

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of April 3, 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, Jones, Page

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev/Community Development Director; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; Tawnya Parks, Court Administrator; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief, David Linehan, City Attorney; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Mayor Benson announced that an executive session is being added prior to item 5 on the agenda.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to approve the amended Agenda; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Page shared the topics and events discussed during the committee meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works – Director Hanis reported on the speed trailer in Ten Trails and the City's traffic calming policy.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Nielsen asked that AB25-036 be removed from the consent agenda and added to the end under new business.

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to approve the amended Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** – April 3, 2025, Check No. 55843 through Check No. 55894 (Voids 55844 and 55300) in the amount of \$ 230,082.86
- 2) **Minutes** – Special Council Meeting of March 20, 2025, and Council Meeting of March 20, 2025
- 4) **AB25-037** – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Grant Agreement with King County Solid Waste Division to fund 2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Recycling Events

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fire Services – discussion only

Councilmember Page asked Mayor Benson to give an update on the RFP process and what has happened in the process. Mayor Benson updated Council that no responses were received, and reported on her conversation with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority regarding submitting a proposal. Councilmember Page then led the discussion on this subject with input from Fire Chief Judkins, Councilmembers, and Attorney Linehan. There was Council consensus to hold a meeting on fire services at the May 8th work session which would include the Fire Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

At 7:41 p.m. Mayor Benson announced that the Council would be recessing into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. The executive session was expected to last 10 minutes with possible action to follow. Councilmembers exited the meeting to the patrol room and the executive session started at 7:42 p.m.

At 7:52 p.m. Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order and asked Kevin O'Neill to come forward to say a few words to Council and to answer some questions.

- 5) **AB25-038** – Resolution to Confirm City Administrator and Authorizing the Approval of Contract

Mayor Benson spoke about this item.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1673 Confirming the Mayor's appointment of Kevin O'Neill as City Administrator and authorizing the execution of an Employment Agreement substantially in the form attached; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

3) AB25-036 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with BHC Consultants for Community Development Department Related Services.

Director Williamson reported on this item.

Councilmember Jones **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1671, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with BHC Consultants, LLC for Community Development services; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported that next week there is no topic or item for the work session, and it will be cancelled, and the meeting with Council and Mountain View Fire is scheduled for the May 8, 2025, work session.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Peterson asked when the financial piece will be available on the annexation. She noted that Oakpointe will be giving an update at the April 17th meeting and stated that she would like to be involved in a Parks Committee. She reported on the BESS research she is doing and hopes to provide additional information soon.

Councilmember Mulvihill thanked our Public Works Director regarding the traffic calming policy. She apologized for missing the public safety meeting, confirmed that she will have an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) report next week and thanked staff for all the food donations to the Community Center.

Councilmember Young shared that ballots were mailed out on the Enumclaw School District (ESD) levy, and on March 25 he attended a presentation at the museum and what a wonderful experience this was and encouraged everyone to visit the museum. He closed with a snippet from the words of Robert Bly from A Blessing.

Councilmember Jones gave kudos to the 169 project and noted that it appears folks are taking that in stride and the information signs have really helped. He noted that we are about a month away from being required to have an enhanced driver's license or passport in order to fly. He also talked about the Police department still looking for marine volunteers for the summer.

Councilmember Page talked about the process for the meeting on the 8th with the Board of Fire Commissioners. She reminded folks that next Tuesday, April 8th at 7pm there is a public hearing on the Comp Plan with the Planning Commission. She also offered an invitation/reminder to citizens about Black Diamond Labor Days. She noted the kickoff meeting for this event was held and they are looking for volunteers and shared that this year's theme is "Shine Like a Diamond".

Councilmember Deady welcomed Mr. O'Neill to the City and stated that she looks forward to working with him.

Councilmember Nielsen also welcomed Mr. O'Neill and said she is happy to hear that Oakpointe will be coming on the 17th as she is very interested in any kind of project plan and commitments that need addressed. She noted that she is interested in any work or planning related to parks. She shared three large concerns she has heard from citizens which are fire, traffic, and schools, and wants the opportunity to build relationships with the Enumclaw Councilmembers and citizens so we can enhance our school program.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Linehan welcomed the new city administrator and shared that he looks forward to working with him.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond, spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation

At 8:36 p.m. Mayor Benson announced that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the City Council would be going into executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation. The executive session was expected to last five minutes with no action to follow. The Councilmembers exited the Chamber to the patrol room and the executive session started at 8:37 p.m.

At 8:42 p.m. a five-minute extension to the executive session was announced.

At 8:47 p.m. Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 8:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk