

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Work Session and Town Hall Meeting of August 14, 2014
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Gordon called the regular meeting to order at 6:04:57 p.m. and lead us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Morgan (late), Edelman, Benson and Taylor.

Mayor Gordon noted that Councilmember Morgan called and will be a few minutes late.

ABSENT: None.

Staff present were: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Economic Development Director; Greg Goral, Police Commander and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

WORK SESSION:

Purchase Options for Modular Buildings– Ms. Miller

Mayor Gordon announced that tonight's Workstudy is on options for purchasing the modular buildings that Community Development and Public Works occupy. He called upon Ms. Miller to brief Council on this.

Ms. Miller distributed to Council a worksheet that our Public Works Director prepared with four different options available to the City and also the worksheet she prepared with options which included pros and cons.

Councilmember Morgan entered the meeting at 6:12:02 p.m.

Ms. Miller discussed other needs for competing money such as the Comprehensive Plan Update and Staff will be coming back at a Workstudy to discuss needed projects and set the priorities.

Councilmember Benson stated she would like the Mayor to direct Staff to do some options with purchasing with a bank loan as well as an option for renting a building.

Mayor Gordon noted staff will look into this and come back with options at a later date to Council.

Mayor Gordon announced a five minute recess at 6:39 p.m. and stated the Town Hall meeting will start at 6:45 p.m.

TOWN HALL MEETING:

Mayor Gordon announced the next item on the agenda is the Town Hall meeting and stated that this is a meeting he looks forward to every month and loves hearing from the citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Davis, Black Diamond – discussed the upcoming hearing should not have been scheduled during the day it should have been scheduled in the evening or on a weekend.

Councilmember Benson noted that staff was up against a short deadline that could not be missed and trying to coordinate with all the folks involved. She did note that in the future a priority will be made in the future to hold these in the evenings.

Councilmember Edelman commented that something that hasn't been brought up is having a representative come and present someone else's material at the hearing and the second best thing for folks to do is to provide their material to the City Clerk as it will become part of the record.

Robert Taeschner, Black Diamond – discussed the following three items: 1) Chain of Command, and has a deep concern with the eye sore on Roberts Road- the piles. He also noted talking with Andy Williamson on this; he then discussed the safety issues should a lightning strike happen. This is a potential risk of the City.

Mayor Gordon noted that the Developer has brought in a piece of equipment and has been working on them for the last week.

Mr. Taeschner continued to his next item: 2) History lesson- Estrada's and the "Golden Age of Greece". The people of the City who elected the Council said we want a certain type of Government and that is not City Council on top, but the other way around, tired of hearing about a push/pull between the Council and the Mayor. He noted the elected need to listen to the people as they want a strong Mayor form of Government; and 3) discussed sea planes in the past on Lake Sawyer, however there is one plane that does fly in and visits folks on the Lake and this is a wise pilot. He commented that the promise when the Lake was annexed was to be provided police patrol on the Lake and he understands that due to budgetary constraints this has been limited and understands this. He noted the earlier laws that were put in effect were before there were jet skis and now folks have recreational vehicles with more horsepower. He noted the wise pilot does not land during the high speed hours and wonders why we do not have a discussion publicly about establishing order for the Lake and rules which regulates the flying in and out for sea planes.

Councilmember Edelman commented that this was discussed at the last Council meeting and the City already has rules in the municipal code and she believes it is 8.24.3 that are already in effect for sea planes. She also noted that there is a difference in responsibility between the Mayor and the Council. The Legislative Branch (Council) passes laws and the Executive Branch (Mayor) runs the day-to-day functions of the City and Staff. She discussed the Council Committees and stated that is where they talk about issues that are to come before the whole Council.

Councilmember Benson commented on the Police presence on the Lake and the recent response to a jet ski going too fast inside the buoys during the fast boating hours and he was pulled over by the Police.

Mr. Taeschner discussed the need for more discussion regarding the FAA and the City.

Councilmember Benson noted there is an association of float planes that keeps track of times for lakes.

Councilmember Morgan noted this is more an issue of perception than actualities. She stated maybe someone could write something up in the newsletter explaining what is on the books regarding float planes.

Councilmember Edelman noted maybe the City can put something on the website that has a link to the Code on float planes; she stated there comes a time where people need to take responsibility. Noted there being complaints about not giving tickets on the Lake and she stated this is not true. Officer Chatterson informed Council that tickets are now sent through the mail so the stops are quick and folks believe that no tickets are being given.

Commander Goral noted that they encourage everyone on the Lake to either call 9-1-1 or the non-emergency number. He also noted that ride-a-longs can also be scheduled on the boat just as they do for street patrols.

Aaron Scott, Black Diamond – discussed the Council action to have guardrails being put on Abrams Avenue. He noted he has a few safety concerns since this is only a one lane road and is requesting that the gates be open like they use to in the past so there is an alternate route. He also discussed the flood situation and noted using gabion baskets to help solve this problem. He noted another concern of his is the additional logging that will be done for the developments. He is concerned with water direction and the need to address this prior to any continuation of logging. His belief is before more trees are cut they need to start development so the ecosystem has a chance to regenerate.

Mr. Williamson explained the process for clearing and grading that is allowed in City Code. He noted the retention pond that is currently permitted and is not aware of a pond that will sit above Flaming Geysers. Currently on PP1A the Developer has placed a bond for \$357,000 if the Developer does not replace those trees as part of the re-vegetation plan. He noted, at the end if they don't plan them or plant enough trees we have the funds to use to add more.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Benson to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Dave Gordon, Mayor



Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk