

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of July 7, 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, Young (Zoom), Dal Santo, Reed

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to excuse Councilmember Deady from the meeting; **second** Councilmember Nielsen. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

ABSENT: Councilmember Deady (excused).

Staff present: Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Hal H. Hart, Community Development Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; David Linehan, City Attorney; Kevin O'Neill, City Administrator; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to add an executive session immediately to the agenda to discuss the comprehensive plan appeal; **second** Councilmember Reed. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to approve the Agenda as amended; **second** Councilmember Reed. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

At 7:02 p.m. Mayor Adler announced that Council would be going into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel litigation. The executive session was anticipated to last 15 minutes with possible action to follow. Council exited the Chambers into the patrol room.

Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order at 7:17 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim Stevens, Enumclaw spoke to Council.

Linda Stevens, Enumclaw spoke to Council.

Sherrie Evans, representing the Historical Society spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget/Finance/Administration Council Committee - Councilmember Nielsen reported working with staff and the committee on the process and needed information.

Public Works Council Committee – Councilmember Dal Santo reported on the parking study.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) AB26-075 – 2026 First Quarter Financial Report

Finance Director Mason reported to the Council on this item

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Nielsen asked to remove Item 7 from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

- 2) Claim Checks** – June 30, 2026, Check No. 57464 through Check No. 57515 and EFTs in the amount of \$ 590,336.55
- 3) Minutes** – Work Session of June 9, 2026, and Council Meeting of June 16, 2026
- 4) AB26-076** – April 2026 Monthly Financial Report
- 5) AB26-077** – Resolution Accepting 2025 SR169 Watermain Improvements Project
- 6) AB26-078** – Resolution Declaring 2006 John Deere Tractor and Shoulder Mower Attachment as Surplus and Use as Trade-In for New Mower from Pape Machinery
- 8) AB26-080** – Ordinance Adding New Chapter 10.34 to Title 10 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code, Vehicle and Traffic, Regulating E-Motorcycles, E-Bicycles, and Motorized Scooters, Amending Chapter 10.32, Skateboards, Roller Skates, Coasters, In-Line Skates, Motorized Foot Scooters, and Similar Devices for Consistency with the New Chapter
- 9) AB26-081** – Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.16 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code, Impounding and Storage of Vehicles, to Modernize the Chapter and to Add Provisions Regarding Towing Electric Motorcycles and Electric Bicycles and Motorized Scooters from Public Property and Rights-of-Way

10) AB26-082 – Motion Approving Quit Claim Deed in Favor of WSDOT, Releasing City’s Easement Rights Over TPN 112106-9098 (aka Kombol Law Office Parcel)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

11) AB26-083 – Resolution Adopting 2027 Budget Planning Calendar

Finance Director Mason reviewed this item with Council.

There were Council comments and a discussion.

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to approve Resolution No. 26-1754, adopting the 2026 Budget Planning Calendar for the 2027 Budget; **second** Councilmember Reed. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

12) AB26-084 – Resolution Approving Addendum 1 to Coalition of Small Cities Police Agencies Interlocal

Chief Kiblinger reported on this item

Councilmember Nielsen **moved** to approve Resolution No. 26-1755 authorizing the Mayor to Execute Addendum 1 to the Coalition of Small Police Agencies Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, permitting the University of Washington Police Department to join the coalition as a participating agency for a one-year evaluation period; **second** Councilmember Peterson. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

13) AB26-085 – Ordinance Amending Black Diamond Municipal Code 10.08.020 to Revert the Speed Limit on Roberts Drive to 25 Miles Per Hour

Public Works Director Hanis shared information on this item.

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 26-1255 amending BDMC Section 10.08.020 to remove Roberts Drive from the list of streets with an increased speed limit above the state standard of twenty-five (25) miles per hour; **second** Councilmember Nielsen. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

14) AB26-086 Resolution Establishing Black Diamond Economic Vitality Grant Program

City Administrator O’Neill reported on this item.

There was discussion about establishing a grant limit on applications to maximize the grant monies so multiple businesses can receive funding. Also discussed was sending out a mailer to residents to support local businesses, and adding information about the upcoming local events.

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 26-1756 establishing the Economic Vitality Grant Program, authorize up to \$20,000 of previously allocated Highway 169 business support funding for the program, approve the program guidelines substantially in the form presented, and authorize the City Administrator to administer the program, execute grant agreements, and approve grant awards consistent with the adopted guidelines and available budget with the goal of administering to as many businesses; **second** Councilmember Reed.

Councilmember Nielsen **moved** to amend the motion to add that a maximum dollar amount of any grant to \$5,000. If there's a need for more money for one vendor, that request would come before Council; **second** Councilmember Reed. Motion **passed** 5-1 (Peterson).

Action: Main motion as amended **passed** 6-0.

15) Discussion – City's Sign Code

Councilmember Nielsen noted speaking to businesses and was told that having signage during the closure would help them.

Community Development Director Hart discussed some options, such as banners and boards, that could be available to businesses during the closure as long as they are within the sign codes.

Attorney Linehan shared that the code currently classifies temporary signs tied to events.

At 8:52 p.m. Councilmember Sorci left the meeting.

7) AB26-079 – Ordinance Amending the 2026 Salary Schedule

City Clerk/HR Manager Martinez reported on this item.

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 26-1252, amending Ordinance No. 26-1248 – 2026 Salary Schedule Exhibit A for calendar year 2026; **second** Councilmember Nielsen. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Adler reported attending the AWC Annual Conference in Spokane and the groundbreaking of the new Evergreen Elementary School. He discussed the fire annexation and what the city would do with the cost savings if the annexation passed. He shared his vision with Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Reed reported getting informed about fire and the need for a plan if it doesn't pass. He shared receiving public feedback on fireworks. He continues to work with the budget committee to help give necessary feedback on discussions to get changes.

Councilmember Nielsen appreciated the vision Mayor Adler shared with Council and wondered what the safety money is being spent on. She shared some exciting news that Councilmember Young found a resident who has received a purple heart. She will take quick action on what it would take to be a purple heart city and has asked Councilmember Sorci to join her as a cosponsor for the project.

Councilmember Peterson thanked Mayor Adler for the priorities he presented. She reported attending the Save Druids Golf Course meeting and noted that Covington, Maple Valley, and Reagan Dunn have sent letters of support and hopes the city of Black Diamond will as well. She also attended the groundbreaking of the elementary school.

Councilmember Young shared being excited about the great community support for the groundbreaking of Evergreen Elementary School. He noted that he is unable to attend the Mountain View Fire & Rescue Board meeting on July 28th and asked for any Councilmember interested to reach out to him or Chief Judkins. He is grateful that the speed zone ordinance passed on Roberts Drive today. He asked that we consider putting in a dog park for the community since the one we had was lost with the new elementary school. He reminded everyone that Miners Day is this Saturday and hopes to see everyone there, and with summer in full swing, he encouraged everyone to drive slower.

Councilmember Dal Santo noted it would be nice if the city could help support Druids Glen Golf Course.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

City Administrator O'Neill addressed the need to write a letter on Druids Glen and have it added to the next meeting. Councilmember Nielsen expressed interest in helping with the letter. He noted that he and the Mayor will be meeting with Representatives Paul and Callan to share what is great about Black Diamond and to find out what kind of support they can give.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sherrie Evans, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

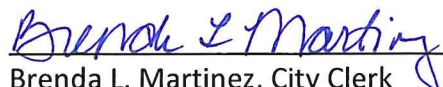
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Nielsen. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 9:24 p.m.



John Adler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk