



## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday, September 20, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** City Hall, City Council Chambers, 161 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI, 49201

1. Call to order, by chair at 6:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call. Present: James Johnson, Jr., Shalanda Hunt, Cheryl Ragland, Miriam Brown Dorsey, Amy Rich, Maurice Imhoff, Barbara Holt and Jha Bikash. Absent (excused), Robert VanSumeren. Also present: Doria LaPorte and Vice Mayor Robinson.
3. Adoption of agenda (Dorsey moved, Hunt second – passed.)
4. Citizens comments. None.
5. Approval of previous minutes. Approved.
6. Police Report
  - a. 3 recruits begin training in Lansing in Jan '24.
  - b. Looking for 3 new recruits.
    - i. Academy pays \$17.50/hour.
  - c. Applications for police officer reserves up as well.
    - i. Training is 2x/week for 18 weeks total.
  - d. Active shooter training is complete at half the JPS schools.
  - e. 2<sup>nd</sup> school police officer has been designated for Parkside, no longer sharing Stallworth with JHS.
  - f. Getting new police vehicles.
7. Committee Report
  - a. Nominating, no updates per Hunt.
  - b. Proj. Development, no updates per Ragland
  - c. Policy and complaint, no updates.
  - d. Public Relations, no updates.
  - e. Public Events, we added to old business (breakfast).
8. Old business
  - a. Welcome of new commissioners, Jah and Holt by chair.
    - i. City liason will continue to work on getting packets made for new members with Ragland for orientation information.
  - b. Harold White Sr. Breakfast
    - i. Vendors paid.
    - ii. Awards being made.
    - iii. Sponsors in program, printing 80 total.

- iv. Miriam and John collected historical information, John Willis will read at breakfast.
    - v. Give back unsold tickets the morning of breakfast.
    - vi. 6:45 a.m. arrival time, Holt and Dorsey will be taking tickets at door.
  - c. HRC apparel, received.
    - i. Hunt will order more for new members.
  - d. NAACP sponsorship, we sponsor them, they sponsor us.
- 9. New business
  - a. Chair read letter sent to us about Truth in Politics.
- 10. City Councilmember Comments, Robinson.
  - a. Welcomed new members.
  - b. Ward 5 (Karen) resigning.
  - c. 2 properties being sold and being converted to single family homes, 24 apts).
  - d. Homeless project annex at T.A. Wilson is being worked on.
- 11. Commissioner's comments
  - a. Lots of excitement about breakfast.
  - b. Thanks to Shalanda for apparel.
  - c. Welcome of new members.
- 12. Adjournment.

Submitted from the notes of Amy Rich, and XXXXX,

Robert W. VanSumeren