

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 7, 2016

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Morgan, Edelman, Weber and Pepper.

ABSENT: None

Staff present were: Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Carol Morris, City Attorney and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

Mayor Benson announced the City received four Planning Commission applications to fill the three vacancies on that Commission. She also announced that Item #4 on the agenda is being removed due to it being sent to us in error as this is not the type of service the Department of Corrections provides for the City.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Oath of Office – Police Chief Kiblinger administered oath of offices to Councilmember Deady, Councilmember Edelman, and Councilmember Pepper.

Presentation - OakPointe - Brian Ross, Kirkland noted being happy to be in front of Council and as they start construction he thought it was appropriate to discuss where they are at and what the future holds. He is happy to start this open dialogue with Council and citizens so everyone knows what their plans are as they move forward. He further noted that with the start of development they are hopeful to have new residents living in The Villages in about two years from now and hopes to have some of the community amenities in place as well. He thanked Council for their time tonight and noted looking forward to starting regular ongoing updates with Council as the future of Black Diamond starts to unfold for everyone.

Colin Lund, OakPointe commented on this being an exciting time for them with the start of construction underway. He discussed the preliminary plats that have been approved and the construction areas that will be the primary focus over the next 18 months. He stated

that a sewer lift station, a storm pond, the roundabout at Lake Sawyer and Roberts Drive will be constructed during this initial phase, and about 320-350 residential lots will be available to home builders. He noted that through the Development Agreement and that process there are very rigorous guidelines to make sure they do things right. They have restricted work hours and also a noise hotline for folks to call. He also noted working diligently over many years and feels comfortable going forward. They will be utilizing the same contractor on site, Goodfellow Bros, Inc. out of Maple Valley and are looking forward to partnering with other individuals as the build progresses. In closing he invited folks to reach out to himself or Brian Ross with any questions or concerns they may have.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** - January 7, 2016 - No. 43007 through No. 43079 and EFTs in the amount of \$160,149.64
- 2) **Minutes** – Special Council Meeting of December 10, 2015 and Council Meeting of December 17, 2015

Councilmember Pepper asked that all items on the consent agenda be added to the packet material posted to the website. Mayor Benson agreed and will see this happens in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill McDermid, Black Diamond commented on the presentation by OakPointe and noted he continues to follow the project closely and the need for more technical details on the website.

Robbin Taylor, Black Diamond read her written comments into the record which are attached and incorporated into the minutes.

Peter Kellerman, Kent echoed Councilmember Pepper's request to having all consent agenda items posted online.

Peter Rimbo, Maple Valley echoed having more technical information posted on the website. He stated that the Citizens Technical Advisory Team is looking into the assignment actions that were adopted at the last Council meeting and that process still continues so written comments will be forthcoming. He asked two questions related to these actions. He then discussed that before his Council votes on matters many things float up from committees where the details have been worked out so when it comes before Council most of the concerns have been flushed out.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

AB16-001, selection of Mayor Pro-Tem

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Weber and **seconded** by Councilmember Pepper to appoint Councilmember Morgan as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

Resolution No. 16-1063, confirming the Mayor's Appointments to the Council Standing Committees

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt Resolution No. 16-1063, confirming the Mayor's appointments to the 2016 Council Standing Committees.

Councilmember Morgan moved to amend Resolution No. 16-1063 per the written request handout she provided to Council which is attached and incorporated into the minutes.

Councilmember Edelman discussed that in the past years Council has tried not to do this last minute stuff where Council is provided something to read at the dais and recommended that Council be given enough time to read and absorb before any decision is made.

Mayor Benson commented that it has been the policy not to adopt anything that is presented at the meeting.

Councilmember Morgan discussed the three things the proposed amendment does: 1) modifies Council's Rules of Procedure giving the Council authority to choose members of the Committees, 2) changes the Council Standing Committees assignments, and 3) directs the Mayor Pro-Tem to come back to the Council at the next regular meeting with new rules of procedure based on seven objectives:

1. Transparency and public participation should be maximized. Access to records with reasonable and predictable opportunities for public review should be ensured.
2. New policies to improve public notices, access to records, and minutes should be considered.
3. Council Standing Committees and Task Force Committees should be better aligned with Council priorities and streamlines to enable efficient participation by the public and staff.
4. Council Standing Committees should be empowered to review all legislation and be more clearly accountable to the legislative process.

