

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of January 2, 2025
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 (Zoom), Mulvihill (Zoom), de Leon, Jones, Page

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Development Director; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; Commander Martinez; David Linehan, City Attorney; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the agenda; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) **EMAC Report** – Councilmember Mulvihill

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Andre Koch, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Councilmember Mulvihill left the meeting at 7:09pm.

Fire Chief Judkins spoke to Council.

Joe May, unincorporated King County spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

2) AB25-001 – Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to appoint Councilmember Deady as Mayor Pro Tempore; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** (4-1 (de Leon)).

3) AB25-002 – Confirming the Mayor’s Appointments to the Council Standing Committee

Councilmember Page **moved** to confirm the Mayor’s appointments to the 2025 Council Standing Committees; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 4) Claim Checks** – December 19, 2024, Check No. 55362 through Check No. 55443 (void 53214) in the amount of \$779,841.78, and January 2, 2025, Check No. 55444 through Check No. 55487 in the amount of \$301,649.92.
- 5) Payroll** – November 2024, Check No. 20464 through Check No. 20471 and ACH’s in the amount of \$571,671.60.
- 6) Minutes** – Work Session of November 14, 2024
- 7) AB25-003 - Resolution Regarding Contract with AHBL for Planning Services for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update**
- 8) AB25-004 – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a Cummins 12KW Mobile Generator**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9) AB25-005 – Adopting the City’s 2025 Legislative Agenda

Mayor Benson spoke on this item.

Councilmember Page **moved** to adopt the City’s 2025 Legislative Agenda; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

10) AB25-006 – Resolution Authorizing Amendment 1 to On-Call Agreement with Parametrix and Authorizing Task Request for the Ginde Creek Park Design

Public Works Director Hanis discussed this item

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1654 Authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment 1 to the On-call Agreement with Parametrix and authorize the Mayor to execute the Task Request for the Ginder Creek Park design; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0)

11) AB25-007 – Resolution Authorizing Suspension of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Docket Process

MDRT/Ec Dev Director Williamson discussed this item with the Council.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1655 to suspend the optional Comprehensive Plan Annual Docketing Process for 2025 so that City resources can be focused on completing the required Periodic Update as soon as possible; **second** Councilmember Page. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

12) Minutes – Approval of the December 5, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Page led the discussion on this item.

Councilmember Page **moved** to amend the December 5, 2024, minutes to reflect that Councilmember Douglass was not in support of the levy lid lift for fire services and in support of annexation and clarifying with the time stamps; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending Hometown Christmas. On December 16th she attended the BESS presentation and reported on what was discussed.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Peterson reported attending the BESS training and thought it was helpful.

Councilmember de Leon thanked the city and stated that this is hard work, and her gratitude goes back to the fact that the more you get to serve in this community the more you find things you love about it. She noted that this was a real hard year for all government. She asked that traditions such as raising the pride flag continue and to celebrate all backgrounds and ended by saying that we need to stand up for each other in the best ways we can and wished everyone good luck.

Councilmember Jones asked residents to throw in their applications for the two vacant Council positions and to contact the City Clerk with any questions. He noted Councilmembers are at large and represent the city and its nice to get representation from

all areas of the city. He discussed the issues of parks and fire service, infrastructure. He talked about the polar bear plunge at Lake Sawyer on January 1st. Lastly, he is eternally grateful for our emergency services support and mental health services and with details emerging from the recent tragedies in New Orleans, and Las Vegas and he can only wish that our community is not affected by such things.

Councilmember Page addressed the issue of fire service for Black Diamond and the path forward. She discussed now is the time for action and shared reasons why annexation is best for our citizens. She read an excerpt from the Interlocal Agreement between the City and Mountain View Fire & Rescue. She urged her fellow Councilmembers to move forward and will come back at the next meeting with a resolution for the city to begin annexation; it is in our best interest for our citizens.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the BESS presentation. She wished everyone a Happy New Year and noted that we do need to talk about who will be the Council representative on Mountain View Fire & Rescue Board. She stated that an annexation is most important and it's the way to go. She announced that the traffic light at Roberts Drive and Morgan Street is now functioning and everything went as planned.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Linehan shared that the moratorium on BESS will expire in February. He noted the general sense he has is that there is an interest in prohibiting those systems in Black Diamond and that he would prepare an ordinance to come forward at the next meeting for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

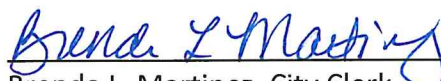
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 7:54 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk