

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Special Meeting of October 17, 2024
Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL:

Mayor Benson called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Peterson, de Leon, Jones (Zoom), Page

ABSENT: Councilmembers Douglass and Mulvihill (excused)

Staff present: Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Development Director; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

WORK SESSION:

- 1) Work Session on 2025 General Fund Revenues Sources Including Possible Property Tax Increase and Ordinances

Finance Director Mason reported that property tax accounts for 54.5% of the general fund revenue, with an anticipated total of \$3,125,929. He emphasized the City's heavy reliance on property tax, noting that these funds are entirely allocated to public safety, which is experiencing rising costs that outpace revenue growth.

He outlined the revenue sources projected for 2025 and discussed the general fund expenditure forecasts for the same year, clarifying how various revenue types support different fund functions. Additionally, he reviewed Black Diamond's property tax history and the expected collection for 2025.

Director Mason also explained the distribution of property taxes and presented the 2025 tax roll levy limit worksheet from King County. He discussed the formulas involved and mentioned two proposed ordinances that the City Council would need to adopt if they decide to approve the 1% increase.

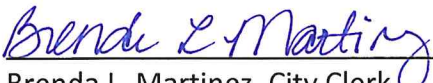
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Page. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk