

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of January 16, 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, Mulvihill, Jones, Page

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Development/CD Director; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Tracey Redd, MDRT Senior Accountant; Capital Projects/Program Manager, Ryan Sweet; Rob Reed, IS Manager; David Linehan, City Attorney; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Mayor Benson announced the removal of item #9 from the agenda.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to approve the Agenda as amended; **second** Councilmember Peterson. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Hucke, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Tabitha Baker, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Nick Holcomb, Mountain View Fire & Rescue spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Sherri Evans, Black Diamond Historical Society spoke to Council.

Lisa Liber, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1) Council Vacancy Interviews

- a) Interview with Applicants for Positions #2 and #5
- b) Possible Executive Session – Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)

- c) Public Comments Regarding Council Candidates
- d) Possible Appointments and Oath of Office

Councilmembers took turns asking each applicant the same set of questions.

At 8:49 p.m. Mayor Benson announced that Council would be going into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to discuss the qualifications of the applicants. The executive session was expected to last 15 minutes.

At 9:04 p.m. the executive session ended, and Councilmembers entered back into the Council Chambers.

Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at 9:06 p.m. and announced that public comments regarding the council candidates can be sent in by email or provided at the next Council meeting on February 6th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Finance – Mr. Mason

Finance Director Mason shared with Councilmembers a PowerPoint presentation on the impacts of annexation.

Fire – Chief Judkins spoke about the fires in California and stressed how people here need to prepare themselves for a disaster or fire. She commented on the grant for Station #99 and reminded everyone this is not a working fire station and need to make that clear in the name.

At 9:37 p.m. Mayor Benson announced a 5-minute recess due to technical difficulty with the recording and zoom equipment.

Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at 9:42 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Mulvihill **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:

- 2) Claim Checks –** January 16, 2025, Check No. 55523 through Check No. 55557 (voids 55488-55522) and EFTs in the amount of \$418,424.62
- 3) Payroll –** December 2024, Check No. 20472 through Check No. 20484 and ACHs in the amount of \$605,700.88

- 4) **Minutes** –Council Meeting of January 2, 2025
- 5) **AB25-008** – Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Olympic Environmental Resources for the City’s 2025 and 2026 Spring and Fall Recycling Events
- 6) **AB25-009** – Resolution Regarding Lawson Hills Stormwater Conveyance Easement
- 7) **AB25-010** – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Used Speaker Equipment and Used Generator
- 8) **AB25-011** – Ordinance Regarding Increase in Petty Cash Change Accounts

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

~~9) **AB25-012** – Proposed Ordinance Regarding BESS~~

10) **AB25-015** – Discussion Regarding Fire Services for the City of Black Diamond

Councilmember Page led the discussion on the item and distributed a prepared timeline regarding important dates for the annexation process. In closing, it was suggested that the administration bring back a draft RFP to the Council for their comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

11) **AB25-013** – Resolution Authorizing Grant Agreement with WA State Department of Commerce to Fund Renovations at the Black Diamond Fire Station #99

MDRT Senior Account Redd reported on this item

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1659 authorizing the mayor to execute a grant agreement with Washington State Department of Commerce to fund the construction required to renovate the Black Diamond Fire Station #99; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

12) **AB25-014** – Resolution Authorizing PSA with Parametrix, Inc. for the Design of the Roberts Reconstruction Project

Capital Project/Program Manager Sweet briefed the City Council on this item

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1660, authorizing the mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Parametrix, Inc. for the design of the Roberts Reconstruction Project; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5 -0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the AWC district meeting at Lake Wilderness Lodge, and the Chamber Luncheon.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Mulvihill invited people to a yoga class at the community center. She shared that the Maple Valley food bank is no longer able to extend full services to Black Diamond residents and gave examples of what those services are.

Councilmember Jones had no report.

Councilmember Page expressed her gratitude to Officer Goddard for attending the HOA meeting at Eagle Creek and encouraged residents to contact the Police Department if other HOAs would like to have a police officer speak at their meetings. She also thanked the crew at Station 98 for their assistance during a recent call, she shared her personal experience with calling 911 and emphasized how deeply grateful she is to our first responders.

Councilmember Deady mentioned that it would be helpful to receive information from staff or other Councilmembers ahead of the meeting. She also remarked on the new sign-up sheet for attendees wishing to speak during public comments, acknowledging that it might take some time to get accustomed to this new process.

Councilmember Peterson commented on BESS and stated that we need to learn more about it and be open to the idea because there is a legitimate need for it. She also noted that she would email her comments to Council.

Chief Kiblinger updated the City Council on the City Administrator recruitment process.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Andrew Puryear, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Michael Carlin, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Andrew Williamson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

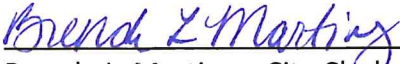
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 10:34 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk