

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of September 5, 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, Mulvihill, de Leon, Jones, Page

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Ryan Sweet, Capital Project/Program Manager; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Rob Reed, IS Manager; David Linehan, City Attorney; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember Page added an item on active recreation, a follow up from a conversation with Oakpointe from their presentation last month.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt the agenda as amended; **seconded** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

~~1) Presentation – Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation – Sara Stratton~~

2) **AB24-062** – Confirming the Mayors Appointment of Wynstan Larsen to Planning Commission Position #5

Mayor Benson briefed the City Council on this item

Councilmember Deady **moved** to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Wynstan Larsen to Position No 5 of the Planning Commission; said term to expire on December 31, 2024; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 3) **Claim Checks** – September 5, 2024, Check No. 54883 through Check No. 54947 (void 54514) in the amount of \$262,718.89
- 4) **Minutes** – Council Work Session of August 8, 2024, Special Council Meeting of August 15, 2024, and Council Meeting of August 15, 2024
- 5) **AB24-063** – Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute Renewal Agreement with ERSI or ArcGIS
- 6) **AB24-064** – Resolution Accepting the Rock Creek Bridge Repair Project Complete

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

- 7) **AB24-065** – Resolution Authorizing Expenses for Secure Pacific to Install Security at the Boat Launch

IS Manager, Rob Reed, reported on this item

There were council questions.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 24-1639 authorizing the mayor to execute a bid and authorize expenses for Secure Pacific to install security measures at the Lake Sawyer Boat Launch; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

Discussion Regarding Active Recreation

Councilmember Page led the discussion on this. She noted that Oakpointe is looking for direction from Council to the administration to have a discussion on this.

The City Council had a robust conversation and following the discussion there was consensus to put together a work group to include the administration and Councilmembers Deady and de Leon to explore options.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the Chamber Luncheon, final Flood Control District meeting, Cemetery tour on the historic monuments at the Black Diamond Cemetery. Mayor Benson shared that there will be another tour of the cemetery on 10/26.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Douglass shared he was recently made aware of Homeplate Eatery and shared the vision of this place and supports this project and encouraged people to check out their Facebook page. He watched a bold movie called Dr Strangelove and noted it is worth watching. He shared there is a doomsday clock that was developed in Oppenheimer's time and encouraged people to check out the history there. He acknowledged a couple of Councilmembers as our community is built on volunteers. He stated that Councilmember Page put her heart and soul into the Labor Days event, and Councilmember de Leon who recently through her hat into the ring and campaigned for the legislature. One final bonus he noted was that he leased a new car this week and we need to have a car dealership in our community.

Councilmember Peterson shared being invited by Oakpointe to a meet and greet next Friday. She shared that tomorrow is her birthday, and she will be leaving for three weeks for the UK after next week and will miss the meetings on September 19, September 26 and October 3.

Councilmember Mulvihill encouraged everyone to read the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember de Leon thanked Councilmember Douglass for his recognition. She thanked Councilmember Page for the successful Labor Days event. She comes away from this event as putting our best foot forward. She pointed out that there are a few more focus meeting for the Enumclaw School District and noted they can attend virtually too and shared the schedule moving forward.

Councilmember Jones gave Kudos to Councilmember Page for marshalling the Labor Days event and has heard all good news on the event and had a great time meeting people in the community. He shared that there are several folks that are "makers", and it showed from the booths that were at the event. He stated that the car show at the Eagles was a big draw and it drew people from all over. Lastly, he mentioned that if someone was to start a business in Black Diamond in these four areas, they would be successful, childcare, something for pets, outdoor specialty sports equipment, and hotels.

Councilmember Page thanked everyone for their kind words for Labor Days. She said it takes many to put on this event and is a committee affair. She talked about getting a compliment from an "OG" resident and read the text she received. She thanked everyone

for their part in putting on this event. She closed with sharing that staging has happened this week around where the skatepark is going to be.

Councilmember Deady shared being excited to see the skatepark being built and noted that the crosswalk from Park to Hwy 169 will be installed, and our school zone sign will be brought down. She gave background on the Eagles car show and how it came to be and how it led to taking over more areas. She noted that without all the help these events can't take place in Black Diamond. She again thanked those who jumped in at the last minute to help.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Linehan shared that Chief Kiblinger has requested an executive session on potential real estate acquisition. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jesse Young, Black Diamond addressed the City Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:23 p.m. Mayor Benson announced that Council would be going into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The executive session was anticipated to last 15 minutes with no action follow. Councilmembers exited the room and went to the patrol room. The executive session started at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at 8:39 p.m.

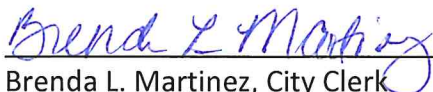
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember de leon **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 8:39 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk