

## MINUTES

**Eugene City Council  
Harris Hall, 125 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**June 17, 2013  
7:30 p.m.**

**Councilors Present:** George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Claire Syrett, Greg Evans

Mayor Piercy opened the June 17, 2013, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning the EWEB Downtown Riverfront Property**

City Manager Jon Ruiz introduced the item. After noting that the City Attorney's Office had connected with the Mayor and council to report any ex-parte communications, each councilor and the Mayor in turn announced that they had had no communications that would prevent them from being fair and impartial.

Mayor Piercy, opened the June 17, 2013, City Council Public Hearing.

**Support**

1. *John Simpson, EWEB Commissioner*, supported the plan, citing the good public process.
2. *John Brown, EWEB Commissioner*, stated that this process was in-depth and well-conceived.
3. *Kaarin Knudson*, noted there had been a lot of planning and collaboration to make this happen.
4. *Colin McArthur*, said it was a great process and impressive plan with a lot of potential.
5. *Roger Cray, EWEB*, said he was very supportive of the plan and heard overwhelming support.
6. *Mia Nelson, 1000 Friends of Oregon*, said the proposal meets many goals.
7. *Desireé Moore*, found the process to be inclusive and comprehensive.
8. *Daniel Rosenthal, architecture student*, shared some of the historical aspects of the steam plant.
9. *Mark Johnson*, complimented the process and the plan.
10. *Will Shaver*, supported the plan and its, extensive public involvement component.
11. *Shannon Dore*, expressed interest in the historic aspects of the plan and overall support.
12. *Matt Tierney*, supported the plan, noting it is a great site with rich cultural history.
13. *Phil Farrington*, said it is a great plan that enhances the river and blends uses.
14. *Mary Unruh*, said it was an impressive process and great plan deserving of implementation.
15. *Sherrill Necessary*, spoke in favor of proposed plan as a resident of downtown.
16. *Rob Zako*, noted the plan offers a wide range of options for people, density, and transportation.
17. *Alma Hesus*, said the plan will create a people-friendly place to relax, work and enjoy.
18. *Laura Potter*, stated that it is a unified and balanced plan, in harmony with planning goals.
19. *John Rowell*, said the project is a great fit and a vibrant addition to our city - please adopt it.

**Neutral**

1. *Tom Snyder*, said the City should retain the property and use the steam plant as a museum.
2. *Sandra Bishop, former EWEB Board member*, advocated protecting the riparian areas.

**Opposed**

*David Sonnichsen*, said he felt it was bad policy to privatize public land and subsidize development.

**Rebuttal**

1. *Colin McArthur*, addressed the zoning issues raised as a concern.

Mayor Piercy asked if any councilors wanted to hold the record open for further comment.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Taylor moved that the public record remain open until Friday, June 21, 2013. City Attorney noted there will be an additional seven- day period for rebuttals after the record has closed. **PASSED 8:0.**

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to cancel the post-meeting MUPTE discussion due to the lengthy public testimony **PASSED: 8:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Mortensen  
Deputy City Recorder