

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

**June 6, 2013**

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

Mayor Olness called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Deady, Goodwin, Edelman, Benson and Taylor.

**ABSENT:** None.

Staff present: Andrew Williamson, Executive Director of Engineering Services/Ec. Dev.; Stacey Welsh, Director of Community Development; May Miller, Finance Director; Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; Chris Bacha, City Attorney; Mark Hoppen, City Administrator and Brenda L. Martinez, Asst. City Admin/City Clerk.

Mayor Olness welcomed everyone and introduced Ashley Emery from peninsula Consulting and noted this will be an interactive workstudy where Mr. Emery will be able to change options as requested so Council can get an idea of what that will do to the rates.

**Utilities Rate Study**

Mr. Ashley Emery, Peninsula Financial Consulting - congratulated staff and Council on their prior and current due diligence on the enterprise funds; he noted that growth will be the wild card in the interactive model especially for water and stormwater, but not as much for the sewer fund. The hope is to come up with the financial strategy tonight as any variable can be changed tonight in the click of a button.

Mr. Emery reviewed the following:

- Water fund – different scenarios and looked at water debt
- Recommended to implement at 15% rate increase for three years (2013 5 %, 2014 25% and 2015 15%)
- Stormwater fund
- Sewer fund

Finance Director Miller distributed her summary of the rate increases.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The workstudy ended at 6:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Rebecca Olness, Mayor

  
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Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk