

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Special Meeting of July 31, 2012
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Goodwin called the special meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and lead us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Goodwin, May and Benson.

ABSENT: Mayor Olness and Councilmember Taylor (excused).

Staff present were: Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Pete Butkus, Interim City Administrator; Chris Bacha, City Attorney and Brenda L. Martinez, Asst. City Admin. /City Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Judith Carrier, Green Valley Road, Auburn apologized about the title of her letter in the newspaper; thanked Council for their commitment; Pro and Con Committee selection; meeting times; Green Valley Road Committee.

Cindy Wheeler, Black Diamond commented on Planning Committee on August 7th and the data not being on the website; meeting time; conflict in information to Council.

Kristine Hanson, Black Diamond asked Council to reconsider and rescind resolution that was passed at the last Council meeting regarding changing the Form of Government; upcoming budget process.

Bill Boston, Black Diamond commented on an email he sent Council regarding being open and transparent; upcoming budget process.

Bill McDermott, Black Diamond commented on former Councilmembers speaking.

Davana Gaines, Black Diamond commented on being concerned with development and transparency.

Dennis Boxx, Black Diamond commented on a new Manager and the need to afford one.

PRESENTATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 12-825, replacing and superseding Resolution No. 12-824; calling for a Special Election to vote on the Proposition of whether or not the City should abandon the present form of said city as a Mayor – Council Plan of Government and reorganize under the general law relating to cities of the Council – Manager Plan of Government

Interim City Administrator Butkus reported there were some doubts on the previous resolution that was passed, but the intent of Council was clear. The Attorney and he discussed this issue and his position is the resolution as voted on is sufficient to establish the Council's policy desire, however when he contacted King County Elections department the operations supervisor is not as sure. Since that conversation with the operations supervisor he has heard back and they are ok with the resolution. He added is it now up to Council to decide whether or not to adopt the new resolution before them tonight.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Benson and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt Resolution No. 12-825, replacing and superseding Resolution No. 12-824; calling for a Special Election to vote on the Proposition of whether or not the City should abandon the present form of said city as a Mayor – Council Plan of Government and reorganize under the general law relating to cities of the Council – Manager Plan of Government. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0).

Appointment of Pro and Con Committee Members

Interim City Administrator Butkus noted that since a Ballot Measure will be placed on the November 6, 2012 General Election. The next step is for Council to appoint members to the Pro and Con committees to write statements and rebuttals for the Voters Pamphlet regarding the ballot proposition. He noted the Clerk contacted another City for their process and this is what will be used tonight. He noted council may wish to speak to each individual or they can go straight to the vote.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Goodwin and **seconded** by Councilmember May to appoint a Pro and Con Committee with members for the Pro Committee being Janie Edelman, Ulla Kemman and Carol Lynn Harp and members for the Con Committee being Johna Thomson, Kristine Hanson and Bill Boston. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0).

Motion to cancel August 2, 2012 regular Council meeting and calling for a Special meeting on August 7, 2012

Interim City Administrator Butkus reported since the bills were paid tonight there is no need for a regular meeting on August 2nd. He added the purpose of the Special meeting on August 7th is for a presentation by an Attorney representing our Insurance Pool regarding the matter currently before the Planning Commission on Titles 17 and 18 as this will eventually come to the Council and the Joint meeting allows all to hear the information at the same time.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember May and **seconded** by Councilmember Benson to cancel August 2, 2012 regular Council meeting and calling for a Special meeting on August 7, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Council Chambers for a Joint Council/Planning Commission meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL REPORTS: None

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember May and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Claim Checks – August 2, 2012 Check No. 38551 through No. 38599 (void Check No. 38556) in the amount of \$685,320.46

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Janie Edelman, Black Diamond thanked Council for the confidence in writing the statement; discussed Lake Sawyer residents.

Jean Boston, Black Diamond commented on this forum being a Democracy.


Kristine Hanson, Black Diamond commented on money from Enterprise Funds being used and the need for being fair across the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Benson and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adjourn the special meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0).

ATTEST:



Rebecca Olness, Mayor



Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk