

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
April 8, 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, de Leon, O'Donnell, Page. (Councilmember Mulvihill was not present during roll call and joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.)

**ABSENT:** None

Staff present: David Linehan, City Attorney; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager

**WORK SESSION:**

**1) Discussion and Review of Council Social Media Policy**

City Attorney Linehan noted distributing a draft social media policy to Council earlier in the week along with the city's posting guidelines and moderation policy. He noted being happy to take feedback on what they would like in it so a draft policy could be brought forward for Council adoption soon.

There was a robust discussion amongst Councilmembers and Attorney Linehan on what they would like to see in the policy. Following discussion Mr. Linehan noted he would take the following suggestions he heard tonight and put them in a draft for Council review. 1) refine the wording "family friendly language", 2) specify what Council means by social media, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TicTok, Snapchat, YouTube, and others as they become more popular, and 3) include language to suggest that disparaging remarks towards a councilmember are highly discouraged. He further added if he missed something for Councilmembers to email him directly and his plan is to bring back at the next regular meeting for consideration.

**2) Discussion on Potential Marijuana Tax Revenue Opportunities and Code Updates**

Finance Director Miller shared a spreadsheet showing other cities and the dollars they receive from excise tax and B&O tax, and the timing of when policy can change to be eligible to receive excise tax. She also touched on the research FSC shared with Council during their presentation

on fire service options. She noted this is a possible future revenue source and it is a Council decision.

Attorney Linehan discussed the multiple steps that need to be taken should council decide to head in this direction. He pointed out needed code changes and potential zoning changes that Council would need to think about. He commented that the Council certainly has control over this situation and whether or not they are allowed. The Liquor Control and Cannabis Board are the ones who allow those businesses to obtain licenses and only a certain number of licenses remain in King County.

Following discussion there was consensus to start the process on this to gather information and hear what the citizens have to say. Mayor Benson will task the Community Development Director and City Attorney to make the changes to the code and move forward to the Planning Commission.

### 3) Discussion on Long Term Facility Planning

Mayor Benson updated Council on the building lease where City Hall is located. She noted that the architect and building inspector found some structural issues and the landlord has agreed to fix those and change the lease agreement so we are not paying rent in June before we can move in.

There was Council discussion on the high importance of continuing the process for long-term facility planning. It was suggested that part of the process would include hiring a consultant to do a refresh on the facility assessment study that was prepared a few years back, next would be to put out an RFQ based on the updated needs assessment, and to also form an ad hoc committee who would oversee the process.


Mayor Benson will have Mr. Williamson prepare a timeline showing benchmarks for the suggested process and bring back to Council at their May meeting.

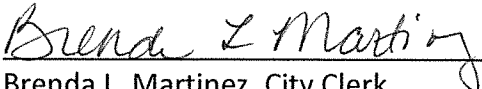
Councilmember Wisnoski asked for an updated timeline on the website. City Clerk Martinez reported that the City has hired a temporary employee to focus on this project and hopes to get it completed soon.

### ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Wisnoski **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** by Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Carol Benson, Mayor

  
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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk