

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of June 20, 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, Smith, Mulvihill, de Leon, Jones, Page

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Development Director; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Mona Davis, Community Development Director, Ryan Sweet, Capital Projects/Program Manager; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; David Linehan, City Attorney; Jake Kapsandy IT Staff; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember Page added a discussion on Council Rules of Procedure regarding Section 10 under new business and to schedule an executive session at an upcoming council meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) **Public Safety** - Councilmember Jones reported on this item and shared topics discussed at their meeting as shown on the report included in the Council packet.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- 2) **Finance** - Director Mason shared with the Council the 1st Quarter Financial Report for 2024. He reviewed the narrative and highlighted certain areas.

Fire – Chief Judkins noted sending out her report by email today to Council. She reported on the transmission on a vehicle and shared that the painting at Station 98 should be completed tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

David Wright and Phyllis Ann Bogle, staff at the Black Diamond Library spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

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:

- 3) **Claim Checks** – June 20, 2024, Check No. 54564 through Check No. 54651 in the amount of \$656,521.10.
- 4) **Payroll** – May 2024, Check No. 20409 through Check No. 20416 and ACHs in the amount of \$566,117.52
- 5) **Minutes** – Tri-City Meeting of May 22, 2024, and Council Meeting of June 6, 2024.
- 6) **AB24-041** - Resolution Authorizing Contract with CDI
- 7) **AB24-042** - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Amendment 3 to Professional Service Agreement with Parametrix for the Covington Creek Culvert Replacement Project
- 8) **AB24-043** – Resolution Awarding a Contract to Iron Creek Construction for the Rock Creek Bridge Repair Project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

- 9) **AB24-044** – Resolution Adopting 2025-2030 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

Public Works Director Hanis spoke to the Council on this agenda item.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 24-1627 approving the 2025-2030 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 10) **AB24-04** – Continued Discussion of Levy Lid Lift

Councilmember Douglass led the discussion on this item. He shared that the Council has come to the realization that we are in a challenging position where expenditures are growing, and revenues can't keep pace. He shared his analysis of the 2010 numbers, where expenditures for public safety have increased and stated that it's clear we need to pay more for the services we are being offered for public safety and determine the minimum we can tax our citizens to offset and help pay these expenses.

Councilmember Deady expressed that this has been going on before COVID hit. She met with the district and its Commissioners on June 26th and wants to continue the partnership with Mountain View. There needs to be a tight partnership moving forward with the fire department and the city. At the next meeting she hopes to have a levy lid lift resolution with an MOU attached.

There was a robust discussion on this between councilmembers.

NEW BUSINESS:

11) AB24-046 – Resolution Adopting 2025 Budget Planning Calendar

Finance Director Mason reported on this item.

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 24-1628, adopting the 2025 Budget Planning Calendar: **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

12) Discussion on Council Rules of Procedure re: Section 10

Councilmember Page led the discussion on this item. She noted the City having a problem and there is an opportunity to sit down, and review Section 10 based off the happenings at the last meeting and to have an executive session at a future meeting and would like that to be scheduled for an upcoming meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the Joint Black Diamond/Maple Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting, ribbon cutting at Canvas and Café, SCATBd meeting, and the AWC business meeting online as a voting delegate.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Mulvihill reported attending her committee meetings and EMAC meeting. She noted that her EMAC report will be in the next Council packet.

Councilmember de Leon reported attending the Community Development Committee meeting and noted more will be forthcoming for the Council packet., she gave a shout out to how much participation among Black Diamond stakeholders has increased with surrounding foundations. She highlighted the discussion on the Capital Facilities element of the Enumclaw School District.

Councilmember Jones gave a friendly tip that Kanaskat Palmer State Park is a real gem to take kids to. He noted that there is a vacant Council position and encouraged citizens to please consider applying. He shared that the food bank needs your donations with school being out and asked folks to please continue to donate. He commented on the fireworks for the 4th of July over Lake Sawyer, along with other festivities which are sponsored by the Lake Sawyer Community Club.

Councilmember Page shared that when she got on Council in 2021, she started reading the Development Agreements, so she was up to speed. She noted that she asked for a copy of the DAs earlier this year so she could take her notes and transfer them into the margins to start to understand. She commented that citizens have asked her and it's a question she has had, in the development agreement it talks about where there is an underfunded city need that the developer is responsible for that and she is having trouble wrapping her head around it and how it is calculated. She requested an educational session as an agenda item on this so we can all start to understand it.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the SCA deputy meeting and recapped highlights of the meeting. She also attended the Touch a Truck event and Canvas and Café ribbon cutting, and her Long Term Disposal meeting about garbage.

Councilmember Douglass noted spending time in the past during council reports talking about the fentanyl and opioid crisis and how it may not affect you directly, but it is affecting someone next to you. He shared that there are glimmers of hope and noted our Court and Community Court are doing great work on this subject. He shared that he watched the film, Recovering America, that addresses this crisis.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney Linehan requested a 20-minute executive session on two matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:31 p.m. Mayor Benson announced that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the City Council would be going into executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss potential litigation with the City Attorney, with no action to follow.

The room was cleared, and the executive session started at 8:33 p.m.

At 8:53 p.m. a five-minute extension to the executive session was announced. The executive session ended at 8:58 p.m., and Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Page. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 8:58 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk