

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Work Session of June 8, 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 work session to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Douglass, de Leon, Jones, Page (Councilmember Mulvihill was not present during roll call and joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:05 p.m.)

ABSENT: Councilmember Smith (excused)

Staff present: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; David Linehan, City Attorney; Rob Reed and Jake Kapsandy, IT Department; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

WORK SESSION:

1) Discussion Regarding Levy Lid Lift Scenarios and Options

Mayor Benson welcomed everyone and noted that tonight's meeting is to discuss option and scenarios on a potential levy lid lift. She then turned the meeting over to Martin Chaw from FCS.

Councilmember Mulvihill joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Points of Discussion

- History of how the 6% and 1% limits came about.
- Property taxes and how the levy rate is determined and anything to exceed the 1% limit, requires a public vote (levy lid lift)
- Levy lid lift requirement
- Type of levy lid lifts – single year, multiple years, and what are the differences.
- Single Year – Temp vs Permanent levy lid lift
- Multi-Year – Temp vs Permanent levy lid lift
- Exemptions for low-income seniors and disabled.
- Ballot Requirements
- Anatomy of a levy lid lift ballot – City of Medina example
- Example from City of Medina of a multi-year levy lid lift with an annual levy limit factor
- Example from Vashon Maury Island Parks and Rec District of a multi-year levy lid lift without an annual levy limit factor

- Example of single-year levy lid lift for Public Hospital District #4
- Town of Eatonville example of single-year permanent levy lid lift
- Impact to a SFR property tax bill with a \$400K home, \$600K home, and a \$1M home

Councilmember Page left the meeting at 7:17 p.m. and reentered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

- Timeline of actions for city to institute a levy lid lift
- Election planning - key dates for jurisdictions
- Estimated public safety FTEs supportable under alternative levy scenarios
- Need for discussion on 2.5M and 3M levy and scheduling meetings before a council meeting or adding a second work session on the 4th Thursday

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Page. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk