

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Joint Meeting with Eugene Water & Electric Board
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**July 23, 2014
12:00p.m.**

Councilors Present: George Brown, George Poling, Mike Clark, Greg Evans (*via phone*),
Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Councilors Absent: Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka

Commissioners Present: John Brown, Steve Mital, Dick Helgeson, James Manning, John Simpson

Mayor Piercy opened the July 23, 2014, City Council work session.

John Brown opened the July 23, 2014, EWEB Commissioners meeting.

A. WORK SESSION: Joint Meeting with Eugene Water & Electric Board

Vulnerability Assessment: EWEB Planner Jill Hoyenga gave a PowerPoint presentation on development of a program to help with emergency preparedness, key findings and actions being taken.

Discussion:

- Grateful to see all different parties come together.
- Training can instill a lot of confidence in the community.
- Retraining in emergency preparedness is important.
- Need to mend the north/south connections across the river.

Downtown Fiber: City of Eugene Urban Services Manager Denny Braud and Dean Alston from EWEB gave a brief PowerPoint overview of the downtown fiber project partnership.

Discussion:

- Project is important to economic development.
- Support expressed for expanding infrastructure to the community.
- U.S. is lagging behind other developed countries in this technology.
- Benefits that can accrue are worth the modest investment.
- Great example of intergovernmental collaboration and partnership.
- EWEB substations and reservoirs can help get the signal out citywide.

Riverfront: City of Eugene Urban Services Manager Denny Braud and Jeannine Parisi from EWEB gave a PowerPoint presentation update, details, and ideas moving forward with the Riverfront redevelopment plan.

Discussion:

- Connection from downtown to the river important.
- River-oriented development needed.
- Greenway should remain a public park.
- Appreciate approach using a master developer.
- Need to think about how decisions can affect viability of this project later.
- Right process for this project; may want to streamline similar projects in future.
- This is a legacy project for the community.

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder