

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Special Meeting of November 3, 2021

Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Smith, Mulvihill, de Leon, O'Donnell, Page.

ABSENT: None

Staff present were: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR

WORK SESSION:

1) Review of 2023 Preliminary Budget of Revenue Sources Including Possible Increase in Property Tax

Finance Director Miller explained how the RCWs speak to the budget areas that must be discussed and met during the City's budget process. She highlighted the revenue sources for 2023 and how those revenues are used. She explained that the City is very dependent on property tax money and those funds are 100% dedicated to Public Safety. She reviewed the property tax history for Black Diamond and the amount that is anticipated to be collected in 2023. She discussed the 1% cap and how it doesn't keep up with inflation and the amount the city would receive if the 1% was adopted would be \$24,675. She reviewed with Council how property taxes are distributed. She also reviewed the 2023 tax roll levy limit worksheet and touched on the two proposed ordinances that would need to be adopted by the City Council should they decide to approve the 1% increase.

There was discussion on a lid lift and what the timeline is for FCS to provide us with sustainable revenue options. There was also discussion on commercial/retail within the city and looking at utility rates.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

The meeting ended at 6:52 p.m.



Carol Benson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk