



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Meeting Agenda - Final

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Wednesday, March 19, 2025

2:00 PM

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BOWC Meeting 5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

A final project plan for the DWSO Water Main Replacement and Rehabilitation and Designating an Authorized Project Representative FY 2026 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 19, 2025

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

Anyone from the public who wishes to address any item on the Agenda or make a comment. (3 Minute Limitation)

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Items 9A-H)

- A. [2025-48](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Purchase Order 3080762 with ARI Phoenix, Inc., dba ARI Hetra, for the purchase of mobile vehicle column lifts, for a total purchase order amount not-to-exceed \$163,441.40.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Welch
- Legislative History**
- 3/5/25 Finance Committee recommended for approval
- B. [2025-49](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contracts 6006967 with DLZ Michigan, Inc., 6006968 with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. dba OHM Advisors, and 6006969 with Somat Engineering, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services for as-needed Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Projects (Project No. CS-1990); for a combined total contract amount not-to-exceed \$6,000,000.00 and a term of three (3) years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Welch
- Legislative History**
- 3/5/25 Finance Committee recommended for approval
- C. [2025-50](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6006991 (DWS-970) with L. D'Agostini and Sons, Inc., for Sewer Reconfiguration Project Near Riverside Park; for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$6,274,863.50 and a term of 465 days.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Welch
- Legislative History**
- 3/5/25 Finance Committee recommended for approval
- D. [2025-51](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract No. 6007004 with Groundwork 0, LLC, a piggyback off the City of Detroit Contract No. 6006678, for Network and Voice Maintenance Contract, for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$390,000.00 and a term of (2) two years, (7) seven months and (4) four days.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Welch
- Legislative History**
- 3/5/25 Finance Committee recommended for approval

- E. [2025-52](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract No. 6007005 with Groundwork 0, LLC, a piggyback off the City of Detroit Contract No 6006718, for Network/Voice Equipment and Software Purchases, for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000.00 and a term of (2) two years, (7) seven months and (4) four days.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other actions as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

Legislative History

3/5/25 Finance Committee recommended for approval

- F. [2025-53](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007024 with Detroit Grounds Crew LLC, for Tree Trimming/Shrub Removal; for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 and a term of 3 years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

Attachments: [bid for tree trimming](#)

Legislative History

3/5/25 Finance Committee recommended for approval

- G. [2025-54](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007027 with EJ USA Inc. and DWSD Contract 6007028 with Melmac Co., Inc. d/b/a Motor City Pipe & Supply Co. for Various Brass Items; for a combined total contract amount not-to-exceed \$365,299.60 and a term of two years.** The BOWC also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

Attachments: [bid tab brass items 6007027 6006728](#)

Legislative History

3/5/25 Finance Committee recommended for approval

- H. [2025-55](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007029 with Ferguson Water Works for the as-needed purchase of various sized ductile piping; for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$455,105.52 and a term of two years.** The BOWC also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

Attachments: [bid tab ductile pipe 6007029](#)

Legislative History

3/5/25 Finance Committee recommended for approval

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. [2025-56](#)** The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Amendment No. 1 to DWSD Contract 6005922 (PC-815) with Major Contracting Group for Oakman Boulevard Sewer Improvements, by adding \$43,323.69 in funding for a total amended contract amount not-to-exceed \$1,577,834.19. No change to contract terms and conditions or expiring date of 3/31/2025.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

- B. [2025-66](#)** **Final Proposed FY 2026 Operating Budget**

Sponsors: Rahman

Attachments: [BOWC Presentation Final Proposed FY 26 Operating Budget](#)

- C. [2025-64](#)** The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department **approves the proposed two-year operating budgets for Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the Water Operating Fund in the amounts of \$149,172,400 and \$156,948,900, respectively, and for the Sewage Disposal Operating Fund in the amounts of \$372,141,400 and \$389,220,200, respectively;** and further authorizes the Director and Chief Financial Officer to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Rahman

Attachments: [BOWC Presentation Final Proposed FY 26 Operating Budget](#)
[FY 2026 and FY 2027 Budget Resolution Letter](#)

Legislative History

3/12/25 Finance Committee recommended for approval

i. ROLL CALL

- D. [2025-65](#)** The Board of Water Commissioners **approves the proposed schedule of Detroit Retail Water and Sewerage Rates and Fees consistent with the FY 2025-2026 Revenue Requirements and Water and Sewer System Budgets approved by the Board of Water Commissioners on March 19, 2025** and also authorizes the Director and the Chief Financial Officer to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Rahman

Attachments: [FY 2026 Water and Sewer Rates Resolution](#)

Legislative History

3/12/25 Finance Committee recommended for approval

i. ROLL CALL

- E. [2025-67](#) Upon recommendation of Samuel A. Smalley, P.E., Deputy Director, the Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department recommends adoption of the “**A final project plan for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Water Main Replacement and Rehabilitation and Designating an Authorized Project Representative FY 2026 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)**” and also authorizes the Chief Financial Officer and the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Smalley

Attachments: [DWSRF FY2026 BOWC March 2025](#)
[Public Meeting Notice DWSRF FY2026](#)
[DWSRF Resolution FY2026](#)

i. PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

ii. ROLL CALL

11. DIRECTOR'S METRICS

- A. [2025-70](#) Director's Metrics

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [Board Report - Metrics - 03192025](#)

12. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

13. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

14. OTHER MATTERS

15. CLOSED SESSION

- A. [2025-69](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department: **Agrees to meet with legal counsel, in closed session, pursuant to Section 8(e) and Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss both ongoing litigation and an attorney-client privileged memorandum prepared by the Office of the General Counsel to the Board of Water Commissioners**

Sponsors: MacGriff

16. ADJOURNMENT

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We respectfully request that you maximize your three minutes by sharing all your comments/questions at one time. You will only be called upon once for public comment during the same committee meeting, full board meeting, or hearing.

Once the Chair closes public comment, there will be no other public comments accepted and all the attendees will remain muted for the duration of the meeting