



# CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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## BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS Minutes of March 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Chairman Ryan Johnson.

### Roll Call:

**Present:** Chairman Ryan Johnson, Commissioner Michael Curis, Commissioner Brenda Hicks, Commissioner RJ Watkins, Commissioner/Secretary Erica George, Jeffrey, Chief Thomas, Dir. Lackey,

### Open Remarks

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 19, 2022 were approved.

### Fire Department

Chairman: Thank you to the chef for the ISO ratings. We asked him to send out the ratings. We are about a 3 on a 1-10 scale which gives us good rates on homeowners insurance. I want to say thank you to the department and chef for doing great. I believe they are having difficulty.

### Police Department

Chef Thomas: The police department is doing some recruiting with three people in the academy. We have some training setup for our detectives, sexual harassment for the entire department and dealing with training on officer demeanor.

Chairman: There is some drag racing going on Oakman. This happened last year. Do we have any plan?

Chef: We need to plan before it starts.

Chairman: Do you have any information on Officer White?

Chef: No, I have not received anything yet.

Chairman: Please let us know once that information is available.

### Internal Affairs

Dir. Lackey: I emailed a few complaints that are about one week old. One is an allegation of an officer's behavior and how he was treated. We did locate some video today and I sent that over to the Chief for him to give me feedback. We received a complaint about a traffic stop and stating the officer used false information. I tried to contact the citizen but no response. I will try to contact this person again. If not, I will close it out.

### Community Comments

Thomas: I did want to ask about drag racing. I was walking down Rhode Island, and someone went flying down the streets. I hope the gas prices will deter some of that. We do want to walk more in the community so I hope we can do something about this matter. I am by John R which is used a lot. We are connected to the plaza and many of the employees fly down the street. I hope to not have a repeat this year.

Chef Thomas: I can put patrol officers around that area. If you can give me sometimes, I can have officers around that time.

Thomas: The times vary. It is not just employees. It is people who live on the block. I would like to know if there is a plan in place to put speed bumps.

Chef Thomas: I arrived in November, but I will reach out and see what the plan was then and move forward.

Chairman: We discussed the digital sign, and we were checking to see if we could get one.

Chef Thomas: I believe we had a sign, but it was not ours. I would have to investigate it.

Chairman: Can you give me sometimes?

Thomas: I will ask my neighbors. I believe last year the police officers said they would go to the businesses to talk to the employees about speeding. We just want the community to be safer.

Chairman: Thank you Ms. Thomas. You have my number so you can always give me a call.

### **Closing Remarks**

Chairman: Thank you all and if we have no further business we will adjourn.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 6:00 pm, Zoom

cc: City Clerk