

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of January 19, 2023
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, Douglass, Smith, Mulvihill, de Leon, Page

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Ryan Sweet, Capital Project/Program Manager; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Jake Kapsandy, IT Department; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember de Leon **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:

- 1) **Claim Checks** - January 19, 2023, Check No. 52457 through Check No. 52525 (voids 52457, 52458) and EFTs in the amount of \$727,724.59
- 2) **Minutes** – Council Meeting of January 5, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

3) AB23-003 – Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Olympic Environmental for Recycling Events.

Public Works Director Hanis reported to Council on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1529 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Olympic Environmental Resources for the City's 2023 and 2024 Spring and Fall Recycling Events; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

4) AB23-004 – Resolution Authorizing Grant Agreement with King County for Recycling Events

Public Works Director Hanis discussed this item with Council.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1530 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Waste Reduction and Recycling grant agreement with King County to help fund the 2023-2024 household hazardous waste collection and recycling events; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0-).

5) AB23-005 – Resolution Approving Contract with Valley Defenders, PLLP for Public Defense Services

Mayor Benson reported on this agenda item.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1531 authorizing a Contract with Valley Defenders, PLLP for Public Defense Services; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6—0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Judkins invited Councilmembers to be part of the hiring process for the new Deputy Chief. She updated Council on the repairs of the aid car and the challenges they are facing with finding parts.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending some meetings and did not attend the regional meeting due to a conflict.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Douglass reported attending his very first Public Works Committee meeting and thanked Scott for giving him the 101 on Public Works.

Councilmember Smith reported attending his Finance and Public Works Committee meetings and commented on looking forward to a water source tour. He touched on BD Kind and hopes this is something that continues and appreciates Councilmember Mulvihill for taking the lead.

Councilmember de Leon reported attending the Finance Committee meeting and thanked the Finance Department for taking their feedback and making those meetings run more efficiently and be more proactive. She wondered if there was any follow-up for Mr. Bowie's concerns regarding unmarked city vehicles. She a work study item of creating a sister city partnership and noted she will be sending out the email on the sister city program and what that might look like and suggested it could be tasked with the DEI Commission. She added that another item for a wokstudy is the IT infrastructure, and this is good to look at for safety and being mindful and strategic on how to better budget for technology. She met with the new Executive Director of Enumclaw Youth Empowered. She brought up that the Legislature is in session and noted lots of ways for people to participate. She invited Councilors to attend a lobby day on February 8th. She commented on the sign in Maple Valley advertising their Comp Plan Open House.

Councilmember Mulvihill reported on the SCA Emergency Management Caucus meeting and orientation meeting. She thanked Councilmember Smith for his kind works on the BD Kindness Campaign and shared statistics on the campaign.

Councilmember Page discussed the Councilmember vacancy process and thanked Councilmember O'Donnell for his service and passion for the city. She shared that applications are open until February 15th and then the process will continue with Council interviews and selection. She suggested that after this position vacancy is fill that a work session is scheduled on the Council Rules so all are on the same page and understanding of what the expectations are and to look at any changes needed. She reported attending her Community Development meeting and shared what was on the agenda for discussion. She noted meeting with Directors Davis and Williamson and others to discuss the Port grant and shop local program. She encouraged Councilmembers to get a hard copy of the City's current Comprehensive Plan and read through it as we will be going through this for the update.

Councilmember Deady commented how Public Works was out on Christmas Day to work on the sewer backup and shared that disposable wipes are a hazard to our system and for folks to remember not to flush them. She agrees with Councilmember Page that Council needs to revisit the Council Rules. She attended her Community Development meeting and attended the Council president meeting through SCA and shared the topics that were discussed. She also reported attending the PIC and SCATBd meetings.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 7:53 p.m.



Carol Benson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk