

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of October 6, 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 Stallard (Zoom), Mulvihill, de Leon, O'Donnell, Page

ABSENT: Councilmembers Deady and Smith (excused)

Staff present: Kevin Esping, Facilities Equipment Coordinator; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Economic Development 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 de Leon **moved** to accept the agenda; **second** Councilmember Page. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

Councilmember O'Donnell asked to have item #4 on the consent agenda moved to new business.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1) Proclamation – Mental Illness Awareness Week

Councilmember Mulvihill read the proclamation and Councilmember read a prepared statement of support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Johnson, Lions Club member spoke to Council.

Craig Yost, Black Diamond Eagles spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

Don Mason, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 2) **Claim Checks** – October 6, 2022, Check No. 51984 through 52062 (void 51742, 51987) in the amount of \$272,945.43
- 3) **Minutes** –Work Session of September 8, 2022, Council Meeting of September 15, 2022, and Special Meeting of September 22, 2022
- 5) **AB22-075** – Resolution Authorizing Contract with Zeke’s Roofing for Fire Station Roof Repairs
- 6) **AB22-076** – Resolution Authorizing Contract with Secure Pacific Corporation for City Hall Campus Security Systems

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 7) **AB22-077** – Resolution Regarding Port of Seattle Grant

Community Development Director Davis briefed Council on this item.

Melissa Earl reported on the Black Diamond Business Coalition and what’s been happening with it.

Councilmember Page **moved** to approve Resolution No. 22-1507 authorizing the acceptance of a \$10,000 economic development grant from the Port of Seattle and authorizing the Mayor to execute a grant agreement; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

- 8) **AB22-078** – Resolution Regarding King County Housing Authority for Rainier View Expansion

Community Development Director Davis reported to Council on this item and her focus was on the proposed club house and the King Housing Authority wanting to have the ability to only have the club house if the costs do not exceed \$20,000 to convert to a commercial use.

There was discussion between staff, Council and King County Housing Authority.

This item was moved to the October 20, 2022 Council meeting for action.

- 9) **AB22-079** – First Reading with Option to Adopt – Ordinance Adding New Section 12.04 to the Black Diamond Municipal Code Regarding Right-of-Way Use Permits

Public Works Director Hanis discussed this item and distributed to Council an updated contract for approval as an outdated contract was used.

There was Council discussion.

Councilmember de Leon moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-1182 giving the City authority to enact Right of Way permits, protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public right of way; **second** Councilmember Page. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

10) AB22-080 – Resolution Authorizing Contract with GMP Consultants for City Administrator Recruitment Services

Mayor Benson briefed Council on this.

Councilmember Page **moved** to approve Resolution No. 22-1509, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with GMP Consultants to revise the City Administrator job description and assess City finances to fund this position; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

4) AB22-074 – Resolution Authorizing Contract with RH2 for Design Engineering of the SR 169 North Watermain Improvements Project

Public Works Director Hanis reported on this.

Councilmember Page **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 22-1504 authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for design engineering for the SR 169 Norther Watermain Improvements; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Smith discussed building type/use in relation to the building the King County Housing Authority is proposing. He discussed their use of Mountain View Cares and explained what it is and how it works.

Public Works – Director Hanis shared with Council the watermain break that recently happened on Morgan Street. He showed pictures of the break along with pictures of the Public Works team working on it. He commented on the estimated cost of the repairs and added that he will be working with Lakeridge Paving to brainstorm fixes for the road.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending a Regional Disaster class with Councilmember Mulvihill and noted that Mr. Esping is currently working on updating our Emergency Management Plan. She also shared attending the SCA Networking dinner.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember de Leon thanked everyone for hearing her out tonight. She reported attending her committee meetings and Enumclaw Youth Empowered. She commented that they are still looking for business associates and community members as stakeholders during the transition period they are in since their main director has left. She stated that it's a really great opportunity to see how different partners in the community can really work on addressing, youth mental health, and social services.

Councilmember O'Donnell thanked Councilmember de Leon for her words as they do matter and noted those words rang true for a lot of people. He hopes that the dialogue can continue on with what actions can be taken as suicide is important. He thanked Scott and noted being impressed with his program and team and thanked them all for making a difference. He expressed being concerned about keeping people safe in respect to trench safety as it's really important.

Councilmember Page reported attending the SCA Networking dinner and shared some points/questions that were asked from the speaker. She commented on wanting the city to be proactive on economic development and reach out to the greater Seattle partners to say come to Black Diamond and not wait until they look at other cities first. She shared that the Police and Fire Department will be holding a Trunk or Treat on October 31 from 4 – 6 p.m. and invited families to bring their kids. She also reported on items discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting. She brought up the suggestion of a timekeeper to keep Council on track during meetings and suggested that the Mayor Pro-Tem be this person and gave other suggestions to keep meetings from being too lengthy.

Councilmember Stallard announced her resignation and noted sending an email to the Mayor and her colleagues on this. She expressed that as being someone who works in leadership positions there is a pull on your integrity when you quit something you started. She noted that what Councilmember de Leon shared earlier tonight had a lot to do with why she is making this decision now. She noted the work of a Councilmember is very important and the need to bring our best self to it, and she can't do that right now and needs to choose herself and family. She noted her resignation is effective after tonight's meeting and has appreciated this opportunity and that in her heart she is sorry she didn't stick it out.

Councilmember Mulvihill expressed sadness for Councilmember Stallard leaving. She reported attending the Disaster Recovery class with Mayor Benson, the SCA Networking dinner, and expressed what a good job public works did on the watermain break. She commented on the good job Ms. Davis did on the presentation for the Housing Authority. She also reported attending her finance meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney Linehan noted it being a pleasure to work with Councilmember Stallard and mentioned that he will have the fire impact fees at the next work session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

Councilmembers expressed well wishes to Councilmember Stallard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii)

Mayor Benson announced that Council would be going into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii). It was anticipated that the executive session would last for 30 minutes.

A twenty-minute extension was announced at 9:46 p.m.

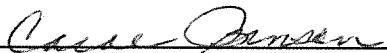
A fifteen-minute extension was announced.

At 10:21 a five-minute extension was announced.

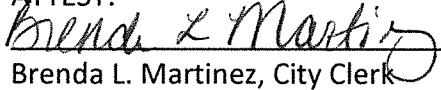
Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at approximately 10:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stallard **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Page. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 10:27 p.m.



Carol Benson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk