

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of March 6, 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, Nielsen, Peterson, Mulvihill, Young

ABSENT: Councilmembers Jones and Page (excused)

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to excuse Councilmembers Page and Jones from this meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

Staff present: Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Ann Marie Soto, City Attorney; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Hucke, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristin Guppy, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Jim Baker, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Johna Thomson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Tammy Barrier, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

James Barrier, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Nanette Stocks, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Dawn Judkins, MVF&R spoke to Council.

Tabitha Baker, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Lisa Lyver, Black Diamond spoke to Council

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation – Enumclaw School District

Jill Burns and Kyle Fletcher shared with the Council a PowerPoint presentation regarding the challenges that the school district faces and how they plan to address aging facilities and future growth.

- 1) AB25-028** - Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Jeff Todd to Position #2 of the Planning Commission

Mayor Benson reported on this item.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Jeff Todd to Position #2 of the Planning Commission; said term to expire on December 31, 2027; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Mulvihill shared with Council what was discussed during their meeting.

Planning and Community Services Committee and Public Works Committee – Councilmember Deady shared what was discussed during these meetings.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Finance – Finance Director Mason discussed with Council a letter that was sent out to customers of Covington Water District regarding the City's utility tax and noted that this is not a new tax for Black Diamond and explained that there is a benefit to the residents.

Public Works – Mr. Deady updated Council on what activities are happening at the Community Gym. He shared that Council needs to keep on the forefront that the floors need to be redone and then replaced, and the need for a set of new baskets for the younger kids.

Fire – Councilmember Deady asked Chief Judkins to address the advisory member that is present at their meetings and share what the opportunity is for our new Councilmembers.

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** – March 6, 2025, Check No. 55726 through Check No. 55776 in the amount of \$403,854.68

- 3) Minutes** – Council Meeting of February 20, 2025

- 4) AB25-029 – Resolution Authorizing On-Call Services Agreement with Control Systems NW, LLC

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fire Services – discussion only

Councilmembers discussed this item and asked questions to the Fire Chief.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5) **AB25-030** - Resolution Authorizing Contract Amendment to FCS Group Contract to Perform Additional Financial Forecasting and Analysis of Public Safety Levy Lid Lift Options

Finance Director Mason briefed the City Council on this matter.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to approve Resolution No. 25-1667, authorizing Mayor Benson to execute an amendment to an existing contract with FCS Group to perform additional financial forecasting and analysis of public safety levy lid lift and/or annexation options; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

- 6) **AB25-031** – Ordinance Regarding Emergency Moratorium on Business Licenses, Development Permits and Land Use Approvals for Cannabis-Related Businesses

Attorney Soto spoke to the City Council on this item.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 25-1222, imposing a six-month moratorium on the acceptance, processing, and approval of applications for business licenses, development permits, and other land use approvals for cannabis-related businesses within the City of Black Diamond; declaring an emergency; providing for severability; and establishing an immediate effective date; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported that the Enumclaw School District has asked to have a work session on the school siting, and Council agreed to have it at a special meeting on the March 20th.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Deady - No Report

Councilmember Nielsen thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. She asked if the Council could have a discussion at a future meeting about better communication channels

with citizens. She also wants to revisit the financial analysis, levy lid and land use, and lastly being new to Council, she would like to be briefed on any upcoming commitments from Oakpointe.

Councilmember Peterson - No report

Councilmember Mulvihill - No report

Councilmember Young reported attending a meeting with the Enumclaw School District and shared that he was interested in what is happening in the district and the empty space in Ten Trails where the first elementary is to be built. He also shared going to the Fire Department and talking with all the facets of the community so he can better understand moving forward. He discussed Lisa Lyver and her issue with accessing potable water from their well. Lastly, he read a passage by James Hillman that speaks to what it means to lead and serve.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Johna Thomson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Andre Koch, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Tammy Barrier, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristin Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

Brock Deady, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

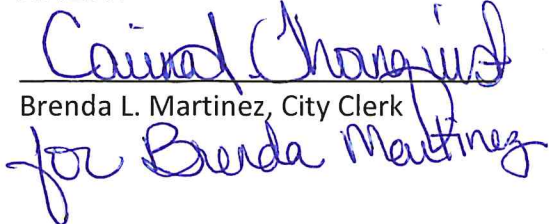
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 9:01 p.m.



Carol Benson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk
for Brenda Martinez