

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Work Session of March 10, 2026
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 work session to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Nielsen, Peterson, Young (Zoom), Dal Santo, Mayor Adler (Zoom)

Councilmember Neilsen **moved** to excuse Councilmember Sorci from the meeting; **second** Councilmember Dal Santo. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0)

ABSENT: Councilmember Sorci(excused)

Staff present: Kevin O’Neill, City Administrator; Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; Rob Reed, IS Manager (Zoom); and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager

WORK SESSION:

1) **Continued Discussion and Review of Council Rules of Procedure**


Mayor Pro-Tem Deady explained that this discussion is a continuation of the Council’s review of the Council Rules of Procedure. The discussion will resume where it left off at the previous meeting, beginning with Section 4.

The Council reviewed Sections 4 and 5 related to the duties of the presiding officer and attendance requirements. Discussion on attendance focused on remote participation and the addition of language encouraging in-person attendance at meetings, while acknowledging that exceptions may be necessary for members with legitimate reasons to participate remotely, and to define unexcused absence criteria.

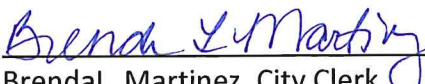
The Council also reviewed Section 6 and 7 rules regarding challenging rulings of the presiding officer, debate procedures, and motion processes and made some suggested changes. Council reviewed Section 7 up to 7.2.9.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Nielsen. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 6:57 p.m.



John Adler, Mayor

ATTEST:


BrendaL. Martinez, City Clerk

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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 7:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Deady, Nielsen, Peterson, Young (Zoom), Dal Santo, Mayor Adler (Zoom)

Councilmember Nielsen **moved** to excuse Councilmember Sorci from the meeting; **second** Councilmember Dal Santo. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

Absent: Councilmember Sorci (excused)

Staff Present: Kevin O’Neill, City Administrator; Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; Rob Reed, IS Manager (Zoom); and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

Town Hall – Open Mic

Mark Rosenberger, unincorporated King County spoke on the proposed development for Druids Glen golf course and the cons associated with it to the environment.

Nanette Stocks, Black Diamond appreciated being able to speak her mind to Councilmembers and is looking forward to upcoming actions regarding staff.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue shared with Council a document dated June 2024 that had information she read to the Council.

Bill Bryant, Black Diamond commented on watching city meetings for years and touched on the Development Agreements, road construction that starts late, noise and construction, sports fields, and the need to hold the developer accountable.

Jacob Parker, unincorporated King County, spoke about the proposed development at Druids Glen and the need to have it preserved for the next generations to use as a golf course and asked for Council support to keep it for those future generations.

James DeLay, spoke to Council on BESS.

Robin Buxton, spoke regarding Druids Glen and the similarities to Ten Trails.

Rick Stocks, Black Diamond asked why Council pushed the pipeline road decision; encouraged the Council to be proactive with the developer on Druids Glen; thanked Darcey and Dan for being at the Lake Sawyer Community Club meeting; encouraged the Mayor to clean the slate in administration.

Trixie Hahn, Black Diamond spoke on her involvement in city politics and moving to Black Diamond and how the City's website influenced that decision. She commented on living in Ten Trails and not being welcomed. She asked Council what she could do as a newcomer to bring us together.

Danny Gomez, Black Diamond spoke about being a firefighter and paramedic for the Seattle Fire Department. He spoke about Druids Glen and wildlife and how beautiful that place is. He touched on the impact development has on our environment, especially wildlife and the need to save them.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue, added to her previous comments.

James DeLay, Covington, expanded on his previous comments on BESS.


ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 8:37 p.m.

ATTEST:



John Adler, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager