



# **McMINNVILLE CITY COUNCIL - WATER & LIGHT**

## **PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK**

*McMinnville Water & Light Commission Meeting*

June 13, 2023



**City of  
McMinnville**

**BDS**





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- Welcome & Introductions
- Ground Rules + Expectations
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# OPENING REMARKS



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# GROUND RULES & EXPECTATIONS

- Participate fully
- Avoid interrupting
- Make space for others to speak
- Speak from personal experience instead of generalizing
- Accept hands-on facilitation
- Assume good intentions
- Understand the difference between intent and impact
- Seek consensus and compromise, so the group can progress together



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## THIS IS NOT ...

- A review of staff performance
- A forum for accusations



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# CHARTER

In addition to the mayor, there shall be **4 members** appointed by the Mayor for a **4-year term**

The Mayor, with consent of Council, may remove any member for cause  
3 members of the commission necessary for quorum

Commission have **charge of water works and lighting plants of the city**

Commission has power to:

- Conduct and manage the business delegated to Commission
- Establish rates
- Provide and shut off water + electric energy
- Make any regulations necessary and convenient to conduct business



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# KEY TAKEAWAYS– 1x1s

- Relationship between two bodies is strained
- Lack of trust and collaboration
- Understanding of roles and responsibilities is unclear
- Staff work well together (conflict is between leadership)
- Lack of familiarity with the Charter
- Need for improved education and mutual understanding of each body
- Shifts in revenue streams require attention
- Mutual commitment to people of McMinnville and desire for cooperation



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