5. Council authority to control and manage its legislative duties and functions should be simplified and clarified.
6. Councilmembers should have effective support for the conduct of their individual and collective legislative authority.
7. Rules of conduct should maintain high ethical standards and should recognize the authority of elected officials to serve the public to the best of their ability.

Councilmember Edelman commented that the committee assignments should be split evenly amongst the Councilmembers. She also commented that changing Council rules shouldn't be done on a resolution regarding committee assignments; it should be prepared on a separate resolution brought forward to Council.

Mayor Benson stated that she has the ability to have committees if she chooses to do so. She stated that if Council doesn't want to adopt the assignments as proposed then she will eliminate the committees. She also stated she has committees out of wanting Council to participate and help push legislation forward. She discussed the need to have attorney review on all agenda items.

Councilmember Morgan stated her amendment fully complies with the Council's rules of procedure, and they can vote to waive those rules if they need to. She cited rules 7.2.19 and 7.3. Rule 7.2.19 states "These rules may be amended, or new rules adopted, by a majority vote of the full Council at a Regular or Special City Council meeting." Rule 7.3 states " Waiver of Rules. The Council may, by motion that carries with an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the whole membership of the Council, waive, suspend, or modify these Rules of Procedure." She added the business of the citizens needs to get done and they need to have a platform under which to get to that. She stated plans to have new list of rules that she will get prepared for Council and she will also have a public meeting on them too. She further stated she had to do this as she was given no choice tonight as she is being asked to vote on the committee assignments.

Councilmember Deady commented that the Mayor's recommendations were fairly split between Councilmembers and the new proposed assignments appear to take Janie and herself out of committees as they are only on one committee. She also commented that she did not question the Mayor's choices and is happy to serve on any committee. She then asked why it was so important to have this big change on this agenda bill.

Councilmember Weber commented that he did not talk to the Mayor or question her choices and feels these committees are legislative. Mayor Benson stated the committees are not legislative; they are city business. They do push legislation through by making recommendations and she chooses not to have committees.

Councilmember Edelman discussed the importance of the Planning and Community Services committee and the important work they have been doing on the update to the Comprehensive Plan. She also discussed how the Mayor's assignments paired experience with less experienced members on the committees and feels this is the right thing to do.

Mayor Benson explained that her reason for putting the two new Councilmembers on the Finance Committee was to educate them through the year so that they could vote on the budget document.

Councilmember Weber stated he believes that it would be a disservice not to have committees. Mayor Benson agreed.

City Attorney Morris stated the Mayor can decide to withdraw this item from the agenda.

Mayor Benson **withdrew** this item from the agenda.

Resolution No. 16-1064, revising Fire Ad Hoc Committee Appointments

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Deady and **seconded** by Councilmember Edelman to adopt Resolution No. 16-1064, revising the appointed members of the Fire Protection Joint Ad Hoc Committee as extended by Resolution No. 15-1018 to be two Councilmembers, instead of identifying the individuals.

Councilmember Morgan stated that she wanted to add an amendment to this Fire Ad Hoc Joint Committee. She stated she had previously passed out her amendment which is pretty small. Her proposed amendment is attached and incorporated into the minutes.

Mayor Benson commented that she believed in order to amend this item, a meeting with the Chief Smith would be necessary. Mayor Benson **withdrew** this item from the agenda.

Councilmember Morgan stated she did discuss this idea with Chief Smith before bringing it up and her understanding is that Chief Smith thought the district would welcome this addition, and that he personally would welcome the continuity and institutional knowledge that Ron Taylor could bring to the committee. Mayor Benson stated she doesn't have a problem with that, however she is not going to accept the amendment and withdrew the item from the agenda.

Resolution No. 16-1065, revising Traffic and Transportation Ad Hoc Committee Appointments

Councilmember Pepper moved to amend Resolution No. 16-1065, by written copies of the amendment she prepared and requested the Clerk to distribute. The written amendment is attached and incorporated into the minutes.

Mayor Benson stated there are already five members on this committee and the proposed resolution is only amending to take the names off. She also stated there is already a procedure for selecting members for the transportation committee. Mayor Benson announced she is **withdrawing** this item from the agenda also.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the Fire Ad Hoc Committee meeting, Management meeting and Finance Committee meeting

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Deady reported attending the Fire Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Councilmember Morgan reported working on her new Council Committee rules.

Councilmember Edelman welcomed the two new Councilmembers and hopes that future meetings do not go this way. She suggested the new Councilmembers contact Jurassic Parliament and take her class. She recommended that in the future if there are amendments or revisions to talk to the Council. She noted wanting to have time to look at the changes so she could do her due diligence to make an intelligent decision on how to vote and she can't do that when things are thrown at her during the meeting. She reported attending the Finance Committee meeting and Fire Ad Hoc Committee meeting and discussed the importance of the ad hoc committees. In closing she commented that the type of stuff going on during tonight's meeting doesn't benefit anyone and we need to do better for our citizens and tax payers.

Councilmember Weber reported attending an orientation meeting with the Mayor and City Attorney. He moved to reconsider Resolution No. 15-1062 and would like to speak to his motion. He stated since the last meeting he has concluded that the Council should not have acted so quickly on this issue. The very short time frame...

Councilmember Edelman asked if a reconsideration could be done after the fact?

City Attorney Morris asked for clarification on what item is being asked for reconsideration. Councilmember Weber stated Resolution No. 15-1062, which was the assignment of the MPD Funding Agreement. Mayor Benson explained that she already signed the resolution and it is completed and in order to reconsider an item it needs to be done at the same meeting and therefore it cannot be reconsidered. Councilmember Weber **withdrew** his motion.

Councilmember Pepper reported attending a seminar in Covington put on by the Association of Washington Cities where 300 people over the state in various locations participated. She noted learning a lot of things she needs to know about being a Councilmember. She reported attending an orientation meeting with the Mayor and City Attorney. She also reported attending a meeting with Councilmember Morgan regarding the four County growth forecasts and patterns for Snohomish, King, Pierce and Thurston County.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney Morris commented she may not be able to fully serve as our Attorney if things are placed on the agenda and she is not provided a copy. She noted that she did not see any of the materials that were submitted to the resolutions tonight. She discussed the first item that Councilmember Morgan proposed which sounded like amendments to the Council Rules. She stated those need to be done in writing and pointed out that Section 3.1 of the council rules states "All items to be included on the agenda for consideration at a Council meeting should be submitted to the City Clerk in full no later than 10:00 a.m. nine days prior to the scheduled Council meeting. Once the agenda has been finalized and provided to the Council, items added to the agenda may be declined to be considered by the Council at the meeting for which the agenda was prepared, until a future Council meeting date, which date shall be specified by the Council." She stressed that should Council want legal review on items that she can't provide legal advice if she can't see the documents or get documents in advance.

Councilmember Pepper asked the City Clerk if there is a nine day warning bell or notification that goes out to get any amendments in to the Clerk. City Clerk Martinez stated there is no warning bell.

Councilmember Edelman encouraged Councilmember Pepper to talk to the City Clerk or the Mayor if there is something she wants to get on the agenda. She also discussed the need and importance to have attorney review on items.

City Attorney Morris also pointed out the Mayor is in charge of what goes on the agenda. Mayor Benson stated she approves what goes on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill McDermand, Black Diamond commented on the Councilmembers and Mayor getting their act together and stop bullying. He discussed the new councilmembers getting experience in parliamentary procedure by doing something over and over again – nobody should be put down.

Tina McGann, Black Diamond, commented on making a new year's resolution to start coming to council meetings and noted being shocked by the behavior at tonight's meeting. She asked how any business can be done when paperwork is being presented last minute. She discussed her experience sitting on many local boards and has never sat on a board where this has happened. You show respect and provide things ahead of time; you act as team. She encouraged the new councilmembers as well as the old that you're not just representing a group you are representing herself, her kids, her neighbors and every citizen in Black Diamond – not just a group, not just a special interest. Every single citizen deserves to be represented whether they are in attendance or not and we deserve better representation than this. She commented on being shocked by their selection of Councilmember Morgan as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Robbin Taylor, Black Diamond echoed Ms. McGann's sentiments. She discussed how the Council in the past has worked very respectfully of one other and did not pull this type of stunt. She wondered how these actions were in line with the Council Rules

Councilmember Morgan was presenting of being transparent as the packet material she was provided is now immaterial and she and the public have no idea what is being considered or voted on tonight.

Brian Derdowski, Issaquah thanked Council for their service and noted it being a tough meeting tonight. He gave an understanding of what rules of procedure and Roberts Rules are designed to do – empower elected officials. He discussed the role of the Mayor as presiding officer during a meeting and stated she is not permitted to engage in debate or discussion and doesn't control the agenda. He also commented on the need to be recognized before speaking. He discussed the action of reconsideration as proposed in the rules and legal counsel's advice on this that he believes is arguably incorrect and hopes this is verified so Councilmembers options are not precluded. He discussed his experience with Jurassic Park. He stated rather than using rules to empower the elected officials the rules were misinterpreted and disempowered. He further discussed the proper procedure for how items are removed from the agenda. He stated knowing of no jurisdiction that requires amendments to go through legal counsel. He discussed the procedure for waiving the rules and commented on important work not being done tonight due to the rules being misinterpreted in his judgment. He commended Councilmember Morgan's work on her proposed amendment. He discussed the need to get accurate information about Roberts Rules and Council's local rules as the local rules take precedence over Roberts Rules. He further discussed the need for the parliamentarian to be offering empowering advice as opposed to restricted advice. He congratulated Councilmember Morgan on her appointment as Mayor Pro-Tem and hopes the next meeting will be more productive.

City Attorney Morris responded to Mr. Derdowski's comments and stated that if she said it is required that she review amendments; that is not what she meant. However, if Council wants legal review of those amendments she needs to be provided a copy in advance of the meeting. Just reading those in a meeting is not going to give the Council any legal review of those amendments and that was her point. She noted it is not required and if Council wants to shoot from the hip and do things without legal review that is up to them (Councilmembers). She also noted that Roberts Rules does not govern Council meetings in all respect. She referred to Council Rules of Procedure 7.1 that states "Robert's Rules Supplementary," which means Council's adopted rules are governing and then you refer to Roberts Rules for what's not included. She discussed the Mayor's ability to remove matters from the agenda and stated normally she would agree that the Mayor can't remove matters from the agenda once they are on there. However, the matters that she pulled from the agenda were matters that were wholly within her authority. She commented that should the Council vote on resolutions to establish Council Committees, but the Mayor doesn't allow Council committees to go forward then the resolution has no affect anyway. The Mayor is the only person that can establish Council Committees so the resolution would be invalid to not going to allow those committees to go forward based on the Mayor's decision at tonight's meeting. She noted the Mayor may change her mind, but that was why she told the Mayor she could pull that item from the agenda.

She discussed the issue regarding the motion for reconsideration on the Funding Agreement. She stated Council can't reconsider absolutely every single action that's taken

by the Council, because some of the actions that Council takes and votes upon are executory, which means they are effective upon your vote and actions are taking in reliance upon that vote. She further stated you can't just say because we asked for reconsideration at the next meeting we should be able to withdraw that vote and change our minds. She noted this is possible for certain things and gave the example of a minor resolution that deals with gym rules. Should people not like the rules that were adopted you could reconsider that and amend them. However, when you are talking about an agreement that is between the City and the developer in which the developer has given a time period for performance and Council votes on this, then the developer has made and done actions upon reliance of the Council's vote, that is why this is not subject to reconsider. She noted heartedly disagreeing with the idea that just because Roberts Rules has procedures for reconsideration that absolutely every vote can be reconsidered.

Peter Rimpos, Maple Valley commented on being concerned about not having committees as they are useful and hopefully the public can participate. He hopes the committees can be discussed at the next meeting as they are important. He further commented that he's not sure that eliminating committees make sense and asked all to consider that.

Councilmember Deady discussed the written amendments that were proposed and suggested that the rules be a topic at a future workstudy so that all Council and citizens are aware of where she is going with the new rules.

Councilmember Morgan commented that the way she considered this happening is that she would hold a community meeting with citizens to review them and after the citizens have had their opportunity to line up what they think would be good for their participation she would then she would share their thoughts with the Council as a whole in some format. She agreed that having a workstudy on the Council rules is a really good thing so all Councilmembers are included and likes the idea of a collaboration between the Council, Mayor, staff and citizens.

Peter Rimpos, Maple Valley commented on the combined work session scheduled for next Tuesday and hopes the public would be able to get involved in the discussion as they have a lot of experience on Comp Plan. He noted that he would be in attendance at this meeting as well as other members from the Citizens Technical Advisory Team and the public.

Councilmember Edelman discussed that the workstudy coming up on Tuesday is a joint meeting with the Council consisting of five members and Planning Commission consisting of seven members to come up to speed on the Comp Plan update and does not feel it is appropriate to have public input at that time. She noted that public hearings will be held and there will be multiple opportunities to provide input throughout this process; however, this meeting is not the right place as it will be chaotic bringing 15 or 16 people up to speed. She also noted not discounting what he said she just doesn't feel it's the proper time right now.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

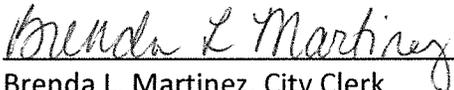
ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Weber and **seconded** by Councilmember Pepper to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk

When Dave Gordon was elected mayor he assured everyone that he had no intention of firing any personnel. Then before he even took office he fired the City Administrator, Mark Hoppin, and hired a new City Administrator before the first Council meeting of the new year. Dave Gordon's integrity flew out the window and City staff began to fear they too might be fired. This caused them to feel the need for protection so they voted to unionize.

Last month during the first Council meeting for Councilmember Weber the vote on the budget for 2016 was held. Both Councilmembers Morgan and Weber voted no, while giving no apparent reasons for their no votes. Councilmember Taylor, on the other hand, had already informed other Councilmembers that he would vote no on the budget if it did not contain full funding for the Fire Study. The budget did not, so Councilmember Taylor voiced the reason, again, for not supporting the budget.

The following week a budget work study was held for the benefit of Councilmembers Morgan and Weber to air their concerns and gain understanding of the budget so it could be passed. At that time both voiced concern about not fully funding the Fire Study, and agreements were voiced by both that they would support the passage of the budget if the Fire Study was fully funded. Of course Councilmember Taylor was thrilled to support the budget when assured it would indeed fully fund the Fire Study.

At the very next Council meeting when the newly amended budget was brought to the floor again, I was shocked to see that Councilmembers Morgan and Weber did not keep their word as promised and both voted against the budget. Again, no reason was given as to why they would not support the budget, other than Councilmember Morgan stating she just didn't understand the budget and that was her failing.

Two issues here. Integrity. Dave Gordon said he wouldn't fire anyone, then turned around and did just that. Integrity, lost.

Councilmembers Morgan and Weber, you gave your word that you would support the budget, then you turned right around and voted against it. As Erika said, she would vote no because it was going to pass. I don't care that it was going to pass, you said you were going to support it, and you should have made good on your word! Brian, you said you would support it, then you also voted against it. Your second meeting as a Councilmember and you LOST your integrity right there on the spot. How can anyone again ever believe what either of you say after that? Brian, how can your fellow Councilmembers ever have any faith in you when you threw your integrity away so quickly?

Secondly. Neither of you gave a reason for not supporting the budget either time it was brought to a vote. No citizen knows why you would not support it. Councilmember Taylor gave his reason, just as the past Council always spoke to every issue brought before them giving

voice as to why they were supporting, or not supporting any given issue. Is this how the new Council, (Morgan, Weber and Pepper) plan on conducting business now that you have the majority votes? Is this how Save Black Diamond and Brian Derdowski plan on running the City? Integrity, openness and transparency be damned, because the Save Black Diamond Councilmembers have an agenda?

Remember, the "Yarrowbay" Councilmembers had an agenda and the citizens were extremely frustrated with them. Starting with Dave Gordon, then continuing on with Councilmembers Morgan and Weber, so far the "Save Black Diamond" Councilmembers don't smell any different from the "Yarrowbay" Councilmembers.

BTW, Councilmember Morgan, this was your 3rd budget process, yet this was the first time you voiced not understanding it, then using that as a reason to vote against the budget. I don't know for sure what the reasoning is behind you two voting against the budget, or why the reluctance to give a reason. The way you both conducted yourselves does not, and should not, give anyone confidence in your desire to govern openly. The track record of the Save Black Diamond candidates has proven to be one lacking in integrity and transparency, beginning with Dave Gordon and now Morgan and Weber. It remains to be seen if Councilmember Pepper will maintain her integrity, or throw it away just as quickly as Councilmember Weber did.

Resolution No. 16-1063 – Confirming the Mayor’s Appointments to the Council Standing Committees is amended as follows:

To the Title, delete “~~Confirming the Mayor’s Appointments to the~~” and add the following title:

“Resolution No. 16-1063 – Council Standing Committees.”

To the Resolution, add the following:

“The Rules of Procedure of the City Council of the City of Black Diamond, Washington are amended as follows:

Delete existing Section 18.1.2 and insert a new Section 18.1.2 as follows:

18.1.2 Appointment of Council Standing Committee Chair and Members. Annually at its first meeting in January, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the Council upon a majority vote of at least the whole membership of the Council shall approve the membership and Chairs of the Council Standing Committees. Committee Chairs and members may be removed or added by a majority vote of the full Council at a Regular or Special City Council meeting.”

To the Resolution, remove the two “Whereas” clauses and replace with:

“WHEREAS, in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure Section 18.1.2 as amended above in this resolution, the City Council will select the membership of Council Standing Committees; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is to put forth Council appointments to the Council Standing Committees;”

To the Resolution, delete and replace the committee names, chairs, and membership in Section 1 with:

“2016 Budget, Finance, Administration Committee
Chair Brian Weber, Erika Morgan

2016 Cemetery and Parks Committee
Chair Erika Morgan, Pat Pepper

2016 Planning and Community Services Committee
Chair Pat Pepper, Brian Weber

2016 Public Works Committee
Chair Erika Morgan, Janie Edelman

2016 Public Safety Committee
Chair Tamie Deady, Brian Weber"

To the Resolution, add the following:

"The Mayor Pro-Tempore, with another Councilmember of his/her selection, is requested to propose an amended 'Rules of Procedure of the City Council of the City of Black Diamond, Washington' at the next Regular Meeting of the City Council. The rules should accomplish the following objectives:

1. Transparency and Public Participation should be maximized. Access to records with reasonable and predictable opportunities for public review should be ensured.
2. New policies to improve Public Notice, Access to Records, and Minutes should be considered.
3. Council Standing Committees and Task Force Committees should be better aligned with Council priorities and streamlined to enable efficient participation by the public and staff.
4. Council Standing Committees should be empowered to review all legislation and be more clearly accountable to the legislative process.
5. Council authority to control and manage its legislative duties and functions should be simplified and clarified.
6. Councilmembers should have effective support for the conduct of their individual and collective legislative authority.
7. Rules of conduct should maintain high ethical standards and should recognize the authority of elected officials to serve the public to the best of their ability."

Brenda Martinez

From: Erika Morgan
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 4:27 PM
To: Brenda Martinez; Erika Morgan; Janie Edelman; ouronlymayamelia@comcast.net; Tamie Deady
Cc: Carol Benson
Subject: Resolution 15-1018: proposed amendment

Resolution 15-1018:

I propose an additional amendment to section 1 of this resolution so the first sentence reads:

" The FIRE PROTECTION JOINT AD HOC COMMITTEE will continue to be composed of two appointed members of the City Council plus one member of the public at large and two appointed members of the Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners."

supporting notes;

1. I propose that a citizen at large is added to the list of the city appointees to be chosen by the City Council as a whole.
2. These Ad Hoc Committees are charged with completing a particular and defined assignment, and are disbanded when that assignment is completed.
3. This adjustment will allow for continuity, directness and the passing on of the institutional knowledge of the committee as it completes its stated assignment, which is not assured if the parties on the committee change with elections and re-assignments. The responsiveness of the committee to the possibility of a new mandate from the public will be adequately represented by the two elected City Councilor participants on the committee.
4. I asked Chief Smith about this idea before bringing it to you; my understanding of what he told me is that, "he thought the District would welcome this addition, and that he personally would welcome the continuity and institutional knowledge that Ron Taylor can bring."
5. I propose Ron Taylor as the member of the public to be added at this time because of his current institutional knowledge of the proposed pre-annexation issue and the issues around our fire service as the previous Chair Person of the Council Safety Committee and member of this particular Ad Hoc Committee.
6. An informational / educational element will be needed to finance improvements we need to make to our fire service. This must happen before there can be any annexation. Active participation by the Taylor's, will be an important contribution to the cause.

thank you

Erika Morgan
BDCC pos #2

Amend Resolution No. 16-1065 as follows:

Delete Section 1 and insert the following:

An Ad Hoc Traffic & Transportation Committee of the Council be established to include two members of the Council, the Mayor, and one member of the public. The two Councilmembers and the member of the public will be appointed by Council resolution. The Chair of the committee shall be chosen by the Mayor and Councilmembers.