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**CITY OF YPSILANTI
POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018
7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS:

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

STAFF LIASION:

Police Chief Tony DeGuisti	Present
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III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Wolkoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Humes to approve the agenda.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 24, 2018 Minutes
- October 25, 2018 Minutes

Commissioner Freeling moved, seconded by Commissioner Humes to approve the minutes of October 24th and 25th.

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Beverly James, 968 Monroe St., stated she supports the Police Department, and they are always there when you need them.

VI. DISCUSSION OF TOWN HALL MEETING

A. Parkridge: Additional Comments/Review

None

B. Senior Center:

- a. Mayor
- b. Moderator
- c. Publicity/fliers

Commissioner Fanta stated the Town Hall meeting at the Senior Center is scheduled for January 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. He communicated with Mayor Bashert who will provide an introduction for the meeting. He asked if the Commission had any suggestions for moderators. Commissioner McCormick asked if the Mayor had input for possible moderators. Mr. Fanta responded the Mayor suggested Anne Brown or Ryan Wallace.

Deputy City Clerk Andrew Hellenga indicated the Senior Center is located in Ward 1. Commissioner Fanta responded he is aware, but it is on the border and suggested maintaining it as the location. Commissioner Wolkoff asked if there are other venues in Ward 2. Mr. Hellenga stated Estabrook Elementary is located in Ward 2, but the Senior Center would work well for this purpose. Chief DeGiusti added the Town Hall should not be advertised as a Ward 2 meeting. Mr. Fanta agreed.

Commissioner Wolkoff asked if attendants will be able to ask the Mayor questions directly. Commissioner Fanta responded once the Commission selects the moderator it can make that determination. He imagines most of the questions, as at the Parkridge Town Hall, would be answered by the Police Chief. Commissioner Humes asked if Mayor Bashert would be answering questions. Mr. Fanta responded no.

Commissioner Wolkoff asked if the former Mayor was invited to the last Town Hall. Commissioner Fanta responded no. Commissioner Freeling interjected the Mayor was invited, as all community members were invited. Ms. Wolkoff asked if she was formally invited as Mayor Bashert was. Mr. Fanta replied he is not certain. Ms. Wolkoff stated she does not want the public to view the commission as being inconsistent. Ms. Freeling stated it is the Mayor's job to decide what events they should attend in the community, not the commission. She sees it as a courtesy to invite a newly elected Mayor to the Town Hall, however, she understands the concern.

Commissioner Wolkoff stated she is okay with the Mayor being formally invited, however, she would prefer the Mayor not provide the introduction to the meeting. She explained it seems preferential to the newly elected Mayor. Commissioner Humes asked if Commissioner Wolkoff would agree to the Mayor being introduced during the meeting. Ms. Wolkoff responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Freeling supported the idea of Anne Brown, a mayoral candidate, to moderate and introduce Mayor Bashert. Commissioner Fanta doesn't find an issue with the Mayor providing an introduction to the Town Hall.

Commissioner Fanta supported the idea of Anne Brown moderating the upcoming Town Hall, but he would like a list of potential moderators for future meetings. Commissioner Freeling stated she

is not certain the rules of who can be a moderator, but Council Member Murdock would be a potential moderator. Mr. Fanta agreed. Ms. Freeling suggested Mary Larkin the former LGBT Coordinator for Eastern Michigan University.

Commissioner McCormick asked who Ryan Wallace is. Commissioner Fanta responded a possible moderator the Mayor suggested. He believes he is a local business person. Ms. McCormick asked if other Commissioners had an idea who he is. The Commission responded no. Mr. Fanta stated he will reach out to Anne Brown to see if she has any interest.

Commissioner Fanta asked if there are any suggestions to hold a meeting for Ward 3. Commissioner Humes asked the location of Ward 3. Mr. Fanta responded the Prospect Park area. He suggested Ypsilanti International Elementary School. Mr. Humes agreed.

Commissioner Fanta asked for potential dates of the Ward 3 Town Hall. Commissioner Humes suggested sometime in March. Mr. Fanta suggested holding the meeting Wednesday, March 27th the day prior to the regular meeting.

Commissioner Fanta stated he will check the availability of Ypsilanti International Elementary School. Commissioner Wolkoff interjected to ensure he receives a confirmation for the use of the venue. Ms. Wolkoff suggested HighScope, and asked if it is in the city. Chief DeGiusti responded in the affirmative. Mr. Fanta stated he will pursue the elementary first, and use the other suggestions as a backup.

Commissioner Fanta suggested the same format for the Town Hall informational flier.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. WCSD/YPD: Interface

Commissioner Wolkoff stated she learns a lot through her work with community youth. She has had excellent response from the Ypsilanti Police Department through its complaint process. She has not had the positive experience with the complaint structure of the Sheriff's Department. She asked what can be done to find a solution. Commissioner Fanta understands there is an issue, and suggested emailing him the concerns which he can summarize and email the chief. Chief DeGiusti interjected unfortunately the incident happened outside of the city, and it the city does not have jurisdictional control. He is not certain this is the body that should be addressing issues with the Sheriff's Department. However, he can facilitate a conversation between Commissioner Wolkoff and the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Wolkoff stated it is disconcerting because when issues occur with a police officer, all police officers are blamed.

Chief DeGiusti stated the Ypsilanti Police Department works cooperatively with the Sheriff's Department, but because the Sheriff's Department has countywide jurisdiction. The city cannot tell the Sheriff's Department not come into the city.

Commissioner Fanta stated he could provide a report to City Council regarding this issue. Mr. Hellenga suggested the Commission approve a resolution requesting City Council to request the county to review its complaint process.

Chief DeGiusti informed the Commission the Sherriff's Department has a body similar to the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission. However, he is not certain of its process and the meeting frequency. Commissioner Freeling suggested Commissioner Wolkoff reach out to that body. Commissioner Wolkoff stated she is protective of the positive direction this city's Police Department is taking.

B. City Council Reports

Commissioner Fanta provided an update regarding the report he has made to City Council, and the frequency he plans to provide reports.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Roberts Rules of Order

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Beverly James, 968 Monroe St., hopes the Commission does not become political. The residents of the city need to become more aware of the jurisdictional boundaries of the city.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

— December 20, 2018

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Humes moved, seconded by Commissioner McCormick to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.