

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Special Meeting of January 18, 2024
Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Benson called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Douglass (Zoom), Smith (Zoom), Mulvihill, de Leon, Jones (Zoom), Page. Councilmember Smith entered the meeting in person at 5:47 p.m.

ABSENT: None

Staff Present: Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR

WORK SESSION:

1) Potential Levy Lid Lift Discussion, Review of Options

Mayor Benson introduced Martin Chaw of FCS Group who will be leading the discussion tonight regarding the general fund financial planning and the potential levy lid lift. He reviewed the agenda for tonight's discussion. Topics of discussion were:

- 2024 City Budget (\$33M)
- 2024 General Fund Sources of Revenue (\$9.8M)
- Property Taxes – Where does it go?
- Comparative Total Levy Rates - 2023
- Property Taxes and the Local \$3.60/1K AV Limit
- Property Tax and Fire Services Survey (cities between 9K-10.5K) General Fund Levy only
- Public Safety Funding
- Utility Tax Options
- Levy Lid Lift
- Ballot Measure Timing – 2024 Gen. Election
- Levy Lid Lift Planning Schedule (Draft)
- Levy Lid Lift Ballot (Example)
- Fire Service Alternatives
- Council Discussion and Direction

(Councilmember Mulvihill left the meeting at 6:57p.m.)

Mayor Benson announced that Mr. Chaw will be following up with an email on the four questions the Council had tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk