

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND
December 4, 2017 Special Meeting Agenda
25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

7:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Persons wishing to address the City Council regarding items of new business are encouraged to do so at this time. When recognized by the Mayor, please come to the podium and clearly state your name. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes. If you desire a formal agenda placement, please contact the City Clerk at 360-886-5700. Thank you for attending.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1) AB17-068 – Final Public Hearing on 2018 Preliminary Budget

Ms. Miller

2) ADJOURNMENT

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Morgan, Edelman, Weber, and Pepper. (Councilmember Morgan was not present during roll call and entered the meeting at 7:05:04 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

Staff present were: Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev/Interim Community Development Director, Mayene Miller, Finance Director, and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

1) AB17-068– Final Public Hearing on 2018 Preliminary Budget

Finance Director Miller reported to Council on this item.

Councilmember Morgan entered the meeting at 7:05:04 p.m.

Mayor Benson opened the public hearing at 7:05:29 p.m.

Johna Thomson, Black Diamond thanked Finance Director Miller and her staff for all their hard work in developing the budget. She referred to page 10 of the document and shared a couple of thoughts; 1) She would like to see the executive and legislative lines 23 and 24 be increased for reimbursement of Councilmember time as it is very time consuming to be a Councilmember and would like to see them get more money for what they do, and 2) She discussed the legal budget line #27 is anticipated to be 100% more and feels this is sad and it could have been spent more wisely in other areas. She spoke in favor of Council passing the budget on Thursday as there has been adequate time to ask questions.

Bob Edelman, Black Diamond seconded the previous speaker's comments about increasing the Mayor and Councilmembers salaries. He also thanked Finance Director Miller and all the staff for the hard work they put into the budget and noted it being a really good

budget. He also noted the time spent in work sessions reviewing the budget and any problems should have been brought up by now and feels the budget should be adopted expeditiously. He discussed the notion that Council does not need to pass a budget and how that is not true as stated by a Supreme Court Judge and read the RCW regarding this and stated a budget needs to be in place on December 31, 2017. He further discussed should a budget not be adopted before the end of the year the City would shut down as it is illegal for the City to incur any expenditures without an adopted budget for 2018. He again stressed he hopes the budget will be passed expeditiously.

Andy Williamson, representing Teamsters 117 stated he hopes Council will adopt the budget on Thursday and supports the budget being passed.

Robbin Taylor, Black Diamond stated she also supports the budget being passed and sees on the horizon the three majority would like to see a city administrator for next year and if they will not pass it because it is not in the budget then she suggested to put it in the budget and not fill it which would leave a cost savings. She feels we need to pass the budget and not play games like last year.


Mayor Benson closed the public hearing at 7:15:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Edelman moved to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Weber. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor 5-0.

Meeting ended by 6:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk