

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of May 1, 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 Peterson, Nielsen, Mulvihill, Young, Jones

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers Deady and Page (excused)

Staff present: Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; David Linehan, City Attorney; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Nanette Stocks, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Young shared what was discussed during the meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1) **Claim Checks** – May 1, 2025, Check No. 55940 through Check No. 55992 (Void 55759) in the amount of \$241,620.50

2) **Minutes** – Council Meeting of April 17, 2025

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3) **AB25-039** – Public Hearing Regarding Water Use Efficiency Goals

Public Works Director Hanis reported on this item

Mayor Benson opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. No public written or oral testimony was heard, and Mayor Benson closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

4) **AB25-040** – Resolution Regarding Accepting a Grant and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Grant Agreement with King County Parks for the Black Diamond Skatepark Project

Public Works Director Hanis briefed Council on this item.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1674 accepting and authorizing the Mayor to execute a grant agreement with King County Parks of \$5,000 for Black Diamond Skatepark; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported speaking to several folks from Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority and shared that another meeting is scheduled. She attended both DARE graduations, and two students received special recognition awards for their community service. She shared news on the In-City Forest and asked Council about rescheduling the June 19 meeting to June 26 and there was council consensus. She also asked about rescheduling the July 3 meeting to July 10, and there was Council consensus.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Young reported that the roundabout opened ahead of schedule and spoke on the failing of the Enumclaw School District levy, the desire to see locally owned businesses in the commercial space of Ten Trails, and noted that today is May Day and shared a tradition.

Councilmember Jones reminded people that rafts, and paddle boards are considered watercrafts and by law, people are required to wear a PFD. He encouraged people to invest in this. He talked about the distance you need to stay in during the fast travel times on Lake Sawyer. In May, Lake Sawyer will be stocked with 2,000 trout. He shared about the fishing derby kickoff at Lake Wilderness and talking with a gentleman from Red Cross and we might want to have them come and talk about what they do.

Councilmember Nielsen reported that she is happy the roundabout is complete with an improvement in traffic, but she is still concerned with speeding traffic in the city and would like to see what we can do about that. She thanked the members of the community who come to the meetings to share their concerns.

Councilmember Peterson is excited to hear about the in-city forest and hopes that information will be shared in our newsletter.

Councilmember Mulvihill talked about small businesses, and it is going away due to construction, maintenance, insurance costs, and high rents.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nanette Stocks, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Dawn Judkins, Fire Chief MVFR spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:39 p.m. Mayor Benson announced that the Council would be going into an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation. The executive session was expected to last 10 minutes with possible action to follow.

At 7:49 p.m. a five-minute extension to the executive session was announced.

Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at 7:54 p.m.

Council Action: Councilmember Jones **moved** to extend the due date for the planning commission for comp plan review from May 6th to May 13th; **second** Mulvihill. Motion passed with all voting in favor (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Jones **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. 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