

Crime Commission Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
February 20, 2024

A Crime Commission Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 2:30 PM at City Hall  
- Madison Room, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 2:32 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT**

Martha Covert  
Alternate Jeffrey Hilliard  
Anthony Roberts  
Alexandra Iaquinto  
Council Representative Sean Fleming

#### **ABSENT**

Margarette Marentette - Excused  
Beth Scott - Excused

Motion to excuse Marentette and Scott made by Council Representative Fleming, Seconded by  
Alternate Hilliard.

Voting Yea: Covert, Roberts, Iaquinto

### **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the October 10, 2023 meeting minutes made by Alternate Hilliard, Seconded  
by Iaquinto.

Voting Yea: Covert, Roberts, Council Representative Fleming

### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None Present

### **REPORTS**

#### **Chief's Report**

The Police Department and City social media accounts were flooded with comments about a case  
that was from a few years ago. We have since put a disclaimer on the social media accounts  
after speaking with attorneys and with the disclaimer in place, if the comments are off topic,

vulgar or threatening, we can hide the comments on the post and we will still be following 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights.

We have hired 3 new officers, one of them was a lateral move and the other two were from the Police Academy. We have received positive comments about the package that was presented and accepted about the wage increase for the Police Officers. We have extended offers to three other officers that are currently police officers for other cities and offered three more jobs today. We also have three dispatchers in training now and one of them is almost done with the training program and we will be at staffing levels for dispatchers.

We are in discussion with Madison School District to have a school resource officer for the district. We presented the numbers to them, and we are waiting to hear back from them. It has been a huge success with the Lamphere School District this year.

We have now selected our department Liaison, Sergeant Rayner for the co responder program, CORE. Oakland County Health Network will be selecting two clinicians who will be working in the four communities, Madison Heights, Royal Oak, Ferndale and Hazel Park. Chief stated that he has heard very positive and good things about the program.

#### Council Report

Nothing to report other than the Officers received raises and Chief covered that.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Cyber Safety Presentation

Councilman Fleming stated that the Human Trafficking and Cyber Safety presentations could be combined into one presentation. One part speaking about grooming and how to protect yourself and the second part being about how the police handle these situations. Chief suggested that we can get Officer Hirst involved to speak at the event.

##### Human Trafficking Presentation

Councilmen Fleming suggested we notify the schools so we will also have parents and their children in attendance at the presentation and he will talk to Sgt. White when he sees him. Councilor Wright stated we could also contact the Madison Heights Community Coalition to be involved because of their involvement with the community and the youth population. Chair Person Covert suggested that we could make this a two part presentation, the first part covering how to protect yourself and the second part how the police handle these situations.

##### K-9 Demonstration

The Chief will get in contact with Officer Bradley and check his availability for the K 9 event. We will host it again at Rosie's park in September.

##### K-9 Calendar

Chair Person Covert suggested that we make a K9 calendar to raise money. Chair Person Covert suggested that we use the money for a scholarship or equipment for a K9 officer. We could have the photos done and the set up done for no cost. Chair Person Covert is speaking with a printing company to see what the cost would be to print the calendars. We could have additional K9 officers in the calendar to expand the cities that would purchase the calendars.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Alternate Hilliard.

Voting Yea: Covert, Iaquinto, Council Representative Fleming

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