

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

April 9, 2015

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

Mayor Benson called the meeting to order at 6:01:16 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Morgan, Edelman and Goodwin.

ABSENT: Councilmember Taylor.

Staff present: Aaron Nix, Community Development/Natural Resources Director; Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; Mayene Miller, Finance Director and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

Mayor Benson welcomed everyone and asked Mr. Nix to address Council on item #1 on the agenda, MPD Zoning.

MPD Zoning - Mr. Nix

Community Development/Natural Resources Director Nix reviewed with Council the map that was included in the packet material and the zoning suggestion/proposal from Mr. Kombol. He noted the public process that will need to be done on this suggestion. He noted he may have to do a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) on this and is checking into it. Mr. Nix stated this will need to go to Commerce for their 60-day review, however we can ask for an expedited review.

There was Council consensus that staff is going in the right direction to get the City out of moratorium.

Mayor Benson added that City Attorney Morris likes what is being proposed.

Bob Edelman, Black Diamond – asked which property the Council is discussing and the change is that this would no longer be a MPD overlay.

Mr. Nix responded, yes- that is correct.

Transportation Benefit District (TBD) - Mr. Boettcher

Public Works Director Boettcher reported this issue was raised by City Attorney Morris and she is currently doing a TBD for other cities. This was reviewed previously by Council which was on the heels of some significant rate increases and Council felt the timing was off and shelved this idea. He discussed this has been used in the past to focus on areas in need of improvements.

Council is looking at defining the Transportation Benefit District.

Finance Director Miller reviewed with Council the six-year street forecast she prepared. She also noted that while in a meeting with the Mayor and City Attorney Morris, Ms. Morris noted that funds can be used for operating costs. She discussed how if nothing is done with this fund, the City will be in the negative in 2016 and if we do a TBD then we will be in the negative in 2017, if growth should not occur. Staff is asking if this is something Council would like to move forward on and spend legal money on.

Mayor Benson noted that legal costs would be split between the other cities our attorney is preparing this item for so that would cut down on expense.

Councilmember Deady would like staff to bring back more information along with receiving input from City Attorney Morris and then make a determination.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0).

ADJOURNMENT:

The workstudy ended at 7:00:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk