

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

November 15, 2018

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Oglesbee, Edelman, Stout and Wisnoski. (Councilmember Edelman was not present for roll call and entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.)

ABSENT: Councilmember Deady (excused)

Staff present were: Mayene Miller, Finance Director and Kathy Allen, Deputy City Clerk.

WORK SESSION:

1) Discussion and Review of Stormwater Rate Analysis Model and Options

Mayor Benson welcomed everyone and stated that tonight's meeting is a discussion and review of the stormwater rate analysis model options and then turned the meeting over to Finance Director Miller.

Finance Director Miller introduced Ashley Emery of Peninsula Financial Consulting who prepared the city's rate model a few years ago and he was hired again to update the model based on information obtained from the City. Ms. Miller noted that a 2019 rate increase is urgently needed to provide the necessary cash flow to pay operating costs.

During the work session it was discussed how the City sets this rate and what an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) is. Also discussed was how utility funds need to be sustainable by the rates collected. Different rate options were reviewed using different growth scenarios and following the financial analysis model options. Staff and the consultant recommended raising the rate from \$16.00 per month to \$19.00 per month per ERU starting January 1, 2019 and then adding an inflationary amount based on the CPI-U starting in 2020 and beyond.

There was discussion between Council and staff with consensus to move forward with staff's suggested rate and adding the inflationary amount in 2020.

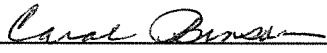
In closing, Finance Director Miller discussed the process moving forward and noted there will be a public hearing on December 3rd with adoption scheduled for December 6th, as the increase needs to be to King County by December 13th.

ADJOURNMENT:

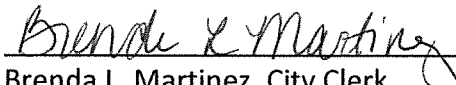
Councilmember Wisnoski **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Edelman. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

The meeting ended at 6:41 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk