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Page 3 Detroit, Michigan 1 2 Thursday, September 6, 2012 About 3:00 p.m. 3 4 5 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Good afternoon, ladies and 6 gentlemen and welcome to the Board of Police 7 Commissioners meeting. My name is Jerome Warfield, 8 9 Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners. Serving 10 with me today is the vice chairperson of the Board, Commissioner Jessica Taylor. Commissioner White and 11 Commissioner Toney Stewart are at the Democratic 12 13 National Convention. So of course they cannot be with 14 us today. So we will meet without a quorum as a 15 committee of the whole. I'm going to ask right now if 16 our Board Secretary, Mr. George Anthony, will introduce the rest of our staff. 17 18 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For the record, George Anthony, Secretary to the Board. 19 20 have Miss Celia Banks Washington, our attorney for the Board; Miss Pamela Davis Drake who is our chief 2.1 22 investigator; and we have also Miss Dalph Watson, our 23 director of police personnel. I would like to ask 24 Director Watson perhaps if she could introduce some of 25 her other staff members who are present.



Page 4 1 MS. WATSON: Sure. Director Watson for the 2 record. I have Lieutenant Loletha Porter, Sergeant Martin Tredwell, Lieutenant Rodney Sizemore, 3 Investigator Sharper . I have Officer 4 Coleman. I have Sergeant Henning. And that's my staff. 5 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you. We have 6 recording our proceedings today we have Officer Don 7 Donakowski, and we have also Miss Wendy Boer from Hanson 8 9 Court Reporting Service. That completes the introductions. 10 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Anthony. 11 12 At this time, I'm going to ask if Pastor Penson, chaplain of the Detroit Police Department, will come and 13 14 lead us in our invocation. 15 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Before he comes, we have 16 the Chief sitting in the meeting today. Thank you, Chief. 17 CHIEF GODBEE: No problem. Good to be here. 18 19 CHAPLAIN PINSON: May we all bow our heads in 20 a word of prayer? Dear gracious God and wonderful heavenly father, we come before you first and foremost 21 22 to say thank you. And, now God, we ask your blessings upon this meeting, God. We ask your blessings upon this 23

Board and their endeavors and their decisions, God.

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CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you sir. My report
will be fairly brief. A few things going on but we want
to again thank director of personnel Dalph Watson just
for her years of service here at the Department. It's
been a joy working with her. This is her last official
week, her last meeting with the Board of Police
Commissioners. And certainly, it's a bittersweet time.
Certainly we are happy for her moving on, but certainly
we wish she could stay. But we applaud just the
outstanding work that she's done for the last three
years with the Department and the outstanding job she's
had with the Chief's office as well as with us. And
certainly we wish you all the best as you move on to
your next endeavor. And we ask that you just remember
us and pray some good thoughts for us.

In relation to that, I want to give a sub committee report on the personnel committee from the personnel committee from the Board. We posted the job of Director Watson some weeks ago. We received a number of responses. We conducted interviews. We received resumes out of state, out of town, in state, out county and out -- you know up I think the western part of the state. We fielded a great deal of resumes. We

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interviewed a number of individuals. And the sub
committee report is that the committee has selected
Lieutenant Porter to be the next replacement, to be the
next personnel director for the Detroit Police
Department. Lieutenant Porter, would you stand, please?
I'm sure most of us here know her.

Lieutenant Porter is a long-time veteran of the Detroit Police Department. She's served in many capacities. But more importantly, she's served a great deal of time in the department of personnel. And so, she knows that like the back of her hand. So we are very excited and we are very pleased about her new appointment. We will vote on that next week when we have a quorum to make it official. But we are pleased and delighted that we are able to bridge the gap. And we believe that there will be zero down time as we move forward because certainly we have some personnel issues that are pressing that need immediate attention.

And we know that there has been a change over from the city's -- from the city's workers, the civilian workers that the department are handling those. And Lieutenant Porter has been trained in that as well. And so, we are just blessed and happy. I want to thank Director Watson just for transitioning the position. We put about a thousand things on her plate to do before



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she left. And the truth of the matter is she has
completed them all. And so, I thank you because you
could have just took some days and said I'm gone. But
she completed them all. So I thank you. And thank you,
Lieutenant Porter. We look forward to keeping the
direction moving forward with the personnel department.
Thank both of you. That's all I have to say right now.
I'm going to turn to the Chief of Police, Ralph Godbee.

