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October 2, 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 Cannon, McWherter, Miller, Murray Perry (arrived at 7:15 PM), and Sardar. Also present was Shelli Neumann, Staff Liaison.
 - B) **Review of Agenda**

The Commission approved the agenda for October 2, 2019. Motion by Miller; second by McWherter. All yeas; motion carried.
 - C) **Approval of Minutes**

The Commission approved the minutes for September 4, 2019. Motion by Cannon; second by Miller. All yeas; motion carried.
- 2) **Public Comment**

Kath Edsall, 1026 Daisy Lane, spoke regarding the drafted Public Safety Review—Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations. Edsall is opposed to including public safety members to the ad hoc committee composition.

Edsall also read into the record correspondence from Monica Fink. Fink wrote that she is opposed to including police and fire employees on the committee, as the draft recommends.
- 3) **Written Correspondence**

The following correspondence regarding the drafted resolution creating an Ad Hoc Committee for the Public Safety Review Board was received by the HRC prior to, or at, the October 2 meeting. (This correspondence is included at the end of the minutes.)

 - Erik Williams, 1209 Old Hickory Lane, email document dated 9/30/19
 - Ralph Monsma, 1350 Red Leaf Lane, email received 10/1/19
 - Dana Watson, 563 N. Hagadorn, email received 10/2/19
 - Anna Fisher, 1567 Snyder, email received 10/2/19
- 4) **Council Liaison Comments**

Councilmember Stephens joined the meeting via telephone.

Councilmember Stephens welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Thasin to his first official meeting.

Councilmember Stephens noted that he would not be able to participate in the portion of the meeting regarding the draft resolution regarding the Ad Hoc Committee formation; however, he wanted to remind Commissioners that the goal of the resolution was to keep it general, as it is the actual Ad Hoc Committee's role to make specific decisions.

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- 5) **Staff Liaison Report**
None

- 6) **Commissioner Concerns/Items**

Commissioner Miller noted that she would be changing the date of the November *Coffee & Conversation*.

Commissioner Murray noted that Councilmember Stephens and she will be speaking with CATA about accessibility issues. Currently

- 7) **Old Business**

- A) **Complaint of Discrimination: R. Horton**

Neumann noted that she had spoken with complainant Horton several times. Horton was referred to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and the Fair Housing Center of Southeast and Mid-Michigan based on the information she shared.

- B) **Public Safety Review Board—Task Force Recommendation Resolution**

Chair Murray shared the draft resolution regarding the formation of a Task Force to make recommendations to the City Council for the initial membership of the Public Safety Oversight Commission.

Commissioners made multiple changes to the draft resolution. The edits will be made by Staff Liaison Neumann and Chair Murray. The edited resolution will then be sent to the entire HRC for review to ensure all agreed upon changes have been made to the draft resolution.

Motion by McWherter; second by Perry to forward the final amended resolution regarding the Task Force recommendation to City Council for their consideration. All ayes; motion carried.

- C) **Motion by Miller; second by McWherter to table “HRC: High School Representative Seat” to a future meeting, as well as the “New Business” items to a future meeting. All ayes; motion carried.**

- D) ***Coffee & Conversation*—HRC Monthly Event**

Commissioner Murray noted that the September *Coffee & Conversation* was not well attended. She suggested that future monthly events be held on a week day rather than a weekend.

Coming up: October 20, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M., *Coffee & Conversation: Disabilities & Accessibility Edition*, hosted by Commissioner Karen Hoene at Grand Traverse Pie Company.

- 8) **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 PM. Motion by Miller; second by McWherter. All yeas; motion carried.