

**CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES / WORKSTUDY NOTES**  
**May 12, 2011**  
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

Mayor Olness called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Hanson, Goodwin, Boston, Saas and Mulvihill.

**ABSENT: None**

Staff present: and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

Mayor Olness announced that the May 19, 2011 Council meeting is being cancelled due to lack of agenda items and we will be adding the consent agenda to the Special Meeting/Workstudy agenda on May 17, 2011.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Olness announced an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). No action was anticipated to follow the Executive Session, which was expected to last one hour.

The Special Meeting/Workstudy was called back to order at 5:03 p.m.

**WORKSTUDY:**

**Community Facilities Districts (CFDs)**

Mr. John Hempelmann, Cairncross & Hempelmann Legal Counsel for YarrowBay and Mr. Chris Hurst, State Representative for District 31 gave a few thoughts on this legislation from a legislative perspective. Discussed lack of future funds availability from the legislature for infrastructure needs and for capital as a tool it is a highly extraordinary tool that can be used.

Mr. Hugh Spitzer, Foster Pepper, Public Finance Lawyer noted he is coming at this angle from the perspective of a City.

Topics covered:

- CFD- Financing Tool or Independent
- CFD – Governmental
- What a CFD Isn't
- What a CFD Does
- Basic Special Assessment Rules

- Why CFDs Rather Than LIDs
- Things to Think About

Mr. John Hempelmann followed up with presentations.

There was Council-Presenter Questions and Answers dialogue.

Mayor Olness thanked all the presenters tonight for the useful information.


A **motion** was made by Councilmember Boston and **seconded** by Councilmember Mulvihill to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The workstudy ended at 6:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Rebecca Olness, Mayor

  
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Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk