

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of September 15, 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 (zoom), Mulvihill, de Leon (zoom), O'Donnell (zoom), Page

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Kevin Esping, Facilities Equipment Coordinator; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; David Linehan, City Attorney; Rob Reed, IS Manager; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to accept the agenda; **second** Councilmember Page. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) **Proclamation** - Childhood Cancer Week
- 2) **Proclamation** - Constitution Week
- 3) **Proclamation** - National Recovery Month

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 4) **Claim Checks** – September 15, 2022, Check No. 51927 through 51983 (void 51816, 51825) and EFTs in the amount of \$548,278.42

- 5) **Payroll** – August 2022, Check No. 20215 through 20224 and ACHs in the amount of \$465,678.57
- 6) **Minutes** –Council Meeting of September 1, 2022
- 7) **AB22-071** – Resolution Granting Approval of the Final Plat for Ten Trails (F/K/A “The Villages) Plat 2 D Division 2 Subdivision
- 8) **AB22-072** – Resolution Approving Letter of Understanding with Teamsters Units

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Smith expressed that the Labor Day event went great, and they really enjoyed participating. He shared that 218th is open in both directions and stressed caution when using it. This weekend is the Ironman race and roads will be filled with bicycles and reminded everyone to be careful and choose a different route if you can. All recruits are in the academy.

Police- Chief Kiblinger recapped her report she sent to Council. She shared staffing levels, and noted they are making progress in hiring. They will be participating in the Trunk or Treat event. She also discussed the Ironman event this weekend and the Tough Mudder event that is coming up too. She reported that the police vessel sank twice, and the mechanics were able to find three areas of the boat that caused it to sink and noted that unfortunately it is not salvageable. She shared that she has reached out to state parks, and they may have some money to contribute. She informed Council that their offices will be closed two days at the end of the month for installing new furniture and flooring and these closures will be posted on the website.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending all three days of the labor day’s festivities and thanked the volunteers for all their hours and hard work. She reported that on 9/29 the Finance Director recruitment contract will come before Council as Ms. Miller has given notice that she plans on retiring around June 2023. She also shared that she hopes to bring forward at the October 6th meeting the City Administrator recruitment firm contract.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Mulvihill no report.

Councilmember de Leon shared her experience with COVID and appreciates the patience. She hopes to attend the Ironman event and shared that Rainier Foothills is turning 40 and the event is this upcoming Wednesday. She attended her finance committee meeting and wished Ms. Miller all the best in her next chapter. She heard about the fish ladder and what that can look like to promote the health of the salmon. She noted that Councilmember Page put together a list of few different projects that Council could be

working on and always adding item but not taking anything off the plate and encourage Council to go back to those lists to see what needs to be added. She believes they need to have a start and end time for meetings and thinks this will help with attendance and also help with in-person attendance. She expressed being very concerned they are not tackling things in a proactive way and are being highly reactive to what's going on. She shared that one of the big sticking points for her is that they need to be at the forefront of the kind of city they want to create.

Councilmember O'Donnell noted having similar concerns as Councilmember de Leon. She noted other cities do better on actions items and communicating the progress on these and believes there is a better way. He suggested having periodic updates from all department directors and believes the city code says department heads provide a monthly report and if not, it would be best to get a periodic update from them all and provided examples of what he would like to hear updates on. He discussed the city's CIP and thanked everyone for their hard work and noted that all capital projects need to be captured in the plan whether they can be funded or not. He touched on the fire truck purchase and fire station staffing, a moratorium on future developments until we have infrastructure supported and developers are paying their fair share. He also touched on the FLUM.

Councilmember Page reported on the Community Development meeting that was held today. She noted they had a discussion on food truck permits and how the city code addressed food trucks, adaptive parks, parking, and how to be in a supportive mode for code violations. She commented on starting the budget season and would like to see a salary survey done. She also followed up on the wayfinding signs and working together with Councilmember Deady on this project. She thanked Chief Kiblinger for the report and asked folks to remember the speed limit on Roberts Drive is 25 and to slow down. She commented on the crosswalk flags that have been installed and would like to also see them installed at Roberts Drive and Bruckners Way. She thanked Chief Smith for her stop the bleed show and tell, and on behalf of the Black Diamond Labor Days Committee she thanked the staff and Mayor for all they do behind the scenes and noted they are continually looking for volunteers for events.

Councilmember Deady noted that in the Community Development meeting they also discussed grants they are working on and on Morgan Street a developer is planning on building 55-unit apartment building. She shared that the Labor Day event was awesome and a busy time. She noted the planning for this event being about a five-month process from start to finish and thanked everyone who was involved. She thanked the directors for coming to the meetings and giving updates and noted they are doing a great job on getting information back and Council can contact them and bring back an update at the meeting. She quickly touched on zoom and for Councilmembers to be in the Chambers unless they are sick and if they are on zoom, they should be on camera so everyone can see they are in attendance and to give advance notice if attending by zoom. She further added that she asked Councilmember Page and City Clerk Martinez to help craft language for our Council Rules regarding zoom decorum and to look for that to come forward for discussion.

Councilmember Stallard touched on the zoom camera being off for a Planning and Community Services Committee meeting Councilmember Dedy attended, and it being fine with her, and there may be reasons a Councilmember can't explain why they are off camera. She shared this to be fair. She noted sharing in some of the frustrations on actions and explained that she doesn't necessarily agree with Councilmember O'Donnell that they should be stopping development. She shared that there are other ways that we need to be generating revenue so that we can take action and make things happen. She expressed being personally frustrated with coming to meetings where people are not providing her with information, because as a working professional who's doing this for very little pay, she doesn't have time to go and seek everyone out as some Councilmembers can and appreciates them as she wouldn't have some of the information and thinks that is what makes them a good team. She noted that it's okay to expect the departments to be reporting on something just as she would at a school board meeting. She believes this is fair to ask and if a stipend is needed to pay for the extra time, she is in support of this.

Councilmember Smith noted being here, taking notes and doing his civic duty. He echoed Councilmember O'Donnell's concerns, and Councilmember Page's comments on sidewalks. He shared that the Ironman event is coming up this weekend and noted Tough Mudder is sold out and the PTO for the Black Diamond Elementary School is hosting a beer garden at it.

Councilmembers continued to discuss attending by zoom and meeting decorum.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney Linehan updated Council on the King County Housing Authority Rainier View Expansion. He noted that an email was received from an individual at King County Housing Authority regarding what kind of waivers they will need. He shared that Director Davis will prepare a memo outlining her thoughts on the waivers and have it sent out before the special meeting so Council can have a conversation and instruct him on how the Council would like to move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carol Lynn Harp, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

John Olson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

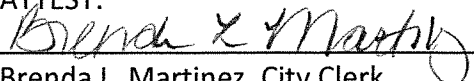
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Dedy. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.



Carol Benson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk