

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council 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:

Mayor Benson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 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; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Jake Kapsandy, IT Staff; David Linehan, City Attorney; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to approve the agenda; **second** Councilmember Peterson. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

MDRT/CD Departments – Director Williamson stated that hopefully on Monday the intersection at Roberts and 169 will be opened and noted that this information has gone out on the City’s social media platforms. He also noted being ahead of schedule. He discussed that old projects in Community Development are being cleared out and should they want to resubmit they would need to adhere to newly adopted codes, and they are also working on code compliance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1) Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation – Sara Stratton

Ms. Stratton provided Council a PowerPoint presentation on the 2024 Human Services Funding Update. She gave a brief history of how the program came about, is funded, and shared statistics and success stories.

2) Presentation – Yiftee – Tyson Senevoravong

Mr. Senevoravong shared with Council a PowerPoint presentation on Yiftee which distributes community cards for local merchants.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Deady, Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 3) Claim Checks** – October 17, 2024, Check No. 55121 through Check No. 55187 (void 55093) and EFTs in the amount of \$488,041.65.
- 4) Payroll** – September 2024, Check No. 20448 through Check No. 20455 and ACHs in the amount of \$585,170.84.
- 5) Minutes** – Special Meeting of September 26, 2024, Special Meeting of October 3, 2024, and Council Meeting of October 3, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 6) AB24-069** – General Fund 2025 Revenue Review and Possible Property Tax Increase and Ordinances

Finance Director Mason reported on this item.

Mayor Benson opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m. No comments were heard, and Mayor Benson closed the public hearing at 8:09 p.m.

- 7) AB24-070** – Stormwater Management Program Plan 2025 Update

Public Works Director Hanis spoke to Council on this item.

Mayor Benson opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m. No comments were heard, and Mayor Benson closed the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 8) Possible Action** – Real Estate Acquisition

Councilmember Deady **moved** to table this to allow the Mayor and her team to pursue negotiations with the seller and then bring this potential property acquisition back to the Council for a vote once a purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with the seller; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the Community Center fundraiser auction, the SCATBd meeting and shared what was discussed. She also attended the SCA networking dinner and shared what was discussed.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Jones mentioned that it is the season for corn mazes and pumpkin patches and noted having a list of several places for people to go. Forthcoming will be notes for public safety meeting.

Councilmember Page – no report.

Councilmember Deady reported attending her Pro-Tem meeting. She noted all cities are struggling with the rising costs of public safety. She attended the Community Center auction and gave her condolences to the Gauthier family for the passing of Donna Gauthier.

Councilmember Peterson – no report.

Councilmember de Leon reminded people that they should have received their ballots and shared drop box locations.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

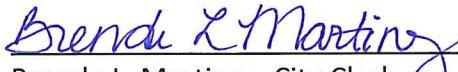
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 8:26 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk