

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of June 5, 2025
Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Deady 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, Nielsen, Young, Jones, Page

Action: Councilmember Deady **moved** to excuse Councilmember Mulvihill from the meeting; **second** Councilmember Peterson. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

ABSENT: Councilmember Mulvihill (excused)

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

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Mayor Pro-Tem Deady announced that the Administration is pulling item #4 from the agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Hucke, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) **Proclamation – Pride Month**
Councilmember Young read the proclamation.
- 2) **Proclamation – Juneteenth**
Councilmember Peterson read the proclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 3) **EMAC** – It was noted that the report is in the packet for reference.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- 4) ~~AB25-043 – Finance – 1st Quarter 2025 Financial Report~~

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Young **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 5) **Claim Checks** – June 5, 2025, Check No. 56059 through Check No. 56131 in the amount of \$382,550.94
- 6) **Minutes** – Council Meeting of May 15, 2025
- 7) **AB25-044** – Resolution Awarding Bid and Contract with Zeke’s Roofing

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 10) **AB25-047** – Public Hearing Regarding Draft Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Public Works Director Hanis highlighted certain areas of the plan with Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Deady opened the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

There was no testimony and Mayor Pro-Tem Deady closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fire Services – discussion only

City Administrator O’Neill updated Council on the meeting with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, which he attended with the Mayor and two Councilmembers. The main takeaway was are still interested in annexation and three person staffing at both of our stations. He also mentioned that both Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority and Mountain View Fire & Rescue will give presentations at the July 10th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 11) **AB25-048** – Resolution Regarding Amendment #4 to PSA with Parametrix for Covington Creek Culvert Replacement Project

Public Works Director Hanis reported on this item.

Councilmember Jones **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1679 authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment 4 to Professional Services Agreement with Parametrix, Inc. for design engineering of the Covington Creek Culvert Replacement Project; **second** Councilmember Page.

There was Council discussion.

Vote: Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

12) AB25-049 – Resolution Regarding Task Order with Parametrix for Updating the 2021 Transportation Impact Fee Rate Study

Public Works Director Hanis spoke on this agenda item

Councilmember Page **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1680 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Task Order with Parametrix Inc. to update the City's 2021 Transportation Impact Fee Rate Study; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

13) AB25-050 – Discussion Regarding Tree Preservation Code Update

Acting Community Development Director Williamson reported on this item and shared that after looking at the code it needs a bigger overhaul which would trigger SEPA and a Commerce 60-day review. He reminded the Council that they have the ability to change the fee in the code which would help citizens immediately. He noted that this would give time for staff and the committee to work on updates to the code.

There was Council consensus for staff to bring back at the next meeting an updated ordinance that would change the fee to \$100.

14) AB25-051 – Resolution Regarding Formation of a Parks Ad Hoc Committee

City Administrator O'Neill briefed the City Council on this item

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1681, creating Lake Sawyer Regional Park Ad Hoc Committee and appointing Councilmembers Jesse Young, Darcey Peterson, and Sara Nielsen to serve on the committee.; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

City Administrator O'Neill explained that Director Williamson will be addressing both items 8 and 9 at the same time.

MDRT/Ec Dev Director Williamson walked Council through the plat approval process.

8) AB25-045 - Resolution Accepting Ten Trails Mountain View 1B Plat A Div 5 Final Plat

Councilmember Page **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1677, approving the Final Plat for Ten Trails/Mountain View 1B Plat A Division 5 (PLN25-0024); **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

9) AB25-046 – Resolution Accepting Ten Trails 2F Div 3, 4, 6 Final Plat

Councilmember Page **moved** to adopt Resolution NO. 25-1678 approving the Final Plat for Ten Trails Plat 2 F Division 3,4,6 (PLN25-0001); **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

MAYOR’S REPORT: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Page shared with Council the items that were discussed at today’s Public Safety Committee meeting. She thanked her colleagues for tonight’s proclamations and invited everyone to attend the pride flag raising event on Tuesday, June 10th at noon at the Council Chambers. She also discussed some needed improvements to the basketball court at Eagle Creek Park. She met with the City Administrator and had a lovely conversation with him. She gave a shout out about Labor Days and noted the button winner has been selected and it’s a two-time back-to-back winner Braeden. National Night Out is Tuesday, August 5th and noted it is going to be warm weather and reminded folks that the water is still cold and to wear your life jacket.

Councilmember Deady reported meeting with the City Administrator and highly recommended that everyone meet with him. She also attended the Tri-Cities meeting and was amazed at what all cities can do. She discussed having a Pocket Park Pop up some time this summer. She attended the Memorial Day event at the cemetery and attended the All School Reunion for Black Diamond residents.

Councilmember Nielsen reported meeting with the City Administrator and is excited he is here. She attended the Tri-City Council meeting and noted being excited to learn about Maple Valley and Covington and the partnership that exists between the three cities. She thanked staff for always being so responsive. She is wondering when the Skatepark will be opened and is looking forward to raising the pride flag. She is also looking forward to getting more information on fire services and the need to socialize early and often on this and to have a contingency plan in case the annexation doesn’t pass.

Councilmember Peterson discussed her research on BESS and hopes to get this to Council next week.

Councilmember Young reported meeting with our new City Administrator and had a great conversation. He shared that Kelly’s Latte is open, and he was glad to see the new Henry mural on the side of the Lake Sawyer store. On June 6th, King County is giving away free

gun locks at various locations and noted that this month is both Pride Month and Juneteenth and shared his thoughts in a statement he read.

Councilmember Jones noted that June is men's mental health awareness month. He shared a few events that have recently taken place and the need to share available resources with people. He commented that at the Tri-City meeting King County Councilmember shared that fentanyl deaths are going down. He asked folks to send in their ideas so that money can be earmarked by King Councilmember Dunn. He reported that he went to Palmer Kanaskat Park this weekend and there was a very diverse group of people and commented on how nice it is to have an asset so close. He shared the events that will take place on Lake Sawyer during their 4th of July festivities. He asked people to invite one person to attend the Pride Flag raising event. He discussed the recent closing of several businesses in town and asked people to remember to frequent and shop our local businesses.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

City Administrator O'Neill thanked Councilmembers for meeting with him and is hopeful that it's the beginning of a continued open, honest, and productive partnership.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

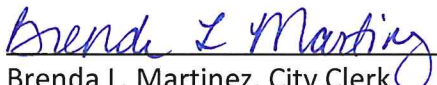
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Young **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 9:21 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk