

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Work Session and Town Hall Meeting of September 11, 2014**  
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

**CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:**

Mayor Gordon called the regular meeting to order at 6:10:34 p.m. and lead us all in the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

Staff present were: Peter Altman, Summit Law; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

**WORK SESSION:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Gordon announced an Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss Collective Bargaining as authorized by RCW 42.30.140(4); no action is anticipated to follow the Executive Session, which was expected to last approximately 30 minutes.

Mayor Gordon called for a 5 minute extension at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Gordon called for a 10 minute extension at 6:45

The regular meeting was called back to order at 6:57 p.m.

**TOWN HALL MEETING:**

Mayor Gordon announced the meeting is back in session and the next item on the agenda is the Town Hall meeting. He noted that everyone will have a chance to speak once before being called upon for a second time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Joseph Corsel, Tacoma – discussed he was checking in on the status of being able to get a business license to open a 502 production processing business in the old NAPA building on Third Avenue. He noted he is currently expending funds to keep this building while going through this process and would like to get an update since 5-6 months have passed;

he noted looking at a lot of different places before deciding on Black Diamond; however he is still unclear on what needs to be done to work through this process. He stated if his business can't come to Black Diamond, it would be nice to know so he can assess other options.

Councilmember Edelman noted that this issue was discussed during the Planning and Community Services Committee and staff is looking at prioritizing items in accordance with due dates. Staff is also looking at what other cities are doing and noted that there will probably not be an update until after the end of the year, once a decision is made she stated he will be notified, but it probably will not be until 2015.

Mr. Corsel stated if he does decide to stick this out, the Council will have to vote on it and he would like to get an indication if anyone at the table is not for this so he doesn't have to wait so long to get a "No".

Mayor Gordon noted that staff is developing the process and that is the first step.

Councilmember Edelman stated there isn't anyone on this Council that can take a position - as there isn't any information available to date. She reiterated that there is no position at the City right now and cannot let him know tonight what the likelihood would be as the moratorium ends in March of 2015.

Councilmember Morgan discussed the financial situation that has been developing over the past six months and that is why the City is in the situation they are in with staffing levels and thanked him for coming tonight to keep Council informed of his situation.

Councilmember Edelman noted that this moratorium will not and cannot be extended in March of 2015.

Mayor Gordon noted that the City welcomes Mr. Corsel's input.

Aaron Scott, Black Diamond –thanked Council and staff for the repair work that was done by the Bakery.

Robbin Taylor, Black Diamond – noted liking how the Council Chambers is looking and encouraged that all Councilmembers be put together so they are not split up by the Clerk being up on the dais.


Councilmembers noted that they have to share the equipment with the Court and the Judge needs to have her Clerk to the left of her during proceedings.

Mrs. Taylor suggested moving the Clerk/Court Clerk to the end and then having the Judge/Mayor next followed by Council.

Carol Lynn Harp, Black Diamond – discussed how the computer blocked the view of the end two Councilmembers.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Taylor to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Dave Gordon, Mayor

  
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Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk