

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of July 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, Peterson, Sorci, Young, Dal Santo, Reed

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Sorci (excused)

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

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

City Administrator O'Neill asked that item 8 and 9 be swapped on the agenda so 9 comes before 8.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Renee Mix, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Tom Ekberg, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Bill Bryant, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Kristen Bryant, Bellevue, spoke to Council.
Gary Jones, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Philip Acosta, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Gwen Reed, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Johna Thomson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Nanette Stocks, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation – Washington State Museum Day

Councilmember Young read the proclamation into the record.

Proclamation – Purple Heart City

Councilmember Nielsen read the proclamation into the record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget/Finance/Administration Council Committee – Councilmember Nielsen reported on the audit the city recently went through.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

2nd Quarter Police Report – Sergeant Riepl shared with the City Council the 2nd quarter statics for the police department.

Flock Update – Chief Kiblinger gave a update on the city's flock cameras and the newly adopted regulations that were signed into law on March 30, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 1) **Claim Checks** – July 21, 2026, Check No. 57516 (Early Batch 1) in the amount of \$3,157.00, and Check No. 57517 through Check No. 57563 in the amount of \$415,177.72. Totaling \$418,334.72
- 2) **Payroll** – June 2026, Check No. 20629 through Check No. 20637 and EFTs in the amount of \$713,746.77
- 3) **AB26-087** – Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Fund Allocation between WSAOC and BD Municipal Court for a Therapeutic Court Program.
- 4) **AB26-088** – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Renewal for Jaydn Bond for Case Manager Services for the Therapeutic Court Program.
- 5) **AB26-089** - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Renewal for Somer Johnson for Program Coordinator for the Therapeutic Court Program.

- 6) **AB26-090** – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the King County Youth and Amateur Sports Grant Agreement for Gym Floor.
- 7) **AB26-091** – Resolution for the Mayor to Approve a Consulting Services Agreement with Civic Forge for State Legislative Advocacy and Government Relations Services.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 9) **AB26-093** – Summary of Sewer System

Public Works Director Hanis updated the Council on this item.

A few Councilmembers were interested in having a King County representative come and address Council's questions.

- 8) **AB26-092** – Update on Pipeline Road and MPD

Interim MDRT Director Wright provided an update on Pipeline Road and Brian Ross of Oakpointe shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting updates within the Ten Trails and Lawson Hills MPDs.

- 10) **AB26-094** – Resolution Regarding Letter of Support for Druids Glen

Councilmember Peterson and Mayor Adler shared information on this item.

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to approve Resolution No. 26-1762 expressing the City Council's support for preservation of the Druids Glen property as open space and authorizing the Mayor to transmit the attached letter to King County on behalf of the Black Diamond City Council; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 11) **AB26-095** – Resolution Regarding the Strategic Plan Contract Amendment

City Administrator O'Neill reported on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to approve Resolution No. 26-1763 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Berk Consulting to provide staff engagement services; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Deady reported on her disappointment regarding the lack of representation and preparation at the Miners Day event and that she hopes to see a drastic change in how the city handles public engagement and local events moving forward. She shared that despite that Miners Day was a success and thanked the sponsors. She touched on the Railroad Avenue parking study. She thanked Mr. Ceccato for his service and is hoping we can get him involved in the Labor Day parade. She noted this is the 10-year anniversary for the city-wide garage sale.

Councilmember Nielsen thanked everyone for their support on the purple heart. She is looking forward to sharing more information about the formal unveiling ceremony and asked fellow councilmembers what their thoughts were as to where the purple heart signage should be placed where it has the most visibility. There was a discussion on placement areas.

Councilmember Peterson reported she has been out in the community encouraging people to vote on Prop 1. She shared attending the Disney event at Ten Trails and at least half the people that attended were not from our community, so we are drawing people in. She also attended the Maple Valley Kids Day, and it was a fantastic event for the kids. She is excited about what we are doing with our park program. She appreciated the Ten Trails update and hopes that people see that the city has benefited immensely from the investment from Oakpointe.

Councilmember Young shared missing the Kids Day and noted he will be at conference for work next week and will not be able to attend the Board of Commissioners meeting with Mountain View Fire and Rescue. He thanked MVFR for their help with the recent incidents.

Councilmember Dal Santo – no report.

Councilmember Reed shared attending Miners Day and congratulated Spain on the world cup win. He mentioned that with passing the recent e-bike ordinance there were some unintended consequences and we need to get those looked at so the little kids can still ride the smaller scooters. He noted being at a budget and finance work session through AWC next month.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

City Administrator O'Neill apologized for the lack of staff attendance at Miners Day Event and he is making sure that staff attends future events.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Litigation Updates

At 10:09 p.m. Mayor Adler announced that Council would be going into an executive session to discuss with Legal Counsel litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The executive session was anticipated to last 20 minutes with no action to follow.

At 10:29 p.m. a ten-minute extension to the executive session was announced.

At 10:39 p.m. Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order.

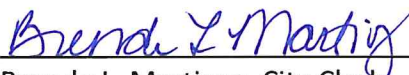
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 10:40 p.m.



John Adler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk