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Todd Smith, City Councilor  
Denny Nielsen, City Councilor  
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345 Santiam Ave W.  
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- I. Call to Order: By Mayor Page at 6:30pm**
- II. Council Roll Call** – Mayor Page and Councilors Tesdal, Smith, Nielsen and O'Donnell – present. Greg Sheppard absent with notice, on medical leave.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda** – Addition to the agenda of approval and awarding the bid on the Silver Bullet generator project. Motion made by Councilor Nielsen to approve the agenda and addition. Seconded by Councilor Smith. Passed unanimously, with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.
- V. Special Orders of Business** – Ken Cartwright a manager from KYAC radio station and Jay Hannigan gave testimony regarding a translator needed in the Detroit/Idanha area. Recently the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) announced that they were opening a window for radio stations that are non-commercial to serve communities. This means that shortly they will be making it official. What is needed is a piece of ground to put the transmitter and the small 40' – 60' antenna on it. Ken has searched out a spot on Guy Moore by the water tank to place it as there is an unobstructed view of the area they are trying to cover. They would like to get permission to make that happen. A translator is a transmitter that relays what is already transmitting, so they would not need to put a radio station in that area, it will work with the station in Mill City. The footprint would most likely be no more than 4'x4'. Mayor Page brought up that one complication is that the water plant sits on Forestry property. He suggested pushing the discussion out and include the Forestry

department and go from there. Ken already has grant funding for purchasing the equipment, so they just need a place to put it. It was decided that Michelle Connor and potentially Matt Del Morro can assist in planning this project.

**VI. Committee Reports - None at this time. Meeting Closed at 6:48pm for Hearing.**

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. Public Hearing - LA-26-001 -Legislative Amendment to the Detroit Development Code:**

- a. **Open Hearing:** 6:48pm by Mayor Page - No Questions or Conflicts of interest were raised from the City Council or the public attendees.
- b. Staff Report — Liam Bean – Stated that the Planning Commission's recommendation was to adopt the proposed amendments without changes. ORD 266 sunset last year that had previously been added to the Detroit Development Code in response to the fires in 2020. There were 2 work sessions and a public hearing on this subject, and they were publicly announced via The Canyon weekly, Detroit website and posted on City Hall doors and at the post office.
- c. Questions – Councilor Tesdal asked what the meaning of “right in the zone of prohibited outside of the storage of an RV”. Liam stated, “storage of RV’s, boats, or other trailers on developed multifamily or commercial general zoned land that contains a multifamily dwelling or manufactured home park is allowed within the parameters for storage of an RV, trailer or boat within an accessory structure or garage.”  
Councilor Smith - asked about shipping containers used while building and being removed before final occupancy. Marion County provides the certificates of occupancy, and will they withhold it if container has not been removed. Michelle Connor said that the county will not provide the certificate until the city has signed off on it.  
Councilor O'Donnell – Regarding screening, does a 4-foot fence comply. Liam said that it would not, the full size of the RV needs to be covered from the front of the property.
- d. Public Testimony – None
- e. Motion – Councilor Nielsen made a motion that the Council approve the amendment **LA-26-001**. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Passed unanimously, with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.
- f. Close Hearing - Public hearing closed at 7:37 PM  
Regular Session of City Council is reopened at 7:37PM

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

- a. Appoint New City Council Member – Councilor Smith made a motion to accept Bill McCall’s application for City Council. Mayor Page seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously. Councilor Sheppard absent with notice. Bill McCall is sworn in as a new City Council member. Bill formally resigned as a member of the Planning Committee. All in favor, passed unanimously. Councilor Sheppard absent with notice. An opening on the Planning Committee is formally declared.
- b. Appoint Budget Committee Members – Councilor Smith made a motion to accept Theresa Maurmann’s Budget Committee application. Councilor Tesdal seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously. Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.
- c. Approve Proclamation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month – Mayor Page made the motion to approve, and Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously. Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.
- d. Resolution 683 Adopting Purpose & Scope of the Personnel Policy Committee - Councilor Nielsen made a motion to approve and Councilor O’Donnell seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously. Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.
- e. Resolution 684 Designation of Agent for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – Councilor Nielsen made a motion to approve and made the motion to approve, Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously. Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.
- f. Camping on City Right of Way Discussion – Council decided that this subject needs more research. Mayor Page suggested that this be addressed by staff prior to the next meeting.
- g. Generator Bids – Councilor Nielsen made the motion to accept EC construction’s bid of \$107,400 for the new generator at the Silver Bullet. Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously. Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.

**IX. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Detroit City Council – April 14, 2026. Councilor Smith made a motion to approve, and Councilor Nielsen seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously. Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.
- b. Approval to Pay the Bills – The bills will be emailed to council members for the next meeting. Motion to approve the paying of the bill made by Mayor Page, Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously. Councilor Sheppard absent with notice.

**X. Unfinished Business**

- a. CIS – Michelle Connor – Matt Del Moro is matching payments up with CIS.
- b. City Hall Roof Damage – Waiting on special order materials.
- c. Bill McCall – Property Division – discussing and researching if a lot line adjustment or easement would be the best option.
- d. Fee Schedule – fees that will be charged for park use in the future. There is a DLF meeting on Thursday 4/16/2026 to discuss.
- e. Camping on City ROW – See item f in section VII.

**XI. Staff Reports**

- a. Marina Excavation – Charles Bury – Not present but will most likely be discussed at the Federal Lakes Commission meeting on 4/15/2026.

- b. Ordinance & Community Engagement Officer – Currently have one application and one that will be brought back soon.
- c. HBH Engineering - Matt Del Moro – NW Natural believes they found a large leak in Detroit. Leak location will be happening on 4/15/2026.
- d. City Recorder – Michelle Connor – A reminder Budget committee meeting is on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.
- e. Planning – Mcrae Carmichael – Not present.
- f. Marion County Sheriff – Not present.
- g. USFS – Michelle King – Not here, but Jonah is filling in for her. Lake sweeping is planning to operate as normal May 1-15. Last year the 4 boats had issues but are currently being worked on. They are set up with the Marion County sheriff for inmate work.
- h. Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District – Fred Patterson – Not present.
- i. City Clerk – Heather Stull -Continuing to work on improving the website.

**XII. Councilor's Report-**

Councilor Neilsen - has said that there is no reason to continue the NSSA as there are no funds for the committee currently.

Councilor O'Donnell – The tower will be completed this year.

Councilor Smith – Golf cart and ATV permits are available. The wrong stickers were sent as they are not waterproof. We will be getting new stickers soon.

Councilor Tesdal – RFP for the pavilion is going out at the end of the week. The park RFP will be going out next week. They will be posted daily on the daily journal of commerce and online on Quest CDN.

Councilor McCall – nothing currently.

**XIII. Mayor's Report** – The area behind the charging stations and the Layman's has been rented to store equipment for the dig project starting in the fall.

**XIV. Public Comments-** Ted Highberger pled his case for his property, even though it is

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.

commercially zoned. He has been told that his only options are to rezone to residential, use the commercial zoning to add an RV park or sell/lease his property.

**XV. Other Business- None**

**XVI. Upcoming Meetings** - Regular Session, May 12, 2026, Detroit City Hall at 6:30 PM

**XVII. Adjourn – 9:04**

  
Eric Page, Mayor

  
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