

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting of April 15, 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, Wisnoski, Mulvihill, de Leon, O'Donnell, and Page.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Oglesbee (excused)

Staff present: 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 Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 1) **Claim Checks** – April 15, 2021, Check No. 49844 through 49891 and EFTs in the amount of \$888,142.83
- 2) **Payroll** – March 31, 2021 Check No. 20065 through 20074 and ACHs in the amount of \$393,158.30
- 3) **Minutes** – Special Meeting of March 29, 2021 and Council Meeting of April 1, 2021
- 4) **AB21-019** – Ordinance Amending the 2021 Salary Schedule

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Gary Davis, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **5) AB21-020 – Ordinance Amending Black Diamond Municipal Code Regarding Sensitive Areas**

Community Development Director Davis briefed Council on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 21-1158 amending Black Diamond Municipal Code Chapter 19.10; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Chief Smith reported there were no significant instances in town. He shared that there was a multi-vehicle accident, and a person was airlifted from the school. He commented that the department is getting ready for wildland fires. He also shared that he is keeping track of the new fire engine as it is being built and hopes to get news on when it will be delivered next week. He reported delivering masks to the Community Center.

**Finance** – Finance Director Miller updated Council on a couple of projects she is working on. She noted working on a contract with Peninsula Financial to help with long range financial planning in the General Fund and is planning to bring this contract forward on May 6<sup>th</sup>. She is also working on the capital side of long-range planning for city facilities and discussed the options that could be used to fund a city facility.

## **MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Benson reported attending the South-end Mayor’s meeting and shared that most cities are cancelling city events. She discussed the Labor Day Committee meeting and their plan for the Labor Day events and noted that the City of Maple Valley is not having Maple Valley Days; they will be having food trucks around town. She reported attending a meeting on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for local governments and what the funding could be used for. She noted that specific rules are not out yet and will update Council as more information becomes available.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember Wisnoski reported attending the work session last week. He shared that as the weather gets better to be careful driving as kids and pets will be out, and school will be going back full-time next month. He reminded everyone to continue to support small business.

Councilmember Mulvihill reported meeting with Mr. Williamson and the City Attorney. She shared that she completed her public meeting act training and brought up the crosswalk on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and shared the history on the crosswalk light.

Councilmember de Leon reported attending the work session and her committee meetings where there was good discussion. She asked for everyone to keep in mind with more schools moving to more in school learning a lot of grace will be needed for both the staff

and students. She encouraged everyone to sign up for their vaccination. She shared the upcoming volunteer opportunity at the Earth Day celebration in the Lake Sawyer park area from 9-11 a.m. rain or shine and to wear a mask. She is looking forward to the town hall next week and hopes to do another zoom chat with residents towards the end of the month.

Councilmember O'Donnell commented on being interested to meet with the facilitator for the retreat. He reported attending his committee meetings. He thanked Gary Davis and others in the public who make public comment – it is much appreciated. He encouraged more public comment on any topic. He also thanked Chief Smith for forwarding on the progress of the new fire engine.

Councilmember Page noted being busy getting up to speed and having conversations. She reported attending the work session, meeting with Andy Williamson, scheduling a meeting with Mona for tomorrow and Chief Smith on Wednesday of next week. She met some new neighbors and received emails from many residents. She had a chance to take a tour of city hall and is grateful for all the hard work of city staff. She discussed volunteering on the Labor Days celebration and announced the Friends of Black Diamond plant sale is coming up in May.

Councilmember Deady commented on cities cancelling events and noted Enumclaw is going full steam ahead with events. She noted Maple Valley is not cancelling their Farmer's Market and that contradicts what she has heard. She shared that Black Diamond has not hosted a single event other than the garage sale last year and feels the Labor Day Committee is hoping we will be in phase 4 by September and more people will be vaccinated. She noted it being a good idea to start planning for events and to look forward to something we use to do. She reported attending the PIC meeting and noted that this month is sexual assault month. She also attending the Planning Committee meeting.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

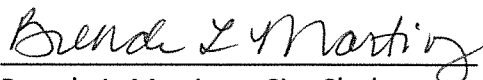
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 8:02 p.m.

ATTEST:



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Carol Benson, Mayor



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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk