



**DETROIT CITY COUNCIL**  
**Special Session Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 11, 2020**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Trett called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM at City Hall, 160 Detroit Avenue N., Detroit, Oregon.
- 2. ROLL CALL – Councilor’s Present** – Mayor Jim Trett Emergency Preparedness, John Manthe Water Commissioner, Gregg Sheppard Street Commissioner, Eric Page Parks Commissioner Bob Bruce City of Detroit Water Technician, Rob Henry HBH, Matt Del Moro HBH, City Recorder Kelly Galbraith, Heidi Lamb City Clerk
- 4. Work Session with City Engineer, HBH-** Councilor Manthe opened with questions about the contract between the City and HBH. Discussion followed with the City and HBH, regarding concerns about the work that is being done and the way the project is being handled. Rob Henry stated that he has wanted to do more to enforce, to make them do things how they are supposed to. Rob Henry explained how the contract was written, and how the contract is meant to protect both parties in the contract together. Councilor Page stated that the way this is being laid out it sounds like we don't have any protection. Discussion followed. Councilor Page asked questions regarding the condition of the streets before the contractors tore them up. They went on to discuss the condition of the streets before the job started and the condition now and who is partially responsible for the cost of putting the streets back to the pre-condition before the project. Discussion followed. Councilor Page brought up the concern of compaction on the project, council was informed that the contract company had to go back and do compaction again on some of the streets. Which now after the new compaction the tests are coming back and passing. Discussion followed, Matt Del Moro informed City Council that they have been holding payment until the contractors finish that phase of the project. Rob Henry explained what happens when you try and go after a company's bond. Councilor Page asked if the company has the opportunity for correction. Rob Henry explained that this would open up arbitration with the construction company, and it would allow them to come back on the job and correct anything that wasn't done correctly, discussion followed with questions about going after the company's bond which was not recommended. Mayor Trett asked Rob Henry if we let the company get all the lines finished, but we have to clean up the streets can we shut them down there? Could we use money from the loan to hire another company to do the streets. Rob Henry informed Council that the City would be breaking the contract, by breaking the contract that relieves them from providing warranties. Councilor Manthe asked Rob Henry what is his recommendation for our communities' safety with all of these holes and if somebody was to get hurt, who has the responsibility discussion followed Rob Henry stated that's in the contract that the engineer or the City can't do anything about the safety. The contract company is the liable one. Discussion followed regarding having an executive session. Councilor Page asked Matt Del Moro how long he has been on the job, Matt Del Moro informed council he has been on the job for almost two months he stated that the company has been going back and fixing most of the issues and they still have room to improve. They need to clean up City streets and keep working to maintain access, maintain their safety around the job site. They have started to address some of the clearly deficient work that they have already completed. Councilor Page asked if the northwest side has been pressure tested. Matt Del Moro reported that it has been pressure tested once, Discussion followed. Councilor Sheppard asked Rob Henry what is the City's liability if someone was to fall in a hole tonight. Rob Henry informed Council that the liability is with the contractors. Discussion followed regarding the safety of the community. Councilor Page brought up the concerns about this project getting completed correctly and the streets being done correctly, discussion followed. Councilor Page brought up that

we will have complaints if the streets aren't done correctly and possibly the water pressure being an issue. Rob Henry informed the council that in every water line project that is a typical complaint, and that is correct, it will not be any stronger until there is a fire, that will open up those lines with the flow to put those fires out. Just so you know that will be a complaint that you get. Mayor Trett stated that wasn't the reason we did this water project, Councilor Manthe stated that it was to keep the water lines from breaking. Councilor Page stated we have the line bore that hasn't been negotiated, Rob Henry stated that is correct, however, we do have the unit price so essentially it has been negotiated. Councilor Page asked so, is this company going to move forward with doing it or are they going to walk on this portion. Rob Henry said they indicated that they will be doing this portion. Councilor Sheppard asked is this the line on Forest Ave under the Hwy. Discussion followed. Councilor Page brought up the work on the meter's discussion followed, Rob Henry informed council that we can bid out the job for the meters. Mayor Trett stated sounds like we will call an executive session in the next week. Rob Henry said give them a couple of weeks. Mayor Trett stated that we are looking at June 25<sup>th</sup> discussion followed.

**5. ADJOURN** – Mayor Trett motioned to adjourn at 4:02 pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
James R. Trett, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly Galbraith, City Recorder