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Michelle Connor, City Recorder

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345 Santiam Ave W.

Detroit, Oregon

**Zoom Meeting**

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**Pass: 671032**

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- I. Call to Order** – by Council President Eric Page at 6:31pm
- II. Council Roll Call** – Present- Councilors' Smith, Page and Nielsen. Present via Zoom – Councilor O'Donnell. Absent with notice – Councilors' Tesdal and Sheppard.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda** - Councilor Nielsen made a motion to approve, Councilor Smith seconded. Motion passed with all in favor, absent with notice Councilors' Tesdal and Sheppard.
- V. Special Orders of Business** – A letter from Mayor Jim Trett was read where he resigned his position of Mayor and Councilor as of February 10, 2026, due to personal reasons. Councilor Page add his deep gratitude to Mayor Trett. Councilor Nielsen made a motion to approve, Councilor Smith seconded. Motion passed with all in favor, absent with notice Councilors' Tesdal and Sheppard.
- VI. 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.

**VII. Resolutions, Orders and Administrative Action**

- a. Approval of 2026/2027 Budget Calendar – Michelle Connor- Councilor Nielsen made a motion to approve, Councilor Smith seconded. Motion approved, with all in favor, absent with notice Councilors' Tesdal and Sheppard.
- b. Appoint Planning Commission Applicant – Michelle Connor - Councilor Smith made a motion to approve Jon Jolley, Councilor Nielsen seconded. Motion passed

with all in favor, absent with notice Councilors' Tesdal and Sheppard. Michelle Connor to contact applicant and set him up with paperwork.

- c. Approval of Ordinance 277 – Contracting & Purchasing – Michelle Connor- Councilor Neilsen made a motion to approve, Councilor Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously, absent with notice Councilors' Tesdal and Sheppard.  
**Ordinance will go into effect.**
- d. ATV Ordinance – Todd Smith & Sgt. Olson – Will send the new ordinance to legal department for review. Councilor Smith made a motion to approve, Councilor Neilsen seconded. Motion passed with all in favor, absent with notice Councilors' Tesdal and Sheppard.

### **VIII. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Detroit City Council – January 13, 2026. Councilor Smith made a motion to approve, Councilor Neilsen seconded. Motion passed with all in favor, absent with notice Councilors' Tesdal and Sheppard.
- b. Approval to Pay the Bills - Councilor Smith made a motion to approve, Councilor Neilsen seconded. Motion passed with all in favor, absent with notice Councilors' Tesdal and Sheppard.

### **IX. Staff Reports**

- a. Marina Excavation – Charles Bury -Not present
- b. Ordinance & Community Engagement Officer – Will post for the position and discuss at the next meeting.
- c. HBH Engineering - Matt Del Moro – Not present
- d. City Recorder – Michelle Connor- Wanted to remind everyone to put the budget meetings on their calendars.
- e. Planning – Mcrae Carmichael – Not present
- f. Marion County Sheriff – Garrett Olson discussed making the ATV permit numbers larger so they can be easily read, and the numbers be placed in a shared document with Marion County Sherrif dept.
- g. USFS – Michelle King – Not present
- h. Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District – Fred Patterson – Not present
- i. North Santiam Sewer Authority – Denny Nielsen -NSSA Update – NSSA

meetings have been canceled for the past 6 months. Required funding has been unfunded by both Linn and Marion Counties. WVCOG has attempted to develop a temporary funding package but at this time I've not been noticed regarding the package.

As reported late in 2025 Marion County Public Works Director has suggested that our council be involved in evaluating technology, developing a municipal system for management of a “package plant” as well as developing a funding source, which could exceed \$1 million to Implement. As of this date there is no new information to share. I have notified the county that our city in incapable of raising the funding for such a project and have requested county funding assistance from Marion Co. and the State of Oregon.

**Business District property developments** - Bids have been received for our redevelopment project. K&E was the low bidder which was more than \$150,000.00. I have worked with Matt DelMoro, HBH Engineering and K&E to complete a “value engineering” exercise to revise the bid. The reduced scope focuses on site work, the pavilion construction, and a paved entrance leaving gravel in place until we can secure additional funding. The total cost is now within our funding package of \$120,000.00. Matt is working with Santiam Paving to combine the city street paving project with our small project to achieve a lower cost. The project will begin when weather permits.

**Septic Expansion for Community Center** - Our design engineer has completed his design, which was approved by Marion Co. and a permit has been approved using a “sand filtering” approach for the drain field expansion. HBH Engineering has been tasked with producing an RFP for solicitation of project bids.

HBH is also working with our architect to craft an RFP for our event kitchen project. USDA will need to approve the RFP prior to the solicitation of project bids. We hope to advertise for bidders by month's end. My concern here is that the USDA grant has been idle for 3 years and the cost of labor and materials has risen substantially during that time. Once we have bids in hand we may need to approach USDA for additional funding or limit the project scope if funds are inadequate.

**Lake Level Activities** - Work continues with our lobbyist to suspend drawdowns beyond 2026. Contacts with Oregon congressional representatives are active with encouraging responses related to support of our plea. Additional material will be shared when received.

- a. City Clerk – Heather Stull – Requested that the drainpipe and wood under it that were damaged in the storm be attended to. Councilor Page suggested putting up caution tape to warn people of the potential danger while this is being resolved.

**X. Councilor's Reports:**

**Councilor Smith** – Wanted to know if the information on damage from the storms had been turned into the insurance company. Michelle Connor stated that they did not have a bid on the roof repairs yet. Councilor Smith discussed reaching out to Bill McCall about the roof repairs. Thanked Ohara's for replacing the windows so quickly.

**Councilor O'Donnell** - No Report

**Councilor Page** – The repairs on the outflow pipe and the landslide up on the Mackey creek side has been completed by Siegmunds Excavation. There was a leak detection team in town and have replaced & repaired several places in town. We are shrinking our water losses as they move along with it. Looking towards spring for a few larger projects to tidy up areas that are seeping. The water quality is good. There are discussions of purchasing a generator with ARPA funds so that in the event of a power outage, it would ensure that the current generator would not have to be moved back and forth.

**Michele Tesdal** - Park Report – read by Councilor Page -

Matt Del Morrow and I have gathered enough information to make some smart on which direction to proceed on the pavilion. We are now changing course to use the RFP process

because the cost of the Romtec pavilion (a co-operative type of package purchase) became prohibitive when we changed to the log-type pavilion.

We have also agreed that instead of focusing on the entire park all at once, we will focus on the main two structures, their foundations and pathways only. Once these have been completed, we will know how to parse out the remaining grant money to the other required items.

\*The pavilion will be going in on the east side of the park.

The playground has been decided on and the video of what it looks like is on the city website and on the city's Facebook page. This took many months of planning, and I am very excited about the different types of structures the kids will be able to play on. We will try and keep the existing natural playground in place, but it needs some spacing modifications; I will be leaning on the professionals to make sure it all fits in. The playground will be ordered once the RFP for the pathway and groundwork gets posted. The goal is to not have the playground sitting at the park unassembled; once it gets delivered, we want it to be built.

\*The playground will be along the west side of the park.

**Councilor Smith** – Wanted to know where the city is at with CIS and is there a dead date. Michelle Connor stated that she was not aware of a dead date. Councilor Smith wants to set a date to close the book on CIS. Michelle Connor stated that it needs to be settled project by project as CIS did not want to settle with the city. Councilor Page suggested setting up a meeting with Matt Del Moro to proceed. Councilor Smith also discussed the City's website and people complaining on social media that they cannot find things. Michelle Connor stated that the Announcements button on the front page has notices the public needs i.e.: outages, boil water, etc. The website is being updated and worked on. Video files of the meetings are too large to put on the website since the video system has changed. We set up a YouTube channel for them, but the files are too large for that as well. We are working with the IT team to resolve this issue.

**XI. Mayor's Report – None**

**XII. 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.

**XIII. Other Business- None**

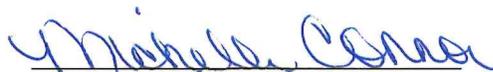
**XIV. Upcoming Meetings**

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

**XV. Adjourn – 7:34pm**



Eric Page, Council President



Michelle Connor, City Recorder