

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 1, 2016

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

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, Morgan, Edelman, Weber and Pepper.

ABSENT: None

Staff present were: Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; May Miller, Finance Director; Kevin Esping, Facilities Coordinator; Scott Hanis, Capital Projects Program Manager; Sergeant Brian Lynch; David Linehan, City Attorney and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Benson shared that she received a letter from AWC RMSA (Risk Management Association) regarding concern that the interlocal agreement has not be signed or agreed upon for the year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Leslie Cooley, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Gary Davis, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Judy Carrier, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

Bob Edelman, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Judy Baxley, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristine Hanson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Claim Checks** – December 1, 2016 - No. 441426 through No. 44175 and EFTs in the amount of \$393,922.99

2) Minutes – Council Work Session of November 10, 2016 and Council Meeting of November 17, 2016

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt the Consent Agenda.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Morgan and **seconded** by Councilmember Weber to postpone the whole consent agenda, to include minutes and all claim checks to date uncertain.

There was Council discussion.

Councilmember Edelman stated she has the floor to the audience.

There was continued Council discussion.

VOTE: Motion **failed** 2-3 (Pepper, Morgan, Weber) -to adopt the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion **passed** 3-2 (Deady, Edelman) -to postpone the consent agenda to date uncertain.

Councilmember Pepper asked for clarification of what was voted on as she did not vote.

Councilmember Morgan called a point of order.

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Mayor Benson restated the motion that was made by Councilmember Morgan to postpone the consent agenda to an uncertain date.

Councilmembers Pepper, Morgan and Weber voted 'AYE' on favor; Councilmember Deady and Edelman opposed voted 'NO'.

PUBLIC HEARING:

3) AB16-074 – Ordinance Regarding 2017 Pass-Through Sewer Rate Increase

May Miller, Finance Director reported on this. She stated every two years King County Metro Council adjusts its rates. The rate came in lower than what they had projected last time. The rate increase they are proposing is \$2.19 a month. The next rate increase will be slightly less than this. She reported on Lifeline rates.

There was Council discussion.

Leslie Cooley, Black Diamond spoke in favor.

Bob Edelman, Black Diamond spoke in opposition.

Kristine Hanson, Black Diamond wanted to know about the committee assignment this would be under.

Closed public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4) AB16-075 – 2017 Final Budget

May Miller, Finance Director spoke on this. Our budget session is defined by the state and RCW's and we adhere to them. We want to be transparent. People can come to meetings and make comments.

There was Council discussion.

Bob Edelman, Black Diamond discussed the responsibility of the Mayor bringing forward a balanced budget and the Council having an obligation to let the public know of what they would like to do.

Kristine Hanson, Black Diamond spoke in favor of passing the budget.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue discussed wasted money by the mayor and encouraged changes in the budget and to look hard to stop the waste.

Judy Baxley, Black Diamond spoke on the budget taking time and effort so it is handled properly and noted needing to be accountable for what is going on and don't put down the hard working Council people who are working hard.

Leslie Cooley, Black Diamond commented on the calendar showing the schedule and noted large corporations getting budgets passed in timely fashion.

Brock Deady, Black Diamond noted the questions and discussions appear to come out at the end of the process and gave a time management suggestion was to look at the calendar and be better prepared.

Pam McCain, Black Diamond discussed vouchers not being paid, and late fees accrued and the reputation of the city not being good. If you do business in town you might not get paid.

Gary Davis, Black Diamond commented on the budget and the pass throughs.

Tina McGann, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Mayor Benson closed the public hearing 8:04 p.m.

There was Council and Mayor discussion regarding the budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

5) AB16-076 – Ordinance Adopting 2017 Budget

Ms. Miller reported on this item.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to approve this ordinance adopting the 2017 budget.

There was Council discussion.

Councilmember Morgan called point of order to Councilmember Edelman.

Councilmember Morgan called another point of order.

Councilmember Edelman continued and there was more Council discussion.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Pepper to table the 2017 budget. There was no second.

Councilmember Edelman noted to Councilmember Pepper that there is already a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Edelman called the question.

VOTE: Motion failed 2-3 (Weber, Pepper, Morgan).

Councilmember Pepper moved that we table the 2017 budget assigned to the Council budget finance committee. No second.

There was Council discussion.

Councilmember Pepper called point of order to Councilmember Deady.

There was continued Council discussion.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Pepper and **seconded** by Councilmember Weber to table the 2017 budget. Motion **passed** 3-2 (Deady, Edelman).

6) AB16-077 – Resolution Confirming Mayor's Re-appointment to Planning Commission Position #3.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Pepper and **seconded** by Councilmember Weber that AB16-077 be assigned to Growth Management Committee for first reading.

There was Council discussion.

Councilmember Pepper called point of order to Councilmember Deady.

Councilmember Pepper called another point of order to Councilmember Deady.

Councilmember Morgan called point of order.

There was continued Council discussion.

Councilmember Pepper called point of order to Councilmember Deady.

There was continued Council discussion.

Councilmember Pepper read section 6.3 of Council rules regarding courtesy.

VOTE: Motion **passed** 3-2 (Deady, Edelman)

7) AB16-078 – Resolution Confirming Mayor’s Re-appointment to Planning Commission Pos. #5

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Pepper and **seconded** by Councilmember Weber that AB16-078 be assigned to Growth Management Committee for first reading. Motion **passed** 3-2 (Deady, Edelman)

Mayor Benson shared there is some concern from our Insurance Carrier that we haven’t approved their interlocal agreement. She asked the Council if they would reconsider this item tonight and put it on the agenda. She shared that the Attorney said this is a non-negotiable contract. Mayor Benson asked if everybody had a chance to read the letter from AWC RMSA.

Councilmember Weber noted his opinion on the letter and it was sent to committee and he doesn’t see that one and half weeks will make much difference. He is not in favor of bringing this back tonight. **Seconded** by Councilmember Morgan as she noted that the Government Operations Committee has not had a chance to talk about it.

There was continued Council discussion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

May Miller, Finance Department reported on what is not getting approved on vouchers. Some of the vouchers are public safety vouchers. Some are contracts and grants that are not being approved. She noted having to pay these bills out of emergency authority as Council will not give authorization to pay the bills. She noted \$477,000.00 of bills not getting paid.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending last night the SCA (Sound Cities Association) annual meeting. They are voting on the budget. There are 37 members of the SCA. She shared that almost all of these cities have passed their budget, and we are still arguing over the budget that was presented in August.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Deady reported she met with May Miller this afternoon to go over vouchers.

Councilmember Morgan read a note about the candidates and giving them thanks.

Councilmember Weber called point of order to Mayor Benson.

Councilmember Edelman reported she attended the SCA dinner last night. She talked about transportation issues and required networking.

Councilmember Weber reported on being fully on board with the state for paying for the roads.

Councilmember Pepper reported on taking CERT classes. She shared there will be a tree lighting here in December.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brian Ross, OakPointe spoke to Council.

Bill McDermand, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Councilmember Deady called point of order to Mr. McDermand.

Mr. McDermand stated he has the floor.

Leslie Cooley, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Brock Deady, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

Bob Edelman, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristine Hanson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.


EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

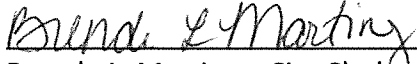
A **motion** was made by Councilmember Deady and **seconded** by Councilmember Morgan to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk