



## Public Safety Committee

October 13, 2020

Regular Scheduled Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

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

### Elected Officials:

Councilmember Terry Carter (Chair)  
Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans (ABSENT)  
Councilmember Todd Dole

### Anticipated Staff:

Police Chief, Bryan Jeter  
Fire Chief Bud Backer  
City Administrator, John Vodopich  
City Deputy Attorney/Prosecutor, Maili Barber  
Management Analyst/Executive Assistant, Leslie Harris  
Administrative Assistant III, Debbie McDonald

### I. ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Carter delivered roll call.

### II. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

*East Pierce Fire and Rescue Monthly Report - Bud Backer, Fire Chief*

Fire Chief Backer stated he just had the August report ready to go and is working on September's. At one point during the Sumner Grade Fire they had 250 calls coming in, to the point they had to start screening calls. Had a presentation on the Sumner Grade Fire and discussed the numbers from the fire. They could have used 20 to 30 more Fire truck units. Needed a hand-line team and but were one of 72 other fires that needed help.

*Public Safety Monthly Report - Bryan Jeter, Police Chief*

Police Chief Jeter stated the Department was happy to help anyway they could with the Sumner Grade Fire. Appreciated working with Fire Chief Backer and his team. The most recent month report is attached. Did have our first homicide in years. Proud of the job his team did capturing the criminals. Thanks to a hunch by the Fife Officer working with our team they tracked down the accused at Muckleshoot Casino and had them in custody by noon. Call volume is about 3,000 less than last year, is still impacted by COVID. Traffic stops are still only for reckless driving offenses.

Councilmember Carter thanked them for all their work with the fire.

*Request for No Parking/Tow Away Zone - John Vodopich, City Administrator*

City Administrator Vodopich included in the packet an email with a parking complaint around Allen Yorke Park. Wanted to bring forward for any further direction.

Chief Jeter commented with the cooler weather coming in the problem has seem to resolved itself. Would like to hire a Park Consultant expert to mitigate some of the impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods and how to reroute the traffic.

Councilmembers had no questions and will discuss the Park Consultant during City Council with the decision cards.

### **III. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:**

*AB20-28 Ordinance D20-28: Chapter 6.04 Update and Revisions - Maili Barber, Deputy City Attorney/Prosecutor*

Deputy City Attorney/Prosecutor Barber has Metro Animal Control Officer Perry attending in case the Committee has questions. Local City Attorney's contracting with Metro Animal Services came together to uniform the Cities Animal Codes and to create a public safety ordinance providing for responsible ownership of licensing and keeping of potentially dangerous and dangerous dogs. This has been in the work for years and with some changes along the way finally have a finished product.

Councilmembers agreed it was a good finished product.

### **MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA**

*AB20-114 Resolution 2873: Washington Traffic Safety Commission Interagency Agreement - Bryan Jeter, Police Chief*

Police Chief Jeter stated because of COVID they have not been able to do any emphasis patrols but once they can this will allow them to be reimbursed for the patrols. Really nothing do, there is no commitment to the City to participate.

### **MOVED TO TONIGHT'S CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Meeting Notes: July 14, 2020 - Debbie McDonald Administrative Specialist III

### **MINUTES APPROVED**

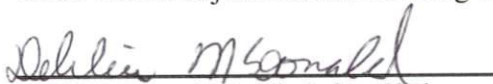
**IV. OPEN COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:**

Deputy City Attorney/Prosecutor Barber stated she will be working on the parking code next, once the animal code is passed. All parking ticket revenues go back to the City. Has also formed a small committee to work on homeless encampment laws. Some churches might want to do some homeless encampments during the Summer next year. Trying to get ahead of the issue.

Police Chief Jeter mentioned they have hired a new Lateral Officer. He has done very well right out of the gate. Looking at a couple of entry levels. Did interview two this week, by having Officer Green at the academy the City would have priority getting their cadets into the academy. With the lack of training the Department has turned to online training. Have signed up to use an online training service that is working well and they are right on schedule to have everyone's training hours completed by the end of the year.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Carter adjourned the meeting at 4:29

  
Debbie McDonald, Public Safety Clerk