



CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Chairperson Olson called the meeting to order at 6: 00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Kelley Sauskojus
Commissioner Steve Jensen
Commissioner Knut Syversen
Commissioner Pam McCain
Commissioner Felecia Wheatfall
Commissioner Carol Morgan (via Zoom)
Chair/Commissioner John Olson

Staff: Community Development Director, Mona Davis
Deputy City Clerk, Carina Thornquist
City Attorney, David Linehan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

1) Regular Meeting of July 12, 2022

The regular meeting minutes of July 12, 2022 were adopted under unanimous consent

2) Special Meeting of September 13, 2022

The regular meeting minutes of September 13, 2022 were adopted under unanimous consent

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Kristen Bryant from Bellevue spoke to Commissioners

PUBLIC HEARING - None

STUDY/WORK SESSION – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS – Review Sign Code in Black Diamond Municipal Code 18.82 and Prepare for Code Amendment

Director Davis introduced Attorney David Linehan who will speak further on the topic after Ms. Davis. She gave a brief overview of what to expect discussing sign code in the City of Black Diamond; main items are below:

- Could possibly be 5-6 months before implementing the new sign code
- Suggested inviting the Councilmembers to the November meeting and also hold a Public Hearing during this meeting
- Suggested inviting the Business Coalition to the November meeting

Director Davis turned it over to Attorney Linehan and he gave more explanation on the following items:

- There are differences between signs such as types, materials, etc.
- Advised that this is a lengthy process; other cities have taken several months up to a year
- Tonight is just for discussion
- Regulations for permanent signs are different from temporary signs

Director Davis shared further information with the Commissioners. She also asked them for their thoughts and what they had issues with. The sign code was last amended in 2009. Ms. Davis explained that the current Code (12 pages) is basically being rewritten so it wasn't provided. Ms. Davis advised that she will write a memo to give reasons why the changes were made.

Extensive discussion took place between the Commissioners, Director Davis and Attorney Linehan.

Director Davis will reach out to the Councilmembers to invite them. It was suggested that the Commissioners break down the Code and go home and read over the following items to come back to the November meeting to discuss:

- Definitions
- 080 General (pages 1-11)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT –

Director Davis reported on the following items:

- Took a \$10,000 Port of Seattle grant to City Council recently
- Discussions with Council regarding King County Housing Authority developing in Rainier Vista Mobile Home Park
- This Thursday, 10/13 at 7:00 pm is the Town Hall along with a Work Session held prior at 6:00 pm
- New Permit Tech, Danielle who came from Issaquah
- Sr. Planner position is still available
- A lot of business interest coming down the SR 169

- Ms. Davis has a lot of work ahead with City Council including Fee Schedule and Capital Facilities Plan
- Comprehensive Plan Grant Funding for \$125,000 got submitted in September
- Revisit Development Regulations in the next couple of years

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ADJOURN

Commissioner Wheatfall **moved** to adjourn, **second** Commissioner Syversen.
Vote, motion **passed 7 - 0**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

These minutes were respectively recorded by Carina Thornquist, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:



John Olson, Chairperson


Planning Commission Secretary