

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of August 21, 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 Page, Jones, Young, Mulvihill, Peterson, Nielsen, Deady

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev/Interim Community Development Director; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; David Linehan, City Attorney; Tawnya Parks, Court Administrator; Commander Martinez; City Administrator, Kevin O'Neill; 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 (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gwen Reed, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Janie Edelman, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Johna Thomson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ad Hoc Parks Committee – Councilmember Peterson discussed what is going on in the committee and highlighted the framework the city is committed to at the Lake Sawyer Regional Park.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police - Commander Martinez shared department staffing updates and statistics with the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Jones requested that the Vactor Trailer, Slope Mower, and Chevy Silverado items on the consent agenda be moved to new business.

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

- 1) **Claim Checks** – August 21, 2025, Check No. 56373 through Check No. 56429 (void 56297) and EFTs in the amount of \$501,390.86
- 2) **Payroll** – July 2025, Check No. 20535 through Check No. 20542 and ACHs in the amount of \$587,312.37
- 3) **Minutes** – Council Meeting of August 7, 2025
- 4) **AB25-081** – Resolution Adopting Yearly Addendum with SCORE
- 7) **AB25-084** – Resolution Regarding WRIA 9 Interlocal Agreement
- 9) **AB25-086** – Resolution Accepting Pretrial Funding from AOC for Court
- 10) **AB25-087** – Resolution Accepting Re-Roof at Fire Museum Complete
- 11) **AB25-088** – Resolution Regarding AHBL Contract for Planning Services for MDRT

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 12) **AB25-077** – Fire Annexation Discussion/Possible Action

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

There was back and forth discussion/questions between Councilmembers and PSFA.

Council Action:

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** that the Council select Puget Sound Fire Authority as the City's preferred partner for annexation and authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and return to Council a Pre-Annexation Agreement with Puget Sound Fire Authority and to prepare all necessary legislation to place an annexation measure on the August 2026 primary election ballot, subject to final Council approval of the Agreement and ballot materials; **second** Councilmember Deady.

There was continued discussion/questions/statements between Councilmembers and MVF&R.

Vote:

Roll Call vote: Page - No; Jones - Yes; Young - No; Mulvihill - Yes; Peterson - Yes; Nielsen - No; Deady – Yes; Motion passed 4-3 (Page, Young, Nielsen)

NEW BUSINESS:

13) AB25-089 – Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Street Vacation

MDRT/Ec Dev/Interim CD Director Williamson reported on this agenda item.

Councilmember Page **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1701, setting a public hearing on September 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers for the City Council to consider and determine a petition to vacate portions of SE 320th Street and SE Botts Drive; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

14) AB25-079A – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with CCD Black Diamond Partners, LLC for the Sale of 790 City DRCs from the TDR Bank

City Attorney Linehan briefed the City Council on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1692, authorizing the Mayor to execute a purchase and sale agreement with CCD Black Diamond Partners, LLC for the sale of 790 City DCRs from the TDR Bank for \$3,555,000 cash at closing; **second** Councilmember Nielsen. Motion **passed** (6-1 (Mulvihill)).

5) AB25-082 – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Vector Trailer

Public Works Director Hanis reported on this item.

Councilmember Jones **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1694, authorizing the purchase of a new Ditch Witch HX50A vector trailer; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

6) AB25-083 – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Slope Mower

Public Works Director Hanis briefed the Council on this agenda item.

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1695, authorizing the purchase of a new John Deere Shoulder Mower and components; **second** Councilmember Jone. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

8) AB25-085 – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of 2025 Chevy Silverado

Public Works Director Hanis explained this purchase to the Council.

Councilmember Jones **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 25-1697, authorizing the purchase of a new 2025 Chevrolet Silverado and setting aside additional funding for necessary equipment; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the King County Flood Control District meeting, Labor Day meeting, Howard Botts' memorial service, cemetery tour, and the SCA Networking Dinner.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Mulvihill - no report

Councilmember Young thanked Puget Sound Fire and Mountain View for coming out tonight and noted that their reputation precedes them, that they are valued and he is looking forward to the next two years with them.

Councilmember Jones reminded folks that school will be starting soon and to pack some patience when commuting.

Councilmember Page shared that tonight is her last night as a Councilmember and tomorrow she will be officially a retired Councilmember. She commented that April 1, 2021, was her first meeting and she was sworn in because the meeting was online that night due to the pandemic. She noted during her tenure here that it has been an honor to serve. She encouraged everyone on the dais to continue to use critical thinking, ask the questions and do your due diligence as you strive to do what's best for the citizens and the community. She thanked Councilmember Mulvihill for her work on the Labor Days brochure and noted that since she won't be chairing the event anymore, it is an opportunity for someone to inherit 3 years' worth of data, spreadsheets and SOPs. She noted that this event happens because of our local business sponsors and will take place on August 31 and September 1st. She shared that there will be many vendor booths and spoke on the many events that take place during the two-days.

Councilmember Deady noted receiving an email for Councilmember Page that today is her last day as a councilmember. She thanked her for her time and dedication to the city, and stated that she has valued her input, research, and knowledge and it has been such a benefit to work with her and she will be missed.

Councilmember Nielsen expressed her personal sentiments toward Councilmember Page and noted that she took an extra interest in helping her get up to speed as a new member. She presented Councilmember Page with flowers on behalf of all the citizens, the community and the council and thanked her for all her years of service.

Councilmember Peterson expressed being sad to see Councilmember Page go and wished her all the best on her endeavors and stated that hopefully some of the initiatives can be completed on her behalf.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

City Administrator O'Neill touched on three things. First, the fact that they weren't expecting 79 full pages of comments on the comp plan from the public to go through within 45 days so there is a little bit of a delay but making sure we are being accurate and responding to the best of our ability. Second, he apologized for the noise when speaking with both of the fire departments outside and shared that regardless of what happened tonight, we are one team, and we will be neighbors regardless and stated that Mountain View Fire is our Fire Department and he plans to involve Chief Judkins in the leadership meetings. Thirdly, he noted it being a short but positive 3 months working with Councilmember Page and appreciated her leadership, insights, and voice of reason and thanked her for her service.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Linnehan noted it has been a real pleasure to work with Councilmember Page and wished her good luck on her next steps.

Mayor Benson thanked Councilmember Page for all she has brought to the city, and all of the projects she has taken on with Labor Day being a huge thing and noted it will be hard to find a successor.

Councilmember Young thanked Councilmember Page for her service here and for being a great voice on the dais.

Councilmember Mulvihill shared that she has always envied Councilmember Page for how she could articulate her thoughts so eloquently and get her point across so gracefully.

Councilmember Jones stated that what he most respects about Councilmember Page is her ability to distill all of the information, all of the facts, and all of the commentary into a few short succinct questions. He noted how she has been able to pull people together from all backgrounds, walks of life, and perspectives and most importantly that she is gutsy, driven, and thanked her.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Johna Thomson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Don Gentry, Mountain View Fire Board spoke to Council.

Andrew Williamson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

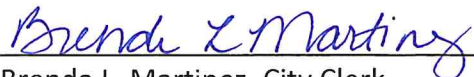
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 9:28 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk