BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of April 21, 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 (Zoom), Sorci, Young, Dal Santo

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; David Linehan, City Attorney; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Chase Goddard, Police Sergeant; Kevin O'Neill, City Administrator; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Suzi Dal Santo, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
Public Works – Public Works Director Hanis reported on the Backflow testing requirement in the City and noted that a vendor is currently out providing testing and is working on behalf of the City.

Police – 2026 1st Quarter Report – Sergeant Goddard

Sergeant Goddard presented to Council a PowerPoint presentation on the 1st Quarter 2026 Report for the Police Department.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1) **Claim Checks –** April 21, 2026, Check No. 57217 through Check No. 57264 in the amount of $269,729.33

2) **Payroll –** March 2026, Check No. 20602 through Check No. 20609 in the amount of $672,194.00

3) **Minutes –** Special Meeting of March 31, 2026, and Council Meeting of April 7, 2026

4) **AB26-040** – Monthly Financial Report for January 2026

5) **AB26-041** – Ordinance Amending the 2026 Salary Schedule

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

6) **AB26-042** – Resolution Regarding Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Regarding the Potential Annexation of the City into the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement.

City Administrator O'Neill reported on this item and the following item. He explained what is before Council for adoption tonight. Chief Jones also addressed Council on these two items.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to approve Resolution No. 26-1738 the Interlocal Agreement with the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority regarding the proposed annexation of the City of Black Diamond and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement; **second** Councilmember Dal Santo. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

7) **AB26-043** – Resolution Approving Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Plan Amendment and Calling for an Annexation Election

Councilmember Deady **moved** to approve Resolution No. 26-1739, calling for King County Elections to place a proposition on the primary election ballot on August 4, 2026, concerning annexation of the City of Black Diamond into the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, and approving of the Authority's proposed plan amendment; **second** Councilmember Dal Santo. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Adler reported making a conditional offer to a new Community Development Director with a scheduled start date of May 4th.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Nielsen – no report.

Councilmember Peterson brought up the conversation on how to get the community engaged in the Fire Annexation vote and the need to get a plan on what we can and can't do.

Councilmember Sorci – no report.

Councilmember Young – no report.

Councilmember Dal Santo – no report.

Councilmember Deady believes it would be good to have the conversation on what is a minor or major amendment. She congratulated Hunter Thibodeaux on graduating from the police academy tomorrow and noted being able to watch it online. She commented that the Council retreat was good and is looking forward to the follow-up. She shared that May 9th is cemetery clean-up and invited people to come out. She touched on the vote tonight and if folks want to sit back and listen to the presentations by both districts it was at the Council meeting on July 10, 2025.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: None

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 7:33p.m.

John Adler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carina A. Trowbridge

Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk

for Brenda Martinez