

**CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND  
CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 8, 2012**

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

Mayor Olness called the special meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and lead us all in the Flag Salute.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Deady, Goodwin, May and Taylor.

**ABSENT:** None

Staff present: Steve Pilcher, Community Development Director; Andrew Williamson, Economic Development and Engineering Services Executive Director and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

**COUNCIL VACANCY RECRUITMENT INTERVIEWS:**

Mayor Olness announced that Bill Roth withdrew his application for the Council vacancy position. She added Ms. Gauthier will be doing a phone interview and asked Council if they wished to interview her first. We experienced technical difficulty, so council will move on to the other applicants until it can be fixed. The following applicants were interviewed and asked the same 12 questions as shown below:

**Applicants:** Greg Thesenvitz, Carol Benson, Bob Rothschilds and Melanie Gauthier

**Questions:**

1. Why did you decide to apply for the City Council position?
2. What is your understanding of the City Council's structure and responsibilities?
3. What strengths and qualities will you bring to the Council?
4. What are your 2 or 3 areas of greatest interest and why? (*For example - Public Safety, Parks, Public Works, Finance, Land Use Planning, Traffic/Transportation, Environment, etc.*)
5. In your opinion, what are the most important issues the Council will be addressing in the near future and beyond?
6. What are your suggestions regarding how best to unite our community and achieve a shared vision for the future?
7. How can the opinions of your constituents be incorporated in your decision making process?
8. Should you be confronted by an angry constituent or a Councilmember that seriously disagreed with you on an issue, how would you propose to handle such conflict?
9. How would you improve communication with the public and businesses?

10. What is your expectation regarding the time commitment that will be required of you to effectively serve on the Council? Do you have any concerns about your ability to devote the time needed?
11. How do you feel about the Town Hall meetings?
12. Finally, please make the case why we should select you as the next City Councilmember.

Mayor Olness announced a 5 minute recess at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor Olness called the special meeting back to order at 8:19 p.m.

Mayor Olness asked if Council wished to start the Town Hall meeting for the last 15 minutes of the meeting.

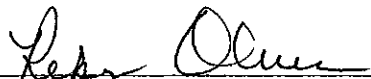
Council consensus was to not start the Town Hall meeting but rather to focus on the candidates and the interviews.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Special Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Rebecca Olness, Mayor

  
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Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk