

**CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSTUDY NOTES
September 17, 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 Hanson, Bowie, Boston, Olness and Mulvihill.

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Gwendolyn Voelpel, City Administrator; May Miller, Finance Director; Andy Williamson, Economic Development Director; Steve Pilcher, Community Development Director; Aaron Nix, Natural Resources/Parks Director; Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; Mike Barlow, Assistant Fire Chief; Loren D. Combs, City Attorney and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

General Discussion on Impact Fees

Mayor Botts reported that we have staff here upon request of Council to talk about impact fees. In particular, a couple of Councilmembers have expressed an interest in impact fees for parks. Mayor Botts explained that Finance Director Miller, City Attorney Combs, Public Works Director Boettcher and Natural Resources/Parks Director Nix were all here tonight to aid in their discussion but this is really your opportunity to talk as a group. He explained that first he would like to have Ms. Miller give a brief introduction to impact fees and explained that Council received background information in their packet material.

Finance Director Miller gave a brief introduction on impact fees and discussed types of impact fees other jurisdictions impose as well as school impact fees.

Key points of discussion:

- School impact fees
- Impact fees imposed on new construction
- Parks impact fees
- General government impact fees

Discussion took place regarding impact fees and their effect. Councilmembers requested that City Attorney Combs look into the City of Issaquah's ordinance on general government impact fees to see how it's structured and requested a study be done on GMA impact fees other than school impact fees.

ADJOURNMENT:

The workstudy ended at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Howard Botts, Mayor



Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk