

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting of July 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, Douglass, Smith, Mulvihill, de Leon, Jones, Page

**ABSENT:** None

Staff present: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Tawnya Parks, Court Administrator; David Linehan, City Attorney; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager; Rob Reed, IS 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 (7-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Lisa Winter, Friends of Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

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

Mayor Benson introduced to Council our new Finance Director, Xavier Mason.

**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** – July 20, 2023, Check No. 53155 through Check No. 53212 and EFTs in the amount of \$1,063,352.22

- 2) **Payroll** – June 30, 2023, Check No. 20310 through Check No. 20323 and ACHs in the amount of \$514,636.26
- 3) **Minutes** –Council Meeting of July 6, 2023

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 4) **AB23-036** – Resolution Adopting 2023 Budget Calendar for 2024 Budget Process

Finance Director Miller reported to Council on this agenda item.

There was Council discussion.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1557 approving the budget planning calendar for the 2024 budget process; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

- 5) **AB23-037** – Resolution Regarding Proposal from Brightly Software Inc. for Computerized Maintenance System (CMMS) for the Public Works Department

Public Works Director Hanis discussed this item.

There was Council discussion.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1558, accepting the proposal from Brightly Software Inc. to provide the City with a Computerized Maintenance Management System; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** (6-1 – (Douglass)).

- 6) **AB23-038** – Ordinance Repealing and Replacing BDMC Ch. 8.24 Regarding Water Safety

Chief Kiblinger addressed this agenda item with Council.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 23-1192, repealing and replacing Black Diamond Municipal Code Chapter 8.24 governing water safety; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Chief Judkins noted that the department is currently very busy and gave examples of this. She noted Councilmember Page has been very valuable to their board. She also touched on a partnership with NetMotion for their dispatch connection with Valley

Communications and are looking for someone to host this for them when the seat becomes available in January.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Benson reported attending the Labor Days meeting, King County Fair in Enumclaw, Community Court Graduation, meeting for Flood Control, Miners Day, strong mayor meeting and the Whacky and Wild golf tournament.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember Deady reported attending the Whacky and Wild golf tournament. She stated that Miners Day was a success and thanked the departments and everyone for attending. She attended the Therapeutic Court Graduation and congratulated those who graduated. She noted that the court was able to get money to continue this program and looks forward to seeing what they will do. She attended her PIC committee meeting where the focus was salaries for councils and commission. She mentioned the Community wide garage sale coming up the second week in August and to contact her if folks want to be on the map. She welcomed Xavier to the city and stated she looks forward to working with him. She discussed the email she sent to Mr. Hanis regarding the new law on water shut offs during a heat wave and this needing to be looked at and brought back to Council. She touched on Council naming a lot of amenities after residents and suggested paying recognition to Howard Botts for his 44 plus years of service to the community and suggested naming this building after him.

Councilmember Douglass acknowledged and wondered if the City's mascot could be a canary and envisions a canary trail that rivals Maple Valley's.

Councilmember Smith reported attending Miners Day and noted it being good to see folks out at this event. He also thought a canary could work as our mascot.

Councilmember Mulvihill agreed on voting for the canary too. She loves the idea of naming this building after Howard Botts. She reported attending Miners Day and noted King Council Councilmember Reagan Dunn being in attendance. She reminded him on the concern of the traffic at Morgan Creek entrance and how dangerous it has become. She announced that the Labor Day program is completed and at the printer. She shared having the wonderful pleasure of attending a 100-year-old celebration for a resident of Maple Valley and after contacting Mayor Kelly and with the approval of a proclamation for her, she had the pleasure of reading it at her celebration.

Councilmember de Leon noted being on the fence about the canary and told her opinion of what Maple Valley should name their gnome. She talked about speed bumps around Lake Sawyer and wants to be mindful of how to keep people safe during budget. She also attended Miners Day and noted it being fun with nice energy and thanked everyone who

spearheaded this event. She shared some projects with King County Councilmember Dunn.

Councilmember Jones reported attending Miners Day. He shared seeing the information trailer Council approved a while back and how it was great to see it in use. He discussed going to the Museum and enjoying it with his family and felt this was a hidden feature. He announced that concerts on Lake Sawyer kicked off last weekend and he invited everyone to check it out. He noted the speed emphasis on 288<sup>th</sup> and on Hwy 169 and appreciates seeing this to address safety. He noted some cities having cultural committees and the city might need to start thinking about this and honor things in a collective way and get everyone on board behind different things.

Councilmember Page reported attending the Mountain View Fire board meeting and complimented the Chief and Deputy Chief on how they are navigating and how it is nice to have a councilmember liaison at the table. She attended the community court graduation and stated how wonderful it was to see that their charges were dismissed. She attended Miners Day and congratulated everyone that put this together. She noted meeting with Community Development staff to preview the draft welcome business packet and is proud of the next level of growth for our city. She played in the Whacky and Wild golf tournament and had a blast. She appreciated the mayor and director Miller on getting out more information expeditiously on the budget. She proposed exploring a council code of conduct and her expectations of having a work session on levy lid lift options. She proposed having a work session in August on the potential levy and another on the code of conduct. She will be attending the school board meeting next week. She reminded everyone that August 1<sup>st</sup> is National Night Out.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kristen Bryan, Bellevue spoke to Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

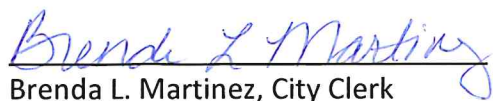
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 9:02 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk