

**CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND  
CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
February 6, 2014**

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

**CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:**

Mayor Gordon called the special meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led us all in the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Deady, Edelman, Morgan, Benson and Taylor.

**ABSENT:** None.

Staff present were: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Greg Smith, Fire Chief; Christy Todd, City Administrator and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

**Fire Ad Hoc Committee Update**

Mayor Gordon announced that the meeting tonight is to hear an update from the Fire Ad Hoc committee regarding long term fire service in Black Diamond. He then turned the meeting over to Councilmember Taylor.

Councilmember Taylor noted who was on the Fire Ad Hoc committee and introduced those folks from the Fire Department. He added the Ad Hoc committee is half way done and will be looking into four options and the committee wanted to update Council on their findings thus far.

Fire Chief Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the overview of the eight meetings the Ad Hoc committee has held so far.

**Highlights/Overview:** Service Area; Interlocal Agreement with Black Diamond; march 2013 Retreat Goal; July 2013 Public Safety Committee visit to their Board meeting and letter to City; Formation of Ad Hoc Committee by City Council and adopted Resolution; Purpose of the Committee; WA State Fire Protection Models and the legal authority to use the four different models: 1. City owns department, 2. Interlocal agreement – contract with another entity, 3. Fire Protection Districts, 4. Regional Fire Protection Service Authorities; Noted the Ad Hoc committee meeting dates that have been held in 2013 and 2014 and the topics they looked at. Discussed Black Diamond fire history; Part I Interlocal agreements 2006 and 2008; Current contractual language; Standard of Cover - What Standard Applies? NFPA 17 and population (noted the committee decided that the City is “suburban area”); City Comp Plan; the base line standards for the study relating the costs and efficiencies of each of the methods available to the City for fire protection. Look at stand-alone Fire Department for City of Black Diamond and what could Black

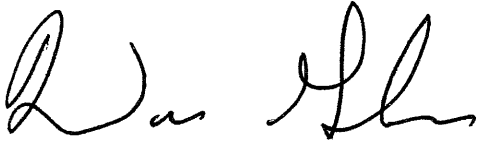
Diamond do alone today; comparisons to like cities today; Part II Contractual Study will be discussed at their next meeting.

Councilmember Taylor added they are going into a lot of research of what fire codes are and what the laws expect and their conclusions are coming from that. He noted that when they look at all of the expectations that are on a jurisdiction to provide fire service such as response time and staffing the conclusion they came up with is that we really need two staffed stations today and we currently only have a .5 station in Black Diamond. He noted the future work they will be doing at the upcoming meetings. He also added there used to be close to 50 fire districts and now you see in King County that has dwindled drastically as it is just too expensive to run the smaller departments. Councilmember Taylor also noted the committee comes together and discusses things but the work is done by the Chiefs and thanked them for their hard work on putting the information together.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

ATTEST:



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Dave Gordon, Mayor



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Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk