

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

September 13, 2018

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

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, Edelman, Stout and Wisnoski.

ABSENT: None

Staff present were: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Andy Williamson, MDRT/Economic Development Director; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

1) Discussion on Fire Service Analysis/Annexation

Mayor Benson welcomed everyone and noted that tonight's work session is a discussion on a Fire Service Analysis for Black Diamond. She then turned the meeting over to Finance Director Miller.

Finance Director Miller discussed the following areas with Council:

- Population
- Discussion on houses sold and houses permitted
- Assessed valuation trends
- General Fund expenses
- Other funds used to support fire expenses
- Fire Impact Fee revenue
- Real Estate Excise Tax II from the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan
- King County assessed valuation vs. levy rates – how it works
- Property Tax excess capacity available WITHOUT annexation
- Property Tax impact WITH annexation
- Difference between levy rates and voted bonds
- Black Diamond tax growth and how Black Diamond is property tax dependent
- Citizen tax impact
- Discussion on fire station that will be built soon in old town by the developer
- Current deficiencies the city has regarding fire service and the need to address it
- Pre-annexation agreement speaking to the deficiency

- City tax impact and Fire District 44 tax impact

There was back and forth discussion regarding the timing of annexation and the expectation as information has changed and needs to be reviewed again.

Chief Smith noted the district is interested in moving forward and explained what that would like that.

MDRT Director Williamson discussed what OakPointe has agreed to and what is on the table regarding a new fire station in old town.

There was discussion on lid lifts and what the net loss to the City will be as there is a need to answer questions the public may have. Councilmember Deady added the last lift lid was in 2009 and both police and fire are deficient, and Council should be going to the citizens to bring the Level of Service (LOS) up.

There was discussion on the length of time it takes for government agencies to get things going and the need to have a plan, so the Council and Citizens know what it is happening and why.

Councilmember Wisnoski again stressed, the need to be able to tell our citizens what the City's plan is for fire service and annexation. Also, the need to figure out what the City's fair share is.

Fire District discussed the need to look at the citizens of the district not carrying the City. Councilmember Edelman stated this would be a discussion with the District, the Mayor and the Finance Director.


In closing, it was discussed that the City is still moving forward with annexation into Mountain View Fire District, however the timing is still up in question.

ADJOURNMENT:


Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Edelman. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

The meeting ended at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk