

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting of June 4, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

**CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Deady, Oglesbee, Wisnoski, Stout, de Leon, Nelson, and Paige.

**ABSENT:** None

Staff present: Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; David Linehan, City Attorney; Mayene Miller, Finance Director; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR.

**AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:**

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt the agenda; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

**APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** – June 4, 2020 Check No. 48840 through 48868 in the amount of \$44,798.67
- 2) **Minutes** – Council Meeting of May 21, 2020

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Written comments received are included with the minutes for this meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Finance** – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Finance Report for 2020

Finance Director Miller reviewed with Council the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Finance Report with Council. She highlighted revenue sources and the amounts collected during the first quarter which included property tax, sales tax, licenses and fees, liquor tax and profits. She then reviewed the first quarter expenditures for departments. She noted we are in good sound financial condition in the general fund, however that is not the case for the street fund. She reviewed with Council the anticipated revenue and expenditures for the year in the street fund and noted being short and having to increase transfer from REET and the General Fund to pay for expenditures in this fund. She reviewed the remaining funds with Council.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Benson reported meeting with the South end Mayor where the discussion was about the protests and vandalism in the cities. She noted there have been a lot of cities affected by the demonstrations, and shared that Kirkland boarded up all their windows before any protestors came and had a chance to do any damage.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember Stout reported attending Public Works Committee meeting where they reviewed the Six-Year TIP, the Finance Committee meeting where the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial report was reviewed. She shared having communication with Chief Kiblinger about our police policies and thanked her for her prompt responses. She noted coming across an idea talking about policies that would help police departments be stable and serve the public very well. She sent those over to the Chief noted that learning that some are already in place in our department and that others do not make sense as they are not police best practice. She reviewed the use of force policies and procedures for our officers and noted how well trained they are and believes our officers serve us and protect us – they don't want anybody to get hurt and they don't want to get hurt. She commented on a disturbance regarding Council relations this week and encouraged everyone to work cooperatively and not assume negative intent and work on our committees and get the important work for the City done and take care of our citizens. She noted receiving several letters from residents, one requesting paving on a particular road, another on concerns about paving that has already been done and residents being frustrated how that was carried out. Also received were letters about development and permitting process and it being frustrating as it takes a long time to get the bits and pieces done. She noted having a discussion with the Mayor about all those things and she is satisfied that the city is moving forward in doing what needs to be done to make all those things happen. She commented that when doing projects, the City needs to keep with its Transportation Improvement Plan.

Councilmember de Leon reported attending Public Works Committee meeting and discussing the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for future grow projects and is excited to see the work that will be done and there are some she is hoping can help to move the needle on, especially projects that residents have been especially asking and

caring about. She shared having some good conversations with our Chief of Police because of recent events that have been happening. She started by acknowledging the real tragedy that has brought us to be speaking about this to begin with. She thinks it has really opened a lot of people's eyes to the fact that not everybody is able to get the same equal opportunities that should be happening and that includes a lot of things even regarding relations with police around the country. With that said she noted valuing the work our Police Department is doing. She noted not being Minneapolis or Seattle and many in our community speak very highly of the good relations that our police department has. She stated that one part of the work she is committed to is that fact that we do have those good relations and as our city grows and as it changes we will expect to also expect a more increase in diversity that we continue to have those good relations. She is very glad that we are able to have a talk a with a Chief who is very open to the public and open to those conversations and this will help to make a big difference in the years to come for our city. She sympathizes with the fact that this tragedy has woken up a lot of people to the fact that there is this huge disparity. She spoke to the event organized in Enumclaw by a 7<sup>th</sup> grader ( a peaceful sign waving event) and it goes to show that more and more people in the community are recognizing the fact that in order to make sure that all lives matter that we do have to address that black lives matter too. She noted appreciating the work of our Police Chief and looks forward to an ongoing conversation that helps to improve those communications and helps to make sure our community continues to enjoy the relations we are having with our police department.

Councilmember Nelson reported attending the Public Safety meeting, spent time talking with Chief Kiblinger and local residents and noted having an amazing city. He encouraged every Councilmember to write Kris a letter regarding losing Sabre, the City's retired K-9 dog Sabre and noted he was a Black Diamond hero. He shared witnessing Police driving extra slowly and being vigilant to stop and talk to kids and this why he lives her in Black Diamond.

Councilmember Paige noted his comments mirror with the rest of the Councilmembers that spoke about the Police Department and agrees with comments about the surge in support for civil rights and we all support that and hopefully out of some huge tragedies that have occurred it might move our society in the right direction. We have to look at the actions of individuals as actions of individuals and not stereotype against foul police departments. He noted fully supporting our Police Department and the many other good officers out there. He stated this is not to dilute the strength of the message of the protest and is simply a balanced approached. He commented on missing the last Council meeting and referred to the comments on the 312<sup>th</sup> project and stated it sounds like it has been a long going issue and would like to see that in the future we can table and talk those issues through a bit more.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the Public Works Committee meeting where they discussed the Transportation Improvement Plan and noted that even though projects are on there, they can move around as funding becomes available. She shared being happy the sidewalks on 288<sup>th</sup> were added to the plan. She also attended the Planning Committee meeting. She reported on having a conversation with Mrs. Hoefig about the

312<sup>th</sup> issue and noted it is not just about having the handicap parking space, it is about enforcement of no parking on that street. She suggested adding signs that say “No Parking on this side of the street” and hopes to discuss this at upcoming committee meetings so police can enforce it and the citizens on 312<sup>th</sup> can see the Council cares and it working on it. She noted speaking to Chief Kiblinger about repurchasing riot gear and it is time to upgrade and that will be coming forward. She hoped all Councilmembers called the Attorney on the subject from the last meeting that was set for the executive session. She noted her heart going out to the Floyd family and friends for the senseless murder and supports the protests and stressed she does not support the looting and damaging personal business property and is supportive of people getting out and talking about solving this huge issue that we have. The Community garage sale is moving along and scheduled for the second weekend in August.

Councilmember Oglesbee reported attending the Public Safety Committee meeting where they discussed the riot gear and additional needed training, having fees in place for false alarm calls and the need to work on an ordinance to complete this so they can be collected. She shared that it looks like the new restaurant in the old pizza place is getting closer to opening soon for all the residents to enjoy. She did speak to residents who sent emails regarding the permit process and interested in speaking to staff on how we can get these projects moving forward. She stated it has been a long and emotional time and we need to keep loving our neighbors, police, and each other and it is hard in this crazy world right now. – the better we can love and listen right now the better the world will be.

Councilmember Wisnoski reported attending the Finance Committee meeting and thanked May for making the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report make sense. He attended the Public Safety Committee meeting where the retirement of Chief Barlow was announced. He discussed that right now the processes are not normal and thanked the staff during this tough time with all the change and non-normalcy. He noted there being a lot of emotion going on right now and its tough. There was a tragic death and we need to fix this, and it will not be overnight as hate is taught thing and that is the scary part and hopes we can make strides moving forward. It saddens him to see the looters and rioters and talked about the two different types of parties here being seen and that takes away from the protesters and the true message and pain that is being felt in the African American community. We need to focus on working together and stop the partisan stuff that goes on even in our city and work on how we can make Black diamond a better home for everyone and if we can do that, those are steps forward.

### **ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Attorney Linehan discussed the school impact fees and because the Governor’s latest regulations has relaxed the “necessary and routine” on meetings we now have the flexibility and freedom to bring this back before Council. He noted he and Ms. Kincaid are working together to develop a schedule for all the necessary steps with the hope to get this completed this summer.

Deady sent her condolences to Kris for the passing of our retired K-9 Sabre.

Oglesbee shared the applications for the Enumclaw School District Superintendent position are online and they are seeking feedback from citizens with students in the district. She also touched on the inclusion proclamation and working with Tina McGann and Mike Nelson and hopes to get back on this soon.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Oglesbee **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Nelson Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

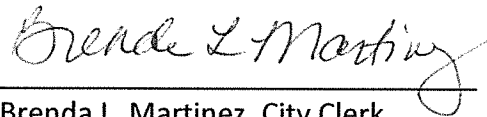
The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



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Carol Benson, Mayor



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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk