

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of February 5, 2026
Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Adler 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, Sorci (Zoom), Young, Dal Santo, Kumar. (Councilmember Nielsen was not present during roll call and entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; City Administrator, Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Kevin O'Neill; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

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

Councilmember Nielsen entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1) AB26-010 – Legislative Update – Adam Day, Civic Forge

Mr. Day shared with Council his background and presented a State Legislative update for January 2026 and discussed the budget requests submitted that pertain to Black Diamond.

2) AB26-011 – Court 101 -Judge Swain

Judge Krista White Swain presented to Council a PowerPoint presentation on the Judicial branch of government. It gave an overview of the Court's role and responsibilities, staffing,

the types of cases handled, the Court's scheduling, how they receive cases, traffic school, typical case flow for a criminal case, who the court serves, who makes the court run, supportive governance, and the Therapeutic Court program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

3) AB26-012 – Finance – November 2025 Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director Mason shared with Council the monthly Financial Report for November 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 4) **Claim Checks** – February 5, 2026, Check No. 56912 through Check No. 57023 and EFTs in the amount of \$3,300,968.98
- 5) **Payroll** – December 31, 2025, Check No. 20576 through Check No. 20585 in the amount of \$657,049.85
- 6) **Minutes** – Special Meeting of January 8, 2026, and Council Meeting of January 15, 2026
- 7) **AB26-013** – Resolution Regarding Surplus and Sale of 2012 Ford F250 to Mountain View Fire & Rescue

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 8) **AB26-014** – Resolution Regarding Amendment #1 to Agreement with HWA for On-Call Geotech Services

Public Works Director Hanis reported on this item.

Councilmember Young **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 26-1723 authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment 1 to the agreement with HWA Geosciences, Inc. for On-Call engineering services; **second** Councilmember Dal Santo. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

9) AB26-015 – Resolution Regarding Amendment #1 to Agreement with RH2 for On-Call Engineering Services

Public Works Director Hanis briefed the Council on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 26-1724 authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment 1 to the agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for on-call engineering services; **second** Councilmember Dal Santo. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

10) AB26-016 – Resolution Regarding Amendment #2 to Agreement with Parametrix for On-Call Engineering Services

Public Works Director Hanis discussed this item with the Council.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 26-1725 authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment 2 to the agreement with Parametrix, Inc. for on-call engineering services; **second** Councilmember Nielsen. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

11) AB26-017 – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Cameral Equipment for Inspection of Sewer and Storm Conveyance Systems

Public Works Director Hanis provided information to the Council on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 26-1726 authorizing the purchase of Cues camera equipment as identified in attached quotes; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

12) AB26-018 – Resolution Awarding and Authorizing Mayor to Execute Contract with Lakeside Doors for Garage Door Replacement for the Fire Station Renovation

Public Works Director Hanis reported to the Council on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 26-1727 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Lakeside Doors for the Garage Door Replacement for the Fire Station Renovation; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

13) AB26-019 – Ordinance Amending Black Diamond Municipal Code Section 2.04.010 Regarding Changing Council Meeting Day

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

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 26-1244 amending Section 2.04.010 for Municipal Code to change the days for holding regular council meetings, work sessions, and town halls; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; **second** Councilmember Nielsen. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Adler reported that he attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Swet Pilates and thanked them for choosing to invest in Black Diamond and for contributing to the vitality of our local business community. He also thanked the Maple Valley Diamond Chamber of Commerce for helping facilitate the ceremony. He met with members of the Lake Sawyer Community Club Board and reported that he will be reviewing with staff and bringing some recommendations in the next coming months as they continue to evaluate the policies and procedures related to recreation at the lake. He stated that he appreciates the professionalism and dedication in all departments as well as the conversations he has had with many residents and he looks forward to working with everyone to deliver for the people of Black Diamond.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Peterson reported that there is the Parks Committee meeting and Public Works meeting that she will be attending and asked about the dates for the retreat.

Councilmember Sorci – no report.

Councilmember Young reported that he attended the Mountain View Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners meeting last week and said that they set a really high bar and standard for all fire and rescue districts around here. He stated that there is a lot going on and congratulated the newly elected commissioners and the firefighter's promotions. He shared that King County mandated that we bring in the new Lifepak 15 defibrillators as the previous ones are not being serviced anymore. He spoke about Legislative Day, a grant received for the community center, and some incidents that happened in Black Diamond. He also congratulated the Black Diamond Historical Society for winning the John D. Spellman Award and noting that Tuesday is Election Day. He ended his report saying that he is really proud to call Black Diamond home.

Councilmember Dal Santo – no report.

Councilmember Kumar reported that she attended the SCA (Sound Cities Association) meeting and learned that PSRC reviews the comprehensive plan for all cities and she spoke with Jason Thibodeau, who offered to stop by one of our council meetings and help us understand the review process and all the checklists that need to be passed. She was advised by Sarah Perry that several grants are available but are not available until the comp plan is submitted and accepted and that time is ticking and every day, we are losing our chance to apply for these grants.

Councilmember Deady reported that she attended SEAL TC meeting this morning as well as the opening for the new Pilates business in Diamond Square and shared they are Black Diamond residents. She stated that retired Councilmember Mulvihill has stepped up as chair for Labor Days, but they still need a lot of volunteers. She ended with a "Go Hawks" for the Super Bowl this weekend.

Councilmember Nielsen congratulated the new Pilates business and thanked Judge Swain for her informative presentation about their services at the courts. She encouraged residents to come forward with ideas and collaborate with the council so we can continue to improve our great city.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

City Administrator O'Neill reported that he had to push the strategic planning contract to the next meeting which will mean the retreat will be pushed into March.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:15 p.m. Mayor Adler announced that Council would be going into an executive session to discuss with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – Personnel Performance and RCW 42.30.110.(1)(i). The executive session was anticipated to last 30 minutes with no action to follow. Councilmember exited the Chambers to the patrol room and the executive session started at 9:17 p.m. A 30-minute extension was announced at 9:47, and the executive session ended at 10:17 p.m.

Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order at 10:18 p.m.

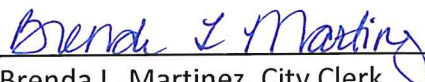
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Dal Santo. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 10:20 p.m.



John Adler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk