



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019
7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS:

Andy Fanta	Present
Heather Freeling	Present
Kathleen McCormick	Present
Susan Melke	Present
Herman Humes	Absent
Gail Wolkoff	Present

STAFF LIASION:

Police Chief Tony DeGuisti

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Melke moved, seconded by Commissioner McCormick to approve the agenda.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the agenda was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

— February 28, 2019

Commissioner Freeling moved, seconded by Commissioner Melke to approve the minutes.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. Review of monthly statistical report – Chief of Police

Chief DeGuisti provided a statistical report for the months of March and April.

Commissioner Fanta asked how the March and April reports compare to last year. Chief DeGuisti responded forecasting criminal activity is difficult. His concern is if police officer do the right thing and

how many uses of force there were. He added weather can both lead to increases and decreases in crime.

Commissioner Wolkoff asked if the vehicle pursuit included a youth. Chief DeGiusti responded yes, one pursuit included a youth, which began outside of the city. Ms. Wolkoff asked if the pursuit involved a carjacking. Chief DeGiusti responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Wolkoff asked about commission emails. Commissioner Fanta responded he would follow up with the City Manager. Clerk Hellenga suggested the commission setup personal emails specifically used for this commission. Commissioner Melke asked if a single email could be created that each member could access. Mr. Hellenga responded it could lead to potentially violating the Open Meetings Act.

2. Create action steps to achieve commission purpose

Commissioner McCormick moved, seconded by Commissioner Freeling to move into a Committee of the Whole.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the commission moved into a Committee of the Whole.

Commissioner Wolkoff stated there need to be more youth members added to the commission. A single youth will not feel comfortable enough to engage with the commission. She also takes issue that a youth member is unable to vote. Commissioner Melke agreed, and stated Ann Arbor allows there youth membership to vote. Ms. Wolkoff suggested drafting a letter to send to stakeholders in the community requesting they attend a commission meeting. Her hope is that it would strengthen the Police Department's relationship with the community. Commissioner Fanta asked what the letter would say. Ms. Melke stated the purpose should be included in the letter. Commissioner Fanta suggested also including the meeting schedule. Commissioner McCormick cautioned the commission not to include too much information because it could have the opposite result the commission hopes.

Commissioner Wolkoff asked if there had been any further discussion regarding a budget request. Clerk Andrew Hellenga responded he will be including a budget request for boards and commission in the upcoming budget approval.

3. Review Ann Arbor Police Supervisory Materials

Chief DeGiusti informed the commission that much of the ordinance includes a stipulation regarding this ordinance could not violate federal law, state law, or contracts. He explained Ypsilanti simply decided not to include the sections with that stipulation in the ordinance creating this body.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Alex Nouri Complaint
- List of stakeholders for the Commission to engage.
- The Ann Arbor Ordinance
- May Statistical Report

The Commission discussed potentially inviting Mr. Nouri to the next meeting while

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE:

— May 23, 2019

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wolkoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Freeling to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.