

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of January 15, 2026
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, Nielsen, Peterson (Zoom), Sorci, Young, Dal Santo, Kumar. Mayor Adler was present via Zoom.

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager (Zoom); Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; David Linehan, City Attorney; City Administrator, Kevin O'Neill; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Mayor Pro-Tem Deady stated that the presentation by Mr. Bowie is being removed from the agenda, and the presentation will take place next month.

Councilmember Nielsen **moved** to approve the Agenda as modified; **second** Councilmember Dal Santo. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carol Morgan, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Brian Derdowski, Enumclaw spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

~~Presentation – Pipe/Sewer System – Mr. Bowie~~

1) AB25-007 – Confirming the Mayors Appointments to Council Standing Committees

Mayor Pro-Tem Deady reported to the Council on this item.

Councilmember Kumar left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the 2026 Council Standing Committees; **second** Councilmember Nielsen. Motion **passed** (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Nielsen **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** (6-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 2) **AB25-008** – Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Inmate Housing Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sunnyside

Councilmember Kumar re-entered the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 3) **AB25-009** – Discussion Regarding Council Rules of Procedure

City Administrator O'Neill discussed this item with the Council. He suggested that Council give feedback and then staff can come back with edits at an upcoming meeting. He also asked Council to consider changing their regular meeting day from Thursday to Tuesday.

Mayor Pro-Tem Deady suggested that Council review our rules section by section and look at other cities rules of procedures. She said it would be good if everyone comes to the work study with ideas formulated on each section and go from there.

Councilmember Sorci noted that we need to take our time on this as it will be a heavy lift and we need to get input.

Councilmember Nielsen shared that she has already been looking at other rules of procedures and encouraged anyone interested to submit comments for their considerations.

There was Council consensus to hold a work session on this at the February 12th work session.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Adler thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Deady for presiding tonight and he looks forward to working with everyone.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Nielsen shared a special project she is working on to have flags around the City to recognize veterans and is interested in being a Purple Heart City. She asked if anyone is aware of any member in our community that has ties to this. She is looking forward to enhancing the Council rules and giving us more structure and guidance so we can move forward in a positive way with the new Administration and Councilmembers.

Councilmember Peterson likes the idea of a Tuesday night Council meeting and is excited and looking forward to having the discussion about the guidelines on February 12th. She hopes that we can make some progress.

Councilmember Sorci would like to have the agenda in advance of the meeting reference exactly what the executive session is for, and if there isn't one it should be eliminated from the agenda.

Councilmember Young - no report

Councilmember Dal Santo noted that Tuesday Council meetings are good for him.

Councilmember Kumar is excited to work on the two committees she has been assigned to.

Councilmember Deady reported attending a meeting at the Museum on the 250 Anniversary. She noted that the event will be held on June 6th Welsh Day, and they have some ideas and shared those. She also shared that she was invited to attend the Enumclaw Youth Empowered Coalition to join their team and would like to remain on that Coalition in place of Councilmember Mulvihill. She stated that she will work with the Administration on how we can move forward with Labor Days and having the meeting on Tuesday's works for her.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

City Administrator O'Neill reported that he has directed staff to get the committee meeting invitations out as soon as possible. He explained that SCA is creating a New Cities, Small Cities work group and it is an exciting meeting to work with and its likely he will be coming back to Council for an appointment. He noted that a contract was signed with a professional lobbyist to represent Black Diamond and is excited to find some funding for us. He noted that next week is AWC Action Days and given the short notice we will be likely be going down another time to meet with them in Olympia. He shared that he will be bringing forward on a contract on February 5 for a strategic plan and roll it into a retreat. He reported another contract was signed to kick off a nationwide recruitment for a Community Development Director.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brian Derdowski, Enumclaw spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

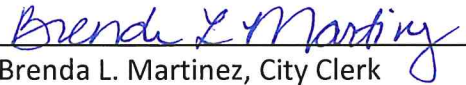
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Nielsen **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 7:38 p.m.

John Adler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk