

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting of November 2, 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:** Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief, Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; Mayene Miller and Xavier Mason, Finance Directors; Judge Swain; David Linehan, City Attorney; 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 Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Cheryl Hanson, Black Diamond Community Center spoke to Council.

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

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

**Presentation** – Chief Kiblinger presented Kevin Esping with a plaque for all his dedication and help to the department and their marine program.

**1) Proclamation** – Kindness Month

Councilmember Mulvihill read the proclamation.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

capital plan is written, particularly for the Enumclaw School District, that is facing a massive amount of growth. She suggested that rather the Council do two things as soon as possible, change code to remove the 50% discount that it requires on developer school impact fees and make the code state that the developer school impact fee 50% discount is the maximum discount and you'll charge at least 50% and that the code allows an increased developer fee which would be a smaller discount and gave the example of 10% at the Council's discretion. She said the second thing Council should do is to talk with the Enumclaw School Board and recommend to them to put a higher fee into their capital plan for the Enumclaw School District. She then read from the comments sent in by email from Friends of Black Diamond. She closed her comments by stating there being a lot of talk about supporting schools and supporting students and trying to find a way to pass bonds. She added there are enough voters that will be aware when the times comes, about whether you took action to make developers pay for schools in the communities that they do business in, and whether those developers really support students, and whether the Council did.

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond stated being here because of a 32 year old King County ordinance that set up the groundwork for impact fees in King County and the framework that's been used as the model throughout King County. He noted it sets forth that schools are not paid for by growth, there has to be other funding sources. He referred to the information he gave Council that shows a couple of snapshots from the Riverview School District where the cities of Duvall and Carnation being really bold and their elected in the school and the city wanting to relieve their citizens, their rate payers of having to pay the cost of all the growth that was all of the costs due to the growth with residential construction. He noted the public policy in the city of Duvall and the city of Carnation is 25%, not 50%. He then referred to a few pages on his handout regarding King County iMap screenshots of the two school district sites that School District 216 purchased in 2021 and the Enumclaw School District's capital facility plan talking about on page 16, variables and impact fees, and in the lower left hand corner, it says, developer provided school sites. He further discussed how these sites were not given they were paid for with public money. He urged Council to not pass this and to be bold and ask the Enumclaw School District to reconsider their public policy discount and do something to help the school board get voters on board with a bond.

Mayor Benson closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**7) AB23-057A** – Deliberation/Recommendation Regarding Repealing Marijuana Regulations

Director Davis reported on this item.

Councilmember Page led the discussion with Council regarding options that could be considered tonight by Council. There continued to be a robust discussion amongst Councilmembers on this topic.

case management software services for the City's Municipal Court for interpreted forms; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

## **12) Discussion Regarding Setting Date Options for 2024 Council Meeting**

Councilmember Page led this discussion for setting the council retreat date for February 10th. There was Council consensus to have it this date.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Court** – Judge Swain shared a PowerPoint Presentation with Council regarding current and future staffing levels.

**Public Works** - Mr. Deady gave an update on the gym rentals.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Benson reported attending a meeting in King County where the City was awarded a plaque from Re+ for signing on to their pledge. She also talked about needing a motion at the next meeting to name the gym and public safety buildings.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** None

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Carol Benson, Mayor

  
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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk