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April 10, 2019–7:00 P.M.

Court/City Council Conference Room

East Lansing, MI 48823

1) **Opening**

A) Roll Call

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Baum, Cannon, Hoene, McWherter and Murray. Also present were Aaron Stephens, City Council Liaison, and Shelli Neumann, Staff Liaison.

B) Review of Agenda

The Commission approved the agenda for April 10, 2019. Motion by Hoene; second by McWherter. All yeas; motion carried.

C) Approval of Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes for March 6, 2019. Motion by Murray; second by Hoene. All yeas; motion carried.

2) **Public Comment**

None

3) **Council Liaison Report**

Council member Stephens noted that it is currently budget season. City Council will be spending time on the budget over the next several City Council meetings.

The City will be beginning a new Priority Based Budget process that will be implemented in fiscal year 2021.

City Council recently approved Ordinance 1454, an ordinance to incorporate the Landlord and Tenant Relations Act into the Property Maintenance Code.

4) **Staff Liaison Report**

Neumann noted that there will be a public dedication of the teal flags, representing sister survivors of the Larry Nassar sexual assaults, on Thursday, April 11, 11:30 AM at Ann Street Plaza.

Neumann noted that there will be a Policing Autism event on April 18, 2019, 10 AM to 12 PM at the House of Representatives Building (5th Floor). Captain Chad Connelly will be in attendance representing ELPD.

5) **Commissioner Concerns/Items**

Commissioner Hoene described an upcoming Diversity Alliance conference that she will be attending. More information will be shared with the HRC on this even, via email.

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6) **Old Business**

1. ELPD Complaint Process

Council member Stephens described the possibility of introducing an ordinance that would establish a new City Commission, appointed by City Council, which would be charged with hearing external complaint dispositions from the police department. He will be working with the City Attorney and the Police Chief on this.

2. Future Events

Commissioners discussed starting a monthly Face-to-Face Coffee Hour that would be hosted by an alternating Human Relations Commissioner at various City locations. The hosting commissioner would choose a civil rights issue/topic for their month and bring along a subject matter expert. The public would be invited to participate in the informal conversation.

7) **New Business**

None

8) **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM. Motion by Murray; second by Hoene. All yeas; motion carried.

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