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**DATE: June 7, 2018**

**TO: Milwaukee Police Department-Chief Alfonso Morales**

**FROM: Milwaukee Board of Fire and Police Commissioners**

**RE: Request for Audit by the Milwaukee Police Department of the stop, detention and arrest of Sterling Brown**

### BACKGROUND

Sterling Brown was arrested by Milwaukee Police Department on January 26, 2018. Video showing the events leading up to Mr. Brown's arrest was released to the public on May 24, 2018. Shortly thereafter, information was released regarding the disciplines issued by Chief Morales as a result of the conduct viewed on the approximately 30 minute video, including a 2-day suspension of the officer initiating the stop, and 10-day and 15-day suspensions to the two sergeants present during the incident with Mr. Brown.

On May 31, 2018, WISN produced a news story which included additional body camera footage of the incident involving Mr. Brown from January 26, 2018. The footage appears to have been recorded after Mr. Brown was taken into custody and was removed from the scene. In one clip, an officer can be overheard requesting overtime and bragging about making extra money while waiting for a tow truck to retrieve the vehicle Mr. Brown was driving. In another clip, an officer sitting in the driver's seat of a vehicle marked with "Supervisor" can be seen and heard commenting on how this incident will be perceived by the public. This is footage that was not presented to the Commission prior to its release to the public.

### AUDIT CONTENT AND DEADLINES

Based on the critical and concerning nature of the incident involving Mr. Brown, and the recent release of additional footage relating to that incident, the Commission deems it necessary for the Police Department to conduct a full audit of its investigation of, and response to, this incident. The Commission hereby requests that the Milwaukee Police Department conduct a three-phase audit, as outlined below, with the results of each phase reported both to the Commission and the Common Council:

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Phase Description	Presentation to FPC	Presentation to Public Safety and Health Committee
Phase I – Production of all police reports, internal memoranda, use of force reports, and other documentation, as well as all dash cam and body cam video relating to the incident (to include a summary of documents provided and summary timeline of contents of video footage)	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	June 28 <sup>th</sup>
Phase II – Chief’s analysis of MPD response to incident, including description of steps taken in investigating incident, documents/video reviewed to determine rule violations, rationale and analysis of disciplinary decisions, outreach to interested stakeholders	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	July 19 <sup>th</sup>
Phase III – Recommendations for policy and SOP changes (including body camera footage review and release, open records responses, taser usage), collaborations with other City stakeholders, engagement with community for critical incidents	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	July 26 <sup>th</sup>

Your audit of this incident should include all aspects of the Department’s handling of this critical incident including, but not limited to, initiation of the investigation, procedures followed and steps taken to conduct the investigation (including personnel assigned to conduct particular segments of the investigation), review of the results of the investigation.

Steven DeVougas, Chair  
Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

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