

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 1, 2015
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and lead us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Morgan, Edelman, Goodwin and Taylor.

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; May Miller, Finance Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; and Meri Jane Bohn, Deputy City Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Benson wanted to let everyone know that Planning Commissioner Sheri Roth's term is expiring at the end of this year. The City will be advertising for it in a couple of weeks.

Mayor Benson read into the record the following proclamation.

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and effects millions of Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, in October 1989, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by Congress providing key leadership in the effort to reduce domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 there were 44 domestic violence homicides that occurred in Washington State.; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, with continued public awareness programs and increased education of healthy relationships we will break the cycle of abuse and provide skills to empower victims and children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carol Benson, Mayor of the City of Black Diamond, on behalf of the Black Diamond City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 to be **NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Black Diamond and strongly urge all citizens to participate in the Purple Light Nights® by installing a purple light in their front porch light fixture to honor the victims and give hope to those still living with abuse.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** – October 1, 2015, No. 42736 through No. 42774 and EFTs in the amount of \$100,403.18
- 2) **Minutes** – Town Hall meeting of September 10, 2015, Council meeting of September 17, 2015

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Proposed Ordinance 15-1059 Assuming the Rights, Powers, Functions and Obligations of the Black Diamond Transportation Benefit District

Public Works Director Boettcher stated the city held a hearing for establishing a Transportation Benefit District. It was also established with license fees for the Transportation Benefit District. The question is – shall that remain a separate district or does the city assume the district and incorporate that into normal city business operation.

Mayor Benson opened Public Hearing at 7:05 pm.

No Public Comments

Mayor Benson closed Public Hearing at 7:05 pm.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt Ordinance No. 15-1059, assuming the Rights, Powers, Functions and Obligations of the Black Diamond Transportation Benefit District. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 15-1060, amending Black Diamond Municipal Code regarding Town Hall Meetings

Councilmember Edelman stated the Town Hall meetings were started more informal back in 2011. There was a lot more discussions back then. In 2012 the council was voted in and made Ordinance 12-974. The participation has been getting fewer and fewer. Now in the last couple months of meetings there has been very little to no participation in these meetings from the public. It is suggested to change these meetings to twice a year which would occur on the 2nd Thursday of March & October. Structure of the Town Hall meetings would change, making it a more relaxing conversation instead of such structure now. Other cities have ice cream socials and such events.

Councilmember Taylor noted the city can always have more; this isn't really limiting them to 2 meetings a year if something was to come up.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 15-1060, to adopt new meeting dates for City of Black Diamond Town Hall Meetings. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson attended several management meetings, several budget meetings, Community development meeting, finance meeting, fire ad hoc meeting on Tuesday night. She attended Tough Mudder event and they are planning on coming back for a 5th year. Most of the obstacles were in 2 pods; that worked out better for them to not have people out there days before to finish the structures. She noted it being just a real fun thing to go out and watch.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Deady reported attending Fire Ad Hoc meeting on Tuesday night. Also attended the Tough Mudder event as well. Was very pleased at how the police handled dealing with the traffic flow. It was a great event to attend.

Councilmember Morgan reported attending the King Conservation District Meeting. There is a Land & Water Workshop Series Land & Livestock owners that is happening for 4 Thursdays in the evening in Renton during October. Saturday planning on going to look at Boise Creek Farm and their water management in conjunction with what the Muckleshoot's have done with Newaukum/Boise Creek.

Councilmember Edelman attended Tough Mudder. Also attended the Planning & Community Services Committee meeting. On October 14th the Public Issues Committee will be meeting with a handful of discussions and topics. There is a workshop regarding the Future of Transit at Renton City Hall at 6 p.m that day. These meetings are very informative meetings. She will be attending if anyone would like to carpool.

Councilmember Goodwin commented we have our inaugural Traffic & Transportation Ad Hoc 1st meeting coming up next week and looking very forward to it. He posted on the Black Diamond Now Blog what our traffic volumes have been since 1970 at our 2 major intersections. It is very fascinating to understand what has been happening.

Councilmember Taylor attended the Public Works Committee talking about the upcoming project - Roberts Bridge. Talking about public impacts about road/lane closures, there will be some traffic/travel interruption at some point. Also attended the Fire Ad Hoc meeting discussed the whole pre-annexation agreement. There is going to be a representative from the Fire District, Public Safety Committee, Mayor & Fire Chiefs will be meeting with the lawyer in the next couple of weeks and start talking about specifics.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mira Hoke, 32216 Botts Dr, Black Diamond stated last weekend was the last scheduled Farmers Market day but was cancelled. The city has been very helpful with the Farmers Market. With the change of hours & format they have had a great year for the Market. The tone of the market has changed a lot. People are becoming more engaged & weather was great this year as well. They would love to maintain this for next year as well. Possibly looking into partnering with local businesses and local vendors starting businesses. The market is a great chance to see something right off the highway and pop in and promote the city. We are trying to get more of the city involved and people to shop locally. She wanted to thank everyone for a great year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Goodwin and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

Meeting ended at 7:29 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Meri Jane Bohn, City Clerk