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POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO

PUBLIC MEETING

Chicago Public Safety Headquarters
3510 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, September 19, 2019
7:30 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS

- GHIAN FOREMAN, President
- PAULA WOLFF, Vice President
- MATTHEW C. CROWL
- EVA-DINA DELGADO
- MICHAEL EADDY
- STEVE FLORES
- JOHN P. O'MALLEY, JR.
- RHODA D. SWEENEY
- ANDREA L. ZOPP

ALSO PRESENT:

- EDDIE T. JOHNSON, Superintendent of Police;
- DANA O'MALLEY, General Counsel to the
Superintendent of Police;
- SYDNEY ROBERTS, Chief Administrator, Civilian
Office of Police Accountability;
- JOSEPH LIPARI, Deputy Inspector for Public
Safety;
- MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director, Police Board.
- TINA SKAHILL, Deputy Director, Bureau of
Internal Affairs, Chicago Police Department.

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Hi. My name is Ghian
2 Foreman, and I am the president of the Chicago
3 Police Board, and I am calling the meeting to
4 order.

5 First, I would like to welcome
6 our newest board member, Matthew Crowl.
7 Matthew is a former Assistant U.S. Attorney,
8 now in private practice. The City Council
9 approved Mayor Lightfoot's appointment on
10 September the 18th. So thank very much, Matt.
11 Look forward to working with you.

12 Second, we would like to thank
13 former board member John Simpson. John worked
14 with the Chicago Police Board for four years.
15 And not an easy job. So we'd really like to
16 thank John for his commitment and service to
17 the Board.

18 Is there a motion to approve the
19 minutes of the August 22nd public meeting?

20 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: So moved.

21 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

23 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

1 (NO RESPONSE.)

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Motion passes.

3 The next meeting will be held
4 Thursday, October 17th, at 7:30 p.m., here at
5 Chicago Public Safety Headquarters.

6 Next I will ask for a motion to
7 close a series of executive sessions for the
8 purposes of considering personnel matters and
9 litigation, as authorized by Sections 2(c)(1),
10 (3), (4) and 11 of the Illinois Open Meetings
11 Act. Is there a motion?

12 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: So moved.

13 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Second.

14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

15 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

17 (NO RESPONSE.)

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

19 A report of disciplinary actions
20 taken by the Board during the previous month
21 has been made available at this evening's
22 meeting and is posted on the Police Board's
23 website.

24 The Police Board, as authorized

1 by the Open Meetings Act, has considered in a
2 closed meeting one disciplinary case. The
3 Board will now take final action on this case.

4 Regarding case number 19 PB 2959,
5 the Superintendent filed charges to discharge
6 Police Officer Dale Jesionowski from the
7 Chicago Police Department for driving under the
8 influence of alcohol while on duty. The
9 Superintendent subsequently moved to withdraw
10 the charges because the
11 Superintendent -- pardon me. Because the
12 respondent resigned from the Chicago Police
13 Department.

14 Is there a motion to grant the
15 Superintendent's motion to withdraw the
16 charges?

17 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: So moved.

18 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

20 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Show of hands, please.

22 (SHOWING OF HANDS.)

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

24 (NO RESPONSE.)

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Voting in favor are
2 Board Members Wolff, Crowl, DelGado, Eaddy,
3 Flores, O'Malley, Sweeney, Zopp and myself.
4 The motion passes.

5 The Board's decision in this case
6 will be entered as of today's date and issued
7 to the parties. A copy of the written order
8 will be posted on the Board's website.

9 There are two disciplinary
10 matters to announce this evening.

11 Pursuant to Section 2-78-130 of
12 the Municipal Code of Chicago, I considered one
13 matter on which the Chief Administrator of the
14 Civilian Office of Police Accountability and
15 the Superintendent of Police did not agree
16 regarding the discipline of two police
17 officers.

18 Regarding request for review
19 numbers 19-17 and 19-18, the Chief
20 Administrator recommended that two police
21 officers be suspended for ten days for
22 conducting a street stop without justification.

23 The Superintendent recommended
24 that the allegations be classified as

1 unfounded.

2 In my opinion, the Superintendent
3 did not meet the burden of overcoming the Chief
4 Administrative's recommendation for discipline.

5 Regarding request for review
6 numbers 19-15 and 19-16, the Chief
7 Administrator recommended that two police
8 officers be suspended for five days for
9 stopping and searching an individual without
10 justification.

11 The Superintendent recommended
12 that allegations be classified as unfounded and
13 exonerated.

14 In reviewing Board Member
15 Simpson's opinion, the Superintendent met the
16 burden of overcoming the Chief Administrative's
17 recommendation for discipline.

18 The written opinions in these
19 matters will be posted on the Board's website
20 as required by the Municipal Code of Chicago.

21 Next up, we have a presentation
22 by Joseph Lipari. He is the Deputy
23 Inspect -- Deputy Inspector General for Public
24 Safety.

1 As we said a couple of times, we
2 want to make sure that these meetings are
3 useful for information flow from the community,
4 from experts in the field to CPD as well, and
5 so hopefully you guys will have a good
6 opportunity to learn a little bit about the
7 work that the Inspector General is doing.

8 MR. LIPARI: And I apologize turning my
9 back on you guys and facing the audience.

10 Good evening. My name is Joseph
11 Lipari, Deputy Inspector General for Public
12 Safety, Office of Inspector General.

13 What I was planning to do tonight
14 was to introduce you to the Inspector General's
15 Office's information portal. This went live
16 last year. It provides the public access
17 -- direct access to a ton of data, information
18 on all City operations, all City departments
19 and agencies.

20 We have a special section on
21 public safety. There's a tech issue tonight.
22 I was hoping to actually show you --
23 demonstrate some of the dashboards individually
24 to you and show you how to use them and use the

1 filter so you can drill down to get information
2 on your district or ward, even your beat.

3 Because of the tech issue we're having, I can't
4 actually get the live dashboards up.

5 I'm just going to talk about a
6 few and next month I will try to demonstrate
7 some of these. But there's over 30 different
8 dashboards here. You can get a little bit of a
9 taste of them, I think. We also -- there's a
10 pictorial here, a video that you can take a
11 look at that will sort of explain how to use
12 the various filters, features. We have a
13 feedback button if there's some data or some
14 information that either you don't understand or
15 it's not there that you'd like to see something
16 else, you can click on the feedback button.
17 Send our team an e-mail requesting
18 clarification or additional information. To
19 access you go to our dashboard page. Go to
20 ChicagoOIG. Go to the dashboard page. As I
21 said, we have a lot of information on all the
22 budgets, City ordinances, City employees, not
23 actually names of employees, but other sort of
24 data on salaries and positions. These sorts of

1 things. The public safety. We have a whole
2 public safety set of dashboards. You can look
3 at things like -- and all this data is either
4 updated either monthly or daily, so it's very
5 updated information.

6 We have -- you can go in and you
7 can look at the most up-to-date numbers in
8 terms of how many officers are on the force,
9 what -- what units they're assigned to. You
10 can look at your own district. Look at how
11 many officers are currently as of this month
12 assigned to your district. You can look at the
13 average years of experience, the racial
14 breakdown, gender breakdown of the police
15 officers in your district. We also have
16 information up here that provides the history
17 going back to 2007 of complaints against
18 Chicago police officers. Got a lot of officers
19 in the room. That may make you a little
20 nervous. You should be aware that that
21 information has already been made available
22 through FOIA requests and put up on the website
23 called the Invisible Institute. The
24 difference between --

1 MR. PREIB: Now, wait a minute. The
2 invisible institute is a private organization.
3 The City is not supposed to be publishing the
4 Invisible Institute.

5 Frankly, where in the COPA
6 guidelines is it listed that you should even be
7 here doing this presentation?

8 MR. LIPARI: I was invited by the Police
9 Board. And we are a City agency and we have
10 jurisdiction over all City departments.

11 MR. PREIB: Where in the Police Board is
12 this presentation authorized?

13 MR. LIPARI: I think the Police Board, you
14 can speak to that.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: We have made the
16 decision that we are going to invite --

17 MR. PREIB: The Invisible Institute?

18 MR. LIPARI: I am not with the Invisible
19 Institute.

20 MR. PREIB: You brought it up. You are not
21 a legitimate organization.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Hold on one second.
23 Wait. Joe, Joe, excuse me. I've made the
24 offer, and we are going to allow you an

1 opportunity to present as well and so the same
2 way how --

3 MR. PREIB: I could care less.

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: You are making a big
5 deal about him presenting.

6 MR. PREIB: I'm making a big deal about the
7 Invisible Institute.

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: We're not talking about
9 the Invisible Institute.

10 MR. PREIB: He brought up the Invisible
11 Institute.

12 MR. LIPARI: I can tell you the difference
13 between our information and the Invisible
14 Institute --

15 MR. PREIB: I know the difference
16 between -- nobody knows more about the
17 Invisible Institute than I do.

18 MR. LIPARI: Tell me the difference between
19 their --

20 MR. PREIB: The Invisible Institute is a
21 front -- a journalism front for the civil
22 rights law firms who make a lot of money suing
23 police officers and who these guys cave in to
24 every month, that's who the Invisible Institute

1 is.

2 MR. LIPARI: So that's your opinion on the
3 Invisible Institute, but I was asking you
4 actually the difference between the data that
5 they provide and we provide. So let me tell
6 you --

7 MR. PREIB: That's not what I asked. What
8 I asked --

9 MR. LIPARI: That's what I'm about to tell
10 you, so give me a second. I'll be happy to
11 talk with you more after.

12 MR. PREIB: Why don't you answer my
13 question?

14 MR. LIPARI: What was your question?

15 MR. PREIB: What right do you have to be
16 making this presentation as part of the Police
17 Board?

18 MR. LIPARI: I was invited.

19 MR. PREIB: That's not a right.

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: It is a right. We
21 invited him.

22 MR. PREIB: It is not. This is another one
23 of your dog and pony shows.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. Preib, we're going

1 to continue.

2 MR. LIPARI: As I was saying, the
3 difference between our data and the Invisible
4 Institute's data is they got a much -- they
5 have a much larger -- goes very much further in
6 time. And their data set has not been cleaned
7 or vetted, not that it can't be useful, but any
8 time you talk about large data sets, you have
9 to have other data sets to compare them against
10 to make sure that the data's valid, that there
11 aren't duplicates, there isn't missing
12 information. So we were able to do because we
13 have access to all the other data sets -- many
14 other data sets of the Police Department, we
15 were able to compare that data set to others,
16 to clean the data to make it more accurate and
17 more reliable. So it doesn't cover as much of
18 a time period, but it is a more reliable for
19 the period that it does cover.

20 A couple other things we have on
21 there, just to be aware of, records of
22 all -- not records, but data on all of the
23 investigatory stop reports, so you can look at
24 ISRs, again in your district, in your ward, in

1 your neighborhood, in your beat. You can even
2 break it down to look at things like how many,
3 say, juveniles were arrested as a result of an
4 ISR in a school. So you can really drill down
5 into a pretty detailed level of this
6 information.

7 The purpose of this is to further
8 educate, to bring transparency to this
9 information and to inform and empower not only
10 City agencies because they have access -- they
11 can use this data to better manage their own
12 agencies, in which the police department is in
13 the process of doing, but also to educate,
14 inform and empower the public.

15 So I encourage all of you, check
16 out our website, the data portals, the
17 dashboards. Maybe I will be back next month to
18 demonstrate.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you repeat the
20 full website?

21 MR. LIPARI: Google search for Chicago OIG.
22 It will be the first thing. Office of
23 Inspector General.

24 Thank you, guys. I'll stick

1 around for the end of the meeting. If anyone
2 has any questions, I'm happy to take them.
3 Thank you, guys.

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

5 QUEEN SISTER: Can I have your card?

6 MR. LIPARI: Yes.

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The general orders
8 issued by the Superintendent during the
9 previous month are listed in the books and
10 posted on the Police Department's website.

11 Next, Superintendent, can you
12 please provide a report?

13 SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: I will waive
14 tonight. We don't have any additional
15 information than what was provided last month.
16 Next month we should be prepared to give a more
17 detailed report.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent, are you
19 sure? I'm going to ask for a motion. I don't
20 think the motion is going to pass. Is there a
21 motion to accept the Superintendent's report to
22 waive on the Superintendent's report?

23 QUEEN SISTER: No.

24 BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: I'll make that

1 motion.

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: There's been a motion.

3 Is there a second?

4 (NO RESPONSE.)

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Motion fails.

6 SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: You just want me
7 to give something, uh, just so that the
8 audience knows the comments that were made last
9 month regarding the Chicago Police Department,
10 we sent a letter of response out in regard to
11 those questions that were asked last month.

12 QUEEN SISTER: How many lives been lost
13 since last month? Why Negroes dying in the
14 street? That's why you got to go.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent, at the
16 Police Board meeting, there's a duty for you to
17 provide a report. We've stated that we will no
18 longer waive the report. We only meet once a
19 month. We believe that we, the Police Board,
20 have a right to get this information as well as
21 the members of the public. And so going
22 forward, I will strongly encourage the Police
23 Department for the City of Chicago to be
24 prepared to present a report to the public on

1 what you guys are doing. It can be good news,
2 it can be that you captured weapons, that you
3 got drugs, that you arrested people. It can be
4 anything. I find it kind of insulting to say
5 that you responded to people last month and
6 that's your oral report.

7 So we can speak about this later,
8 but it's my -- it's this full Board's
9 expectation that there will be an oral report
10 presented to us every month.

11 SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: Duly noted.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

13 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Can I make a request?
14 Superintendent, I know that the Police
15 Department has been doing a significant amount
16 of work in regards to complying with the
17 Consent Decree. Next month when you come, can
18 you share with us some of the things you've
19 been doing and the work that's been happening?
20 Because I do know that a lot was heard, and I
21 think that would be useful to us to know.

22 SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: Certainly.

23 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Thank you.

24 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Superintendent, I

1 believe I heard that we confiscated a lot of
2 guns on the street. Are you -- can you make a
3 remark starting with all the guns that have
4 been confiscated?

5 SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: Certainly. So at
6 this point same time last year we recovered
7 over 20 percent more weapons than we did the
8 same time last year. We are currently on pace
9 to recover over 10,000 illegal weapons from the
10 streets of Chicago. This is not a testament to
11 how good CPD is, but moreover it's just a brief
12 reminder how many illegal weapons we have out
13 on the streets of Chicago. So we are
14 constantly working with ATF, our federal
15 partners, to stem the flow of illegal weapons.
16 Officers out there doing what we asked them to
17 do in terms of confiscating illegal weapons.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The Police Board is
19 also trying something new in that people who do
20 come and make comments at the public meeting,
21 we're asking for responses in writing, both
22 from CPD as well as COPA. The Board is pleased
23 to announce that we have received written
24 responses from people who testify. Some of

1 those people are here today. Some of the
2 issues have been resolved. Some are ongoing.
3 But we have received responses. Those are
4 available on the Police Board's website as
5 well.

6 Now, I will call on members of
7 the public who signed up in advance to speak.
8 We have a lot of speakers, so we are going to
9 hold steady to the two minutes. There's one
10 exception in that there's a group. I will
11 allow them to come and speak together and use
12 their time in a more efficient way.

13 So first speaker is Amanda
14 Parker. Amanda Parker.

15 Jamie Frazier. Good evening.

16 MR. FRAZIER: Good evening. I'm Reverend
17 Jamie Frazier, pastor of the Lighthouse of the
18 Church of Chicago UCC and board president of
19 Lighthouse Foundation.

20 Lighthouse Foundation advances
21 justice for black LGBTQ+ people across
22 Chicagoland through empowerment, education and
23 entertainment.

24 Police Board, I'm here today to

1 urge you to enforce the 60-day suspension of
2 Officer Thomas Walsh, Senior, which former
3 Superintendent McCarthy called for in 2015
4 after reviewing IPRA's nearly two-year thorough
5 investigation into his behavior.

6 On November 29th, 2013, while off
7 duty, Officer Walsh physically assaulted a
8 black security guard named James Matthews at
9 Lucky Horseshoe.

10 In IPRA's thorough 2015 summary
11 report, they sustained allegation number one
12 for Officer Walsh. They affirmed that Walsh,
13 quote, "Engaged in an unjustified physical
14 altercation when he pushed James Matthews to
15 the floor causing an injury to his right
16 rotator cuff."

17 IPRA also sustained allegation
18 number two for Walsh in that he used, quote,
19 "Profanity and racially motivated language
20 towards James Matthews."

21 IPRA found that Walsh said to
22 Matthews words to the effect of, "Fucking
23 nigger. Don't you ever put your fucking hands
24 on me. Who the fuck do you think you are, you

1 fucking nigger," and, "Get that fucking nigger
2 away from me."

3 Police Board, six years have
4 passed since this incident. I urge you to
5 enforce the 60-day suspension that
6 Superintendent McCarthy called for.

7 I urge you in this moment to get
8 justice for James Matthews by bringing Walsh to
9 justice.

10 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

11 Next speaker, Virginia White.

12 MS. WHITE: Good evening. My name is
13 Virginia White, and I serve as co-pastor of
14 Root and Branch Church of Logan Square.

15 Our congregation is committed to
16 following the example of Jesus Christ who stood
17 boldly for justice, who loved wildly and
18 indiscriminately.

19 Likewise, you as members of the
20 Police Board share this charge to uphold
21 justice.

22 One of the allegations sustained
23 by your Officer Walsh was that his actions
24 brought discredit upon the Chicago Police

1 Department. Certainly those who serve as
2 police officers should be some of our first
3 allies in the fight for justice; however, in
4 these times, when goodwill between the public
5 and the police has eroded due to numerous
6 instances of violence by officers against
7 persons of color, violence like Officer Walsh's
8 egregious assault of James Matthews in Boys
9 Town six years ago, many looked at the police
10 system with disappointment and apprehension.
11 This is why we cannot afford to let
12 unacceptable and shameful actions remain
13 unaddressed.

14 As long as these allegations
15 sustained against him languish in appeals, we
16 all lose. But the work of this Police Board
17 offers the possibility for restoration. When
18 those engaged in violence are held accountable,
19 trust is restored.

20 In the gospel is the greek word
21 sozo, which is closely affiliated with Jesus'
22 ministry, also translated as saved or
23 delivered, it can also mean restore or heal.

24 Police Board, by gaining control

1 of this case and holding Officer Walsh to
2 account for his discrediting behavior, you're
3 doing the work of restoration. And that is
4 what we work. That is why I ask you, Police
5 Board members, to take over Officer Walsh's
6 case and enforce the 60-day suspension former
7 Superintendent McCarthy recommended. Let's do
8 something and let's do it now. Thank you.

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

10 Superintendent, do you know the status of this
11 case?

12 SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: Sorry, but this is
13 the first that I'm hearing about it, so we'll
14 look into it.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay. Thank you very
16 much.

17 Next speaker is Michael LaFargue,
18 et al.

19 MR. MICHAEL LaFARGUE: Good evening. I'm
20 Mike LaFargue, Chicago's First Good Realtor
21 Neighbor honoree by the National Association of
22 Realtors.

23 Our coalition, the Communities
24 Organized to Win, supports developing good

1 business neighbor agreements similar to those
2 created by the West Chesterfield Community and
3 endorsed by the Red-Line Extension Coalition.

4 How many of you have experienced
5 a business in your community that just does not
6 fit in, look good or attract the type of
7 clientele that you want to be associated with?

8 I ask you, imagine, if you will,
9 a community that is safe, secure, having
10 walkable destinations where you are comfortable
11 sending your youngest child or most senior
12 adult. Safe, meaning having good pedestrian,
13 friendly streets, crosswalks and signals.
14 Secure, meaning an area free of loitering,
15 assaults, theft, murder. And walkable, meaning
16 clean streetscaped areas with diverse
17 businesses.

18 Good business neighbors are
19 businesses that voluntarily sign an agreement
20 with the community stating that businesses will
21 actively participate in the community, keep
22 their business' interiors and exteriors clean
23 and well lit, follow City ordinances and enroll
24 in the Chicago Police Department's

1 antiloitering/trespass affidavit program.

2 Components of this agreement can
3 be customized per neighborhood. The agreement
4 can be 50 percent voluntary and 50 percent
5 based on City ordinances and that's
6 enforceable. Mechanisms as community
7 organizations, churches, block clubs and the
8 proposed police business liaison officer in the
9 City's Department of Business Affairs, consumer
10 protection are needed to develop a rapport with
11 these businesses, that includes communicating,
12 coaching and awarding and commending our
13 challenged businesses for achieving good
14 business neighbor goals.

15 We expect businesses to be of the
16 mind-set that their collective actions can
17 improve area appearance, safety and can attract
18 a positive mix of clients.

19 MR. ALONZO ANDERSON: Good evening. All
20 neighborhoods desire a business community which
21 is vibrant that provides needed goods and
22 services. Residents of these communities want
23 good business neighbors who run well-maintained
24 properties which are properly lighted with

1 lights that turn on at dusk automatically.
2 These business owners make sure that their
3 properties are adequately clean from the curb
4 to the sidewalk, in front of the building, as
5 well as the rear area behind the entity.

6 Other components demonstrated by
7 good business neighbors are owners who attend
8 or send a representative to a minimum of at
9 least three community or association or CAPS
10 meetings annually. They will participate in
11 community activities by paying dues and
12 sponsoring events which benefit local programs.

13 Lastly, good business neighbors
14 will discourage loitering per Chicago ordinance
15 and agree to CPD's trespass affidavit
16 authorization to prevent loitering.

17 MS. JENNIFER EDWARDS: Good evening. The
18 good business neighbor concept was introduced
19 and developed by the West Chesterfield
20 Community Association and the Red-Line
21 Coalition. I'm repeating this because this is
22 important.

23 We come to partner with the City
24 of Chicago and the Chicago Police Department to

1 recommend a strategy to combat bad business
2 activity or illegal activity that occurs in and
3 around businesses currently in our communities.

4 We are in agreement with the City
5 of Chicago that crime in Chicago occurs often
6 times with the assistance of bad business
7 activity or illegal activity that do not
8 respect the quality of life of the
9 neighborhoods where they are located.

10 We are proposing to make this
11 project a City of Chicago ordinance and have
12 begun talking with the aldermen within various
13 areas of Chicago for support.

14 We hope it will be considered and
15 that you will assist in helping us promote it
16 with Chicago aldermen and the Chicago Police
17 Department.

18 We hope to meet with the head of
19 the CAPS program and the chair of the committee
20 on public safety, which includes Alderman
21 Taliaferro and the appropriate representative
22 of the Mayor's Office. We also want to engage
23 the community members in teaching how to report
24 business violations effectively and to help

1 promote block club involvement to support good
2 business activity.

3 We suggest expanding community
4 outreach of the OEMC project to assist in this
5 process with an expansion of the Smart911 and
6 Smart311 projects.

7 We would ask OEMC to incorporate
8 directing community members to the appropriate
9 City departments for reporting the type of
10 business violations and whether 311 or 911
11 should be used.

12 We support this concept as a
13 potential ordinance for consideration and as a
14 crime deterrent and believe this recommendation
15 could help to link strategies in conjunction
16 with community members, police, City
17 departments and neighborhood businesses.

18 Now, you have in your packet an
19 example of a bad business. And a picture
20 carries a thousand words. Okay? So we just
21 wanted to explain that.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

23 MR. MATT BRANDON: To tie this all together,
24 we're here as a group. And we're here -- most

1 of us are from either West Chesterfield or
2 Gresham Auburn, the 6th Ward, and -- the 9th
3 Ward. We plan to go all across the City and
4 enlist common community members to fight for
5 their communities. We understand that that
6 fight begins by partnering with the Chicago
7 Police Department. The Chicago Police
8 Department is the first response in our
9 community.

10 We know that there are
11 differences and there are problems between the
12 community and the police, and we want to work
13 to fix those together.

14 We think that the community
15 policing program is the direction that we need
16 to go.

17 We applaud the efforts of the
18 Chicago Police Department to promote that
19 program.

20 We met today, Superintendent,
21 with Commander Mohammed, and I hope you give
22 him props, and Captain Milmine, his chief
23 officer of his CAPS program for two hours.
24 They sat with us for two hours and they

1 listened to us talk about some of our concerns.

2 Our concerns are also for the
3 police officers on the street, particularly
4 with these bad businesses, because if you ask
5 any street officer if they go to a call at some
6 of these outfits that are in our community, the
7 windows are covered with papers and ad sales
8 and they're walking into them blind.

9 The success of the outcome of a
10 police encounter begins with the approach.
11 Officers need to know what they're walking into
12 before they walk into it.

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

14 MR. MATT BRANDON: So we're here to work with
15 you, the Board, and with the Police Department.

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
17 So, for the record, we had Michael LaFargue,
18 Alonzo Anderson, Jennifer Edwards and Matt
19 Brandon. I wanted to make sure we got it on the
20 official record.

21 Next speaker, Patrick Murray.

22 Next speaker Sarah Lusche.

23 MS. SARAH LUSCHE: Close. Good evening.

24 My name is Sarah Lusche, and I am the co-pastor

1 of Hyde Park Union Church which is an open and
2 affirming congregation that welcomes people of
3 all races, ethnicities, family structures,
4 gender expressions and sexual identities.

5 Our church has a long history of
6 working for equity in the City of Chicago.

7 We believe that our faith extends
8 beyond the church walls. That we must move
9 within our lives and our communities in ways
10 that proclaim justice and love for all people.

11 It is this faith and mission that
12 convicts me to stand before you all tonight
13 asking that the Police Board enforce the 60-day
14 suspension for Officer Thomas Walsh, Senior.
15 I'm one of three speakers tonight who are here
16 to insist upon justice for James. Each of us
17 speaks for two minutes. That makes a combined
18 six minutes to bring awareness to this issue
19 which mirrors the six years that this case has
20 gone without resolution.

21 The investigation found that
22 Officer Walsh exhibited violence and racist
23 behavior while off duty. These are the facts.
24 Officer Walsh unjustifiably physically

1 assaulted James Matthews. Officer Walsh hurled
2 racial slurs at James Matthews. I hope that we
3 can all agree this evening that these actions
4 are unconscionable and certainly unfitting for
5 someone tasked with upholding and protecting
6 the common good.

7 As a citizen of Chicago, I'm
8 appalled that Officer Walsh has yet to face the
9 repercussions for his actions. And as a pastor
10 in this City, I am deeply disturbed that a
11 racial assault by someone in a position of
12 power has gone unchallenged. This is not
13 right. And this is not just. I love this
14 City. And I have been called to serve the
15 people of this City as best I can. And I
16 believe that Chicago can and should be a place
17 where all people are valued and where all
18 people can flourish. Yet this can't happen if
19 blatantly violent racist behavior remains
20 unchecked.

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

22 MS. SARAH LUSCHE: For your information,
23 the log number is 1066452. Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Next

1 speaker Octavia Mitchell.

2 MS. OCTAVIA MITCHELL: Hi. Everybody knows
3 my name is Octavia Mitchell. I spoke with
4 Superintendent Eddie Johnson last month. As
5 far as inventory, the DNA for my son Isaiah
6 Jackson -- who was murdered by the Chicago
7 police officers, who was shot three times in
8 his back, we're in the process, I'm hoping, of
9 getting the DNA samples that was withheld and
10 lied about that was supposed to have been sent
11 to the Illinois State Police Department. I
12 asked for inventory or what was sent there and
13 I'm constantly getting the same thing. I asked
14 what was sent. What does the Illinois State
15 Police Department have in 2019. What did CPD
16 send to the Illinois State Police Department.
17 I put that in the FOIA and requested that
18 information and still yet I keep getting stuff
19 from 2010. The stuff from 2010, everything is
20 saying no comparison, no comparison, no glatex
21 (phonetic) comparison. My son -- nothing of my
22 son's is on these guns, the gun, the weapon or
23 whatever it is you all saying he had. Why do
24 you keep sending me the same exact thing? I

1 have a pile of the same exact thing.

2 So I'm asking, am I going to be
3 able to get the inventory of what was sent to
4 the Illinois State Police Department in 2019?
5 Because the Illinois State Police Department
6 keeps telling me, once I give them the ID
7 number, they can't talk to me. I need to talk
8 to CPD.

9 SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: So, ma'am, we
10 talked a few weeks ago about your issue, and
11 the response in the research that was done
12 since you and I talked will be available for
13 you in a few days.

14 MS. OCTAVIA MITCHELL: Okay. COPA, do you
15 know how long and how far we are? We know that
16 the Illinois State Police supposed to have the
17 DNA for testing. Do you know how long? Have
18 you heard from the Illinois State Police
19 Department?

20 MS. ROBERTS: No, we haven't received
21 information what they have been doing with the
22 investigation.

23 MS. OCTAVIA MITCHELL: I'll wait on you,
24 Superintendent. What did you say, Ms. Roberts?

1 MS. ROBERTS: We haven't received word on
2 when it will be done.

3 MS. OCTAVIA MITCHELL: Okay.

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

5 Next speaker, Flora Suttle.

6 MS. FLORA SUTTLE: Good afternoon. My name
7 is Flora Suttle. I spoke last week about the
8 murder of my son Derrick Suttle by an off-duty
9 Chicago police officer after he shot and
10 handcuffed him to the steering wheel of the
11 vehicle that my son was riding in. I didn't
12 mention that Derrick has a daughter, Larissa
13 Suttle. She is 23 years old. She just
14 graduated from Illinois State with a degree in
15 political science. We've been going through
16 this awhile.

17 My first request to reopen this
18 case was in 2016. I wrote to Sharon Farley and
19 asked for a -- I met with her, as a matter of
20 fact. And she left office before I got any
21 result. I've been meeting with Sidney Roberts.
22 Chief Roberts, first of all, I'd like to stand
23 corrected on a comment I made last session. I
24 said that you told me to get a lawyer. You

1 were not the person directly telling me to get
2 a lawyer. It was suggested to me. And what I
3 have done, I've submitted the information that
4 you requested to consider reopening my son's
5 case.

6 I did receive a letter yesterday
7 from COPA saying that they would review the
8 information that I sent, and I sent you a
9 substantial amount of information. And I have
10 more. So I thank you for the letter. And this
11 is a start. This is all, to me, a beginning
12 for the Consent Decree, because it is in place,
13 and I will be at that meeting on Saturday to
14 find out where we're going and what we can do,
15 and I can give some information to them.

16 But so far, since our last
17 meeting, we're on point, and I expect to
18 continue communicating. And then I will be
19 giving reports as to what I came up with. In
20 the meantime, I will be working with Matt
21 Brandon and the group trying to bring together
22 some kind of peace of this.

23 Keep in mind, Derrick Suttle had
24 a family. I'm a retired police agent. 22

1 years of police service and 12 years in IAD and
2 I know about investigations, inside and out.
3 But it's not my case to investigate, and I can
4 not determine the outcome of this
5 investigation. I can give you the proper tools
6 and proper information and evidence.

7 And the last thing I'd like to
8 say, I'm not concerned about this officer's
9 job. I'm concerned about criminal charges, and
10 I want to know once the investigation is
11 completed and there is a finding that he can be
12 charged criminally, who pursues that matter?
13 Is it up to me? Who gets it to the State's
14 Attorney? Is it up to you? We will start
15 where we need to start, but my main focus,
16 there are criminal charges that should be made
17 against the officer. Not only him, his wife
18 was complicit in this.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, ma'am.

20 Next speaker, Queen Sister.

21 MS. QUEEN SISTER: Blessings, blessings,
22 blessings. You all miss me in between these
23 months.

24 Look, I just come to let you

1 know, Eddie Winslow, it is time for you to go.
2 It is clear that Mayor Shemp Lightfoot cares
3 more about preserving your pension than she
4 does about black folks dying in the streets of
5 what the nation has come to know as Chiraq,
6 Illinois, on your watch. So for the sake of
7 the people, the citizens, and this City, we are
8 calling for your resignation. We are asking
9 you to resign effective immediately.

10 So when the calls start in the
11 morning, you know where they come from. We
12 can't take no more. Because, you know -- and
13 tonight, waive, we want to wave at you. Going
14 to give you a waiver. How about that?

15 We got this Police Board here, JC
16 286831, regarding a theft on a 40-year business
17 involving a retired police officer, because
18 he's out there running amuck, Superintendent.
19 Now, he's out here drunk with the power. Then
20 stole merchandise from a Vietnam veteran,
21 86-year-old senior. Everybody in the
22 neighborhood knows it. And if I catch his ass
23 and chastise his ass, you're going to be trying
24 to lock me up and throw me under the jail,

1 instead of putting the investigators on the
2 case and doing what they need to do. He gets
3 special privilege.

4 The minute that they found out
5 that there was a retired officer involved,
6 everybody got -- yes, Mr. President?

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Your time
8 is up.

9 Next speaker, Robert More.

10 MS. QUEEN SISTER: Mr. President, I done
11 found me a Jewish -- God sent me a Jewish
12 attorney who's fleece is white as snow to speak
13 for me. And we need the list. We need that
14 list and that background list.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Robert More.

16 MR. MORE: It is September of 2019. Robert
17 J. More who's addressing -- Robert J. More is
18 what's called a contra tob shebbe goyyim harog.
19 Tob shebbe goyyim harog is four Yiddish words,
20 even the best of the goyyim must be killed.

21 Robert J. More is not an
22 anti-Semitic. Robert J. More accepts all of
23 the condemnations of the Catholic Church before
24 1958, which still exists, but not presently any

1 observable government system, condemnations of
2 antisemiticism.

3 Robert J. More also accepts all
4 of the instances in which the book known as the
5 Talmud was ordered burned by legitimate popes
6 and the protected measures that were put
7 against Jewish ritual murder against usury,
8 against the destruction, the degeneration of
9 society was then Christendom from the
10 immorality of this group of people. Not all of
11 the group of people, but in general.

12 So the point is, the person in my
13 position, an especially targeted individual,
14 which is obvious to me, has to defend against
15 the anti-Semite smear, has to defend against
16 some type of psychological derangement smear,
17 has to be able to pull the teeth on all these
18 to stay in circulation, because they have
19 full-time factory FBI agents who are trying to
20 produce a false dossier and a false
21 presentation of an individual to turn enough
22 members of the public against them so they can
23 get some type of institution -- into a mental
24 institution or get a criminal conviction. So

1 they have to build these false dossiers. So to
2 pull the teeth on that, that's why I have to
3 address that. And it takes forever to move
4 forward. But there's a massive disinformation
5 industry which people don't understand. When I
6 give presentations about the Bolles (phonetic)
7 Jewish Ritual Murder, the death of Patton,
8 Forrestal, JFK, MLK, RFK, First World Trade
9 Center, Oklahoma City. Now we have Terrance
10 Yeakey, the hero of Oklahoma City. It's
11 dishonoring Terrance Yeakey to refuse to accept
12 this ridiculous suicide depiction of what
13 happened to him, which is now Ross Elder, and
14 they're trying to pick up people to accept this
15 version, because he is some type of rightful
16 patriot at --

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Time is up.

18 MR. DAVID DEWAR: Good evening. My name is
19 David Dewar. I live in the 19th Ward, the 22nd
20 District. I ran for alderman.
21 Daviddewarforalderman.com. I do support good
22 policing. Unfortunately, I was a victim of a
23 false arrest on February 17th of 2014. I was
24 here last month and I explained how Officer

1 Felmon and Devine created a false police report
2 against me. What's sad is they were -- 2013,
3 there was a CR report here, and through the
4 investigator when they were both suspended,
5 they asked them the question on Rule 14,
6 Chicago Police Board of ethics, if you file a
7 false police report, do you understand, they
8 said yes. And what did they do? They created
9 a false arrest report on me. I filed as an
10 attorney pro se. I won with a federal judge.
11 In fact, I was falsely arrested. Then a year
12 later in 2015, six police officers came to my
13 residence looking for me to arrest me. The
14 codes show that. And then through my discovery
15 in 2018, through the 22nd District, they all
16 covered for him, which is in my case, 16 CV
17 2287. Docket entry 85 and 96 explains exactly
18 how the whole Department did this. So my point
19 is, you have Isaac Lambert, another officer in
20 the 22nd, he was disciplined for doing the
21 right thing on a false police report, and he
22 was demoted from the detective division. The
23 point is, in order to get public trust -- I was
24 framed. There's no doubt about it. I was

1 framed and I continue -- but in order to get
2 public trust, you have to discipline not only
3 the police officers, but the Department. It's
4 systemic. My case proves it. Why didn't I go
5 to COPA, Eddie Johnson, Superintendent?

6 Because I went to IPRA and they went -- they
7 threatened to go into my house, right, without
8 a warrant. So I lost faith. I already have
9 this in front of me. There is no
10 investigation.

11 So let me close here and say I'm
12 a middle-aged white guy. I feel sorry for the
13 people of color that have been going through
14 this for years.

15 If you want true accountability
16 for the public, you have to walk the talk.

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Next
18 speaker, John Catanzara.

19 MR. JOHN CATANZARA: Good evening,
20 Superintendent. With the announcement of the
21 upcoming promotional exam for sergeant, I would
22 urge you to consider a waiver for all the
23 policemen who got on this job and there was no
24 college requirement at the time they got hired

1 to take a promotional exam. To change the
2 rules while they're already on the job is not
3 fair. To have them uproot their life, have to
4 go to school, out-of-pocket expenses for
5 schooling, it's not right. And saves the City
6 money in the long run, because they don't have
7 to go and get college tuition reimbursement in
8 order to qualify for promotional tests. For
9 many of them it's going to be their last bite
10 at the promotional apple. To grant them a
11 waiver if they were hired prior to that
12 requirement I think would be a fair thing to
13 do.

14 To the Police Board. You're on
15 the verge of rendering a decision in the Rialmo
16 case. I'm going to tell you a story real quick
17 hopefully. About 20 years ago, I was working
18 midnights in the 8th District. I found myself
19 straddling the roof of two buildings, standing
20 on a railing and a rooftop, confronting an
21 offender with a knife with a five-inch blade
22 ranting like a lunatic after menacing six
23 teenagers at about 2:00 o'clock in the morning.
24 When he finally discovered that I found out

1 where he was, he came towards me with a knife
2 in his hand above his head, up to probably the
3 front of this podium, he got that close to me
4 with a knife. The whole time my gun was
5 pointed at his head. My Mag light was in my
6 other hand, and I didn't shoot because I wasn't
7 afraid. Now, does that make me stupid? To a
8 lot of officers it did. You know why? Because
9 three weeks later that same offender
10 slaughtered three innocent human beings and
11 stabbed them not less than 80 times in a single
12 victim.

13 Now why am I telling you this?
14 Because policemen face circumstances like this
15 all the time. And to sit here and render a
16 decision for a split-second decision that
17 someone made is pretty dangerous. And to say
18 that Rialmo did not have reasonable fear of his
19 well-being and his partner's well-being when
20 that incident went down that Mr. LeGrier is
21 responsible for enacting is reckless. He
22 should be given his job back and this nightmare
23 should be over.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: At this time, we've

1 heard from all members of the public who signed
2 up in advance to speak. Is there a motion to
3 adjourn?

4 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: So moved.

5 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Second.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

7 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

9 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings
10 were adjourned at 8:25 p.m.)

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