



CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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Minutes of June 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 pm by Commissioner Hicks.

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Curis, Commissioner Watkins, Commissioner Hicks; Secretary Erica George, Lt. Edwards, Charles Lackey

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 18, 2018, were approved.

Police Department

Lt. Edwards: "I passed out a complaint I received today which I will call the citizen tomorrow. His complaint was on the forty-five minute wait it took for the officer to write his ticket. Also, I passed out the 'Secondary Employment for Off-Duty Highland Park Police and/or Reserve Officer to Utilize Police Equipment', which is a contract with Detroit Rescue Mission. After reviewing this, we found Detroit Rescue Mission should have been paying for our services. On August 7th, it is National Night Out. We will provide activities for children, donate bikes and have a bike ride. On July 9th, we have a supervisor meeting possibly around noon to give out badges for the supervisors."

Commissioner Hicks: "Are you not getting compensated?"

Lt. Edwards: "No, we have been providing them with additional services. The Detroit Rescue Mission reimburses the city and they should not pay the city."

Commissioner Hicks: "Are you all renegotiating the contract?"

Lt. Edwards: "Yes, I am working with finance and eventually with the legal department on this matter."

Commissioner Curis: "We have a similar contract in Detroit because we are charging twenty-nine dollars an hour. I think we are shorting ourselves."

Commissioner Hicks: "Does a ticket normally take forty-five minutes?"

Lt. Edwards: "When we use a machine it can take any amount of time that the officer can not control."

Commissioner Curis: "The plate was out of state as well which can take more time to process."

Commissioner Hicks: "Any other complaints?"

Lackey: "In regards to the citizen complaint today, it is objectable reasonableness. The guy admits to the infraction and a Pennsylvania plate. Officers have to do more input in the system, wait for the information to come back and the officer will have to decode it. This stop was prior to us getting body cameras. The officer could have seized his license and he is complaining about a cost we do not control. Also, he had preconceived thoughts about Highland Park. He is

upset about a \$250 ticket. We now have body cameras for the front and rear. We have at least two or three cameras if a prisoner is in the back. The cameras will automatically cut on if an officer is going too fast, activate a weapon, etc. We have went live since April 2nd.”

Commissioner Curis: “Any complaints since the cameras have been installed?”

Lackey: “No complaints for over two months. I am working on at least two major complaints that is not traffic. However, all the cameras are in sync. The prosecutors are trying to get copies of our cameras. Also, we are implementing a new phone system that will record. We are trying to get a software called Doors where citizens can write a complaint via telephone. We are trying to get a new scheduling system to assist with overtime, know who rejects a job, etc. I am using the budget that we already had in place to complete these task. I am working on a license reader so if you ride pass a car with a stolen license then it will let us know.”

Commissioner Curis: “The body cameras are not on all of the time?”

Lackey: “The body cameras do buffering. They are always recording but do not save what they are recording. The camera goes back sixty seconds once the officer turns the camera on to capture the moments missed. The car cameras will do the same.”

Commissioner Hicks: “If there are no other matters, we will adjourn and the next meeting will be next month on the third Wednesday.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 6:00pm, 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall

cc: City Clerk