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Greg Sheppard, City Councilor
Eric Page, City Councilor
Michele Tesdal, City Councilor
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- I. Call to Order** – Council President Eric Page 6:30pm
- II. Council Roll Call** – Present- Councilors' Tesdal, Smith, Page and Mayor Trett. Present via Zoom – Councilors' Nielsen and O'Donnell. Absent with notice – Councilor Sheppard.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda** – Councilor Trett made the motion to approve, and Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor and passes unanimously, with Council Sheppard absent with notice.
- V. Nominate and Appoint Mayor/Oath of Office** – Councilor Smith nominated James Trett for Mayor of Detroit, and Councilor Nielsen seconded. No other nominations were brought forward. All in favor and passes unanimously, with Council Sheppard absent with notice. Mayor Trett took the Oath of Office.
- VI. Appointment of Council Liaisons by Mayor with the Consent of the Council**

Current Liaisons

- a. Streets – Greg Sheppard
- b. Building – Dean O’Donnell
- c. Emergency Preparedness – James Trett
- d. Water – Eric Page
- e. Police and Safety – Todd Smith
- f. Parks and Recreation – Michele Tesdal
- g. Commercial District Rebuild – Denny Nielsen

Mayor Trett asked council to approve as presented. Motion made by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Smith. All in favor, motion passes unanimously, with Council Sheppard absent with notice.

VII. Appointment of Personnel Review Board Members by Mayor with the Consent of the Council – Current Personnel Review Board Member:

- a. Todd Smith
- b. Michele Tesdal

Motion made by Councilor Trett to appoint Councilors’ Tesdal and Smith on the review board, seconded by councilor Page. All in favor, motion passes unanimously, with Council Sheppard absent with notice.

VIII. Appointment of Alternate Personnel Review Board Member by Mayor and Consent of the Council – Current Personnel Review Board Member Alternate

- a. Denny Nielsen

Motion made by Councilor Smith to appoint Councilor Nielsen as alternate person on the review board, seconded by councilor Page. All in favor, motion passes unanimously, with Council Sheppard absent with notice.

V. Appointment of Planning Commissioners by Mayor with Approval of Majority of the Council

- a. Kevin Cameron – 1 Year
- b. Teresa Maurmann – 2 Year
- c. Nancy Powell – 1 Year
- d. Adam Snyder – 2 Year
- e. Chris Storey – 1 Year
- f. Bill McCall – 2 Year
- g. Vacant 2 Year – Applications will be reviewed and applicant appointed. Chair to be appointed.

Councilor Page moved to approve the appointment of Planning commissioners, seconded by Councilor Tesdal. All in favor, motion passes unanimously, with Council Sheppard absent with notice.

- VI. Special Orders of Business – None**
VII. Committee Reports - None

This time is set aside for committees established by law, ordinance or other authority to report to the City Council on the committee's ongoing work.

VIII. Resolutions, Orders and Administrative Action-

- a. **RES 680 – Approving State of Emergency** – Mayor Trett declared a conflict of interest as he lost his home to some trees and if the state of emergency is in effect he may get additional funds from his insurance company and did not participate in the discussion or vote. Councilor Page also declared there could be a potential conflict of interest for him but has not heard from his insurance agency yet, but reserved his right to vote. Mayor Trett stated that The State of Oregon Ethics Commission was consulted and because there is just a potential conflict of interest, Councilor Page does have the right to participate in the discussion and vote on this issue. Councilor Nielsen made the motion to approve, Councilor Smith seconded. Mayor Trett stated that the city declared a state of emergency on December 19, 2025 that was forwarded to the Marion County Emergency Management Office. They are putting together a request to the State to declare the County a State of Emergency that could potentially open State/Federal funding. No guarantee that will happen, but they are trying. All in favor, passes unanimously with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.
- b. **RES 681 - Approval of Audit Plan of Action** – Michelle Connor – There has been a plan of action in place to segregate duties, with only 2 employees since September 12, 2023. Credit cards transaction has a plan in place since February 2025. The City Recorder is the only employee with a company card, so the City Clerk reviews the bank statements and verifies all receipts are attached. A new plan of action for next year for the ARPA funds there is a SEFA form that must be completed that matches the general ledger to show funds in/out over the year. Councilor Smith Moved to accept Resolution 681; Councilor Page seconded. No discussion. All in favor, passes unanimously with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.
- c. **Marion County – Automated License Plate Reader Agreement** – Michelle Connor- No information provided at this time.
- d. **Approval of Development Code Amendments** – Michelle Connor – There have been a couple of work sessions about updating the development code, RVs on commercial property and storage sheds on commercial property. The estimate for the updating of the code is \$10,470, not including completed work and travel time. There is \$1800 of a planning grant that was received that can be put towards the bill if council wants to go forward. No comments. Councilor Nielsen

moved to approve the amendments; Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor, passes unanimously with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.

