

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting of January 21, 2021**  
**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, O'Donnell, and Paige

**ABSENT:** None

Staff present: Scott Hanis, Capital Projects/Program Manager; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; David Linehan, City Attorney; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

**AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:**

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 1) **Claim Checks** – January 21, 2021 Check No. 49556 through 49622 (void 49467 and 49558) and EFTs in the amount of \$1,181,114.39
- 2) **Payroll** – December 31, 2020 Check No. 20026 through 20047 and ACHs in the amount of \$424,577.49
- 3) **Minutes** – Council Special Meeting of January 7, 2021 and Council Meeting of January 7, 2021

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 4) **AB21-004** – City's Stormwater Management Program Plan

Capital Projects/Program Manager Hanis briefed Council on this item.

Mayor Benson opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. There was no public testimony heard and the public hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Chief Smith reported that eight new volunteers graduated from the academy and are assigned to shifts and their mentor program for the next two months. He also added that on the 28<sup>th</sup> is the graduation for two career firefighters. He shared that no one is in quarantine. He stated that the department is in the process of ordering a new fire engine and it will be sister engine to the one Black Diamond will be getting at the end of March. He noted that they are almost done with their State audit. He also shared that the department has PPE equipment and training manuals that will be sent to Liberia in the next few weeks. He reported that the department is inspecting a lot of COVID tents at businesses around the area and announced that he received his second COVID vaccination and it was no big deal, other than being tired for three days after receiving this dose. Two boxes of masks were picked up by the City’s Emergency Management Director Kevin Esping for distributing to people in Black Diamond. There was discussion on how to and where to sign up for the vaccine.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Benson reporting attending the King County Health meeting where Patty Hayes spoke. She noted that Ms. Hayes didn’t have answers for how to get the vaccines out and noted they are really struggling with this. She attended the south end Mayor’s meeting and noted the SCATBd meeting was cancelled. She also reported that it was decided it was too expensive to put the police department in the Columbia Bank building and are looking at different options. She shared that she and the City Clerk will be meeting tomorrow with a facilitator for the Council retreat.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember de Leon mentioned she was able to take advantage of the opportunity to testify in committee for the legislature online. She noted speaking as an individual on two different items and encouraged others to look and see if there is something they are interested in testifying on. She reported attending both of her committee meetings and it’s great to work with these committees and is excited to continue to learn and gain knowledge. She also attended the work session on social meeting and the fire station update. She shared being excited to hear there are five people who put in applications for the two vacant Planning Commission positions. She stressed that with hearing the long presentation on the COVID vaccine that we need to stay the course with wearing masks, social distancing and supporting businesses.

Councilmember O’Donnell reported attending his first Finance Committee meeting and expressed how knowledgeable staff was at the meeting. He congratulated Chief Smith on

the volunteers and getting his vaccines to stay safe. He touched on one the speakers at the inauguration and hopes we will be more united moving forward.

Councilmember Deady reported attending all her Committee and Council meetings. She also reported attending the meeting with Patty Hayes. She commented that a couple of years ago the Council passed an ordinance to extend the school zone to Park Street and wondered if there is an update and is hoping the safety committee has talked about it.

Councilmember Oglesbee commented that the Public Safety Committee has not discussed the school zone extension and noted she will try and get an answer. She reported attending the Council work session and noted that other than that it's been a quiet week.

Councilmember Wisnoski reported attending the finance committee and work session meetings. He noted as a former firefighter that it's interesting to see the high cost of equipment. He congratulated the eight graduates. He shared visiting the new juice place in Diamond Square. He also shared that he noticed some businesses are working on getting outdoor tents and asked citizens to frequent local businesses, to wear a mask, social distance, and if you don't feel good stay home. If you're uncomfortable going out, ask a neighbor or family member. He mentioned seeing an article on Ten Trails.

Councilmember Stout reported attending the work session and noted it being really complicated to get something narrowed down. She expressed being happy for the eight volunteers going through the academy during a pandemic. She thought the inauguration was beautifully done and it was nice to see no violence and was grateful for that. She shared that two more friends are ill with COVID and asked everyone to wear a mask, stay home if you can, and to take this seriously. She talked about her granddaughter's experience with going back to school. She hopes people will get the vaccine and noted posting an article about myths and for people to please do research if you're concerned. She gave the website address to get registered to find out when you are eligible for the vaccine.

Councilmember Paige reported attending his first new committee assignment and appreciated meeting with the others and the Community Development Director Mona Davis. He noted having technical difficulties at that meeting too.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Wisnoski **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



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Carol Benson, Mayor



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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk