

**CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSTUDY NOTES
July 2, 2009**

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

Mayor Botts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Hanson (Excused)

Staff present: Gwendolyn Voelpel, City Administrator; May Miller, Finance Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

Public Safety Levy

Mayor Botts explained the current public safety levy in effect sunsets December 31, 2010 and Council direction is needed on: 1.) when to put it on the ballot, 2.) length of levy, and 3.) levy structure.

Finance Director Miller reviewed with Council the following information:


- Election date options
- Deadlines for resolution submissions to King County
- Current public safety levy structure and potential revenue loss
- 2009 Property tax levy comparison for surrounding communities
- Examples showing cost to a \$300,000 home
- Handout showing where property tax money goes
- Property tax analysis for residents which included increases and decreases in assessed valuation
- Discussed how assessed valuation works for lid lifts
- Reviewed options for replacement levy at \$1.86, \$2.03 and \$2.46


After discussion, Council consensus was to place it on the ballot this November, length of levy would be six years, and to hold another workstudy to see options that include \$800,000 and \$220,000 homes.

ADJOURNMENT:

The workstudy ended at 6:52 p.m.

ATTEST:


Howard Botts, Mayor


Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk