

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of June 16, 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, Reed

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Hal H. Hart, Community Development Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager (Zoom); Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; Commander Martinez; David Linehan, City Attorney; City Administrator, Kevin O'Neill; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager, Tawnya Parks, Court Administrator; Judge Krista White Swain.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Mayor Adler added a last-minute addition to the agenda which is the approval of a task order for RH2 Engineering and would like to add as #13 to new business.

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to approve the Agenda as amended; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Elaine Parks, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

CLOSED SESSION: To Discuss Collective Bargaining Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)

At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Adler announced that the City Council would be going into a closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4) to discuss collective bargaining. The closed session was anticipated to last 10 minutes with possible action to follow later in the agenda.

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1) AB26-066 – State of the Court Presentation

Judge Swain shared with the Council at PowerPoint presentation outlining current staffing, court filing statics, therapeutic court, and future staffing needs.

2) AB26-067 – Award Presentation – Somer Young

Judge Swain presented a Visionary Service award to Somer Young.

3) AB26-058A – Confirming the Mayor’s Appointment of Gwen Keffel to Position 4 on the Planning Commission

Mayor Adler spoke on this item.

Councilmember Young **moved** to confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Gwen Keffel to Position No. 4 of the Black Diamond Planning Commission; said term expiring on December 31, 2029; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Reed shared with Council items discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting.

Budget/Finance/Administration Committee – Councilmember Nielsen shared they are working on the budget process for 2027.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 4) Claim Checks** – June 16, 2026, Check No. 57418 through Check No. 57463 in the amount of \$270,742.71
- 5) Payroll** – May 2026, Check No. 20620 through Check No. 20628 and EFTs in the amount of \$676,708.49
- 6) Minutes** – Council Meeting of June 2, 2026
- 7) AB26—068** – Resolution Approving Grant Agreement with King County Solid Waste
- 8) AB26-069** – Resolution Adopting Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

9) AB26-070 – Council Summer Break for August

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

10) AB26-071 – Proposed E-Bike, E-Motorcycles, Motorized Foot Scooters, Impound Regulations

Commander Martinez reported to the City Council on the proposed changes.

Mayor Adler opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Trixie Hahn, Black Diamond spoke about hover boards not having handlebars and may need to add that. She noted reading through the proposed regulations and is pleased with them.

Mayor Adler closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

11) AB26-072 – Resolution Regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Black Diamond Police Officers Association

City Clerk/HR Manager Martinez reported on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 26-1750, authorizing the Mayor to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Black Diamond and the Black Diamond Police Officers Association; **second** Councilmember Nielsen Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

12) DISCUSSION – Service Member Banner Program

Councilor Nielsen and Mr. Boje shared information regarding this program, including costs, and the process for applications. Councilmember Nielsen is hoping to get approval to start the pilot program and would like to do it for the month of November. In closing she thanked Council for the feedback and support of this pilot program.

13) AB26-073 – Resolution Approving Task Order No. 31 with RH2 Engineering Inc. for the 288th and 216th Intersection Engineering Support

City Administrator O'Neill briefed Council on this item.

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 26-1751, authorizing the Mayor to execute Task Order No. 31 with RH2 Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed

\$25,000 for 288th and 216th Intersection engineering support; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Adler reported attending the DARE graduation BDES and gave a shout out to the police department and Officer Hershaw for all his hard work on this program. He also attended the Enumclaw High School graduation and expressed it was an honored to be there. He mentioned that the last day of school for the Enumclaw School District was today. He invited everyone to the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony for the new elementary school in Ten Trails on Friday, June 26th. He also shared that he had the privileged this past weekend to attend Maple Valley Days and the World Soccer Cup along with the staff who represented the city at this event.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Dal Santo thanked everyone who attended the Black Diamond graduation for the old high school reunion. He thanked Mountain View Fire for the auction gift they purchased for a birthday event and applauded them for what they provided at the party.

Councilmember Reed reported on community members reaching out and he will be scheduling a meeting with the Judge. He shared that he has an upcoming meeting with Puget Sound Fire, and asked people to educate themselves on the upcoming annexation ballot measure.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the public safety committee meeting, and Heritage and Welsh Day, and the Planning/Community Services Committee meetings. She also attended the Black Diamond Kindergarten graduation, the DARE graduation at Black Diamond Elementary School and noted that more schools want to come on board with this program. She attended the WSDOT fish passage presentation today at noon and shared the businesses are concerned with the road closure and the impacts for services for police and fire. She stressed the need to step up and help our businesses during these closures. She thanked Councilmember Peterson for stepping in at the last work session and commented that the FIFA watch party was a lot of fun. She thanked the Court for their presentation. She reminded everyone that Miners Day is July 11 and hopes to see everyone there.

Councilmember Nielsen thanked the Judge and her staff. She also thanked Eileen Parks and the members of the Historical Society for making the America 250 celebration a success. She shared that she has reached out to Councilmember Dunn regarding saving Druids Glen and thanked everyone for allowing her to serve on the Council.

Councilmember Peterson reported attending the Fish Passage meeting and was struck by the distress of the business owners. She shared that the only idea that came up was how to do a campaign to help support our businesses. On a personal note, she shared being involved with the annexation process and noted having some meetings coming up and if anyone is interested, they can contact her through her personal email address. She

thanked everyone involved for their hard work in getting the police CBA negotiated and passed.

Councilmember Sorci asked about his inquiry to legal and the City Administrator on how to have his pay go directly to a food bank.

Councilmember Young reported attending the Heritage Festival and shared that he left that day feeling at home. He is looking forward to Miners Day as these events bring the community together. He noted on June 26 at 11 a.m. will be the groundbreaking ceremony of the new elementary school in Ten Trails.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

City Administrator O'Neill shared an update on the Hwy 169 fish passage meeting and noted that staff is working on getting the audio and PowerPoint up on the website. He highlighted items that were discussed at the meeting, and stressed this is not the City that is doing this and not WSDOT either, it is a state mandate. He shared with Council suggestions that came out of the meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chief Judkins spoke to Council.

Suzi Dal Santo, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

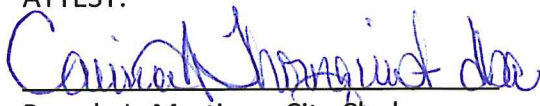
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember . Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 8:59 p.m.



John Adler, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk