

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of July 7, 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, Smith (Zoom) Mulvihill, de Leon, O'Donnell, Page

ABSENT: Councilmember Stallard (excused)

Staff present: Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Commander Martinez; David Linehan, City Attorney; Tristen Bennett, IS Department; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

Councilmember Page asked to read their guiding principles with Councilmembers taking turns each meeting reading them.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

Kelley Sauskojus, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) **AB22-051** – Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Janie Edelman to the Civil Service Commission

Mayor Benson presented to Council her appointment of Janie Edelman to the Civil Service Commission for confirmation.

Ms. Edelman spoke to Council regarding her experience that would benefit the Civil Service Commission. There was back and forth questions between Council and Ms. Edelman.

Councilmember Page **moved** to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Janie Edelman to the City's Civil Service Commission to fill an unexpired term for Position 1, said term to expire

on December 31, 2022; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** 4-2 (de Leon, Smith).

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 2) **Claim Checks** – July 7, 2022, Check No. 51621 through 51681 in the amount of \$348,419.49
- 3) **Minutes** - Work Session of June 9, 2022, and Council Meeting of June 16, 2022

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 4) **AB22-046** – Proposed Ordinance Adopting New Stormwater Management Regulations and Amending Chapter 14.04 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code

Public Works Director Hanis reviewed this item with Council and noted this is a public hearing only and that no action is required tonight. He touched on the updates in the manual and discussed the code changes.

Mayor Benson opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. and having no comments Mayor Benson closed the hearing at 7:55 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5) **AB22-053** – Resolution Adopting a Revised School Impact Fee Schedule

Community Development Director Davis reported on this item.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve Resolution No. 22-1491 adopting a revised school impact fee schedule, to be effective immediately; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 6) **AB22-054** –Discussion Adding a New Chapter to the Black Diamond Municipal Code Regarding Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board.

Councilmember O'Donnell led the discussion on this item. There was Council discussion on how to do this, the process, protected classes and looking at how other cities are doing this.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Smith recapped items he sent to Council in his report. Push in ceremony, he touched on volunteer and career firefighters graduating from academy. He also discussed the responsibilities of the Civil Service Commission and their responsibilities.

Police – Commander Martinez reviewed with Council the report that went sent out earlier by Chief Kiblinger. He highlighted areas of the report such as staffing, community outreach programs, marine patrol, traffic enforcement, overtime, trainings, jail costs, and thanked the Council and the Community for their support.

Community Development – Director Davis shared happenings in the Community Development department and noted she will be doing these reports monthly.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson shared attending the Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Hive, and attended the Ten Trails 4th of July celebration, the Flood Control Advisory Board meeting, and will be attending the ribbon cutting for Gravity Coffee and the push in ceremony.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember O'Donnell discussed the cost for the Comp Plan and the need for it to be a good plan. He touched on a beautification program and the charm of our city is that it be quaint and believes we can do better and gave the example of a garden club, engaging with local artists, utility undergrounding, preservation and revitalization projects, holiday lights, pockets parks and areas that bring the community together. He thanked Commander Martinez and Chief Smith for the discussion during the Public Safety meeting. He noted a concern with vacancies and stressed we are in a crisis and need to think about how to attract and retain employees - how do we position us to be in a proactive manner. He stressed the need for a City Administrator. He discussed the calls on the 4th were low this year. He shared where they discussed the recent drowning and asked what we can do to fix that problem. He noted our first responders being well trained for an active shooter situation and some needs we could provide to help them in this type of situation. He touched on EOC and asked are staff trained in this.

Councilmember Page noted that next Thursday on the 14th there will be a discussion on the City Administrator position during the work session. She thanked Director Hanis for helping folks at the Tamarack Development to clean up the intersection. She asked Council to think about the guiding principles becoming a regular part of the agenda process.

Action item: Councilmember Page **moved** to amend the Council Rules to include the guiding principles immediately after roll call; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** 6-0.

Councilmember Page continued with her report and touched on the Pride Flag raising and thanked everyone who participated. She reminded everyone that primary elections are coming up in August.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Hive. She discussed some procedural items from the past and that when folks come to speak, they would hand their items to the City Clerk who would distribute them to Council and the need to get back to that. She thanked the Public Works team for helping the Community Center with their water break and shared other water line breaks they've been working on. She touched on the Council rules and the need to look at those again and to add zoom. She reported attending the Ten Trails 4th of July event and ran the chalk drawing contest. She shared hearing some complaints that special event permit was obtained, and folks would have liked a heads up to prepare their animals. She also heard a complaint about the Lake Sawyer fireworks show too. She reminded everyone that Miner's Day is July 16th; and another agenda item that has been discussed is ending our meetings a 9 p.m. and we need to have a work session to discuss what the goal is and have a plan. She gave the suggestion that there be a chair at the committee meetings so one person is reported what happened at the committee meetings.

Councilmember Smith reported attending the finance committee meeting and noted budget season is coming up. He talked about the Enumclaw School District thought exchange and asked everyone to check that out. He echoed the 9 p.m. departure/adjournment time. He talked about the context of the African American miners and how they were brought in to continue mining during the strikes.

Councilmember Mulvihill shared that the Miners Day program is out and asked folks to support that event and also noted that Labor Days is in full blown planning. She reported attending the ceremony at the Community Center and asked about FEMA training.

Councilmember de Leon reported she was able to attend her meetings and expressed her gratitude of the folks who attended the Pride Flag raising. She noted there is still signing to do on the Pride Proclamation. She touched on Arbor Day and working with other communities on this. She would like to see how to create a sister city partnership. She likes the 9 p.m. finish and asked how to get that in Council Rules. City Attorney Linehan suggested that this needs to be done in a more thoughtful way at a work session.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.
Kelley Sauskojus, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Brock Deady, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

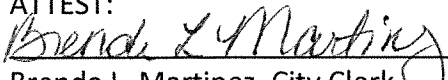
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.



Carol Benson, Mayor
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ATTEST:


Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk