

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

March 8, 2018

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the regular work session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Oglesbee, Edelman, Stout and Wisnoski.

ABSENT: None

Staff present were: Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

Mayor Benson welcomed everyone and announced that Councilmember Edelman would be leading the meeting and going over the changes the Attorney suggested.

1) Final Review of Council Rules of Procedure

Councilmember Edelman discussed the process thus far and suggested starting at Section 1.

SECTION 1 - Authority

It was noted the City Attorney suggested adding a new phrase "remain in effect" to section 1 after the word "and" in the fourth line.

Councilmember Edelman gave background information regarding Council rules and noted it being discussed at earlier meetings to refer to RCWs rather than citing the whole verbiage

SECTION 2 – Council Meetings

2.1 – It was noted that Councilmember Edelman and the Clerk will make sure the "see section" areas are correct.

2.2 – Agenda

Council was okay with the suggested wording by the City Attorney.

2.4 – Schedule of Regular Meetings

It was noted the suggested changes also requires an ordinance change. The propose ordinance is already drafted and the Attorney is reviewing. The goal is to have the Council rules ready for adoption at the first meeting in April along with the ordinance.

There was discussion on the role of the Mayor Pro Tem cancelling meetings.

Old 2.8, now 2.10 – Executive and Closed Session – Councilmember Edelman discussed the new wording regarding keeping executive session information confidential.

The Council was okay with the new language that was suggested by the Attorney that starts with the word “Discussions”.

2.12 – Disruption of Meetings – There was discussion that removal should be by a majority vote. It was suggested to add after “removed” “by the Mayor or a majority vote of the Council”.

SECTION 3 – Regular Council Meeting Order of Business

3.1 – Moved to 2.2

3.4 – Agenda Review and Approval – Council okay with Attorney’s suggested language.

3.6 – Consent Agenda – add under (f) “or other contracts”.

3.7 – Public Comments – Council okay with Attorney’s suggested language.

SECTION 5 - Councilmembers

5.1.1 – Excused Absence – Council okay with Attorney’s suggested language.

5.4 – Limitations on Political Speech – Suggested to remove as it is redundant.

SECTION 6 – Debates

Section 6.6 – Amendment of Rules – Council okay with the Attorney’s suggested language addition to add the words “or suspension” after the word “Waiver”.

SECTION 9 – Ordinances and Resolutions

9.2 – Resolutions – suggested to change “the whole membership” to “a quorum”.

SECTION 13 – Mayor Pro Tempore Selection Process

It was discussed to strike the words “a new” and replace them with “the”.

SECTION 15 – Council Meeting Staffing

Council okay with Attorney’s suggestion to add the words “ by the Mayor” after the word “excused” in the first sentence.

There was Council discussion on the process for not having an attorney present at a meeting.

SECTION 18 – Council Committees and Citizen Advisory Boards

There was discussion on committee chairs and it was suggested not to have them. Remove anything in section 18 that refers to committee chairs.

18.1.3(j) - It was suggested to change so that audience participation at a Council standing committee is not allowed.

18.1.4 – This section lists the committees the Council has; and it was noted they are working very well.

SECTION 23 - Severability

It was noted this section was changed from “savings” to “severability.”

In Section 2.4 Councilmember Deady suggested to change to “following the regular work session” and to strike the words “Mayor Pro Tem” in the last sentence.


Council discussed being happy with the suggested changes and it was noted that the Council Rules once adopted can be change by a super majority vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

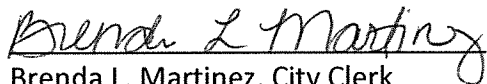
Councilmember Edelman **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

The meeting ended at 6:51 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk