The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL:

Management Analyst/Executive Assistant Harris delivered roll call.

II. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

Appointment of Committee Chair- Leslie Harris, Management Analyst/Executive Assistant

Management Analyst/Executive Assistant Harris opened the floor for Chair nominations.

Deputy Mayor Evans nominated Councilmember Carter and Councilmember McClinmans seconded the nomination.

With no other nominations, a unanimous decision was made and no vote necessary to elect Councilmember Carter as Chair.

Approval of the January 13, 2020 Minutes

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to approve draft minutes with no corrections.

Meeting Minutes Approved
III. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

East Pierce Fire & Rescue Monthly Report
Fire Chief Bud Backer

Fire Chief Backer stated the Bonney Lake area has the third highest calls. They will be installing new software that is more accurate reporting locations of calls and if they are in the City limits. Average response times have stayed pretty steady. There was a 5% increase in calls from 2019, with Prairie Ridge having a 200 call increase. In the middle of December we brought in the first class of recruits for 2020, with nine of them starting class. The second class of recruits from 2019 will have their Badge Pinning Ceremony on February 28, at 6 PM at the Public Safety Building. Over the last four years have hired 55 Fire Fighter and by June hoping to make all suppression units three member teams.

Councilmember McClimans asked how long the academy is to attend.

Fire Chief Backer responded it is about 12-weeks.

Deputy Mayor Evans wanted to know how Station 119 was doing with the flooding.

Fire Chief Backer stated they had to sandbag but did not have any water get into the station. They did respond to some flooding calls.

Public Safety Monthly Report
Police Chief Bryan Jeter

Police Chief Jeter discussed his monthly report from January. There was a shooting in the 19300 block on 65th, the victim was found on the side of the house. A screen door was cut with a knife being found. Everything was caught on video and the home owner was in his rights to fire his gun. Another male was shot while cleaning out his gun, the bullet went through his hand. There was a car accident by Columbia bank from the driver attempting to commit suicide. Another car accident by the AM/PM knocked out power to most of the City on Sunday.

Councilmember Carter asked if there was any bollards to protect the area better if that small of a box is going to knock out power to most of the City.

Police Chief Jeter replied he is not sure since it is owned by PSE. He discussed his monthly and yearend stats. Over all calls for service were down slightly. Suicides went down from 32 to six and DUI's were up by 4. Reminder Officers graduation will be February 20, at 1 PM in Burien with them being sworn in right after. Everyone is welcome to attend. They will then have about 16-weeks of department training to complete. Department awards will be presented at the March 24, City Council meeting along with the yearend report. Pierce County Law Enforcement Memorial Service will be held on May 6, at 6 PM at Clover Park with our own Police Chief Jeter as the emcee.
IV. OPEN COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Carter asked what are the procedures to have Councilmember McClimans appointed to attend the South Sound 911 meetings.

City Administrator Vodopich explained he will need to make a motion at the City Council meeting tonight.

Deputy Mayor Evans wanted to thank the Committee for their support in the last four years. This will be his last regularly attended Public Safety meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Carter adjourned the meeting at 4:08.

Debbie McDonald, Public Safety Clerk