

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of July 6, 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, Jones, Page

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Ryan Sweet, Capital Projects/Program Manager; MDRT/Ec Dev Director, Andrew Williamson; David Linehan, City Attorney; Commander Martinez; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager; Jake Kapsandy, IT Staff.

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:

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 1) Claim Checks** – July 6, 2023, Check No. 53092 through Check No. 53154 (voided 53094, 49144) in the amount of \$311,224.67

- 2) **Minutes** – Council Retreat of May 20, 2023, Tri City Meeting of May 24, 2023, Work Session of June 8, 2023, and Council Meeting of June 15, 2023
- 3) **AB23-031**– Resolution Accepting 3rd Avenue Watermain Improvement Project Complete
- 4) **AB23-032** – Resolution Updating the City’s Fee Schedule

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 5) **AB23-030A** – Skatepark Agreement with Enumclaw School District

Community Development Director Davis and City Attorney Linehan addressed this item with Council.

There was Council discussion.

Councilmember Page **moved** that Council approve the ground lease for recreational facilities agreement as is presented in our packet and take it forward to the Enumclaw School District this month to meet our deadline with with RCO; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6) **AB23-033** – Resolution Approving Purchase of Reserve Fire Engine

Finance Director Miller reported on this item.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1554, authorizing the purchase of a reserve fire engine from Mountain View Fire and Rescue for a price of \$250,000, plus sales tax and license fees; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

- 7) **AB23-034** – Resolution Referring Land Use Analysis for Potential Cannabis Retail Sites to the Planning Commission

Councilmember Page addressed this agenda item with Council.

There was Council discussion with the suggestion to add in manufacturing and wholesale operations.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1555, referring zoning and land use analysis for potential cannabis retail sites to the Planning Commission with the

addition on either line 4 or 5 to include language broadening from only retail to also include producing, processing and research; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

- 8) **AB23-035** – Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sunnyside for Inmate Housing

Commander Martinez reported on this item to Council.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to approve Resolution No. 23-1556, authorizing the Mayor to execute an interlocal agreement for inmate housing with the City of Sunnyside; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Community Development – Director Davis shared with Council a schedule of events for the 2024 Periodic Update and explained what those events/items dates and times are. She also explained the items that are on agenda for the July 11th Planning Commission meeting. She reminded Council that the docket will be coming back on August 3rd and provided some ideas for the Gomer Evans Jr. Memorial Park. She also touched on the Palmer rezones.

Police - Commander Martinez updated Council on what is being done with marine patrol regarding the delays in receiving our new equipment. He shared they are using a boat from King County for now and touched on enforcement.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the joint chamber luncheon at Rein Fire Ranch where Councilmember was the speaker.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Page expressed her gratitude to all who attended the joint chamber luncheon. She virtually attended the firefighter graduation and encouraged others to try and attend one in the future. She also attended the first official cemetery cleanup day and thanked Mel Self our Public Works Admin Assistant for spearheading this project. She announced that there is a Planning Commission vacancy and on August 1st is National Night Out and for anyone wishing to host an event in their neighborhood to reach out to the Black Diamond Police Department and Mountain View Fire to let them know. She shared with Council a video that came out of a business survey that was done earlier this year and thanked everyone that was involved.

Councilmember Deady discussed the accident on Ravensdale Road and those being tough calls for first responders and thanked them. She attended the SCATBd meeting, Chamber luncheon, Public Safety meeting, and reminded everyone that Miners Day is Saturday, July 15th. She announced that the Community wide garage sale is the second weekend in August and asked anyone interested to get a hold of her. She touched on the umbrellas for the Gomer Evans Jr. Memorial Park and suggested them being black and red to tie in our community. She spoke on the comments made by Mr. Bowie regarding the Enumclaw schools and the need for the Enumclaw School District to educate their residents on what Black Diamond residents provide to the school district.

Councilmember Douglass shared having the opportunity to recertify on First Aid, CPR, AEDs. He noted this class is done monthly at the Maple Valley Community Center. He commented on being able to see the new life jacket station at Lake Sawyer and noted it being very visible. He recited the poem A Miners Last Request.

Councilmember Smith reported attending the tri city meeting, and echoed Councilmember Deady's comments that the district as a whole needs to educate its residents. He shared a family tidbit.

Councilmember Mulvihill thanked Mr. Bowie for bringing forward the comments and noted it being only 16% of the comments. She liked the visibility of police on the 4th of July. She attended the joint chamber luncheon and shared dabbling on a brochure for Miners Day for the city. She commented on the Ravensdale accident and a resident reaching out to her about safety for Morgan Creek residents. She shared what was discussed the PSRC Passport to 2024 webinar. She announced that Black Diamond Kind has over 160 members and she has BD Kind signs for folks to purchase.

Councilmember de Leon attended PSRC Passport to 2024 webinar and shared what is coming up on future webinars. She reported attending her committee meetings and is looking forward to attending a school board meeting to keep building those bridges. She reported attending the 4th of July event at Ten Trails and pointed out that there was a drone show in lieu of fireworks and enjoyed it and is happy they are open to anyone and would like to see it continue and be expanded. Lastly, she noted there being a lot of sadness around the Enumclaw School District survey and is sorry to see this getting so adversarial.

Councilmember Jones commented that Black Bear Outpost is a resource for propane in town. He touched on an important resource the USO.org a non-profit that provides programs and entertainment for service members and their families and shared their statistics. He noted May being Military month and July being Pet month and commented that there are volunteer opportunities at the Auburn Valley Humane Society, and shared needed items at the Black Diamond Community Center food bank.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilmember Smith left the meeting at 8:55 p.m. and returned at 8:57 p.m.

Brock Deady, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

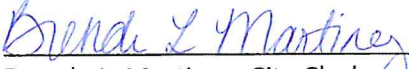
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 9:07 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk