

**City of Black Diamond/City of Covington/City of Maple Valley  
Special Meeting – Joint City Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Black Diamond Mayor Carol Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

**BLACK DIAMOND COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Carol Benson, Councilmember Tamie Deady, Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Oglesbee, Councilmember Chris Wisnoski, Councilmember Leih Mulvihill, Councilmember Kristiana de Leon, Councilmember Bernie O'Donnell, Councilmember Debbie Page.

**COVINGTON COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Jeff Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Sean Smith, Councilmember Kristina Soltys, Councilmember Jennifer Harjehausen, Councilmember Jared Koukal, Councilmember Joseph Cimaomo, Jr., Councilmember Elizabeth Porter

**MAPLE VALLEY COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Sean P. Kelly, Deputy Mayor Dana Parnello, Councilmember Linda Olson, Councilmember Les Burberry, Councilmember Erin Weaver, Councilmember Syd Dawson, and Councilmember Linda Johnson. (Councilmember Johnson was not present during roll call and joined the meeting late)

**OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR BENSON:**

Black Diamond Mayor Carol Benson welcomed all attendees.

**ITEMS FOR JOINT COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

1. King County Council Update – Councilmember Reagan Dunn

Councilmember Reagan Dunn gave an update on the State of the County including the spike in violent crimes in King County, changes and cuts to the King County Sheriff's office, the state of the King County Criminal Justice System, addressing the needs of the Prosecuting Attorney's office, the recent passage of the County's supplemental COVID 7 budget.

2. Updates from Cities (Black Diamond, Covington, Maple Valley)

Mayor Carol Benson provided a presentation with the update for the City of Black Diamond.

City Manager Regan Bolli provided a presentation with the updates on projects with the City of Covington.

City Manager Laura Philpot provided a presentation with the updates on projects with the City of Maple Valley.

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3. Discussion Topics

a) Aquatics/Recreation Center Feasibility Study

Ethan Newton of Covington introduced Rustin Hall the City's consultant from ALSC Architects. Mr. Hall shared an awareness of what this study is all about and where they are in the process.

b) IRONMAN Event Update

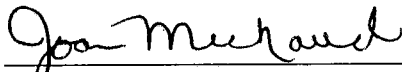
Maple Valley City Manager Lara Philpot discussed the upcoming IRONMAN event that will take place on September 19, 2021. She touched on the opportunities it will afford our area. She shared the course route and noted there are 2,780 participants signed up. She discussed the communication plan and on July 19 there will be an informational meeting. She announced there is lots of opportunity to volunteer for this event.

c) Highway 19 Project Update

City of Covington City Manager Regan Bolli gave background information of how the SEAL TC partnership started and how their singular focus was securing funding for this project. He discussed the process they used and how they met with many legislators about this project and the need for getting funding in the transportation packages.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Benson at 8:41 p.m.



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Joan Michaud  
City Clerk