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3	PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
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7	Held at 735 Randolph Street
8	Detroit, Michigan
9	Commencing at 1:02 p.m.
10	Wednesday, April 3, 2019
11	Before Renee J. Ogden, CSR-3455, RPR.
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Detroit, Michigan 1 2 Wednesday, April 3, 2019 3 1:02 p.m. 4 5 MS. DANIELS: My name is Monica Daniels. 6 I'm the finance asset manager. We are here today to 7 hold a public hearing for the Water Main Replacement Fiscal Year 2020 Drinking Water Fund. 8 9 The purpose of this hearing is to make 10 public notification to the public about this project 11 that DWSD through GLWA is seeking a \$57.3 million loan 12 for the project. 13 Right now on the screen, you have the 14 actual public hearing notice that was published in 15 several publications. I'm going to review those. 16 This was in the newspapers Wednesday, February 27th, in the Detroit Legal News, Detroit 17 News, Detroit Free Press, and the Michigan Chronicle. 18 19 It was also posted on our website. There 20 were also emails that went out through our public 21 affairs department. The emails went to 11,701 22 subscribers of the City of Detroit Gov delivery 23 account. This includes customers and stakeholders that DWSD has added to its distribution list. 24 25 It was posted on Facebook. In your packet,

1	I'm just giving you a screenshot of the Facebook page.
2	We also were required to mail out
3	notifications. When we mailed out these
4	notifications, we're letting other entities know about
5	the project to see if they have any questions or
6	concerns. Some of the main people that we sent it to
7	were the Department of Homeland Security, the mayor's
8	office, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army Corps of
9	Engineers, Wayne County Health Department, Wayne
10	County Executive, Wayne County DPS, MDEQ Pollution
11	Prevention Section, MDNR Wildlife Division, Michigan
12	Natural Features Inventory.
13	I am going to pause for a minute. I am
14	reading all of these off because this is going into
15	our transcript.
16	I'll continue with the list. The MDEQ
17	Geology and Land Management Division, U.S. Fish &
18	Wildlife Service, Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand
19	Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, the
20	Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community, the Keweenaw
21	Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake
22	Superior Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of
23	Ottawa Indians, Little Travis Bay Band of Ottawa, the
24	Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians,
25	Nottawaseppi Band of Huron Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of

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Potawatomi, THPO Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of
Michigan, The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa. The
State Historical and Preservation Office, that office
only received specific information.

5 I'm going to go back to discuss some of the 6 advantages for DWSD regarding these loans. DWSD has 7 received a disadvantaged community determination based on the debt service on the upcoming loan to be charged 8 9 to the city's customers. DWSD's disadvantaged status 10 allows for a 30-year term option instead of a 20-year. 11 So most other applicants of this type of a loan 12 receive a 20-year term, but DWSD, because we have a disadvantaged status, we are allowed a 30-year. 13 DWSD 14 is going to accept the 30-year option. The plan that 15 was submitted before you did outline a 20-year, but we 16 will take a 30-year because it will be better for us 17 and our customers.

There is a possible principal forgiveness subsidy or other subsidy that has not been defined because, again, we are in the application process and the application is not complete yet.

I will review that in the next step to tell you what is next for us to complete this application. Previous applications that we had, last year DWSD applied for \$15.9 million at a 2.5 percent interest

1	rate with loan forgiveness offered to us at
2	\$4.7 million. I'm saying it's offered because we have
3	not yet received that because we have not yet used
4	that money.
5	Three projects near completion funded by
6	the board total \$24.4 million of which \$4 million was
7	forgiven. Those three projects, I was just reminded
8	that they were on our CIP.
9	We have a total of four projects. I'm not
10	going to provide all the descriptions because, again,
11	those are in the project plan.
12	WS-710, the largest improvement, is at
13	various locations throughout the City of Detroit. It
14	is approximately 31,600 linear feet of iron pipes that
15	will be replaced throughout the City of Detroit. We
16	do provide a mapping of the location. I'm giving you
17	the streets.
18	So in the location, you will see, for
19	example, Schoolcraft from Asbury Park to Greenfield,
20	2,900 linear feet. Again, this information is in the
21	project plan and I will not review it in total.
22	The second project is WS-711, water system
23	improvement to various streets throughout the city of
24	Detroit. We are replacing 6-inch to 16-inch,
25	approximately 28,600 linear feet. Again, I am

1	providing a map of the street locations. Again, this
2	information is in the project plan.
3	The other two projects are work completed
4	by AECOM Great Lakes. AECOM is our capital
5	improvement program management organization. We refer
6	to it as CIPMO, C-I-P-M-O. They assessed the areas.
7	They did assessments and evaluations. It was in the
8	nine neighbors, Riverdale, Minock, Miller, Rosedale,
9	Brewster-Douglass, Virginia Park, Brewster Homes,
10	Piety Hill, and Center Commons.
11	On the map that is here and also in the
12	project plan, the pink area is the area of the
13	assessment and the water main replacement.
14	This next slide, again, is just a repeat of
15	the public notification that I have already announced.
16	Next steps. Again, this is an application
17	process. This typically takes about six months for us
18	to apply for the loan. I'm just showing you here the
19	timeline of the next steps.
20	Today we're having our public hearing.
21	This public hearing ends the 30 days of public notice
22	that was required. We first published it on
23	February the 27th, so we are within our 30 days. I
24	did give a date of April the 12th to incorporate the
25	public hearing materials and the field notes received,

1	approvals of certification and then submit the final
2	to the GLWA.
3	What I did not realize is that the full
4	board will be on the 17th. That was my
5	misunderstanding that this hearing today could serve
6	as approval.
7	I am requesting that this be submitted to
8	the full board on April 17th with their approval. If
9	that is approved, then we will then forward it to
10	GLWA.
11	GLWA has a document that needs to be signed
12	by their CEO, which is called a Project Plan Submittal
13	form. That Project Plan Submittal form will then be
14	added to their presentation. Their board meeting is
15	April the 24th, 2019.
16	Then as long as we have board approval from
17	GLWA, we will obtain the GLWA board approval
18	certification. All of these certifications, the
19	transcript from today's meeting and our April 17th
20	meeting, along with correspondence, will be
21	incorporated into our final project plan. We plan to
22	have that package ready to submit to MDEQ by April the
23	29th. That means that if we overnight it, that MDEQ
24	will receive it April 30th and the deadline to submit
25	it is May the 1st.

1	That is all the comments that I have. We
2	do need to open it up for public comment.
3	MR. CHAIRMAN: At this time I would like to
4	call for public participation. Please note you have
5	three minutes.
6	Would anyone like to come to the podium?
7	How are you doing, sir?
8	MR. RUSSELL: I'm well. How are you?
9	MR. CHAIRMAN: Great. Please state your
10	name and your address, please.
11	THE WITNESS: My name is Russell and I live
12	in Northeast Detroit, District 3, on 1969 Helen Street
13	for 32 years.
14	Greetings to all. I probably have the same
15	question that most folks in most neighborhoods have,
16	when are you coming to my neighborhood? I was hoping
17	that the project was a little larger than 11.4 miles,
18	but finances are finances and I understand you have to
19	do what you can do. You get your period of time.
20	If there is a larger plan that projects out
21	and that can be put, you know, in an accessible way on
22	the website, it would helpful for folks to know.
23	Most of my neighborhood was built in the
24	1920s, so most of the houses have lead lines. So that
25	would be an issue that, you know, people are unaware

1	of and would like to know what the plans are. Nobody
2	expects magic. If you do everything you wanted to do,
3	we wouldn't be having the problems we have.
4	Just as an FYI, I'd like to know when you
5	change the service lines, does it do any disruption to
6	the surface of the lots? If you're getting ready to
7	invest in landscaping, for instance, should you defer
8	that project until the service lines are changed?
9	That's just an open question.
10	Thank you very much.
11	MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
12	Is there one else?
13	Hi. How are you today?
14	MS. GARRETT: Cindy Garrett.
15	I was looking at your notices a couple of
16	days ago. I think at first at 1:00 you're talking
17	about selling bonds. I couldn't quite get that. Then
18	at 2:00 you're going to present what you're proposing
19	to sell the bonds for. It seems like it should be
20	first we discuss what the water line is going to do
21	and then maybe what it would how we want to finance
22	it.
23	I hate to see the rates go up. It sounds
24	like that's what we're doing. Maybe it's a
25	combination.

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1	Also, the thing I want to mention that I
2	mentioned to the city council, I thought it was a
3	shame to just go to the water stop instead of all the
4	way into home if you're going to try and eliminate the
5	lead, but I'm not I would like also, if you could,
6	I would like to get the reports on anything you are
7	doing about lead and what kind of testing. I think
8	GLWA has some kind of workgroup on it.
9	So I'm going to a conference. I'm supposed
10	to give a little presentation on it. Any information
11	you can share with me, I'd appreciate it.
12	Anyway, I did my own years ago. We broke
13	the water line when I was going around the side of my
14	building trying to tuck point and insulate it
15	underground. I wanted to get rid of the lead, so I
16	thought, well, we'll go all the way to the street.
17	That's a big, big deal and a lot of problems.
18	But I will say this, once you dig up the
19	stop, you know, you really if you could, go ahead
20	and tunnel into the house and bring in a water line.
21	If you can't get plumbers to hook it right up, maybe
22	there is some kind of flexible line if you came close
23	to where the other water line was already hooked into
24	it and just put a temporary line that's flexible, if
25	it's hard to fit, until they can, you know, get a

plumber out there to finish it. Otherwise, if someone 1 2 wants to get rid of that last piece of lead, they 3 have got to dig up the water stop, and they might 4 damage it. 5 You should also, by the way, replace the 6 water stop itself because the valves go bad. Years 7 and years ago, I had them turn my water off because I didn't want it to freeze. Then it froze under the 8 9 floor because the water valve on the water stop was 10 leaking. It really wasn't off. 11 We have had damage to the building from the 12 water stop next door that was never capped. Because 13 when they tore that down, the line, in the old days, 14 evidently they didn't do much with the water stops 15 except turn them off. They keep leaking and they're 16 damaged. 17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. 18 Appreciate it. Thank you. 19 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, we'll get one of our 20 customer relations team get to her as much literature 21 and documentation on that program as we have 22 available. 23 MR. CHAIRMAN: Just before we move on, is 24 there anyone else that would like to come forward? 25 Mr. Chair, can I suggest a MR. BROWN:

1	couple of points? I think it's of interest to
2	everyone in Detroit as to how we pick the areas of the
3	city that we are working in.
4	Certainly, I think the first thing that you
5	noticed is that there is nothing in the downtown area
6	that is on that chart. It's all in neighborhoods in
7	the city of Detroit for the most part. There are
8	exceptions, but mostly in neighborhoods.
9	Secondly, the engineering team takes two
10	major factors into consideration, the probability of
11	failure of a particular pipe in which they take a look
12	at the age of the pipe, the material that it's made
13	out of, the soil that it is in, the number of breaks
14	that we have had on that particular line, the number
15	of fractures that the pipe may have. So that's the
16	likelihood or probability of a pipe failing. We put a
17	camera into these sewer systems and collect that data.
18	Secondly, we take a look at the consequence
19	of failure. Obviously, if it fails near Henry Ford
20	Hospital, it takes the hospital out. There is a more
21	severe consequence than if it were to fail in an area
22	of the city that isn't very densely populated. So we
23	take all of those factors into consideration when
24	we're building a five-year capital improvement plan
25	and determine what areas we'll go in.

Obviously, you've heard me say this before, 1 2 if we can eliminate the emergency work, which is 3 tremendously expensive, by replacing the pipes that 4 are most likely to fail, we're getting a bigger bang 5 for the buck. So our goal, and it's a goal that we 6 shoot for, is to replace 2 percent of the system a 7 year for 50 years and we have a new system. Well, for the next five years, if we were 8 9 able to do 2 percent, we would do 10 percent of the 10 system. If we're doing 10 percent of the pipes that 11 are most likely to fail, we're being efficient with 12 our customers' pockets. 13 I know that everyone would like us to be in 14 their neighborhood first, but we are collecting this 15 data, analyzing it, trying to predict where breaks 16 will happen so that we can eliminate the emergency 17 work and get the biggest bang for our buck. 18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 19 Any other questions? We have someone. 20 PEGGY DANKERT: Peggy Dankert from 7669 21 West Parkway. 22 The hearing announcement for today says 23 that there was a commission on the project plan available on the first floor. I made the rounds down 24 25 there and nobody seems to know what's up with that.

1	Is there a paper copy of the plan for inspection?
2	MS. DANIELS: Excuse me. Yes, we do have
3	copies. Once this is over, I will grab the copies and
4	have them available.
5	MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.
6	MS. BUTLER: Good afternoon. My name is
7	Brenda Butler. I'm from District 4.
8	My question is, where is the loan coming
9	from? It's not in our information.
10	MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry. I didn't quite
11	hear what you were requesting.
12	MS. BUTLER: Where is the loan coming from?
13	Who is loaning the water department the money to do
14	these projects?
15	MS. MOBLEY: The funding for the loan comes
16	from the State Revolving Fund which comes from federal
17	dollars. It's part of the money given to the state by
18	the feds that is then passed to local municipalities
19	when they apply for it.
20	MS. BUTLER: I didn't know the lady
21	ahead of me asked about the project breakdown. When
22	would we get a copy of these four the four project
23	breakdowns?
24	MR. CHAIRMAN: Is that part of the
25	information that

1 MS. DANIELS: Yes. 2 MR. CHAIRMAN: She is going to bring copies 3 of it. 4 MS. BUTLER: That's what she asked. 5 My next question would be that you have the 6 projects that you are starting now, but will we -- how 7 soon can we know the other areas of the city that the projects will take place in, say, the next two years, 8 9 five years, ten years, whatever? 10 MS. MOBLEY: As Mr. Brown stated, we use 11 probabilities and consequence of failure to determine 12 exactly what is going to be replaced. As part of that 13 process, we do something called condition assessment. 14 As part of her presentation, she walked through about 15 nine neighborhoods that we have done condition 16 assessments in. 17 What that means is we use equipment to sound for leaks to see if there are leaks. 18 Then on 19 the sewer side, we use cameras to inspect and televise 20 Once we go through that process, we look the sewers. 21 at data related to the water main breaks or, in 22 certain cases, potential sewer backups. Then we 23 aggregate all the information to create the 24 probability of failure. Then we rank everything and 25 produce plans.

We are in our second year of this approach. 1 2 As we continue to do additional neighborhoods, we will 3 begin to provide that information as we have it. So 4 we should in the next year or so be able to publish 5 information a little sooner in terms of what we plan 6 to do, but those plans have to be approved by the 7 board. 8 MS. BUTLER: So you're saying we'll get 9 like an annual update? 10 MS. MOBLEY: Annually we update our capital 11 improvement program and publish once it's approved by 12 the board. 13 MS. BUTLER: Thank you. 14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 15 MR. MONK: Ellis Monk, M-O-N-K. 16 I heard of a new contract that you put out 17 at the year-end and nothing mentioned the lead. This other gentleman said his house was built in the 18 twenties. 19 So Detroit had lead stopped in about '45. 20 Anything prior to '45 is lead. 21 I've seen a number of cities throughout the 22 state, they have gotten state money and federal money 23 to eradicate the lead services. 24 It sounds like the way you're saying it 25 here now is that you're just going to remove the lead

1	services when you replace the main. I don't see that
2	as a sense of urgency to get rid of lead.
3	Lead is zero tolerance for the kids and
4	pregnant mothers. The federal guideline has got it
5	down to like about 15 parts per billion. Snyder
6	changed it to 10 parts per billion allowable. Zero is
7	a lead tolerance for people.
8	Pregnant women and everybody should be
9	drinking bottled water. They shouldn't be drinking
10	water with 15 parts per billion, none of that kind of
11	stuff.
12	I haven't heard Detroit say anything about
13	giving anybody no water testing their water in the
14	different areas to see what level they are. Do they
15	pass the federal guidelines of 15 parts per billion?
16	The kids and everybody at the schools, have
17	the schools tested out to be okay for the kids to
18	drink the water? If not, they should be given bottled
19	water, potable water.
20	I have been working in Flint for the past
21	four years removing their lead service lines. This
22	year we will finish that process up. I wanted to hear
23	Detroit say today that they were going to remove their
24	lead service lines. I haven't heard it.
25	All I heard was, like, your contract is

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1	going to be attributed to your water service line,
2	that you are going to take out the lead service as you
3	get to the water. You're saying it's going to take
4	you 50 years.
5	I would think that I just heard last
6	week that the City of Jackson, Michigan, they got
7	\$171 million to remove their lead service lines. How
8	much has got Detroit to remove their lead service
9	line?
10	They should be putting in applications to
11	the federal government or to the State of Michigan or
12	something to get something for their lead service
13	lines.
14	MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Is there anyone
15	else at this time?
16	MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, just to be clear,
17	Mr. Monk is a contractor that removes service lines
18	and he is very interested in contracts that will be
19	coming forward. I'm very interested in him being able
20	to bid on those contracts.
21	I just want to be clear about something
22	about lead in the city of Detroit.
23	First of all, as you know, we went out a
24	year ahead of time and tested twice as many homes as
25	is required by the EPA and the MDEQ and came in with a

lead level of 4 parts per billion. The EPA says 15
parts per billion is the actionable number. The
governor has changed that new lead and copper rule to
12 parts per billion. We're at 4. So I don't want
anybody to walk away thinking that Detroit's water is
anything but safe. It is safe to drink.

7 We are very cognizant of the fact that we need to start -- not start. We need to continue to 8 9 remove lead service lines in the City of Detroit. 10 We're doing it as I speak today. We have a group of 11 community customer service representatives that are 12 out in the neighborhoods that we will be replacing full lead service lines within the next couple of 13 14 weeks as soon as the construction season starts. We 15 are actively doing it.

I was in Lansing just yesterday. I met with the director of MDEQ. I was very clear, as I have been with this board, that we want to go faster.

We will not allow this to become an affordability issue for our customers. We cannot raise the rates to the point that our customers cannot afford to pay their bills. So we want to go faster. We need the state to get creative and to help finance us going faster.

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Number 2, there are legal issues that we

1 are trying to get resolved.

2	Finally, I impressed upon the director of
3	the MDEQ that they must come up with a comprehensive,
4	strategic communication plan that goes out to all of
5	the communities at the same time with the same
6	information with regard to lead services lines or you
7	will scare the bejesus out of customers who won't know
8	what's going on and will get bad information.
9	So we are actively looking for additional
10	funds to go faster. We are currently spending our
11	capital dollars on replacing full lead service lines
12	today in the city of Detroit. We want to do nothing
13	but get them all out of the system as quickly as
14	possible.
15	MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Does anyone else
16	have any comments? Ms. Daniels?
17	Unfortunately, ma'am, you have had your
18	time.
19	MS. GARRETT: If Henry Ford is going to get
20	a new line in front of Henry Ford Hospital, can't they
21	pay for that line? I don't know how much we have
22	given up for their new cancer center. It seems to me
23	why is that going to go on the rates? When I read
24	that thing on the front door
25	MR. CHAIRMAN: Ma'am, you have had your

1 turn. 2 SECURITY GUARD: Ma'am --3 MS. GARRETT: It sounds like you're putting 4 that on the rate of everybody. Thank you. Appreciate it. 5 MR. CHAIRMAN: 6 Ms. Daniels? 7 MS. DANIELS: For all the comments that we received today that were not answered by the director 8 9 and the deputy director, at the next meeting on 10 April 17th, we do have to provide those responses in 11 writing as well as a response to that individual to be 12 incorporated as part of the completion of the project. 13 I wanted to make sure that was clear. 14 Also, I do want to make one slight 15 correction. The question was asked as to who was 16 providing this loan. This loan is provided by the 17 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and it is 77.5 percent federal and 22.5 state funded. I just 18 wanted to make that clarification. 19 20 Most of the other questions that were asked The project plan will 21 today are in the project plan. 22 be provided to individuals today that are requesting 23 it. There will be a space on our website to also 24 review that. 25 As the director stated, the criteria that

1	we review to determine where we are going to make the
2	water main replacements, that is also in the project
3	plan, summarized in the project plan as well.
4	MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ms. Daniels.
5	Commissioners, any questions?
б	Seeing none, I would like to go to the next
7	line item, approval of the minutes.
8	At this time I would like to formally
9	conclude the public hearing.
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1	CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY
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6	I, RENEE J. OGDEN, certify that this
7	hearing was taken before me on the date hereinbefore
8	set forth; that the foregoing questions and answers
9	were recorded by me stenographically and reduced to
10	computer transcription; that this is a true, full and
11	correct transcript of my stenographic notes so taken;
12	and that I am not related to, nor of counsel to,
13	either party nor interested in the event of this
14	cause.
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