

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of February 3, 2022
Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

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, Stallard, Smith, Mulvihill, de Leon, O'Donnell, and Page

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Andrew Williamson; MDRT/Ec Dev Director; David Linehan, City Attorney; Rob Reed and Tristen Bennett, IS Department, 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 **moved** to adopt the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Stallard. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** – February 3, 2022, Check No. 51032 through 51072 in the amount of \$86,040.66
- 2) **Minutes** – Work Session of January 13, 2022, and Council Meeting of January 20, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 3) AB22-011** – Resolution Supporting Enumclaw School District No. 216 Proposition 1, Replacement of Expiring Levy for Educational Programs and Operations

Councilmember de Leon reported on this item.

Public Comments:

Mo Tuttle, YES4RKids spoke in favor of this resolution.

Councilmember Smith **moved** to approve Resolution No. 22-1469 supporting the Enumclaw School District No. 216 Proposition 1, Replacement of Expiring Levy for Educational Programs and Operations; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

- 4) AB22-012** – Resolution Supporting Kent School District No. 415 Proposition 1, Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Councilmembers de Leon and Smith reported on this item.

Public Comments: None

Councilmember Smith **moved** to approve Resolution No. 22-1470 supporting the Kent School District No. 415 Proposition 1, Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

- 5) AB22-013** – Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Exercise Equipment to be Used by City Personnel

Chief Kiblinger briefed Council on this agenda item.

There was Council discussion.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 22-1471 authorizing the purchase of exercise equipment for use by city personnel; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police – Chief Kiblinger presented Kevin Esping with an award for his selfless service to the City of Black Diamond for the past 40 years.

Fire -Chief Smith reported on staff training, volunteer academy, department receiving a clean audit for the State Auditor's office, COVID update on firefighters in quarantine, aide car needing replaced and surplus of the old one. He touched on the getting private

ambulances to calls being lengthy and how the department may provide transport in the near future for a fee.

Community Development - Director Davis discussed a public hearing with the Planning Commission on the PROS plan.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson discussed talking with Jim Reid about holding the retreat the second week in April and asked for Council's input on this. There was Council discussion and consensus with the retreat being held a full day on Saturday, April 23. Mayor Benson also discussed the Town Hall meeting regarding local businesses and what the agenda would look like. She noted she will send a preliminary agenda out to Council. Councilmember Deady suggested having the Chamber President present at the meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Smith reported attending the Budget/Finance Committee meeting and gave his utmost respect to the staff. He is excited about exploring options to further support to Rainier Foothills and other school districts too regarding mental health for the kids being prioritized. He stated that he will be finalizing and bringing something forward to Council on this soon.

Councilmember Mulvihill congratulated Mr. Esping on his service and hard work to the city. She reported attended all her committee meetings and completed the cybersecurity training.

Councilmember de Leon reported taking the cybersecurity class and expressed being excited we are moving forward on ways to support Rainier Foothills and the prospect of being able to partner with other school districts. She reported on meetings she attended where they talked about therapeutic courts, and the concerns around services not being available. She is exploring how we can work with our legislators on the project on Hwy 169. She announced a vaccination clinic is coming to the city and more information will be put out on that.

Councilmember O'Donnell commented on SR 169 and 288th intersection and this affecting all our residents and noted it being unsafe. Adrienne Hatmaker, Project Manager is interested in coming in front of us and giving an update on their plans and would like to get it on a calendar.

Councilmember Page thanked her colleagues for bringing forward the two resolutions' supporting the levy. She discussed the volunteer opportunity in the city for the Marine Patrol, she reported that two new police vehicles will be arriving this year and reminded everyone to turn in their ballots. She touched on another election regarding the King County Conservation District.

Councilmember Deady congratulated Mr. Esping on his award and thanked him for his service to our community. She attended the State Farm business ribbon cutting ceremony; discussed cancelling the work session next week and is Council in agreement with this and suggested it is cancelled. She reported taking the cybersecurity training and touched on an email Council received from Brian Ross regarding the Skate Park and expressed her opinion of not liking what was proposed.

Councilmember Stallard thanked Councilmember O'Donnell for brining up the intersection at Hwy 169 & 288th and is looking forward to hearing from Adrienne Hatmaker. She discussed a resident reaching out to her regarding connectivity to the Skate Park and noted reaching out to staff and they are addressing this. She announced that Terry Duty, from the Tahoma School District and resident of Black Diamond is retiring and wanted to congratulate and thank him for his years of service to our kids. She shared about an upcoming musical at Tahoma High School - Bright Star and urged residents to purchase tickets. She asked to be excused from the next meeting and the Planning and Development meeting too.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Brock Deady, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

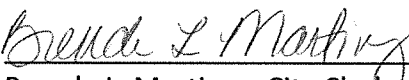
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 8:02 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk

Following adjournment of the meeting there was a closed session to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)