

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of September 16, 2021
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Oglesbee, Wisnoski, de Leon, O'Donnell, and Page.

ABSENT: Councilmember Mulvhill (excused)

Staff present: Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; May Miller, Finance Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; MDRT Ec/Dev Director, Andrew Williamson; David Linehan, City Attorney; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to add the continue discussion on ARPA funding to the end of the agenda; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the agenda as amended; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 1) **Claim Checks** – September 16, 2021 Check No. 50410 through 50474 and EFTs in the amount of \$441,106.82
- 2) **Payroll** – August 2021, Check No. 20110 through 20118 and ACHS in the amount of \$439,824.37
- 3) **Minutes** – Council Meeting of September 2, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sarah Jolk, spoke to Council

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

4) AB21-057 – Ordinance Amending the 2021 Salary Schedule

City Clerk/HR Manager Martinez and Finance Director Miller briefed Council on this item.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 21-1164 amending the 2021 Salary Schedule as adopted by Ordinance No. 21-1161 and authorizing the two additional positions; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski.

There was Council discussion between staff and Councilmembers with the focus on the senior accountant position.

Roll call vote: Deady, **no**; Oglesbee, **yes**; Wisnoski, **yes**; de Leon, **yes**, O'Donnell, **yes**; Page, **no**. Motion **passed** 4-2 (Deady, Page)

5) AB21-058 – Resolution Amending the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan

Public Works Director Boettcher reviewed the item with Council.

There was a robust conversation on this agenda item.

Councilmember O'Donnell **moved** that we approve the Resolution amending the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan as discussed here tonight; **second** Councilmember de Leon.

Roll call vote: Deady, **no**; Oglesbee, **no**; Wisnoski, **yes**; de Leon, **yes**, O'Donnell, **yes**; Page, **yes**. Motion **passed** 4-2 (Deady, Oglesbee)

6) AB21-059 – Resolution Regarding Fire Services

MDRT/Ec Dev Director Williamson reported on this agenda item.

There was Council discussion.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to approve Resolution No. 21-1442 authorizing the Mayor to execute a new contract with Mountainview Fire & Rescue for fire protection and emergency medical services; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

7) Continuation of Discussion on ARPA Funds

There was continued discussion on the North Loop Water Project and how the funds will be divided to different areas of the project. Also discussed was the funding to the Black Diamond Community Center for distribution of rent and utility assistance payments.

ACTION: Councilmember Wisnoski **moved** to authorize a minimum of \$100,000 and not to exceed \$165,000 of the ARPA funding to be allocated to the Black Diamond Community Center for distribution of rent and utility assistance payments; **second** Councilmember O'Donnell. Motion passed with all voting in favor (6-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Smith thanked Council for the adoption of the agreement tonight and thanked Andy and David too. He shared that the Enumclaw Courier Herald has a great article about vaccines. He mentioned that Tough Mudder and the bicycle race which is part of the IRONMAN will be coming through town. He again thanked the Council for adopting the agreement.

Community Development – Director Davis updated Council on the skate park projects and donations. She also discussed the upcoming meeting on Oct 5 to be held at the community gym on the PROs plan. She discussed increased staffing levels in the department and items that will be discussed by the Planning Commission as part of the docket process.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the South-end Mayor's meeting where they discussed the new police legislations and meeting with legislators and police. She also attended a Mayor/CEO meeting and noted us being way ahead of ARPA funding allocations. She discussed the bike rodeo and announced there were 96 participants and 200+ family members. She discussed other events that took place for Labor Days and noted it being a little bit slower than in previous years and feels this was due to COVID and hopes next year it will pick up - it was a successful event.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember de Leon reported attending her committee meetings, was present during Labor Days and enjoyed meeting people and volunteering for doggie days.

Councilmember O'Donnell noted being proud he was not one of the dissenters tonight and feels their pain as he's been in that position. He shared that in hiring he hopes we provide the equity and social justice lens to our hiring practices. He feels we are finally getting stuff done and gave examples.

Councilmember Page thanked the City of Black Diamond and the Enumclaw School District for supporting Labor Days. She thanked all the people who participated in the community to make the event special. She noted the bike rodeo was a huge hit and gave a big shout out to Sgt. Sharif as it couldn't have happened without him and thanked all the Councilmembers who volunteered too. She brought up the Enumclaw School District work session where they discussed the Black Diamond Elementary School enrollment and where they are in terms of capacity. She mentioned serving on the King County Chamber

Coalition and wondered what the Council does to set a legislative agenda. She suggested having this discussed at an upcoming work session.

Councilmember Deady reported attending all her committee meetings and the PIC meeting. She noted that Labor Days was a huge success and thanked all the volunteers and commented on the new fire truck being in the parade. She thanked Sgt. Sharif and everyone who made the bike rodeo a successful event. She shared that Public Works staff put up a communication board between the museum and antique store and to look for it. She congratulated the City and Mountain View Fire for a great contract moving forward and looks forward to continuing our service with them.

Mayor Benson announced that Sgt. Sharif has resigned from the department.

Councilmember Oglesbee gave her sincere thank you for being chosen as Civil Servant this year. She noted changing her mind on the senior accountant position and can discuss this more moving forward in the budget process. She looks forward to what our future holds for a city campus and the need to focus on this financially. She noted at the last meeting we did not recognize that Suicide Prevention Awareness is September 5 -11 and reminded everyone to be humble, be patient, and be kind as you don't know what struggles someone may be going through.

Councilmember Wisnoski reported attending his committee meetings and noted having a great time at Labor Days and it being good to see the new fire truck. He is excited about the contract with the fire department and discussed how tonight was a good example for people to see exactly what happens, we are a Council who does disagree, we evaluate, discuss, and come to a decision and are not rubber stampers and is a good illustration of what we should do - have independent thoughts. He expressed being sorry to hear about Sgt. Sharif as he will be a huge loss to the city and wished him the best of luck.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Theron Smith, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

John Olson, Black Diamond spoke to Council as a citizen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

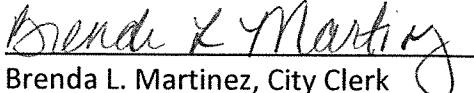
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 9:57 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk