

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Work Session of October 12, 2023
Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Deady 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, Mulvihill, Jones (Councilmember Smith was not present for roll call and entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.)

ABSENT: Councilmember Page (excused)

Staff present: Jake Kapsandy, IT Department; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

WORK SESSION:

1) Continued Discussion Regarding Council Code of Conduct

Mayor Pro-Tem Deady recapped where the Council is at on this item noted that they are not in a rush to get this completed and this meeting is to discuss the next possible steps.

Points of Discussion

- Several principles from other cities (Sammamish, Yakima, Fairfield, and Edmonds) were provided by council members to consider in the Code of Conduct for Council, Commissions, Committees, etc.
- Some of the provided principles are already in the Council Rules.
- Incorporate some of these principles and a purpose statement into our Code of Conduct without copying them and the need to make them our own.
- Code of Conduct should be a simple one-page document that you can quickly read and understand and then be able to refer to council rules for more definition.
- A signature page affirming you have read the rules and will abide by them should be included.
- Having a more explicit written code of conduct may help protect us from weaponization.
- The purpose of the code of conduct is to treat others the way you want to be treated, with mutual respect.
- Self-policing ourselves and each other as well as using Point of Order will keep the meeting moving along and hold everyone accountable.

The consensus was to provide a council report at the next meeting when Council Page is also present and to ask how we want to move forward with this. There were suggestions made to form a small committee that can write a draft up and bring it to the following/upcoming meeting for continued discussion.

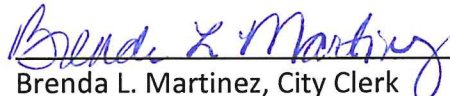
ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 6:39 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk