



Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

January 29, 2020

To The Honorable, Milwaukee
Fire & Police Commission

Honorable Members of the Milwaukee Fire & Police Commission:

On behalf of all the residents of Milwaukee, I want to personally thank you for your commitment to the Fire & Police Commission. I appreciate the time and effort you devote to our community.

I am writing to request that the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission open a formal review of recent events that are of concern to me. A video of a police interview with Mr. Kaylan Haywood, Sr., was released to a reporter during what the District Attorney's office has said is an ongoing investigation. Mr. Haywood, Sr., was interviewed at Sojourner Family Peace Center. Chairman DeVougas accompanied and participated in the interview between the Milwaukee Police Department and Mr. Haywood, Sr.

Here are my concerns:

First, was the video released according to department rules? If it is determined that the release of the video was not within accepted practice, who was responsible for its release, and how will they be disciplined for violating the rules?

Second, was it appropriate to conduct the interview at Sojourner Family Peace Center? If it was not appropriate, who made the request, and who granted the request? What is the appropriate sanction for the violation of any Police Department rules?

Finally, was it appropriate for the Chairman DeVougas to be present at the interview with Mr. Kaylan Haywood, Sr.? If not, what needs to be done in this situation, and in the future, to ensure it doesn't happen again?

I hope you share my desire to have these matters resolved as quickly as possible. Thank you in advance for your prompt action and thorough review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Barrett".

Tom Barrett
Mayor