



CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Return to Excellence

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Mayor

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Minutes of May 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm by Chairman Napoleon.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairman Napoleon, Commissioner Hicks, Commissioner Watkins; Secretary Erica George, Charles Lackey

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 17, 2019, were approved.

Police Department

Chairman Napoleon: "I saw a news clip, did they have someone protesting against Deputy Chief Tolbert?"

Lackey: "Yes, they are supposed to do it again on May 30th. The organization is called Cop Block and the founder was charged with drug trafficking. For the record, I fully support Deputy Chief Tolbert. It is old news. Vincent Smothers confessed to the killings in this triple homicide that Deputy Chief Tolbert is involved in."

Chairman Napoleon: "If Chief Logan has no problem with Deputy Chief Tolbert then I support him. He did not get fired from Detroit."

Lackey: "We all have emails set up but I think only Commissioner Curis uses the emails. We do send emails there. Deputy Tolbert sends out a 24 hour crime report. He wanted to know if you all wanted to be included."

Commissioner Watkins: "That sounds like a lot of information."

Chairman Napoleon: "It depends on the day and it's only a brief synopsis."

Commissioner Hicks: "Yes, I would like to receive those emails."

Lackey: "Police week was last week. We did good driving certificates for citizens. Also, we had students in school be police officers, wear a uniform and write citations at school."

Commissioner Hicks: "Are you talking about George Washington Carver?"

Lackey: "Yes."

Commissioner Hicks: "Some of the parents and teachers were alarmed because they did not know about the police department being at the school especially with all the things in the news they thought something was going on when they saw all the police cars."

Lackey: "We will work with the school on that issue. We have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with animal control so our Highland Park animal control person will house strays in Detroit and in return Highland Park will house strays a mile outside the city."

Commissioner Hicks: "What is the cost?"

Chairman Napoleon: "Typically, depends on the type of animal that will determine the cost."

Commissioner Hicks: "Did this go before council?"

Lackey: "It is in the budget which has been already approved."

Chairman Napoleon: "Is the amount to house the animals in the budget?"

Lackey: "I am not over the negotiations so once we have that information I will let you know. We will decommission our trailer where we house prisoners instead we will house them at Wayne County jail."

Chairman Napoleon: "Most prisoners are housed in the county around the world."

Lackey: "Live scan and everything will be done at Wayne County and Deputy Tolbert got this done for the department."

Commissioner Watkins: "Will there be a fee?"

Chairman Napoleon: "Yes, the amount will be per day."

Lackey: "The difference is a state versus city charges."

Chairman Napoleon: "Also, this is only misdemeanor cases or minor crimes. The state picks up felons."

Commissioner Watkins: "What is the cost per person?"

Chairman Napoleon: "It can be \$75.00 per day per person."

Lackey: "We have over one-hundred thousand in the budget for this matter."

Chairman Napoleon: "We look at the previous year to come up with the budget and go up ten percent. The police budget is difficult to get right."

Lackey: "The budgets will be approved by council shortly. Currently, we are trying to find used animal control vehicles. Detroit did offer us one to use until we received our own vehicle but it had a lot of miles on it. Also, we do have the scheduling software. It can be accessed via technology I negotiated. For the Blue Light, we have RFP going out to get control center. We are partnered with Ecorse and looking for business partners for national night out."

Commissioner Hicks: "When is it?"

Lackey: "No date yet."

Chairman Napoleon: "It's in October."

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 6:00pm, Training Room, Fire Station

cc: City Clerk