

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 10, 2019**

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, Wisnoski, and Nelson.

Staff present: May Miller, Finance Director; Chief Smith; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Edelman, Stout, and Paige (all excused)

Mayor Benson welcomed and introduced Finance Director Miller who would be leading the presentation.

WORK SESSION:

1) Continuation of Discussion Regarding Fire Services

Finance Director Miller highlighted the three topics for tonight, 1) Financial Analysis March 2019, 2) Black Diamond Property Tax Calculation, and 3) Lid Lift analysis, rules and where we are going.

Director Miller distributed a spreadsheet she prepared regarding the budget impacts on the District's contract proposal. Topics of discussion were clarification on prior information shared by the fire department on city dollars spent on its fire department services, and growth revenue. She noted the average yearly increase for property tax, sales tax, and state sales tax support is \$59,824 for the period of 2011-2018.

She then reviewed the property tax process and stressed the importance to understand the "budget-base" system and the difference between levy dollar amount and levy mil rate. She discussed that and reviewed the 2020 preliminary budget page on property tax and how the new construction amounts and levy rates work.

Discussion on lid lift analysis and she noted the most feasible lid lift option for the city would be the "multi-year" permanent option. She stated this option would allow future year property

tax to continue at the lid lift dollar amount. She then shared the rules for this option and timeline for getting it on the ballot.

Councilmember Wisnoski noted for the next step he would like the district to provide a cost for services to the City, now and into the future. This would be a five-year snapshot to also include future projections for adding another station and staff.

There was discussion between Councilmembers and Commissioners on when the next meeting should take place. Following discussion there was consensus to hold the next work session in January 2020.


In closing, there was discussion on where the process on the fire truck purchase is at.

ADJOURNMENT:

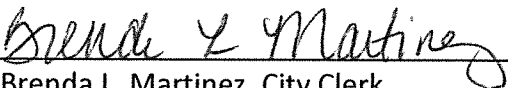
Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** by Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0).

The meeting ended at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk