

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 21, 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 led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Kevin Esping, Facilities Coordinator; Megan Ross, Police Officer; David Linehan, City Attorney, and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Benson announced attending the Black Diamond/Maple Valley Chamber Wacky and Wild Golf Tournament along with Councilmember Deady and her husband. She reported they won first place for having the best decorated golf cart and were awarded a trophy. She also gave credit to Councilmember Deady's family for their help on the design.

Councilmember Pepper asked for the floor. A point of order was called and Mayor Benson ruled out of order. Councilmember Pepper appealed the decision asked the Chair what was the decision. Mayor Benson again called her out of order. Councilmember Pepper asked to please state the point of order and appealed the decision of the Chair. Councilmember Morgan seconded the appeal and Mayor Benson ruled out of order.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to approve the Consent Agenda.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Morgan to not approve the Consent Agenda as we need to hear from the public first. Motion **died** due to lack of second.

Motion **passed** 3-2 (Morgan, Weber). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** – July 21, 2016 - No. 43712 through No.43759 and EFTs in the amount of \$161,913.56
- 2) **Minutes** – Tri-City Council Meeting of May 4, 2016

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Pepper to amend the motion to not approve the consent agenda until we have a substitute agenda as the agenda she distributed to the Council which was created in accordance with the Council rules and the Clerk and Mayor were notified of the needed changes and was emailed to the Council on Tuesday. Mayor Benson called her out of order. Motion **died** due to lack of second.

Mayor Benson noted the agenda is illegal and Council can add or remove items from the agenda, but not substitute an agenda.

Councilmember Pepper appealed the decision of the chair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ginger Passerelli, Black Diamond commented on the Soup Ladies representing Black Diamond in Dallas where the five police officers were killed in the line of duty. She noted they served close to 3,000 meals during the nine days they were there. While there she asked for a list of fire departments who responded to the tragedy. She noted the City's Fire Department District 44 overnighted a t-shirt and badges from their department and when she arrived at the first fire station she realized it was Station 44 and presented these to that department. She also commented that while she loves to represent this wonderful community the behavior at this meeting breaks her heart.

Councilmember Edelman thanked Mrs. Passerelli for all she is doing.

Angelina Taylor, Port Orchard discussed the pulling of the DKS and Yvonne Ward vouchers on both agendas. She noted these are services that have already been rendered. She also discussed the Talmadge bill.

Colin Lund, OakPointe briefed Council on the progress of the MPDs and where they are at. He noted Goodfellow Brothers is the primary contractor and they are doing a great job. He highlighted the projects that are currently being worked on and added they have a refreshed website www.inblackdiamond.com and on it is a place to sign up to receive their newsletter. He also added that if anyone has any issues or concerns to please give him a call and if any Councilmember would like a one on one tour he'd be happy to set one up.

Robbin Taylor, Black Diamond commented on the use of committees. She noted there being committee meetings on July 20 and wondered how those meeting were noticed. She stressed that no one knew there were committee meetings on the 20th where three councilmembers were present.

Brock Deady, Black Diamond commented on appreciating the update from OakPointe and as a citizen would like to hear more updates. He agreed with Robbin Taylor's comments and would have like to have been invited to the committee meetings on the 20th.

Darrell Bryant, Black Diamond urged Council to consider approving the Labor Days Special Event Permit tonight. He noted this event has been here for over 100 years and it would be a shame to have it go committee.

Judith Carrier, Auburn commented on what is happening in our country and what is happening in the Council Chambers and discussed certain items on the voucher registers.

Melissa Oglsbee, Black Diamond encouraged Council to keep the Labor Day celebration on the agenda as it is a timely matter. She noted the 12 committee members have worked really hard on this event for the last nine months. It takes approximately \$15,000 to run this event and so far they have raised \$9,000 in donations. They have spent \$2,500 on insurance for the parade which is non-refundable and again she encouraged Council to keep this item on the agenda and let the community come together and enjoy each other and have fun.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

DKS Claim Voucher

Councilmember Pepper asked for the floor and called Point of Order. Mayor Benson called her out of order as she has not been recognized to speak. Councilmember Pepper appealed the decision of the Chair. Mayor Benson again ruled her out of order. Councilmember Morgan seconded Councilmember Pepper's appeal. Mayor Benson ruled her out of order. Point of Order was called for by Councilmember Edelman. Mayor Benson continued to call Councilmember Pepper out of order.

Mayor Benson called a five minute recess at 7:28 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 7:34 p.m. and noted the next item on the agenda is the DKS Claim Voucher.

Councilmember Weber commented that this item was voted down at another meeting and doesn't understand why it is back on the agenda. He noted there not being a contract with DKS and would like to table this item.

Discussion began between Councilmembers on this item and Councilmember Weber noted being concerned that the city did not have a direct contract with DKS as the contract was with BergerABAM and the responsibility lies with BergerABAM.

City Attorney Linehan was asked if the City had a contract with BergerABAM would that constitute a contract with DKS who was a subconsultant. He stated he would need to review the contract with BergerABAM and did say that typically once the city has received the benefit of services provided, whether there is or is not an expressed contract, there is an unjust enrichment claim that can be made against the City for unjustly being enriched by being the recipient of services for which it has not paid.

Councilmember Weber asked Attorney Linehan how that works as far as the municipal code. Does one override the other? Attorney Linehan stated what's in the municipal code is an entirely separate matter from whether or not there is a liability to a third party resulting from the City's receipt of services without paying for them.

Discussion continued amongst Councilmembers on this item regarding postponing, contract with BergerABAM, supporting documentation and the work product the city received.

Councilmember Pepper read Council Rule 7.2.8 regarding tabling of an item.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Weber and **seconded** by Councilmember Morgan to postpone this item to the August 4th regular Council meeting.

Discussion continued with the focus being on why this item needs to be postponed.

Vote: Motion **passed** 3-2 (Edelman, Deady).

Yvonne Ward Claim Voucher

Councilmember Weber discussed asking for some information from the City on this matter. He noted he did get most of the information he requested. He also noted his request for all correspondence with Ms. Ward was turned into a PDR which will take 20 or more business days for a response. He stated he would like to go through the invoice in detail to see if the City got what we paid for.

Council discussion continued on this item.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Weber and **seconded** by Councilmember Morgan to postpone this item to the August 4th regular Council meeting. Motion **passed** 3-2 (Edelman, Deady).

Resolution adopting the 2017-2022 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for the City

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt the resolution adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

There was Council discussion regarding not having specifics to the proposed projects and no connectors. Councilmember Weber noted there are still some questions out there that he has.

Vote: Motion **failed** 2-3 (Morgan, Weber, Pepper).

Community Development Director Kincaid cautioned Council not to confuse the maps from the incomplete work from DKS as the TIP is using current information from the current comprehensive plan and that is why you update the TIP and Comprehensive Plan yearly so they are consistent.

Resolution authorizing a contract with DKS Associates

Community Director Kincaid thanked Council for reconsidering this contract. She noted this resolution authorized the Mayor to enter into a not to exceed contract with DKS for the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan. She highlighted the seven tasks associated with this contract and recommended that Council not spend the money on the last task regarding attendance at hearings.

There was Council discussion on this item.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with DKS for the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan and deleting task 7 from the scope of work as recommended by Ms. Kincaid.

Vote: Motion **failed** 2-3 (Morgan, Weber, Pepper).

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution authorizing a services contract with Kenyon Disend, PLLC

Mayor Benson stated that by law the City is required to have a City Attorney. She added this item was voted down before, however the City needs to have an attorney and that attorney needs to be confirmed by the Council.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a services agreement with Kenyon Disend, PLLC.

There was discussion between Councilmembers on this item and an inquiry was made on where the legal services budget is at currently for 2016.

Vote: Motion **failed** 2-3 (Morgan, Weber, Pepper).

Resolution approving the Labor Days Special Event Permit

Community Development Director Kincaid reported Black Diamond Municipal Code states that a special event application for a multiple day event must be approved by Council. She noted this is a city sponsored event. The Labor Days committee has fulfilled all the responsibilities as provided for in code and the event will take place in the same area as in

the previous years. She invited Melissa Oglsbee to talk about this year's event and asked Council to support staff's recommendation of approval.

Ms. Oglsbee discussed the lineup for this year's event and urged Council to consider approving the permit tonight.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers on the paperwork for this year's permit.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to approve the Labor Days special event permit.

Discussion continued between Councilmembers on why there is a need to wait to approve this item.

Point of order was called for and Mayor Benson ruled Councilmember Morgan out of order.

Mayor Benson called a five minute recess at 8:48 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 8:53 p.m.

Vote: Motion **failed** 2-3 (Morgan, Weber, Pepper).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:00 p.m. Mayor Benson announced a fifteen minute executive session to discuss with legal counsel eminent domain litigation as allowed under RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and (1)(i) with no action to follow. Mayor Benson announced a five minute extension.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:20 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson announced that she and Councilmember Deady attended the AWC Conference in Everett; attended SCA networking dinner, Chief for a Day fundraiser, Chamber's Wild and Wacky golf tournament; met with Les Burberry (new Maple Valley Councilmember) and he is looking into the future on SR169 projects and funding for these with King County.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Deady discussed the AWC Conference she and the Mayor attended; reported receiving her Certificate for Municipal Leadership Training Program; attended SCATBd meeting; met with Finance Director Miller on vouchers; attended Public Safety

meeting, Miners Day festival, and Chief for a Day fundraiser; noted running the free kids booth station at the Farmer's Market every Friday; served soup at Joint Base Lewis McCord as a Soup Lady.

Councilmember Morgan – no report.

Councilmember Edelman discussed the Chief for a Day fundraiser and noted that over \$1,800 was raised. She discussed the AWC Conference and the Councilmembers having a training budget and this budget was used for the Mayor's and Councilmember's Deady attendance.

Councilmember Weber commented on the Soup Ladies being an awesome group and appreciated that they are from Black Diamond; inquired about the new location of the Farmer's Market and wondered how it is working out.

Councilmember Pepper noted she would like to see a sign for the gym so people are aware the City has one and its location. She also noted participating in the 5K run on Miners Day.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney Linehan reported working hard with the Public Works and Community Development departments on projects. He also reported working with the Police and Administration on public record requests. He discussed it being very helpful for Council to think about the kinds of legal issues that might come up on an item on the agenda and to ask the attorney prior to the meeting. He noted this helps legal counsel do a thorough analysis so he can give good legal advice rather than off the cuff at the meeting which will be vague. He also added he can respond with that communication having attorney-client privilege.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Angelina Taylor handed a public records request to the Clerk. She personally apologized to all the police and first responders in regards to a speaker comparing events here tonight with those happening in Texas and Baton Rouge. She discussed the Labor Days event not costing the city a dime; she questioned the hiring of an attorney from Bainbridge Island; she also noted the three councilmembers could be sued for voting the voucher items down.

Leslie Coulee, Black Diamond stated that she is on the Labor Days Committee and being here tonight regarding the special event permit. She also commented on how the room emptied after the action of Council voting that item down.

Robbin Taylor, Black Diamond commented on the insurance for the Labor Days parade being non-refundable and the city not paying anything for this event. She discussed the dismissal of the Edelman lawsuit, the firing of Carol Morris and the Talmadge contract being signed before there was Council action on it.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Deady and **seconded** by Councilmember Weber to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). Meeting ended at 9:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol Benson, Mayor

Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk

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