

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council 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:

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, 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: Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev/CD Director; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Rob Reed (Zoom), IS Manager; Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; David Linehan (Zoom), City Attorney; Jill Kuzaro, Senior Planner; Tanya Campbell, Court Administrator; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; City Administrator, Kevin O'Neill; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember Mulvihill asked that item #10 be placed after the consent agenda.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to approve the amended Agenda; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Laura Philpot, Maple Valley City Manager spoke to Council.

Mayor Sean Kelley, City of Maple Valley spoke to Council.

Cindy Proctor, Enumclaw spoke to Council.

Bill Bryant, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Susan Harvey, Ravensdale spoke to Council.

Andre Koch, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

John Adler, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Renee Mix, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Sheta Rafig, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Megan Nelson, Oakpointe spoke to Council.

Natalie Waters, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Erik Nielsen, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Max Sampson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Gary Jones, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Bonnie Scott, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Jim Burklet, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Kelly Armstrong, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Nicole Stickney, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Tawni Dalziel, City of Maple Valley spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1) Proclamation – Public Safety

Mayor Pro-Tem Deady shared the Proclamation.

2) AB25-108 – Enumclaw School District Mitigation Agreement Presentation and Discussion

Enumclaw Superintendent Shaun Carey of the Enumclaw School District introduced Denise Stiffarm, their legal counsel who will be presenting to the Council. Ms. Stiffarm shared a PowerPoint presentation that touched on the proposed first amendment to the Amended and Restated Comprehensive School Mitigation Agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 3) Claim Checks** – October 16, 2025, Check No. 56574 through Check No. 56624 and EFTs in the amount of \$605,470.54
- 4) Payroll** – September 2025, Check No. 20551 through Check No. 20559 and ACHs in the amount of \$598,852.40
- 5) Minutes** – Special Meeting of October 2, 2025, and Council Meeting of October 2, 2025
- 6) AB25-109** – Ordinance amending section 2.06.100 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code pertaining to Court Public Facing Hours

10) AB25-113 – Ordinance Regarding Comprehensive Plan

Director Williamson discussed this item with the Council and shared responses to some of the public comments that were heard tonight.

Councilmember Young motioned to table this item; second Councilmember Mulvihill. Passed 6-0.

At 9:26 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Deady announced a 5-minute recess.

At 9:31 p.m. the meeting was called back to order.

Councilmembers had a robust discussion about this item with Councilmember Young making a motion and then withdrawing it.

Council Action:

Councilmember Young **moved** and Councilmember Deady **seconded** to adopt Ordinance No. 25-1235 adopting the City of Black Diamond 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan as attached, with the following amendments:

- (1) Page 62 shall be revised to add to the end of the section entitled “Master Planned Development (MPD) Overlay” the following addition text: “The MPD Overlay exists as shown on the map at the end of this Chapter. Once the current MPDs expire, the City Council may consider taking action to remove the MPD Overlay.”;
- (2) The Zoning Map shown in the Appendix will be revised to show the MPD Overlay combined with the underlying zones.
- (3) The level of service shown on page 138 will be corrected to show 2.0 officers per 1,000 residents.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7) AB25-110 – Public Hearing – 2026 Revenue Sources and possible increase in property tax and property tax ordinances

Finance Director Mason reported on this item

Mayor Pro Tem Deady opened the public hearing at 9:35 p.m., with no public testimony heard Mayor Pro Tem Deady closed the public hearing at 9:35 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8) AB25-111 – Ordinance Regarding Street Vacation

Director Williamson spoke on this item

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 25-1233 granting Oakpointe's August 12, 2025, petition to vacate approximately 8,631 square feet of SE 320th Street and SE Botts Drive, in exchange for the construction and dedication of equivalent new right-of-way, all as shown in the petition and attachments A and B hereto, and subject to the conditions provided herein; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

9) AB25-112 – Ordinance Regarding 2025 Salary Schedule for Staffing in Community Development

City Administrator O'Neill reported on this item

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 25-1234 amending Ordinance No. 24-1215 – 2025 Salary Schedule Exhibit A for calendar year 2025: **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Nielsen thanked everyone involved in the Comp Plan and appreciated all the comments that have been made. She thinks they reached the correct decision that protects the city, while also ensuring that agreements made with the developer and maintained. She noted hearing some comments earlier this evening that were disrupting and appeared to marginalize people in our city. She stated that hate and intolerance are not accepted here. She also thanked all the Councilmembers for their hard work in getting this comp plan passed.

Councilmember Peterson is thrilled the comp plan was passed and is looking forward to the changes that will come, and she appreciates all the hard work, time and effort.

Councilmember Mulvihill – no report

Councilmember Young shared that this town was built on multiple people all over the world, many languages and that kind of attitude is not welcome in our city. He commented monies raised from the walk-a-thon at the school. He recognized the girl scouts that visited station 98 and thanked the fire department for opening their doors for this. He discussed Halloween coming up on the 31st and is looking forward to it. He noted there is still a burn ban in effect within the city. He closed with a poem by Wendel Barry.

Councilmember Kumar is impressed with the steps that were taken tonight and the decision we are making in Black Diamond are being done in a step wise process. She stated that she is proud to be sitting here and was thankful for the opportunity to do so.

Councilmember Deady agrees that everyone is welcome here and was disappointed by the public comments tonight. She reported attending the Black Diamond Community Center auction and shared that they exceeded the amount that was raised last year.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

City Administrator O'Neill stated that he had a conversation during the break with City Manager Philpot and she is appreciative of the steps Council took tonight. He also shared that the city has moved forward with the procurement of three properties, and the city has the keys to the property across the street. He mentioned that there will be items to discuss at future meetings of what the vision is for these properties

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Polly Armstrong, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Mayor Sean Kelly, City of Maple Valley spoke to Council.

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 9:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk