

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Special Meeting of August 18, 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 special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Deady, Nielsen (zoom) Peterson, Sorci, Young, Dal Santo, Reed

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Hal H. Hart, Community Development Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Krista White-Swain, Municipal Court Judge; Kevin O'Neill, City Administrator; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion Regarding the City's Strategic Plan

Consultants Brian Murphy and Maddie Immel from BERK Consulting were in attendance to present to the City Council the draft strategic plan, which aims to guide Black Diamond from 2027 to 2031. It was noted that tonight's objective was to review the plan and incorporate final Council feedback into the draft, with adoption scheduled at the September 15th Council meeting.

The consultants presented the draft strategic plan, outlining four key priorities for 2027-2031: building a connected and distinct community, providing parks and recreation amenities, strengthening economic vitality and financial sustainability, and enhancing city capacity and operations. It was reported they received feedback from 146 community members through a survey and engaged with 24 staff members.

During the presentation there was discussion on our vision for a walkable city, the need for a clearer vision of how different areas of the city connect, with particular attention to downtown development and the SR 169 corridor. The group discussed holding a strategic planning work session early next year and potentially scheduling the Council retreat in November to align with the implementation of the strategic plan.

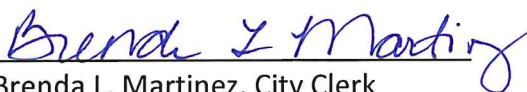
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Peterson **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Young. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 6:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



John Adler, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk