

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of February 2, 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 (Zoom), de Leon, Page

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; 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; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Katrina Dohn, TNT Fireworks spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 1) **Claim Checks** – February 2, 2023, Check No. 52526 through Check No.52579 in the amount of \$205,258.51
- 2) **Payroll** – December 2022, Check No. 20255 through 20268 and ACHs in the amount of \$514,962.92

- 3) **Minutes** – Work Session of January 12, 2023, and Council Meeting of January 19, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **AB23-006** – Resolution Authorizing Contract with AHBL and Parametrix for the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

Community Development Director Davis reported to Council on this item.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1532 authorizing the Mayor to execute agreements with AHBL, Inc. and Parametrix to provide professional services for the 2024 Periodic Update of the Comprehensive Plan in the amount not to exceed \$409,750; **second** Councilmember Page. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 2) **AB23-007** – Ordinance Regarding Minor Amendment to Section 8.04.130 BDMC – Standards for Fireworks Stands

Community Development Director Davis discussed this item with Council.

Councilmember Smith **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 23-1190, Proposed Minor Code Amendment to Chapter 8.04.130 Subsection B of the BDMC to be consistent with State law; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0-).

- 3) **AB23-005** – Discussion Regarding the Repeal of Black Diamond’s Retail Marijuana Moratorium

Councilmember Page led the discussion on this item. She walked Council through the process for Council to allow cannabis retailers in the city. She discussed the phases that would take place and what each would entail.

Councilmembers had a thoughtful and robust discussion on this issue and there was discussion and authorization to move forward and for staff to develop plans for the potential repeal of the retail cannabis prohibition.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Judkins noted that on March 1st there is a Changing of the Guard ceremony and invitations will be going out. She also discussed Captain Jewett’s retirement and the JATC program.

Community Development – Ms. Davis asked Council to think about how we can generate enthusiasm with our residents for the comprehensive plan update. She announced that the City did not receive the grant from King County for design on the Ginder Creek Park to

put in some trails and added that tomorrow she is attending a meeting on the Skate Park grant.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson shared that she has applied for a position on the DEI Board with AWC. She also shared that she is working with the Museum on insurance issues regarding tours to Franklin.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Smith discussed having the Finance Committee meetings on his calendar, the frustration of getting folks involved in our committees and commissions and reminded people to get their ballots filled and dropped off.

Councilmember Mulvihill no report.

Councilmember de Leon echoed that ballots are out. She asked how Council can help or be of assistance on the Ginder Creek Park grant. She commended Mayor Benson for her interest in being a part of AWCs DEI Board. She shared an event coming up with Enumclaw Youth Empowered at Thunder Mountain Middle School Library. She reported attending the Finance Committee meeting and Regional Law Safety and Justice meeting. Her report also focused on work done/discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting.

Council Action: Councilmember de Leon **moved** that we allocate some of the police funding to go towards a voluntary buyback program; **second** Councilmember Page. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

Councilmember Page reported attending her Public Safety Committee meeting and reminded citizens to keep their cars locked. She discussed about having themes or topics at our Town Hall meetings. She thanked everyone for the conversation on repealing the prohibition on marijuana .

Councilmember Deady discussed how hard it is to get grants. She reported attending the Finance Committee meeting and noted Finance Director Miller will be giving monthly reports to Council. She also attended the Public Safety Committee meeting and Maple Valley's comp plan kick off meeting and noted it being a fun event. She discussed issues that are happening around Baker and Railroad Avenue and noted that Public Works Director Hanis is working on this. She commented that residents are curious about the roundabout on 169, and that public works is also working on the issue at 232nd. She shared that Miners Day meetings are starting and encouraged citizens to contact her if they are interested in helping with this event.

Councilmember Douglass reported he was able this past week continue his efforts on new councilmember education and noted meeting with Mr. Linehan and Mr. Williamson.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Page. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 8:37 p.m.



Carol Benson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk