

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of May 2, 2024
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

ABSENT: Councilmember Smith (excused)

Staff present: Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Development Director; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Mona Davis, Community Development Director, Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; David Linehan, City Attorney; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the agenda; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) **Planning and Community Services** - Councilmember de Leon touched on items that were discussed at their last committee meeting and shared that the notes are in the packet.

Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee - Councilmember Douglass shared that at their last meeting it started off with representatives from the State Auditor's Office and noted the city is having an audit this year, they reviewed vouchers and trends. He also shared a prepared statement regarding the coming decision on levy lid lift or annexation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- 2) **Finance** – Finance Director Mason shared with the council the different scenarios he put together regarding levy lid lift, annexation, and a blend of the two. He noted these are merely being provided for information only and he then explained the different scenarios and how they relate to taxes.

Police – Chief Kiblinger discussed with Council the department’s first quarter report for 2024 and touched on the cases and statistics. She noted that May 15th is Water Safety Day and Saturday is their Women’s Self Defense Class.

MDRT – Andrew Williamson asked if Councilmembers on their social media platforms would please share about Robert’s Drive closing on May 6th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kathie McKinney, unincorporated King County and Fire Commissioner, spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

3) Presentation – Lake Sawyer Water Quality – Tricia Shoblom, Department of Ecology

Ms. Shoblom shared with Council a presentation that touched on the following:

- What is a TMDL?
- Brief history
- Lake Sawyer TMDL
- Sources and pathways
- How to address phosphorus
- More sources of phosphorus pollution
- Continue to build and strengthen relationships with stakeholders

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

4) Claim Checks – May 2, 2024, Check No. 54379 through Check No. 54434 in the amount of \$293,773.59.

5) Minutes –Council Meeting of April 18, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

6) AB24-032 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Grant Agreement with Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to fund activities required to preserve and maintain Black Diamond Cemetery.

Public Works Director Hanis reported on this item.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to approve Resolution No. 24-1616 authorizing the mayor to execute a grant agreement with Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to fund activities required to preserve and maintain Black Diamond Cemetery; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 7) **AB24-033** – Resolution for Professional Service Agreement with RH2 Engineering for Water Improvements for the Public Works Shop.

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

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve Resolution No. 24-1617 authorizing the mayor to execute an on-call task request with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for the design engineering for water improvements for the Public Works Shop; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 8) **AB24-034** – Resolution for a Professional Service Agreement with RH2 Engineering for Phase 2 of the SR 169 Northern Water Main Improvements.

Public Works Director Hanis discussed this item.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to approve Resolution No. 24-1618 authorizing the mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for the design engineering of the Phase 2 SR 169 Northern Water Main Improvements; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported on her meeting with King County Metro and discussed options she is looking into bringing to Black Diamond. She attended the DARE graduation and shared that the essay contest winner did a wonderful job, was a great speaker, and very inspiring. She also attended the Fire Annexation Committee meeting and the Comprehensive Plan Open House at the Community Gym.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Deady reported speaking with King County Metro, and they are willing to come and speak at a Council meeting on the services they have available. She also reported attending the DARE graduation and noted all participants received a DARE lion which was her goal. She discussed mandatory recycling from King County and attended all her meetings including regional meetings.

Councilmember Douglass had no report.

Councilmember Mulvihill apologized for missing her Public Works Committee meeting. She shared that her focus has been working on the City's Emergency Management Plan and she will be meeting with staff next week to discuss next steps.

Councilmember de Leon reported that she couldn't attend the Comprehensive Plan meeting but recommended attending two meetings that are open to the public, the parent community learning walks, and the focus meeting with the Enumclaw School district. She reported attending the Enumclaw Youth Empower meeting and reminded everyone that May 7th is a talk on the dangers of fentanyl. She participated in the Lake Sawyer Park Foundation clean up in the park and has been keeping up on the ongoing mining projects in Cumberland. Lastly, she did some proactivity on the proclamations on Juneteenth and Pride month. She noted there is interest in keeping the same proclamations and having them on the May 16th agenda with June 3rd scheduled for the raising of the Pride flag at noon.

Councilmember Jones noted that the bracelets with "I Love Black Diamond" on them was savvy and he has been using them for conversation starters. He hopes we keep using them at events in the future for folks to show their town pride. He noted most of his week was spent fishing and boating and shared those events he and his family participated in. He shared that the new dock is in place on Lake Sawyer and only a few final touches need to be done. He suggested having a Black Diamond team to compete in a fun and friendly ball game with another municipality.

Councilmember Page noted that Labor Days used to have kickball and softball tournaments. She talked about droughts and the City's stance on water conservation and that she has brought this up in the past. She asked what the Council could do and what an educational campaign might look like. She gave examples from other cities. She brought up the land acknowledgement and would like to bring back a formal conversation, so the City is fully represented through an action and have a presentation by Zach Prat and the Historical Society. She thanked the Public Works Committee for following up on the economic impact on developers along Highway 169 and would like to continue to hear updates on this from the committee. She attended the Comprehensive Plan Open House and noted it being well attended. She announced upcoming events in the community and mentioned the King County blog where they created an economic alliance in the Snoqualmie Valley and partnered with the tribes and the City of Carnation. She thanked Fire Commissioners and Councilmembers who participated on the Annexation Committee and asked everyone to be thoughtful, mindful, and proactive so we can find a solution.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney Linehan requested an executive session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) for 45 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Andrew Williamson, staff member spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:45 p.m. Mayor Benson announced that the Council would be going into executive session to discuss items pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) with legal counsel. The executive session was anticipated to last 45 minutes with no action to follow.

At 9:30 p.m. a ten-minute extension to the executive session was announced.

At 9:40 p.m. another ten-minute extension to the executive session was announced.

Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at 9:50 p.m.

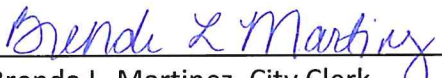
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 9:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk