

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of August 17, 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, de Leon, Jones, Page

ABSENT: Councilmember Mulvihill (excused)

Staff present: Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; Commander Martinez; 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 (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1)AB23-039 – Confirming the Mayor’s Appointment of Darcey Peterson to Position #5 of the Planning Commission

Councilmember Page **moved** to confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Darcey Peterson to Position #5 of the Planning Commission, said term to expire on December 31, 2024; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

2)Claim Checks – August 17, 2023, Check No. 53328 through Check No. 53391 and EFTs in the amount of \$373,074.44

3)Payroll – July 2023, Check No. 20324 through 20331 and ACHs in the amount of \$534,387.74

4)Minutes – Council Meeting of August 3, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

5)AB23-040 – Resolution Regarding Addendum to Inmate Housing Contract with South Correctional Entity for 2024

Commander Martinez reported on this item to Council.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1560 authorizing the Mayor to execute an addendum to the agreement for inmate housing with South Correctional Entity for 2024; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** (5-1-de Leon).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Judkins noted she is looking to streamline her reports and will be sending them out monthly.

Public Works – Mr. Deady congratulated Councilmember Deady for all her hard work on the garage sale that raised money for the DARE program and the Skatepark this past weekend.

Police – Commander Martinez updated Council on the Flock System that has been installed and the results they have seen so far. He thanked Councilmember Deady for her fundraising effort for the DARE program. He reported the department received notification that the new boat should be delivered by August 25th.

Community Development – Director Davis updated Council on the Skatepark and the news that RCO has accepted the lease agreement and they will be sending an agreement to the Mayor for signature soon.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported meeting with Kim Shrier and the Mayors of Covington, Auburn and Maple Valley and shared what was discussed. She attended Black Diamond Labor Day meetings and a meeting with King County on Station 98 regarding annexation, although there is a hiccup with an egress issue, and she will share the report when she receives it.

She attended a Flood Control District meeting today and making recommendations to the board on how to increase the income for them.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Smith commented on the flood advisory and potential revenue sources, so it is properly funded. Please watch for cyclists this weekend as the triathlon is starting.

Councilmember de Leon attended her Finance Committee meeting. She has been reaching out to folks in neighboring cities, school districts and how we can connect those networks together with the city for mental health. She had fun on her ride along with Mountain View Fire and got a better understanding of day-to-day services during a few aid calls. She attended a family Pride event at Reign Fire Ranch and feels there is some interest in making this organization a formalized non-profit.

Councilmember Jones shared that on October 7 there is a fundraising dinner auction at the Black Diamond Community Center. He is seeing teaser signs about an Indian Market in Black Diamond. He attended an event at the Vault where they had their first breakfast and hoping to be open for breakfast on weekends. He talked about a business in town that holds a BBQ that includes a VW car show. He brought up the tragedy in Lahaina and Maui and how would we fare in similar circumstances and it's important to look at citizen response training, bolstering our resources, and are we prepared to help each other out.

Councilmember Page thanked Councilmember Deady and is awed by all her energy and love she pours into this community and shared that what she does is greatly appreciated. She attended the Board of Firefighters Commissioners meeting and reminded everyone that it is an open public meeting, and anyone can attend. She sat in at the Public Works Committee meeting and enjoys participating on this committee. She thanked Councilmember de Leon for all her hard work on the Pride potluck. She reminded everyone that tomorrow is the mini recycling event. She attended the Friends of Black Diamond Library meeting and shared what was discussed. She shared that in her Community Services Committee meeting they discussed that an Indian Mart and Namaste stores will be coming to Black Diamond soon. Labor Days is Sept 2nd – 4th and shared what events there will be on each day.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the Public Works and Community Development meetings and talked about getting a speed calming device. She announced that she just finished up the sale for DARE and the Skatepark and her dream is to have a bear for each graduate of the DARE program as her kids did. She announced that \$10,400 was raised and after expenses around \$10,000 will be donated and this will provide some training for officers for teaching the program. She thanked those who helped with this fundraiser.

Councilmember Douglass welcomed Darcey Peterson to the Planning Commission, and he looks forward to working with her. He shared that Monday is Fentanyl Awareness Day and believes this is not talked about enough. He announced that a Stop the Bleed event is coming up on August 31st and is a fantastic opportunity to learn and perhaps save someone's life.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

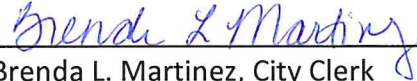
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk