

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting of April 1, 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, and de Leon. Councilmember Wisnoski was not present during roll call and joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember O'Donnell (excused)

Staff present: Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; Mayene Miller, Finance Director; 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 approve the agenda. **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (3-0).

**APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**1) Council Candidate Interviews**

Councilmembers took turns asking the two applicants the same set of questions.

During the interview of the first candidate (Ms. Mulvihill), Councilmember Wisnoski joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

There was discussion on appointing the two applicants at tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to appoint Leih Mulvihill to Council Position 4 and Debbie Page to Council Position 7 effective immediately tonight; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0).

Mayor Benson administered the Oath of Office to both Ms. Mulvihill and Ms. Page.

**Presentation – In School Mental Health Counseling**

Sara Stratton, Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation shared a PowerPoint presentation with Council regarding a funding opportunity that was proposed to them from the City of Enumclaw for in school mental health counseling. She touched on the decision making process that was used to determine the need and cost for this program and is seeking \$10,000 from the City of Black Diamond to help fund the \$20,000 gap. This funding would expand the contract and service Enumclaw High School students too.

There was Council discussion.

**Action** - Councilmember Wisnoski **moved** to set aside \$10,000 for this program; second Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 2) **Claim Checks** – April 1, 2021, Check No. 49809 through 49843 in the amount of \$211,158.73
- 3) **Minutes** – Council Meeting of March 4, 2021, Joint Meeting of March 9, 2021, Work Session of March 11, 2021, Special Meeting of March 18, 2021, and Council Meeting of March 18, 2021
- 4) **AB21-016** – Resolution Adopting Professional Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement
- 5) **AB21-017** – Resolution Adopting Public Works/Admin Support Collective Bargaining Agreement

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Philip Acosta, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Carol Lynn Harp, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Julie Spiers, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **AB21-015** - Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Icicle Creek Engineers, Inc. for Conducting a Mine Hazard Assessment and Ground Proofing Program Related to the Black Diamond Police Station and Municipal Court

Chief Kiblinger reported to Council on this agenda item.

There was Council discussion on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 21-1414, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Icicle Creek Engineers, Inc. for conducting a Mine Hazard Assessment and Ground Proofing Program related to the Black Diamond Police Station and Municipal Court; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Chief Smith congratulated the two new Councilmembers and noted looking forward to working with them. He shared that another update on the new fire engine should be coming early next week and will forward to Council. He noted being busy in the Ten Trails development with inspections. He highlighted the calls for service for a 14-day period in March. In closing he mentioned that the Wildland team is getting ready for their yearly training in anticipation of a busy season. He also commented on the department having a helmet sharing program.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Benson reported that the retreat has been scheduled for June 18 and hopes that works for everyone. She commented that the facilitator has been scheduled and we will be moving forward with that date.

There was discussion on the length of the retreat.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember Oglesbee reported speaking to business owners throughout town and she is interested in working with Ms. Davis to look at code so we can be business friendly and welcoming. She reported attending the special meeting and the Public Safety Committee meeting where they talked about the resolution on the agenda and what the City needs to do about drug possession in our code. She stated that she would like to get a work session on this on the calendar soon on that issue. She touched on the skateboard park and shared coming across a few park designers and looks forward to designing a new one for our kids. She noted agreeing with light at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Baker for the crosswalk to make it safer for the students and families safer as they walk to school.

Councilmember Wisnoski reported attending the special meeting on Monday and giving good direction. He also spoke with small business owners and the need for a commercial base. He also commented on the need to be welcoming and helpful to our businesses and becoming an attractive place for businesses to land – we need to put out the welcome mat. He welcomed the two new councilmembers and looks forward to working with them. He encouraged everyone that as the weather is getting better to get out and walk and get to know your neighbors.

Councilmember Mulvihill thanked Council for her appointment and looks forward to working with each one of them.

Councilmember de Leon reported on the session she held on zoom and noted it being a wonderful opportunity to speak with citizens about what is on their minds and to field questions. She shared examples of questions she heard and the conversations she had. She fully agrees with having a City Manager position to manage and prioritize important issues. She reported attending the Finance Committee meeting, lunch meeting with SCA, Fire study work session where she mentioned looking into an RFA and wanted to put on the records she is happy with contracting with MVFR. She discussed her email to King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn and noted receiving a reply from King County Executive Dow Constantine. In closing she congratulated the two new councilmembers.

Councilmember Page thanked the Council and noted looking forward to the next few months. She stated she is happy to assist Councilmember de Leon in any way she can and to count her in. She also shared wanting to support Councilmember Oglesbee with anything she can do on the skate park.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the Maple Valley Food Bank opening and encouraged Council to request a tour. She shared that the Labor Days Committee is starting up and if anyone is interested to please let her know and she can get them on the email. She touched on the top concern of seniors in the Lake Sawyer area is sidewalks on 288<sup>th</sup> and the need to get this on our transportation plan. She discussed agreeing that something needs to be done at the crosswalk on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Baker, as it's a bad intersection and drivers don't always stop. She also reported attending the Public Works Committee meeting and touched on the skateboard park article being in the newsletter and also in two places on the city's website explaining why it's closed and next steps. She congratulated Leih Mulvihill on her appointment to position 4 and looks forward to working Ms. Page too. She expressed the need to bring everyone together as we are all Black Diamond.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

City Attorney Linehan welcomed the new Councilmembers and stated he is looking forward to working with them and extended an invitation to set up a meeting to get them up to speed on relevant legal issues and other questions they may have.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

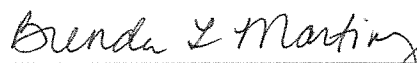
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 9:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



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Carol Benson, Mayor



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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk