

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of December 17, 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, Stout, de Leon, and O'Donnell

ABSENT: Councilmember Paige (excused)

Staff present: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; Jamey Kiblinger: Police Chief: Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; David Linehan, City Attorney; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt the agenda; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation – Fire Service Options

Martin Chaw, and Luke Slaughterbeck of FCS Group shared with Council a PowerPoint presentation they prepared with the preliminary results of their fire service option study. Mr. Chaw discussed the agenda for this presentation and their scope of work for the project which consisted of four options: 1) Continue to contract with MVFD, 2) Annex into MVFD, 3) Annex into Puget Sound RFA, and 4) Form own Fire Department. He then discussed the study approach for each option and shared the cost for each of the four options. He noted that the next session with Council would be on the forecasted impact to property tax (five-year outlook), revenue options, and timeline for implementing options.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** – December 17, 2020 Check No. 49421 through 49497 and in the amount of \$959,889.22

- 2) **Payroll** – November 2020, Check No. 20023 through 20033 and ACHs in the amount of \$485,984.65
- 3) **Minutes** – Work Session of November 12, 2020, Special Meeting of November 17, 2020, Council Meeting of November 19, 2020, Special Meeting of November 30, 2020 and Council Meeting of December 3, 2020
- 4) **AB20-094** – Resolution Approving Grant Agreement with TIB for 2021 Asphalt Overlays Project
- 5) **AB20-095** – Resolution Approving King County Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant
- 6) **AB20-096** – Resolution Approving Contract Renewal with Olympic Environmental Resources for Recycling Events in 2021 and 2022
- 7) **AB20-097** – Resolution Approving RH2 Task Order to Re-calibrate the Water Systems Hydraulic Model
- 8) **AB20-098** – Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Roberts Drive Pedestrian Light Installation

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 9) **AB20-099** - Ordinance Amending the 2020 Budget

Finance Director Miller reported to Council on this agenda item.

Councilmember Oglesbee **moved** to approve Ordinance No. 20-1155 adopting the 2020 Budget Amendment; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0)

- 10) **AB20-100** – Council Acceptance of the City’s 2021 Legislative Agenda

Mayor Benson addressed this item with Council.

Councilmember Oglesbee **moved** to adopt the City’s 2021 Legislative Agenda; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Smith noted that on the 8th of December there was a chimney fire up at a home on Lawson Hills. He was happy to report that there are no firefighters in isolation

due to COVID and shared the calls for service for the year He noted most calls are for medical services. He also shared that currently the department is being audited and they expect a clean audit.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson noted being very busy this month. She reported working with the Department of Ecology and the Lake Sawyer Community Club to accumulate the necessary documents and information to apply for a grant for invasive plants on Lake Sawyer. She noted the grant application was completed and filed on December 8, and that the Lake Sawyer Community Club has graciously offered to provide the grant matching funds. The results of the grant application will be available early next year. She also reported helping at the Black Diamond Community Center to serve lunch through their drive thru lunch service. She shared meeting with Mr. Kombol and Chief Kiblinger regarding rental of the old Columbia Bank building. She noted attending the SCA South Mayor's meeting, and the SCATBd meeting where they finalized their legislative agenda. She also attended the SCA meeting with Patty Hayes, and an Enumclaw School District meeting where they explained how the schools will be reopening in January. In closing she shared participating via ZOOM in the annual staff appreciation luncheon where employees participated in a trivia game.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Wisnoski reported attending the Council Finance Committee meetings, and thanked City staff for all the help on the budget. He also thanked Chief Smith for the department's service at the chimney fire that happened in his neighborhood. He encouraged everyone to support our local businesses and to reach out and help neighbors.

Councilmember Stout reported attending the Council Public Works Committee meeting and noted not being able to attend the Council Finance Committee meeting. She also attended the SCA PIC meeting where several issues were addressed and appreciated the email from the Community Development Director Mona Davis on the comp plan certification extension. She mentioned the 5th legislative district had a hand recount from November and complimented the election department for how they did it. She noted that during the process they found 1 more vote for Mark Mullet and he will continue in his term. She gave her opinion about fire study and noted that if PSRFA did not even respond, she believes that option should be taken off the table. She wished everyone a happy holiday and to stay safe and to celebrate the best we can to keep our community safe.

Councilmember de Leon echoed the sentiments to follow CDC guidelines and that people are staying safe during the holiday times. She noted there is a lot of COVID fatigue going on and it is more important than ever to remain the course to keep our citizens, community, and businesses safe. She reported attending her committee meetings and

looks forward to continuing the discussion on the fire study and making the best decision with the information they have. She also looks forward to Chief Smith's responses and noted this being a heavy decision. She is excited to everyone in 2021 and the work that will be done in the coming year and hopes 2021 will be a better year for all us. She wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Councilmember O'Donnell reported supporting local businesses and gave his recommendations on the City's smoke shop. He noted doing his research on the city and is learning so much. One thing he learned in his research is how proud we need to be of our police department and reported on the statistics the Chief sent out. He gave his congratulations to the new Sergeant Kamal Sharif for his promotion and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Councilmember Paige - absent

Councilmember Deady reported attending the Public Works Committee meeting and discussed the coal cart out by Ten Trails. She suggested getting public input on what kind of sign the public would like and to give them options to choose from. Do they want to have a new sign or use the coal carts? She asked if the coal carts do get changed out what will happen to them. She touched on getting regularly updates from the MDRT Department and wondered if there should be a committee set up for this. She also reported attending the Planning Committee meeting where they discussed code compliance and noted there being 22 outstanding issues. She attended the SCA briefing with Patty Hayes and noted there was not a big increase in COVID cases after the Thanksgiving holiday which is wonderful. She shared that the City of Enumclaw just opened up at COVID testing site with the CARES funding and commented that it will still be a rough few months until the vaccines are out and noted how they will be distributed. She also attended the PIC meeting and the Black Diamond Community Center fundraiser and announced that it raised \$13,000. The Black Diamond Elementary School teachers had a gathering outside of the Eagles Hall for parents and students to come and get a treat bag. She congratulated Kamal Sharif on his promotion to Sergeant. She reminded everyone to support local businesses as it helps them and the City. She wished everyone a safe and wonderful Christmas. She also reminded Council that in January they will need to select a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilmember Oglesbee reported attending the Public Safety and Planning Committee meetings. She commented that she 100% supports the Enumclaw School District going back to school next year. She noted that she would like to see more updates on MDRT and wondered when we will see retail in that development. She agreed that Communication will be key in this. She would like to get the community engaged in the decision on new

sign vs. coal carts and suggested to move the old coal carts to other locations within the city. She wished everyone a happy holiday and to support your local businesses now and into 2021.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney Linehan wished everyone a happy holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Benson wished everyone a happy holiday and new year.

ADJOURNMENT:

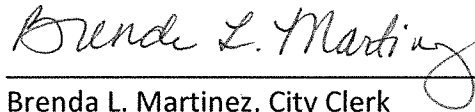
Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

The meeting ended at 9:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk