

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Special Meeting of July 22, 2026
Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL:

Mayor Adler called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Nielsen, Peterson, Sorci, Young, Dal Santo, Reed

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; Kevin O'Neill, City Administrator; Hal Hart, Community Development Director; David Linehan, City Attorney; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brian Derdowski, Enumclaw spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1) To Discuss with Legal Counsel Litigation Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 6:04 p.m. Mayor Adler announced that Council would be going into executive session to discuss with legal counsel litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The executive session was expected to last 30 minutes with possible action to follow.

At 6:34 p.m. a 30-minute extension to the executive session was announced.

At 7:04 p.m. another 30-minute extension was announced.

At 7:34 p.m. a 20-minute extension was announced.

At 7:54 p.m. a ten-minute extension was announced.

Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order at 8:04 p.m.

City Administrator O'Neill announced there is a brief delay as Council is waiting for a document to be printed and distributed.

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to adopt a resolution (number to be assigned by the clerk) declaring the Council's intent to amend the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan as follows:

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2025, the City Council held a duly notice public hearing on the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan update; and

WHEREAS, the City Council voted to adopt the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan on October 16, 2025 via Ordinance No. 25-1235, and subsequently adopted a correction to the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan via Ordinance No. 25-1243; and

WHEREAS, following receipt of additional public input and concerns about various elements of the Plan, which the Council appreciates and finds value in, the City Council has now concluded that the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan would benefit from re-examination of relevant underlying data, correction of identified errors, and reconsideration of the policies incorporated therein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interests of the City to reconsider the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan, including a thorough peer review by neutral third-party experts, City staff, the Planning Commission, and City Council, of the Transportation, Land Use, Housing, Capital Facilities, and other elements of the Plan with the goal of developing an improved Comprehensive Plan document; and

WHEREAS, reconsidering the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan would also allow the City to better harmonize forthcoming amendments to the City's development regulations with any revisions to the Comprehensive Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Intent to Amend 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan. The City Council hereby declares its intent to amend the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan previously adopted via Ordinance Nos. 25-1235 and 25-1243. The City Council requests that the Administration convene all appropriate staffing and neutral outside consultant resources necessary for peer review to verify the data and assumptions on which the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan was based and bring a report to the City Council with recommendations as to whether the Plan should be repealed in whole or in part, or whether specific elements of the Plan should be amended to address errors or inconsistencies in the current Plan. Following receipt and consideration of said report, the Council will determine an appropriate course of action. To the extent additional budget resources are required, the City Council requests that necessary budget amendments be brought to the Council for review and approval.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND AT A SPECIAL MEETING THEREOF ON THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2026.

Second Councilmember Deady.

There was Council discussion.

Council Action: Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

2) Possible Council Discussion of Comprehensive Plan

None

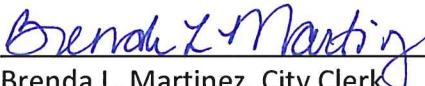
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Young . Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST:



John Adler, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk