

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting of March 17, 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 (Zoom), Peterson, Young, Dal Santo

Councilmember Peterson **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:** Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager (Zoom); Rayn Sweet, Capital Projects/Program Manager; Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; David Linehan, City Attorney; Kevin O’Neill, City Administrator; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

**AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:**

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to approve the agenda; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

**APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**Sergeant Swearing in – Chief Kiblinger**

Chief Kiblinger spoke about Sergeant Riepl and Mayor Adler administered the Oath of Office.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Deady reported attending the PIC meeting and spoke about what the meeting was about.

Councilmember Peterson spoke about attending the Planning and Community Services Committee meeting where they discussed items on tonight’s agenda.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Public Works** -Director Hanis updated Council on various projects and happenings within the department.

**Police** – Commander Martinez reported to Council on the 2025 year-end report and highlighted the different stats for 2025.

### **1) AB26-029 – December 2025 Financial Report**

Finance Director Mason noted the report is a stand-alone report in the packet and he would not be discussing it.

### **2) AB26-030 – 2025 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report**

Finance Director Mason briefed the Council on this item and highlighted areas of revenues and expenditures in each city fund.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda; **seconded**. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 3) Claim Checks** – March 17, 2026, Check No. 57104 through Check No. 57138 in the amount of \$388,000.03
- 4) Payroll** – February 2026 - Check No. 20594 through Check No. 20601 in the amount of \$671,709.16
- 5) Minutes** – Council Meeting of February 19, 2026, Special Meeting of March 3, 2026, and Council Meeting of March 3, 2026
- 6) AB26-031** – Resolution Authorizing Task Order with Varius, Inc. for MDRT Services
- 7) AB26-032** – Resolution Authorizing Amendment 1 to Task Request with Parametrix for Transportation Impact Fee Rate Study
- 8) AB26-033** – Ordinance Approving an Interfund Loan from the General Fund to the Public Works Fund

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 9) **AB26-034** – Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute a Contract with Parametrix for the Park Street Crossing Project

Capital Project/Program Manager Sweet spoke to the City Council on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 26-1734, authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Parametrix for the Park Street Crossing Project, TIB #P-P-800(P06)-1; **second** Councilmember Dal Santo. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

- 10) **AB26-035** – Resolution Authorizing Iron Horse LLC to Perform Sewer Mainline Repair Services

Public Works Director Mr. Hanis updated the Council on this agenda item.

Councilmember Young **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 26-1735 authorizing Iron Horse LLC to perform sewer mainline repairs at two locations and allotting up to \$40,000 for sewer mainline repairs; **second** Councilmember Dal Santo. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

- 11) **AB26-036** – Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc.

City Administrator O'Neill briefed Council on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 26-1736 approving the Professional Services Agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for Interim Master Development Review Team (MDRT) Director services and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Adler highlighted that the city has received a fair number of applications for the Community Development Director position and interviews will happen this week.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember Dal Santo – no report.

Councilmember Deady reminded everyone to contact her regarding being on the Labor Day committee and volunteering. She shared that Council Seat #7 is open due to the resignation of Ms. Kumar. She congratulated Sergeant Riepl on his promotion and noted that Miners Day is also starting up too and to contact her for volunteer opportunities.

Councilmember Nielsen congratulated our new Sergeant. She shared looking forward to transparency for the Council and the staff and looks forward to regular updates from the developer and regular reporting from departments. She will be sharing ideas on this in light of more transparency.

Councilmember Peterson – no report.

Councilmember Young noted it being St. Patty's Day. He reiterated that with daylight savings time now is a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. He shared that spring has sprung and it is getting lighter later so please watch out for kids.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** None

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

City Attorney Linehan stated that this is regarding the Pipeline Road hearing Council completed which resulted in a remand to the hearing examiner. He thanked Councilmembers for sending in their questions and commented on them being very thorough. He noted compiling all the questions into a list and will be circulating that back to Council for one final look. He stated that the list needs to be finalized by Thursday morning as the notice needs to be prepared to go out for the public hearing which will take place on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> for the remand hearing. He shared that the notice would go out through our normal notice procedures and will include a copy of all the questions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – Personnel and RCW 42.30.140(4) – Labor Negotiations

At 9:22 p.m. Mayor Adler announced that Council would be going into execution pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – personnel and RCW 42.30.140(4) – Labor Negotiations. The executive session was anticipated to last 30 minutes with potential action to follow.

At 9:57 p.m. a 15-minute extension to the executive session was announced.

At 10:12 p.m. a 5-minute extension to the executive session was announced.

Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order at 10:17 p.m.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to approve the separation agreement with Andrew Williamson; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** 3-2 (Dal Santo, Nielsen)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Peterson. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 10:17 p.m.

  
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John Adler, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk