CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Return to Excellence

Hubbert Yopp Mayor

BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS Minutes of November 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 pm by Chairman Napoleon.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairman Napoleon, Commissioner Watkins, Commissioner Curis; Secretary Erica George and Commander Charles Lackey

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 16, 2019, were approved.

Police Department

Commander Lackey: "Blue Light is approved after four or five months of hard work by the city council. They amended my resolution to exclude facial recognition and it is only for businesses at this times. They will start building the center for blue light next week, which will be a room within City Hall."

Chairman Napoleon: "How will this be paid?"

Lackey: "A grant."

Commissioner Curis: "When will cameras go up?"

Lackey: "Once construction starts at City Hall the cameras will go up. Demo locations get free cameras but we have to make sure all buildings have no conflict of interest. I have been accused of so many things and I have not gained one penny from Blue Light."

Commissioner Curis: "What about the police station?"

Lackey: "We want to make sure it is a safe place for blue light so it is a security issue with the station. City Hall is more secure." We have monitors that will watch the news, lien certified, etc."

Chairman: "They do not have to be lien certified to utilize this system?"

Lackey: "I am the lien technician. We will run everyone's background extensively who monitors the lien system."

Chairman: "Does Detroit run lien checks too?"

Lackey: "Yes, we will shift a police officer and civilian to watch liens and hire a third person.

They will be the facilitators. They will be trained."

Chairman: "Who will do the written orders for the police department?"

Lackey: "I will write the orders. For example, I just rewrote our drug screening policies, etc. We have three new upgraded Axon body cameras. I renegotiated our contract with them which will allow us to stream from the scene. Once the camera is activated, supervisors can monitor them in real-time."

Commissioner Watkins: "What is the delay time?"

Lackey: "It is about an eight second time delay."

Chairman: "I would like to be able to see the scout cars as a supervisor as well as the body cameras."

Lackey: "Thanksgiving turkey give away is at Hackett field next week. I did speak with Lt. Governor at Crain's, attended Wayne State University and will be going to Michigan State University for the Michigan Municipal League. For City Hall, we will set up security for Blue Light staff."

Commissioner Curis: "We have the US Army in our place so you can use our space too." Lackey: "We thought about it but it does not have a back door exit and some other safety matters."

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 6:00 pm, Training Room, Fire Station

cc: City Clerk