



CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

SPECIAL MEETING - CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

Friday, June 18, 2021

10:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Via Zoom Meeting Conferencing

Call in and joining information follows:

Zoom link to join meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/4454477047?pwd=eGxRY3ZEeU14SVM2cGRBcUxCSjdmZz09>

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AGENDA

MEETING GOALS:

1. Reach agreement on how to address three issues of interest and importance to the City Councilmembers.
2. Identify additional issues that are likely to challenge the City in the future and when the City might address them.

PLEASE join the Zoom call 5-10 minutes early to ensure that we begin on time. THANKS!

- 10:15 What Do You Hope to Achieve Today? Mayor Benson/Council
- *Briefly, what do we each hope to achieve today?*
- 10:30 Review Agenda and Ground Rules Jim Reid, Facilitator
- 10:32 Review Key Findings and Mutual Interests Jim/Council/Mayor
- 10:40 Context: Present Department Work Plans Mayor Benson/Directors
- Department directors plus the City Clerk, IT Manager, and Judge Swain of the Municipal Court will provide background and context for the retreat. Mayor Benson will offer her view of the City today and its future direction. We will leave time for Councilmembers' follow up questions.
- 12:10 Break for Lunch
- 12:40 Strengthen City's Capacity to Address the Future Council/Mayor Benson
- The Council is interested in building the City's capacity to address the tough issues and challenges that will face the City in the future. The "Key Findings from the Interviews" identifies some of the actions that need to be taken to signal that the City is prepared to lead the community to a dynamic future.
- *What are the Council's priorities?*
 - *What would it take to achieve them?*
 - *Given other items on the work plan, what's a feasible timeline for addressing and achieving these priorities?*
- 1:25 Expand the City's Commercial Base Council/Mayor Benson
- The key to preserving the City's character and funding facilities and services is to expand the City's economic base. The Council is interested in nurturing and promoting homegrown, local businesses. To expand the commercial base, the City will likely need to identify a sustainable revenue source.
- *From this morning's presentation, what is the City doing now?*
 - *What sustainable revenue sources might be possible?*
 - *How might the City move ahead to analyze them and select any that are worthy of future consideration?*
 - *Given other work plan items, what is a feasible timeline for advancing the Council's interests?*

2:15 Break

2:20 Build an Equal Partnership with the Administration Council/Mayor Benson

Councilmembers are interested in being more proactive and creating an equal, cooperative relationship with Mayor Benson to address the interests and needs of the community.

- *What would this partnership look like?*
- *What are Mayor Benson's interests?*
- *What changes are needed to achieve these interests, including how the Council operates?*

3:00 Highlight Future Issues Council/Mayor Benson

- *What issues do you see on the horizon that will challenge the City?*
- *Of these, which might the City need to begin to address in 2022?*

3:10 Next Steps to Advance Today's Discussions Council/Mayor Benson

3:20 What are We Taking Away from the Retreat? Mayor Benson/Council

3:30 Adjourn