- e. **ATV Ordinance – Todd Smith** – Sgt. Olson with Marion County Sherrif Dept. has come up with some ideas to clean up the ATV ordinance and to enforce it. This is just a discussion with plans to talk about it at the next Council meeting to get something in place by April 1st, 2026. The Draft covers a maximum speed limit of 20mph in town. Adding penalties if rules are violated: such as juveniles driving side by sides, golf carts or any other vehicle and speeding. If the recreation vehicle, car or golf carts gets sighted with a code violation, DUI, DWS, careless driving, then the city would revoke the permit for one year and would be subject to the Marion County tow ordinance. Also adding a spot on the application on the permit for birthday, drivers' license number, city of Detroit address (space #), mailing address and phone number. The document will be made sharable with Marion County Sherriff Dept for any infractions. There will also be a designated spot that the stickers be placed to the left rear on the vehicle. The signature on the permit will be held **liable** for the vehicle no matter who is driving it.

- f. **ARPA Grant – Matt Del Moro** – The grant construction projects completion date is September 1, 2026. The disbursement completion date is December 1, 2026. Still waiting on leak detection reports and can pivot and take care of those if needed. Water system upgrades will be worked on. The highest priority is getting the sand filters rehabilitated and back online. That involves contracting Portland Engineering that has handled the integration system, new level sensors and flow control valves and strainers. The top 12 inches of media will need to be removed and replaced with new media. Water mains will need to be upgraded starting with Clester, small lane HWY 22, Humbug and Mackey depending on leak detection report.

A bid has come in for the redevelopment of the old City Hall on Detroit Rd. for a pavilion with a parking lot. The bids came in exceeding the funds available from the city. Councilor Nielsen, Michelle Connor and Matt Del Moro will sit down with the low quote from K & E Engineering for \$180K and the funds the city has available to see what can be done. The city has received another \$20K to apply to this project. Councilor Page made a motion to accept the contract and Councilor Nielsen seconded. All in favor, passes unanimously with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.

IX. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Detroit City Council – December 9, 2025. Councilor Page made the motion; Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor, passes unanimously with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.
- b. Approval to Pay the Bills – Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Smith. All in favor, passes unanimously with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.

X. Staff Reports

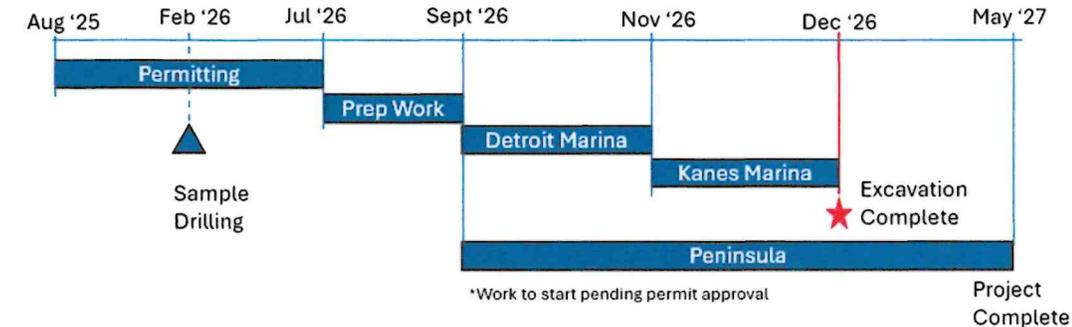
- a. Marina Excavation – Charles Bury – Not Here
- b. Ordinance & Community Engagement Officer - None
- c. HBH Engineering - Matt Del Moro None
- d. City Recorder – Michelle Connor – Thanked everyone that jumped in to help with the storm clean up.
- e. Planning – Mcrae Carmichael- Not Here
- f. Marion County Sheriff – Garrett Olsen - See Above (XII e)
- g. USFS – Michelle King- Not here, Councilor Page updated that the Forestry Dept. will do road clean up on 22 soon.
- h. Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District – Fred Patterson - None
- i. North Santiam Sewer Authority – Denny Nielsen - NSSA will be meeting in February regarding who will be operating Mill City & Gates. Councilor Neilsen will report back next month. Chip Bury, Economic Development Program Manager for Marion County has sent an email providing updates on the marina:

Project timeline: we are using the timeline below and are still on track as of now.

Exploratory Drilling: some exploratory drilling will take place in mid-February in Detroit Marina. This is done to determine what rock formation lies below the surface to better plan the excavation work.

Army Corps of Engineers: we are engaging with the Army Corps of Engineers on a regular basis, providing them with all the necessary documents and clarifications they need to move the permitting forward.

The exploratory drilling next month and the movement of some equipment and material around the Detroit Marina may generate some renewed interest in the project. If you have any idea on how best to get the word out about the project so that we keep the public informed, please let us know.



Detroit Marinas Project Timeline

as of Sept 15, 2025

- Aug '25 – Permits are in and in review with Army Corps
- Feb '26 – Exploratory drilling at Detroit Marina
- Jul '26 – Preparation for Fall '26 excavation
- Sep '26 – Excavation starts at the Detroit Marina
- Nov '26 – Excavation starts at the Kanes Marina
- Dec '26 – Excavation substantial completed (ARPA Funding deadline)

All the excavation material will be used to shape the new peninsula at Osprey Point

j. City Clerk – Heather Stull -Absent with notice.

XI. Councilor’s Reports:

Councilor Page – Measures have been made for additional containment for water storage in the event of another storm surge with high debris in it again. American leak detection has been through town and detected multiple leaks, some due to age and some due to the storm. Deer St. had to be shut off to address the issue. Sediment can end up in the system and that takes a bit of time to flush the tanks and lines. Boil notices were sent out as a precaution as there was some discoloration in the water but all the water that went out was treated in the plant. There are more plans being put in place to deal with another storm surge should we get one. Siegmunds is up currently doing a mitigation project on the road and work on a drainpipe at Mackey creek. Unfortunately, in today’s world false information is spewed in this community by social media. Regarding the water, the false information had it as undrinkable and that was not the case. Councilor Page welcomes anyone that has a questions can come to the City Council meetings or check the State of Oregon website and pull our water reports. An independent company tests our water, the city council does not.

Councilor Tesdal – The park plans are coming along. The playground is looking like it will be done before the pavilion to avoid construction during the Summer. The contract that is classified by the state as Co-operative procurement, means the city will rely on public proposals from other state entities that have procured similar

services. A log cabin look is being considered for the pavilion, as well as a cooperative procurement contract. Another option is a request for proposals, which includes providing structural permit, a drawing of the pavilion and price. This would go through either City staff, MVCOG or legal counsel. This would need to be advertised and a report on what you are looking for in design. An RFP will be put together. It is suggested that the city planner and the city attorney look over things.

Councilor Smith - Thanked Idanha Fire dept and all of the volunteers who helped during the storm. The windows in the bays and in Michelle Connor's office will be replaced soon. Also asked that anyone who sees a street sign down, please call city hall to have it fixed.

Councilor Nielsen – Gave his report earlier.

Councilor O'Donnell – Asked if the City has met with or heard from the City's Insurance company regarding the damage to City Hall. Michelle Connor stated that the inspector had been out on 1/12/2026, but she has not heard back from them yet. The Councilor would like to have someone go on the roof to remove debris to prevent any further damage. A resident has asked how to accelerate the permit process to repair the structural damage to his home. Mayor Trett has checked with the State Senator and Representative to see what they can do such as expedite these things, but he is waiting to hear back.

XII. Mayor's Report – The Mayor would like to say how proud he is of this community. He was amazed at how much equipment that was brought up and the volunteers that helped. The residents, the Fire Dept, the Sherrif Dept and the water truck that was delivered at 10pm that night by the Marion County HSP.

XIII. Public Comments- None

This is the time set aside for comments from the public on matters not on the agenda. Commenters are limited to three (3) minutes. Time may not be yielded. Questions from the Council or staff to commenters shall not be counted against the allotted three (3) minutes.

XIV. Other Business- None

XV. Upcoming Meetings

a. Regular Session – February 10, 2026 – Detroit City Hall 6:30 PM.

XVI. Adjourn 7:55PM


Eric Page, Council President


Michelle Connor, City Recorder