

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Special Meeting of October 16, 2025
Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL:

Mayor Pro-Tem Deady called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Nielsen, Peterson, Mulvihill, Young, Kumar

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Jones (excused)

Staff present: Kevin O'Neill, City Administrator; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev/CD Director; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; Rob Reed (Zoom), IS Manager; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

WORK SESSION:

- 1) Work Session on 2026 General Fund Revenues Sources Including Possible Property Tax Increase and Ordinances

Finance Director Mason reviewed with the Council the general fund revenue and expenditure adjustments since September 25, 2025.

Finance Director Mason reported on the property tax revenue for the general fund. He emphasized the City's heavy reliance on property tax, noting that these funds are entirely allocated to public safety, which is experiencing rising costs that outpace revenue growth.

He outlined the revenue sources projected for 2026 and discussed the general fund expenditure forecasts for the same year, clarifying how various revenue types support different fund functions. Additionally, he reviewed Black Diamond's property tax history and the expected collection for 2026.

Director Mason also explained the distribution of property taxes and presented the 2026 tax roll levy limit worksheet from King County. He discussed the formulas involved and mentioned two proposed ordinances that the City Council would need to adopt if they decide to approve the 1% increase.

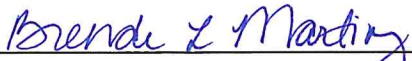
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Young **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 6:44 p.m.



Carol Benson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk