they be meeting with us if this is on hold and
10	there's nothing going on? So, I would like to know if
11	you guys know anything about it or what the status of
12	all that is. I know you kind of brushed up on something
13	earlier. But I think there's a lot more going on than
14	what we all know.
15	CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you. Certainly we

CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you. Certainly we have heard or at least I have heard of them making calls trying to set up meetings. I don't know exactly what their official position is right now as relates with if they officially have a contract or not. I'm going to ask if we can check into that and see exactly what the status is and why they are calling. My personal — and I think the more prudent thing to do is to hold off meeting with any of them because from just what I understand, it's probably one of those deals to try and get a consensus. And, you know, I know there are a lot

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1	of rumors that are floating out there. And so, as it
2	stands right now, the Board of Police Commissioners,
3	according to the Detroit City Charter, is the one who
4	oversees the police towing permits and the police towing
5	business. And so, until that changes by way of Detroit
6	City Charter, that's going to be the way that we are
7	going to conduct the business moving forward. And so, I
8	would just hope that you all can hold off meeting with
9	them until you at least hear what we have to say as
10	relates to how we should move forward with the towing
11	process in general. Again, I think that would be very
12	helpful for all the towers if they can. We certainly
13	can't demand that. But if they can, I think it would be
14	better for it to happen that way versus the divide and
15	conquer type meeting that I believe is about to take
16	place.
17	MS. SEMMA: Okay. Thank you.
18	CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you. For the
19	record, Commissioner White has joined us. Thank you,
20	sir. Good to see you.
21	COMMISSIONER WHITE: Mr. Chair, good to see
22	you.
23	CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: We still of course do not
24	have a quorum yet. So we can't vote on any items. But
25	in the next three minutes or so if she comes in, we will



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1	vote. Are there any other comments for the Board of
2	Police Commissioners? Any other comments? All right.
3	Hearing or seeing none, we will adjourn the meeting.
4	Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, so very much for
5	attending. We hope you have a wonderful, safe and just
6	you know lovely 4th of July holiday, extended weekend or
7	whatever. Hopefully if you're getting away, be safe
8	within your travels but have a good time. All right.
9	(Proceedings concluded at 3:25 p.m.)
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