CHIEF GODBEE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And congratulations to soon-to-be Director Porter for your appointment. She will be -- I'm sure she will do a great job. I just want to address something that came up in the media and since it has become an issue just explain the Department's position and why we took the position and stance that we did. There was a report relative to AT&T reconciliation of bills. And that's a process that was not broken or there's no story that was broken. When I say broken, this is something we have been working on for months, myself, Ashore Johnson who is the City's finance director. Also there are some specific remedies that I've taken within the Department that I don't care to share with the media. However, they do deal directly with personnel and calling for holding a person accountable for some things that I feel should have been known prior to that reconciliation

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1	process.
2	But it is actively being worked on between the
3	City of Detroit and AT&T. But it's also it's not a
4	DPD only issue. It's city services provided to Detroit
5	from AT&T. The Detroit Police Department happens to be
6	(inaudible) of one of these services.
7	CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Okay. Any questions?
8	Thank you, sir. Appreciate that. Anything else?
9	CHIEF GODBEE: No, just tremendous work. As
10	always, I try to commend and let the officers know how
11	appreciative we are as a leadership team for their
12	commitment to this Department through very difficult
13	times. Officers are continuing showing up for work.
14	They are doing their jobs with the utmost
15	professionalism in spite of the tough circumstances.
16	And it's just laudable, the professionalism that they
17	continue to show and also their commitment to the oath
18	of office that they have taken.
19	CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you. Thank you,
20	sir. That's all of the reports that we have today. Our
21	next meeting will be held Thursday, September 13, at
22	6:00 p.m. And it's going to be held at the Boy Scouts
23	of America which is located at 1776 West Warren Avenue.
24	It's going to be a very special meeting because we are
25	going to have multiple agencies there as we talk about



inter-agency work agreements and how it impacts the
residents of the City of Detroit. So certainly we want
to encourage all of you to come and invite neighbors to
be there. We will put out some flyers certainly to make
sure that we alert the community. It's going to be a
very good dialog, a very good exchange. We will have a
panel of law enforcement officers from various agencies
that will answer the citizens' questions as relates to
some of the different type of inter-agency agreements
and some of the work that's going on in the City of
Detroit.

I also want to announce that the Detroit

Community Clergy Alliance will have another community

walk. It will begin at St. Raymond Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic Church, which is located at 2103 Joann

and Ringard, which is right in Detroit. It's going to

be this Friday from 6:00. That's tomorrow from 6:00 to

7:30 p.m. I do have a flyer. I hope there's some more

on the table. If not, our staff will make more copies

of the flyer.

And the Detroit Community Clergy Alliance, basically, you know, they do the clergy walks the neighborhood to galvanize those in the neighborhood to get them involved in helping, you know, looking out for neighbors and making sure that they keep an eye on just

1	the neighborhood and what's going on in the
2	neighborhood. So again, that's tomorrow from 6 to
3	7:30 p.m. at St. Raymond Our Lady of Good Counsel
4	Catholic Church. Hearing I don't think I have any
5	more announcements. Chief, do you have any
6	announcements?
7	CHIEF GODBEE: Also, and I was remiss in my
8	congratulations also to Director Watson and my
9	thankfulness as Chief of Police just for her
10	professionalism, how she ran her shop and just a very
11	committed individual, would go above and beyond the call
L2	of duty, assisted us in trial boards; when the law
13	department had problems, facilitating that. So, she's
L 4	been a consummate professional. I wish her well in her
15	future endeavors.
16	CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you. And Chief, we
17	will have a reception here in the board room for
18	Director Watson tomorrow at 11:00. So come all so we
19	can get, you know, full and we have you know a food
20	fight. We have a cake fight. We just want to say
21	goodbye properly to you again.
22	At this time, we will open up the floor for
23	communications. If you wish to address the Board of

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Police Commissioners, you may come to the podium right

there in the middle, give us your first and last name

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1	for the record, spell it for our recorder. And we will
2	be happy to hear from you. We just ask that you would
3	keep your comments within two minutes. Anybody?
4	Anybody? Going once. Anybody wish to address yes,
5	ma'am. Thank you.
6	MS. WATSON: I'll make it quick. Director
7	Watson for the record. I just wanted to take a few
8	minutes to thank the Board and the Chief and the staff
9	and everyone for accepting me and inviting me to be part
10	of the DPD family. It is truly bittersweet. I enjoy
11	working for Detroit Police Department. It was a unique
12	experience for me. And I know sometimes the corporate
13	in me would often times get in the middle of things.
14	But I do appreciate everything. Chief, you were
15	phenomenal. I enjoyed working with you as the assistant
16	chief as well as the chief. And I appreciate you always
17	being willing to help me and assist. And I just really
18	do thank you so much.
19	CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you. Thank you. We
20	appreciate it. Again, are there others who wish to
21	address the Board of Police Commissioners? You may come
22	at this time. Are there others? Hearing or seeing
23	none, we will close that section of our meeting, and the
24	Board of Police Commissioners meeting is adjourned.

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Thank you.



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