

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting of April 20, 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, Smith, Douglass, Mulvihill, de Leon, Jones, Page (Zoom)

**ABSENT:** None

Staff present: Finance Director, Mayene Miller; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; David Linehan, City Attorney; 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 Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to the Council.

Grazyna Prouty, Kent spoke to the Council.

**APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**Presentation – OakPointe**

Brian Ross, OakPointe shared with Council a PowerPoint presentation that updated them on the Ten Trails development along with the Reserve at Woodlands within King County. It touched on homes sold, other areas, Lawson Hills Fire Station, Villages mixed use, Mountain View mixed use, parks, 2023 events, future land use, MPD phasing map, expiration of development agreements, and the North Gateway.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** – April 20, 2023, Check No. 52822 through Check No.52884 (void (52743) and EFTs in the amount of \$311,370.77
- 2) **Payroll** – March 2023, Check No. 20285 through Check No. 20293 and ACHs in the amount of \$492,984.66
- 3) **Minutes** –Council Meeting of April 6, 2023

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Chief Judkins reported sending her report and the request to have a councilmember on their board as an advisory member. Mayor Benson announced that Councilmember de Leon volunteered first to do this and will be our advisory member for 2023.

**Public Works** – Public Works Director Hanis gave an update on the intersection of Railroad and Baker and the potential of having it be a three-way stop.

### **MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Benson reported attending the SCATBd meeting, Strong Mayor’s meeting, Labor Day committee meeting and expressed that Councilmember Page is doing a great job of getting everything organized and on schedule for this event.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember Douglass – no report.

Councilmember Smith expressed being excited about the three-way stop and reminded folks to check their trailer breaks before heading out.

Councilmember Mulvihill shared items that were discussed at the Planning and Community Services Council Standing Committee meeting, the EMAC meeting, and is also excited about the three-way stop sign. She thanked Mona for all her work in Community Development and Councilmember Page too for all her hard work on the business survey. She shared that she is also working on Miners Day and Labor Day.

Councilmember de Leon is excited to be the advisory position to the Fire Department Board. She announced that the Enumclaw High School PTSO is presenting a series called

We Need to Talk on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at the high school media center at 6 p.m. She reminded everyone that the Enumclaw Youth Empowered meets monthly and it's open to everyone. She shared other ways to get involved in the community and this Saturday is an Earth Day event and shared details and shared that the vote on Prop 1 about crisis care centers is coming up.

Councilmember Jones announced the local food bank needs pasta and sauce and gave kudos to the Tahoma High School robotic team who are competing in the world championship. Another good news item he shared is that 2,500 fish will be put in Lake Sawyer in late April or early May. Lastly, he commented on the open government training he did as being part of the required training for an elected official and expressed that this would be beneficial to the public as well.

Councilmember Page thanked OakPointe for their presentation and Councilmember Deady for her advocacy to the community. She shared volunteering with the Black Diamond Police Department with training they held last week and will be doing a ride along next week. She reported serving lunch at the Community Center and shared the questions she heard. She reminded everyone that the first Black Diamond Volunteer Open House will be on Tuesday, April 25 from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Black Diamond Elementary School Gymnasium.

Councilmember Deady discussed the fire station regarding financing and staffing and gave a Marine vessel update. She reported attending the PIC meeting, Planning and Community Services meeting, Finance meeting. She touched on assisted living and is excited to hear from OakPointe on this and hopes it comes to fruition. She discussed the drone show during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at Ten Trails and announced that Labor Days and Miners Day planning is underway and invited folks to contact her or Councilmembers Page and Mulvihill on this. She shared that this Saturday is the fishing derby Lake Wilderness.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

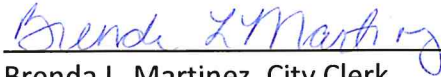
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 8:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Carol Benson, Mayor

  
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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk