



# CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

## BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Return to Excellence

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#### Minutes of July 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Chairman Napoleon.

#### Roll Call:

**Present:** Chairman Napoleon, Commissioner Curis, Commissioner Watkins; Chief Logan, Lt. Erwin, Secretary Erica George, Charles Lackey

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 20 18, 2018, were approved.

#### Fire Department

Lt. Erwin: "The total number of runs are 473 as of now. For May – July we have 14 structure fires and we responded to 44 working fires in Detroit. Two weeks ago, the Helm Building that caught fire and the Gabrielle Apartments went to civil court. The apartment complex sued the two brothers that owned the Helm Building and was awarded 7.4 million dollars."

Chairman: "Were they awarded as an association?"

Lt. Erwin: "Every LLC and business they own in and out of state."

Commissioner Watkins: "Did they have insurance?"

Lt. Erwin: "The owners of the building did not have insurance."

Commissioner Watkins: "Did any of the apartment's insurance help?"

Lt. Erwin: "Travelers insurance did do repairs. If residents had individual insurance then that might have helped as well. Currently, we have a murder case from 2011, a lady was killed and the accused has been bound over. In addition, we have a second set of 'jaws of life'. Both engines have jaws which is big since we are responding to Detroit. We do have the ladder truck back fully serviced. Some of our firefighters participated in the Bible Study and Real Men Can Read events."

#### Police Department

Chief: "We will take a few minutes to review a brief filming of a prominent pastor."

Lackey: "I will show the arresting officers body camera. We were on sight because a mentally challenged female assaulted another young woman."

Chief: "We wanted to show you a brief part of the recording of Pastor Bullock's arrest which we can not show the full video because this still has to go to court."

Lackey: "This has gained a lot of publicity. He has had a rally, the video is on Facebook and he is campaigning with Shri so this has got a lot of publicity."

Chief: "We asked the state police to come in and look at the video. They completed their investigation in a couple of days."

Lackey: "We have reached out several times to Bullock but no response."

Chairman: "This was a situation that should not have happened. The information the police officer was getting must be on a police report."

Lackey: "In open court on the 7<sup>th</sup>, the full video will be played. Channel 2, 4, and 7 will be at court. In addition, we have ordered badges. I will now get a new badge that says internal affairs as I have resigned from the police department."

Commissioner Curis: "I think once the full video comes out the officers should get awarded to show the city supports the officers."

Chairman: "Did any church members get involved?"

Chief: "No. And we gave the church members credit."

Commissioner Watkins: "Was there a call for a sergeant?"

Lackey: "She was called but she was at a distant and did not hear him."

Chairman: "Are you doing an investigation?"

Lackey: "I have spoken with him on the actual day of the incident. I am doing an investigation. I did go to one of his investor events. I tried to speak to him and gave him my card but we have not spoken."

Commissioner Curis: "Where was the meeting for investors?"

Lackey: "It was at his church."

Commissioner Curis: "Should he be paying property taxes since he is doing these type of events out of his church?"

Lackey: "There are other investigations going on in regards to that."

Chief: "We thank the commission for approving the body cameras because having visuals and audio is great."

Commissioner Curis: "Is it a way to have the close caption to hear or read what is being said?"

Lackey: "We could not hear the video but when it is on speakers you can hear crystal clear. At this time, it is an attempt misdemeanor."

Commissioner Curis: "I think once this is out this will show criminals we have cameras and evidence."

Chief: "The lady of the child in the video has been an advocate for the police department the whole time. Bullock has now turned against them."

Lackey: "She has been on the news stating the police handled the situation correctly."

Chairman: "Thank you and we have no public remarks."

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 6:00pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, City Hall

cc: City Clerk