

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 14, 2021
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

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, Stout, de Leon, O'Donnell, Paige. (Councilmember Paige was not present during roll call and entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

Staff present: David Linehan, City Attorney; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager

WORK SESSION:

1) Discussion on Councilmember Social Media Policy

City Attorney Linehan reminded Council that they started down this road about a year ago and then it got derailed. He noted that with the imminent launch of our website we needed to get this back on track for Council to discuss.

Councilmember Paige entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

He stated his hope for tonight is to get the framework for what Council would like for their rules. He discussed how the Mayor as the CAO for the city will be working on social media rules governing the city's sites.

Below are some topics/discussion points Attorney Linehan ran through during the work session:

- What do you want social media accounts to look like? A one-way interaction or a two-way interaction – Think about that and how you want them to be used.
- What social media platforms work best? Some may work better, and some may want to use all, and some may want to choose between the different platforms.

- Scope of what the policy would include. Would you adopt in Council Rules, or establish some city-wide policies that would apply to Council and the City?
- When formulating policy, it takes resources to implement and sometimes it makes sense to have just the council level separate and for staff to have control of access.
- Concerns about what kind of information can be published. It's always hard what the public might respond with, videos or statements. What kind of moderation policies?
- Discussion on OPMA and the need to make sure a public meeting does not happen. Some cities strongly discourage/prohibit Councilmembers from comments on each other's posts and this helps not to violate the OPMA. Others strongly caution not to have more than three, although that could be hard to keep up with.
- Public Records Act – Anything posted to the account will likely be considered a public record and the city needs to be able to capture that and have the tools to do that There needs to be a record of anything that was removed, when it was removed, and who removed it.
- Housekeeping rules – naming conventions to keep consistent.

Mr. Linehan noted that the above are high level considerations for Council to think about.

Mr. Linehan then shared some sample policies with Councilmembers from the cities of Kirkland, Sammamish, Vancouver, Stanwood, and Redmond. He again noted that the goal is have Council provide feedback to form a policy to be brought back at a future date for Council discussion or consideration.

Councilmembers expressed their preferences and concerns for the policy and gave direction to Mr. Linehan to form a policy framework to bring back for Council consideration.

2) Update on New Fire Station

MDRT/Ec Dev Director Williamson walked Council through a very high-level look of the fire station design elements and floor plan. He noted that once Oakpointe submits the building plans for the station the Community Development department will take over and he will be taking a back seat on the project.

He also discussed how the design took in to account the need to have a highly functional maintenance free station that could be expanded. He also discussed next steps and the boundary line adjustment.

Council thanked Mr. Williamson for his walk through and complimented him on the redesign as it shows good planning.

Mr. Williamson thanked Council for their support of the project.

ADJOURNMENT:

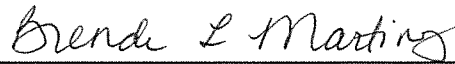
Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** by Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk