

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of August 3, 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, de Leon, Jones, Page

ABSENT: Councilmembers Mulvihill and Douglass (excused)

Staff present: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; David Linehan, City Attorney; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager; Rob Reed, IS 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 (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation – Lions Club

Rob Johnson shared that a Lions Club is trying to be started in Black Diamond, and noted the goals and things they do to make people's lives better. They are looking for 30 people in the area to start this club and hopes it comes to fruition.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) Claim Checks – August 3, 2023, Check No. 53213 through Check No. 53327 (voids 53215-53287) in the amount of \$271,843.98**

2) Minutes – Council Meeting of July 20, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3) **AB23-027A** – Resolution Regarding the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendments – Preliminary Docket

Community Development Director Davis briefed Council on this item and staff from the Department of Commerce spoke too.

Mayor Benson opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue, and a member of Friends of Black Diamond. She noted that it's important to address two objections that were noted in her public comments emailed to Councilmembers and her suggestion is to change the future land use map to match the city's existing zoning map.

Gary Kohl, Black Diamond spoke about this being the 2nd home they have purchased and it being a good place to raise kids. He discussed that the staff report does not address the issues and contains no supporting data or analysis and requested support of the proposed 2023 comp plan updates.

Lisa Winters, Black Diamond noted living in Black Diamond since 2012 and her comments focused on schools and their overcrowding from adding 6,000 plus housing and the tax burden if the city can't get the developers to provide funding of the future schools.

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond stated that he also agrees with updating the future land use map to match the city's existing zoning map.

Mayor Benson closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

There was extensive back and forth discussion on this subject with Council and staff.

Councilmember Smith **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1559 establishing the City's 2023 Docket of proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments to be carried into the 2024 Periodic Update; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police – Chief Kiblinger highlighted areas of the department's update for May and June.

Fire – Chief Judkins thanked everyone for interacting at National Night Out and shared sending her report out to Council later this evening.

Finance – Finance Director Miller reviewed with Council the 2023 2nd Quarter Financial Report for all funds.

Community Development – Director Davis updated Council on the Land Use Workshop that was held on August 2, 2023 and shared the next event for the update is at Ten Trails on August 11th. She also updated on the Planning Commission and noted that the city is experiencing a lot of tree cutting violations and thanked the Councilmembers who attended the school board meeting and helped move the skatepark agreement forward.

Councilmember Page left the meeting at 8:48 p.m. and re-entered the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending a luncheon at Black Diamond Camps with Chief Judkins for burn victims. She attended the Flood Control District meeting, and the groundbreaking ceremony at the Lawson Hills Fire Station.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Smith reported talking with Tori at Black Bear and a possible cribbage tournament at Sahara Pizza. He touched on the disconnect with the Black Diamond and the Enumclaw School District and noted it being frustrating that an elementary school in Black Diamond will not be included on the next levy. He reminded everyone to be mindful of work crews on the roads and to slow down. He stated that a mind shift needs to happen for alternative pathways for mobility in our area.

Councilmember de Leon noted one of the item takeaways from the Comp plan updates is a miniature orange cone. She shared attending the Comp Plan Land Use workshop and hopes more citizens will get involved and attend these meetings. She also attended the groundbreaking ceremony of the fire station and noted it being well attended. She attended Law Safety and Justice Committee through AWC where they spoke on the Blake decision. She attended the finance and public safety committee meetings. She discussed the community garage sale and the funding going to the DARE program and touched on other items that were discussed. She met with folks from the Maple Valley food bank and a lot of their services help Black Diamond and she will be doing a ride along with the fire department next week.

Councilmember Jones reported being a former transportation planner and discussed the ride share program RideshareOnline.com where folks can be matched up by location. He discussed seeing a baby deer on 288th and reminded everyone to watch for wildlife and watch their speeds when driving around town. He talked about the flotillas of weeds, roots, branches, etc. on the lake that may be a hazard for folks moving around and they may be larger than they appear. He stated that weed management was done 2 years ago

and another spraying is coming to deal with the lily pads. He said that he just found out that there is a men's group at the Lake Sawyer Church where they go around and help widows with home and maintenance repairs and provided the email address to contact them, jlawless@lakesawyerchurch.org. Lastly, he mentioned PSRC and noted how it's made up and comprised of over 4 million people and noted that in central Puget Sound we will have almost 6 million people by 2050.

Councilmember Page commented on seeing a mama bear and her cubs jumping the bridge railing on Roberts Drive Monday morning. She shared that National Night Out was a huge success and her housing development hosted an event at Eagle Creek Park and thanked Councilmember Deady and her husband, Brock, and the Fire & Police department for coming to it. She attended the Fire Commissioners meeting, school board meeting, met with Chief Kiblinger and Mr. Linehan on a camping ordinance. She served lunch at the community center, attended the Comp Plan workshop, met with the Community Development team on the welcome business packet, attended groundbreaking for the fire station, and shared that Labor Day is coming up and the program is out, and the buttons are for sale for a \$1.

Councilmember Smith left the meeting at 9:22 p.m. and re-entered the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Councilmember Deady reported the Community Garage sale map is out and at local businesses. She talked about the DARE program and the possibility of the money from the DARE fundraiser to fund a program in Enumclaw and Black Diamond. She attended the Public Safety meeting, groundbreaking ceremony for the fire station, and she touched on National Night Out and having a city event along with the neighborhoods. She attended the school board meeting and was disappointed that the school in Black Diamond will not be on the upcoming levy vote.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Kohl, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Page. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 9:36 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk