

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of June 17, 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, Mulvihill, de Leon, O'Donnell, and Page.

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Scott Hanis, Capital Projects/Program Manager; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; David Linehan, City Attorney; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the agenda. **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Deady asked to remove item 4 from the consent agenda and move it to last under new business.

Councilmember Wisnoski **moved** to adopt the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** – June 17, 2021, Check No. 50060 through 50111 and EFTs in the amount of \$537,773.60
- 2) **Payroll** – May 2021, Check No. 20083 through 20090 and ACHs in the amount of \$414,804.58
- 3) **Minutes** –Special Meeting of May 13, 2021, Tri City Meeting of May 26, 2021, and Council Meeting of June 3, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Davis, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

Carter Bailey, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5) **AB21-036** – Resolution Approving the 2022-2027 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Capital Project/Program Manager Hanis reported on this agenda item.

Councilmembers participated in a robust discussion regarding proposed/suggested changes to the 2022-2027 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Councilmember O'Donnell **moved** to approve the 2022-2027 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program amended with the following changes: 1) moving project 24 and 25 to project 9 and 10, 2) adding the Sawyer Woods safe routes to school project, 3) adding the Black Diamond Elementary safe routes to school project, and 4) adding a pedestrian safety project as determined by the upcoming sidewalk and pedestrian pass plan; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

- 6) **AB21-037** – Resolution Approving the Housing Action Plan

Community Development Director Davis briefed Council on this item and recommended adoption.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 21-1426 authorizing the adoption of the Housing Action Plan; **second** Councilmember de Leon.

There was Council discussion.

VOTE: Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0)

- 4) **AB21-035** – Amending the 2021 Salary Schedule for Seasonal Utility Worker

City Clerk/HR Manager Martinez briefed Council on this item.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 21-1161 amending the 2021 Salary Schedule as adopted by Ordinance No. 21-1157; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill.

There was Council discussion.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Smith congratulated the city on its new website. He discussed the PulsePoint application that is being used in SE King County. He reported that the new fire engine is in Tacoma and shared that if any Councilmember would like a ride to let him know. He discussed plans the department has for the predicted drought in our area and how we need to educate citizens. He touched on the Fire Wise program, firework safety, and staffing up during the 4th of July.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the SCATBd meeting, and a meeting with King County Health. She announced that city offices will be reopening up by appointment only on July 6th; masks will continue to be worn and will monitor that for the next 30 – 60 days. She shared attending two Mayor's meetings and noted most cities are opening by appointment only and gave an update on other cities. She informed Council that we are hoping to start hybrid meetings by September, and she also shared attending the Black Diamond Labor Day Committee meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Page thanked everyone at the city who brought the website across the finish line and noted that the public response has been great and the Facebook page too. She thanked Mr. Carter Bailey on his public comment regarding the Skate Park. She reported attending all her committee meetings and commented on bringing up an idea of a community garden during the Planning Committee meeting. She happily shared that the crosswalk flag initiative is moving forward, and some are being placed at certain crosswalks soon. She also reported attending the SCA Women's event. She thanked Seth and Ruby for the walkabout in the cemetery and thanked Mayor Benson for continuing the process to get hybrid meetings going.

Councilmember Deady noted the Mayor and Council should start talking about when in-person hybrid meetings will start and gave examples of other cities and when they will start. She touched on the mask requirements and reported attending the planning and public works committee meetings and shared the items that were discussed. She reported meeting with OakPointe and announced that they will be donating to the Skate Park rebuild and help with the gymnasium flooring. She reminded everyone that tomorrow is the Council retreat and noted she is looking forward to this and to discuss how in-person meetings will look.

Councilmember Oglesbee reported attending her son's senior graduation in person at the Enumclaw Expo Center, and congratulated all the seniors who graduated. She spoke on attending events in Enumclaw as a business owner there and cities being ready with the moving memorial in August. She also reported attending the Enumclaw Rotary meeting. Enumclaw Chamber meeting and touched on in-person council meetings; she mentioned an event in Enumclaw on Saturday for unmasking kids in schools. She shared that she will be gone July 1 and 8 and will not be able to attend her safety meeting on the 8th. She

commented that she looks forward to seeing everyone in-person and also looks forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

Councilmember Wisnoski thanked city staff for the hard work they do even while being short staffed. He commented on the Council retreat tomorrow and is looking forward to the discussion on long-range planning. He shared that he is a supporter of community gardens. He reported attending the high school graduation via YouTube live stream. He announced that he will be on vacation for July 8th meeting. He shared that Juneteenth is now a legal holiday. He also reported attending the finance committee meeting where they discussed the salary change and noted Darla Clifton doing a great job in May's absence. He expressed being excited seeing the storage place is open and the grand opening is on the 25th. He reminded everyone to continue to support local businesses and discussed the upcoming changes in the economy when businesses reopen. He shared that school is out on Monday and when driving through the city there will be more kids out running around and to drive safely.

Councilmember Mulvihill gave kudos to Rob and the team for the new website. She shared attending a facilities tour with Kevin, and a tour of the cemetery. She reported attending a webinar for Great City Council meetings held by Ann McFarland. She shared that the bike rodeo is moving along, and an insert will be included in the July or August utility bills. She met with Cheryl Hanson at the Community Center and reported attending all her committee meetings.

Councilmember de Leon shared being excited the new website was launched and noted it looking stellar along with the city media page. She shared she will be having another opportunity for a Town Hall event and will be moving to have these every other month. She noted always being happy to converse with the public in many different ways and gave examples. She commented on having the opportunity to talk with folks at Oakpointe. She is looking forward to retreat tomorrow and being a part of it. She reported attending all her committee meetings. She led the discussion on what banning fireworks would look like and noted there being a lot of things to consider. She expressed having safe celebrations for the 4th and shared that one resource for Juneteenth is the King County Library. She also mentioned that she enjoyed the Lake Sawyer Park cleanup.

Councilmember O'Donnell congratulated Councilmember Oglesbee on her son's graduation and shared his son graduated this year too. He thanked Mr. Carter Bailey for his civic stewardship in mentioning the skate park and expressed Council being passionate about this too. He also thanked the other commenters tonight and hopes citizens are seeing that the council and staff are taking pedestrian safety seriously and making it a high priority. He thanked everyone for the comments on the docket for the Comprehensive Plan and also thanked everyone for listening to him at the last meeting. He discussed future Council meetings and the need to have it be a hybrid to keep public engagement. He encouraged citizens to join in and listen to the retreat tomorrow and shared some topics he would like to talk about tomorrow. He commented on the seasonal employee wage increase and wondered if the city is being competitive to attract more public employees as we grow. He also shared liking Chief Smith's report.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney Linehan shared that he spoke with the Enumclaw School District's Attorney, and she is anticipating the School Board will take up the amendment to the mitigated school agreement in July and it will likely come before Council in August. He offered that if any Councilmembers need a refresher on this agreement to please contact him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Wisnoski **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk