



UTILITY BOARD MINUTES SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING June 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the Joint Study Session to order at 5:47pm.

Chair Tim O'Connell, Vice Chair Stephen Milton, and Board Members Meredith Lehr, William Pokorny, and Will Quantz participated remotely using a video teleconferencing platform by Zoom.

STUDY SESSION

AB 6281: Joint City Council and Utility Board Study Session: April Water Emergency Debrief

Deputy Public Works Director Alaine Sommargren introduced the following staff from Seattle Public Utilities (SPU): Alex Chen, Water Line of Business and Shared Services Branch Deputy Director, Julie Crittenden, Water Planning and Program Management Division Director, Wylie Harper, Water Operations and System Maintenance Division Director, and Kathy Curry, Wholesale Water Contracts Manager.

Mr. Chen presented information about the Seattle Regional water system, how water gets on to Mercer Island through the subregional pipelines system, the planned pipeline shut down and what happened with both broken valves, and the work that went into repairing the valves. Mr. Chen also spoke about lessons learned and next steps including development of options for long-term improvements, ordering, and stocking of spare valves, and looking at valve exercising and maintenance protocols.

The City Council and the Utility Board asked questions of SPU staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The Joint Study Session adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Attest: _____
Tim O'Connell, Chair

Jen Matsuda, CIP Administrative Assistant