

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of August 15, 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, Peterson (Zoom), Mulvihill, de Leon, Jones, Page

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Andrew Williamson (Zoom), MDRT/Ec Development Director; Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Mona Davis, Community Development Director, David Linehan, City Attorney; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Rob Reed, IS Manager; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Councilmember Page wearing her Labor Days Committee Chair hat presented the following awards:

Steve Israel – Lifetime Achievement recipient.

Tamie Deady – Citizen of the Year recipient.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Mayor Benson announced that Rainier Foothills has rescheduled their presentation to the September 5th meeting.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the amended agenda; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police – Chief Kiblinger

Chief Kiblinger highlighted areas of her report that were distributed to Council earlier today.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brock Deady, spoke to Council on happenings at the gym.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

~~Presentation – Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation – Sara Stratton~~

Presentation – Oakpointe – Brian Ross

Brian Ross, Oakpointe shared a PowerPoint presentation that provided an update on their projects in and close to Black Diamond. He also discussed with Council their obligation in the development agreement for recreational facilities and shared with Council ideas and thoughts they have regarding the placement of such facilities.

At 8:35 p.m. Councilmember Peterson left the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** – August 15, 2024, Check No. 54808 through Check No. 54822 and EFTs in the amount of \$500,205.36
- 2) **Payroll** – July 31, 2024, Check No. 20429 through Check 20437 and ACHS in the amount of \$630,440.92
- 3) **Minutes** – Council Meeting of August 1, 2024

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the Flood Control meeting and shared information.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Deady reported attending all her committee meetings and noted the community wide garage sale was a big hit. She shared that the map was created by Councilmember Mulvihill, and it was a big hit too. She noted it would be nice if we could do the Ten Trails garage sale at the same time. She thanked Councilmember Page for the nomination and is honored to be named Citizen of the Year.

Councilmember Douglass congratulated Councilmember Deady on her award and noted it being well deserved. He had the opportunity to go to a beach party at the Civic Park and shared his experience with community policing and his children.

Councilmember Mulvihill stated that she moved here 37 years ago and introduced her small children to all the businesses in town, including the Police, asking that they let her know if any of them cause any trouble in the future.

Councilmember de Leon offered congratulations to Councilmember Deady on her award. She was happy to see the large attendance tonight and looking forward to hearing back from citizens and their thoughts. She reminded everyone that there are a lot of cats and dogs to rescue.

Councilmember Jones wanted to highlight two local businesses, Our Hive Juicery and Vegan Café and Oshio's Teriyaki, and commented that they are a great alternative when stopped in traffic due to construction in the area. He reminded folks to check out the lake and noted that there are fast times and slow times on the lake and stated that it is a great natural amenity in the city.

Councilmember Page wanted to send good vibes to Rainier Foothills Wellness as they had their building hit by cars today that were in an accident. She gave her deep gratitude to the Administration/CD/ PW regarding the Skatepark project moving forward. She reported on Labor Days progress with permits and conditions and shared about the event festivities. She commented on the Labor Days program and noted she is accepting members at large to help with set up, corralling kids, check-ins, or clean-up.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Benson announced at 8:57 p.m. that the City Council would be going into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) for 10 minutes with no action to follow. Councilmembers exited the Chambers to another room. The executive session ended at 9:07 p.m. and Council entered back into the Council Chambers.

Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at 9:09 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Jones **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember de Leon Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk