

**CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSTUDY NOTES**

January 22, 2009

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

Mayor Botts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Botts, Councilmembers Hanson, Bowie, Boston, and Mulvihill.

ABSENT: Councilmember Olness (Excused)

Staff present: Gwendolyn Voelpel, City Administrator; Aaron Nix, Natural Resources/Parks Director; Andy Williamson, Economic Development Director; Tom Guilfoil, Assistant City Attorney and Brenda L. Streepy, City Clerk.

Proposed Sensitive Areas Ordinance

Natural Resources/Parks Director Nix reported he looked into the matter of allowing stormwater detention facilities in the buffers and if we do allow these we do have to have access for maintenance.

Councilmember Hanson stated she feels Council has agreed that the most important wetland is the Core as this is heart and is where the animals will travel and live, especially for the bigger animals. She proposed also using the habitat score to set the buffer sizes. By using this score you are allowing what is happening in the area to dictate what is reasonable, thus allowing for more flexibility. Following discussion there was Council consensus to have the City Attorney look into this option.


Other points of discussion were vegetation enhancement/management, changing the reasonable use provision square foot limitation for special provision for non-conforming lots from 2,000 square feet to 2,500 square feet. Following discussion there was Council consensus to make this change.

In closing, staff and legal counsel will look into issued proposed and those areas of concern that need clarification and report back to Council at another workstudy.

ADJOURNMENT:

The workstudy ended at 8:46 p.m.

ATTEST:


Howard Botts, Mayor


Brenda L. Streepy, City Clerk