

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of November 16, 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, Mulvihill, de Leon, Jones, Page (Councilmember Smith was not present during roll call and entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; Mayene Miller and Xavier Mason, Finance Directors; David Linehan, City Attorney; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager; and 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: None

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation – Black Diamond Community Center and Maple Valley Food Bank

Cheryl Hanson, Director of Black Diamond Community Center, and John Hinley from the Maple Valley Food Bank presented to Council and shared about their programs and how they support people in our communities.

Councilmember Smith entered the meeting during the presentation at 7:12 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** - November 16, 2023, Check No. 53651 through Check No. 53709 and EFTs (Voids 49154, 49251) in the amount of \$503,558.99.
- 2) **Payroll** - October 2023, Check No. 20348 through Check No. 20355 and ACHs in the amount of \$525,190.32
- 3) **Minutes** - Special Meeting of October 26, 2023, 5 pm Special Meeting of November 2, 2023, 6pm Special Meeting of November 2, 2023, and Council Minutes of November 2, 2023.
- 4) **AB23-069** – Resolution Regarding The Villages MPD, Ten Trails Plat 2D Division 3 Final Plat

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 5) **AB23-070** – 2024 Preliminary Budget

Finance Director Mason reported on this item.

Mayor Benson opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m. There were no public comments and Mayor Benson closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6) **AB23-071** – Ordinance Adopting Percentage of Increase in 2024 Property Taxes

Finance Director Mason reviewed this item with the Council.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 23-1193 approving the property tax dollar increase and percentage as calculated by King County for 2024; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

- 7) **AB-23-072** – Ordinance Adopting Total Property Tax Dollars for 2024 Budget

Finance Director Mason reported on this item.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 23-1194 setting the estimated assessed valuation and maximum property tax dollar amount for 2024 to be used for public safety, including police, fire and emergency services; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

- 8) **AB23-073** – Ordinance Regarding Comprehensive Plan Amendment Adding School Capital Facility Plans

Community Development Director Davis briefed Council on this item.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve Ordinance No. 23-1195, amending the Capital Facilities element of the City's 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan to incorporate updated school district capital facilities plans, providing for severability and establishing an effective date; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

9) AB23-074 – Resolution Regarding 2024 Docket Amendment

Community Development Director Davis discussed this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1583 to suspend the annual comprehensive plan docketing process for 2024 until completion of the required periodic update; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

10) AB23-075 – Resolution Regarding Professional Services Agreement with Parametrix, Inc. To Prepare a Downtown Pedestrian and Bicycle Link Study

Public Works Director Hanis briefed the Council on this agenda item.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve Resolution No. 23-1584 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Parametrix to prepare the Downtown Pedestrian and Bicycle Link Study; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

11) Discussion – Authorizing Naming of the Community Gym and Police/Court Building

Councilmember Deady led this discussion on this item and noted the Council has been working on honoring our citizens both past and present and gave examples. She asked Council to honor Howard Botts for all his public service to the city by naming the Police/Court building after him.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to rename the Black Diamond Police Department building to the Howard Botts Jr. Municipal Building; **second** Councilmember Mulvhill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

Councilmember Deady noted that the dedication is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of December 4th.

Councilmember Deady then asked the Council about honoring Dorothy Botts who had the foresight to have the gym moved so it could be used by the city for children and adults and gave background information on the move and those involved with it and expressed how this building is a city gem and was saved by Mrs. Botts.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to dedicate the Black Diamond Gymnasium to Dorothy Botts for her dedication for moving the gymnasium from the elementary school to where it currently sits on Lawson Street; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Judkins discussed the incident that took place at Kentlake School regarding a shooting threat and shared that the coordination between all the officers was done very well and commended Officer Henrich for his part at the incident.

MDRT – MDRT Director Williamson explained to Council the process that a final plat goes through up to approval and explained the plat that was approved tonight. He also reported on the other plats that will be coming forth at the December 4th meeting for approval. He shared his experience with Howard Botts and how he encouraged him to be a Planning Commission member and then a Councilmember and how Dorothy asked him to help with getting the gym moved. He reported that the stormwater vault project is on schedule.

Ms. Miller discussed her experience with the Botts and how much she appreciates the Council honoring them.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson discussed the possibility of suspending council rules regarding council committees and changing to a committee of the whole until after the retreat on February 10, 2024. There was a robust conversation surrounding this matter.

COUNCIL REPORTS: No verbal reports other than what was provided in the packet.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

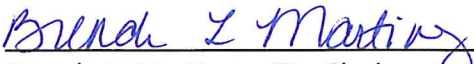
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 8:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk