

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of July 18, 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 7:05 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Douglass, Mulvihill, Jones, Page

ABSENT: Councilmember de Leon (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; Jake Kapsandy, IT Support; David Linehan, City Attorney, and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to approve the agenda; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) **Planning/Community Service Committee** – this report was provided in the packet material.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Johna Thomson, unincorporated King County spoke to Council.

James DeLay, Covington spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Council Vacancy – Position #3

- a) Executive Session – Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)
- b) Possible Action – Appointment and Oath of Office for Position #3

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Benson announced that in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) the City Council would be going into executive session to discuss the qualifications of the candidates for appointment to an elective office. The executive session was anticipated to last 10 minutes with possible action to follow.

Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at 7:25 p.m.

Councilmember Page **moved** to appoint Darcey Peterson to Council position #3; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

Mayor Benson administered the Oath of Office to Darcey Peterson and Ms. Peterson took her seat at the dais.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 2) **Claim Checks** – July 18, 2024, Check No. 54700 through Check No. 54754 and EFTs in the amount of \$108,323.18.
- 3) **Payroll** – June 30, 2024, Check No. 20417 through Check No. 20428 and ACHS in the amount of \$563,956.65.
- 4) **AB24-057** – Ordinance Amending the 2024 Salary Schedule

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5) **AB24-058** – Ordinance Increasing Transportation Benefit District Vehicle License Fee from \$20 to \$40 and Related BDMC Amendment

Finance Director Mason discussed this item with the Council.

Councilmember Page **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 24-1209 increasing the annual vehicle license fee from \$20 to \$40 and amending Section 12.06.040 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code; accordingly, **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** 5-1 – (Jones).

- 6) **AB24-059** – Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Ron Taylor Fidelity Solutions Inc. for the Replacement of Black Diamond Station 98 Alerting System

MDRT/Ec Dev Director Williamson briefed the council on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to approve Resolution No. 24-1635 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Ron Taylor Fidelity Solutions Inc. to install the fire station alerting system at Station 98; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill.

There was Council discussion with Attorney Linehan requesting an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.010(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation. The executive session was anticipated to last 10 minutes with possible action to follow.

At 7:53 p.m. the City Council recessed into executive session.

Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at 8:03 p.m.

Councilmember Deady **amended** the motion to say that it's not coming out of the fire impact fees, it will come out of the general fund; **second** Councilmember Jones.

Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending Miners Day and the ribbon cutting at Regency. She attended the Wacky and Wild Golf Tournament at Lake Wilderness.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Jones commented on having a conversation with a representative at the Maple Valley food bank and asked that we might want them to come and talk with the Council again to give an overview of the services they provide for our community. He noted submitting a public safety report for inclusion in the next council packet. He also discussed an accident that happened on Lake Sawyer on July 3rd. He reminded everyone to wear a life jacket and to be aware.

Councilmember Page congratulated Councilmember Deady and her team for a successful Miners Day event. She discussed Labor Days and noted they will have over 60 vendors, including a city booth, and fire and police booths. She shared the recipient of the Gomer Evans scholarship recipient. She attended the Plateau Town Hall and asked questions about BESS. She shared learning that the gravel mine is going to be required to do an Environmental Impact Study and will keep Council posted on this.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the Wacky and Wild Golf Tournament hosted by the Maple Valley/Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce. She also touched on the Maple Valley food bank and what they have to offer. She noted there was a good turnout for Miners Day even though they competed with other big events in surrounding communities. She shared that the community wide garage sale will be the second weekend in August and to let her know if you are participating so participants can be placed on the map.

Councilmember Douglass welcomed Ms. Peterson to the Council.

Councilmember Peterson thanked the Council for this opportunity, and she is interested to see where this goes and what she learns.

Councilmember Mulvihill welcomed Ms. Peterson to the Council.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bonney Helms, Auburn spoke to the Council.

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to the Council.

Andrew Williamson, Black Diamond spoke to the Council.

James DeLay, Covington spoke to the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

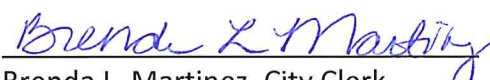
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk