

**CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

January 22, 2015

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the special meeting to order at 7:00:36 p.m. and lead us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Morgan, Edelman and Taylor.

ABSENT: None.

Staff present were: Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Mentoring Month Proclamation - Mayor Benson read the proclamation into the record regarding National Mentoring Month. (Proclamation attached).

Council Vacancy Recruitment Interviews - Mayor Benson had a member of the audience select from a hat the order of the interviewees for tonight. 1). William Giesen, 2). Patricia Pepper, 3). Craig Goodwin and, 4). Mario Sorci.

Mayor Benson noted that William Giesen is not in attendance and if he arrives will be interviewed last.

Councilmembers asked the following questions of all the candidates (Patricia Pepper, Craig Goodwin and Mario Sorci):

1. What encouraged you to apply for this city council vacancy?
2. What experience have you had with city Government or with managing any other organization?
3. What is your understanding of the Council's structure, responsibilities, and time commitment?
4. Please describe your community involvement within Black Diamond such as committees, boards, and groups that you are an active member of and any particular community accomplishments of which you are particularly proud.
5. What strengths and qualities will you bring to the City Council?
6. What is your vision of Black Diamond in ten years and how do you think you can contribute to fulfilling that vision?
7. In your opinion, please identify the most important issues that the City Council has addressed or plan to address in the very near future.

8. What are your 2 or 3 areas of greatest interest and why? For example, Public Safety, Parks, Public Works, finance, Land Use Planning, Traffic/Transportation Environment, etc.
9. How can the opinions of your constituents be incorporated in your decision making process?
10. Should you be confronted by an angry constituent or a Councilmember that seriously disagreed with you on an issue, how would you propose to handle such conflict?
11. What, if any, changes do you think should be made in the area of Public Safety for the City of Black Diamond? (Police and Fire) Why?
12. Have you looked at a copy of the City Budget? What changes would you make?
13. What do you see for the future of Black Diamond? How would you change that if you could?
14. Are you aware that this position is to fill the vacancy until the next general election in November of 2015? Should you want to continue in this position you will need to run for the seat in the general election.
15. Please make the case why we should select you as the next City Councilmember.
16. Do you have any questions for us?

(Note - Mr. Giesen did not show up for the interview process.)

Mayor Benson reminded folks that a decision will not be made tonight and will be on the agenda for the February 5, 2015 regular business meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Deady and **seconded** by Councilmember Taylor to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0). The meeting ended at 8:26:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk