

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of June 6, 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 Douglass, de Leon, Jones, Page

ABSENT: Councilmembers Deady and Mulvihill (excused)

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

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Mayor Benson asked Council to add an agenda item regarding Agenda Bill No. 24-040 to approve emergency work by Nordvind Sewer to repair a water service leak at Jones Lake Sewer Lift Station.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the agenda as amended; **second** Councilmember Jones; motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) Planning and Community Services

Councilmember de Leon spoke on this item

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Community Development – Community Development Director Davis spoke to Council about the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update. She recapped what has happened on the update so far and informed Council that an updated timeline will be provided at the next Council meeting.

Information Services – IS Manager Reed spoke to Council on an upcoming agenda item that will be before the Council for action at their June 20th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Albert JR, Black Diamond spoke to the Council.

Samual Weissman, spoke to Council.

Taylor-Anne Vaughan, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Jude Enraus, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

There was a five-minute recess taken. Back to order at 7:51 p.m.

Pravat Sripranaratanakul, Black Diamond spoke to the Council.

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Therron Smith, Enumclaw spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Benson presented Therron Smith with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the City as a Councilmember.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Douglass. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 2) **Claim Checks** – June 6, 2024, Check No. 54509 through Check No. 54563 (void 54475) in the amount of \$789,039.54.
- 3) **Minutes** – Work Session of May 9, 2024, and Council Meeting of May 16, 2024.
- 4) **AB24-038** - Resolution Regarding Final Acceptance of the Lake Sawyer Dock Project by Waters and Wood.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 5) **AB24-039** – Draft 2025-2030 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Mr. Hanis led the discussion on this item and noted that it is a public hearing to hear from citizens. He ran through the projects in the plan with Council and noted that adoption is planned to occur at the June 20th Council meeting.

Mayor Benson opened the public hearing at 8:33 p.m.

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond asked what was punched under the road on Roberts Drive recently.

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond came to speak about his thoughts about not wanting to signalize the Lawson Street and Hwy 169 intersection as well as the Baker Street and Hwy 169 intersection for the sake of keeping traffic moving. He also had comments about the south connector.

Mayor Benson closed the public hearing at 8:36 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

6) AB24-040 – Resolution Authorizing Emergency Work Performed by Nordvind Sewer to Repair a Water Service Line Leaking Under the Jones Lake Sewer Lift Station Building.

Public Works Director Hanis reported on this item.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve Resolution No. 24-1623, authorizing the emergency work performed by Nordvind Sewer to repair a water service line leaking under the Jones Lake Sewer Lift Station building; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending a cemetery tour and noted this will start to happen three or four times a year. She attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery and noted that on 6/13 there is no item for the agenda and wondered if there was consensus to cancel the meeting. There was consensus. Mayor Benson discussed the proposed process for the vacant council position recruitment.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Douglass addressed the comments that were heard earlier and how elected officials have signed up for the abuse and it is our duty to hear the comments and rebut it with truth.

Councilmember de Leon addressed the comments that were heard earlier and how to make this forum open to everyone and fine tune the process, so people feel safe, and they have their rights to attend the forums and not worry that their participation is going to create real life physical harm. She also touched on this being a delicate balance and standing up for all in the community. She reported attending her committee meetings, the flag raising, more focus committee meetings regarding the Enumclaw School District. She attended the Touch a Truck event, Memorial Day event at the cemetery, Tri City meeting,

and touched on the discussion in the Public Safety Committee meeting on Community Courts.

Councilmember Jones spoke about tonight's callers and how they were timely. He reminded everyone that eighty years ago today in Europe, the world, the allies stood up to fascism and kicked it in its butt. He added that tonight's words by the speakers have proven that allies are still needed in this world today. He spoke about the pride flag representing everybody, because at the end of those alphabets is a plus and a plus to him means everybody else under sky.

Councilmember Page commented on it being sad that there is that much hate in our community, and she will continue to make sure that she stays in the fight and sticks up for the people from all backgrounds. She shared a quote to end the meeting which was "I would rather be excluded for who I include than be included for who I exclude."

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0). The meeting ended at 9:03 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk