



MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020, 6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

I. Please find the Zoom meeting information with instructions in the Agenda Packet.

B. ROLL CALL.

Present: Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, Lynn Gerlach; Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

D. INVOCATION.

The invocation was led by Ald. Bill Galvin, District 4.

I. The invocation will be led by Alder Bill Galvin, District 4

E. ALDERS OATH OF OFFICE.

F. ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to have an open ballot. Motion carried.

Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery nominated Ald. Brunette.

Ald. William Galvin, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens nominated Ald. Dorff.

Ald. William Galvin, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to accept the nominations. Motion carried.

Two rounds of open voting occurred with both being tie.

Ald. John VanderLeest suspended the rules, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to have a coin toss. Motion failed.

Yes-Jesse Brunette, John VanderLeest, Randy Scannell; No-Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, Lynn Gerlach
Another round of open voting occurred with it resulting in a tie.

Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to proceed to a secret ballot. Motion carried.

Three rounds of a secret ballot vote was taken which still resulted in a tie.

Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to reconsider the coin toss. Motion failed.

Yes-Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer; No-Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, Lynn Gerlach
Another round of a secret ballot vote to place resulting in a tie.

Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to have a coin toss. Motion carried.

Yes-Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, Lynn Gerlach; No-Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell

Ald. Jesse Brunette won the coin toss.

G. ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT.

Ald. Scannell, seconded by Ald. Dorff nominated Ald. Galvin.

Ald. Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Gerlach nominated Ald. Dorff.

Ald. Galvin did not accept the nomination.

Ald. Galvin, seconded by Ald. Steuer to accept the nomination of Ald. Dorff. Motion carried.

Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ald. Gerlach to approve by acclamation. Motion carried.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve. Motion carried.

I. Approval of the minutes of the April 1, 2020 and April 9, 2020 Common Council meetings.

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve. Motion carried.

I. Approval of the agenda for the April 21, 2020 Common Council meeting.

J. REPORT BY THE MAYOR.

K. PRESENTATION ON APRIL 7, 2020 ELECTION.

City Clerk Kris Teske gave a talk on the April 7, 2020 Election.

Moved by Ald. Chris Wery, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to open the floor for discussion.

Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to close the floor for discussion.

Motion carried.

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

M. RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS.

N. APPOINTMENTS.

I. City Officials

Assessor Russ Schwandt

City Attorney Vanessa Chavez

City Clerk Kris Teske

Comptroller Diana Ellenbecker

Treasurer Pam Manley

Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Dan Ditscheit

Director of Public Works Steven Grenier

Director of Community and Economic Development Kevin Vonck

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to approve.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to hold the appointments of the City Officials. Motion carried.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, No- Barbara Dorff, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Lynn Gerlach

2. Appointment by the Public Works Director

Weed Commissioner

Josh Brassfield, 519 S. Oneida, Green Bay, 54303

Effective Dates: May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2022

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve the appointment by the Public Works Director. Motion carried.

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3. Appointments by the Community and Economic Development Director

Building Inspector

Paul Van Calster--Effective May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2022

Zoning Administrator

Paul Neumeyer--Effective May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2022

City Sealer

Jason Stubble

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve the appointment of the standing committees. Motion carried.

4. Standing Committees

Protection & Policy Committee

Craig Stevens

Mark Steuer

John Vander Leest

Kathy Lefebvre

Personnel Committee / Finance Committee

Veronica Corpus-Dax

Barbara Dorff

William Galvin

Brian Johnson

Parks Committee / Improvement & Service Committee

Lynn Gerlach

Randy Scannell

Chris Wery

Jesse Brunette

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve the appointment of the standing committees. Motion carried.

5. Boards and Commissions

Landmarks Commission

Mark Steuer

Ethics Board

William Galvin

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Economic Development Authority

Brian Johnson

CDBG Revolving Loan Committee

Brian Johnson

Annexation Commission

Barbara Dorff

Green Bay Plan Commission

Veronica Corpus-Dax

Redevelopment Authority

Barbara Dorff

Traffic, Pedestrian & Bicycle Commission

Craig Stevens

Transit Commission

Randy Scannell

Water Commission

Kathy Lefebvre

Green Bay Public Arts Commission

Lynn Gerlach

Sustainability Commission

Randy Scannell

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to approve the appointments of the Boards and Commissions. Motion carried.

O. REPORT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (APRIL 14, 2020).

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve with the exception of Item 2. Motion carried.

Ald. Brian Johnson abstained from Item 1 as the Developer is a member of the Executive Committee that oversees his compensation.

I. To approve First Amendment to Development Agreement 18-04 Whitney Park Townhomes: Phase IV with GB Real Estate Investments for a project at 827 Cherry St., 205 N. Van Buren St., 207 N. Van Buren St., 213 N. Van Buren St., 215 N. Van Buren St., 219 N. Van Buren St., and 212 N. Van Buren St. (Tax Parcels 10-71, 10-72, 10-72-A, 10-72-B, 10-72-C, 10-41, and 10-41-A), subject to minor legal and technical changes.

The Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., for purposes of deliberating or negotiating the sale of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business as necessary for competitive or bargaining reasons. The Council may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wis. Stats., to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.

2. To refer to staff with a focus on covering businesses falling through the cracks of other programs, and to bring back to the RDA as soon as possible, the communication from Ald. Johnson (District 9) on "Creation of an emergency relief fund to provide loans to assist small business owners with the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19)."

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve Item 2. Motion carried.

3. To award the "Abatement & Demolition Contract" RFP #3228 to BEST Enterprises, Inc. for three years with an option to extend the contract for an additional two year period.

P. REPORT OF THE IMPROVEMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE (APRIL 8, 2020).

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve with the exception of Item 4. Motion carried.

1. To approve the request by Hyatt Equities, LLC to assign rights and interests in a Parking Agreement, dated October 15, 2012, and all subsequent modifications and amendments, to HR Current Owner, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hyatt Equities, LLC.

2. To refer to staff the request by Ald. Dorff, due to great concern regarding the possibility/probability of extensive flooding to the homes and roads on the South Shore of the Bay of Green Bay due to the current height of the bay, to provide for a full report on the progress that has been made on obtaining funding to fix the dike on the south shore of the bay of Green Bay, a timeline on when work on the dike will begin, and how we can finance this work even if we are not able to obtain state and federal grants.

3. To hold the request by Ald. Nicholson for (1) review of the Department of Public Works completion date expectations with possible action, and (2) notification to the Brown County Home Builders Association about the meeting as Department of Public Works staff will be meeting with Brown County Home Builders Association on December 12, 2019.

4. To deny the request by Ald. Scannell for the City of Green Bay to adopt “No Mow May” to provide habitat for early season pollinating species and refer the item to the Sustainability Commission to develop a Pollinator Corridor program.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to approve Item 4.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to amend Item 4 to remove ."and refer the item to the Sustainability Commission to develop a pollinator Corridor program."

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve Item 4 as amended.

Motion carried.

5. To approve the request of the Department of Public Works to award licenses for Concrete Sidewalk Builders, Tree and Brush Trimmers, and Underground Sprinkler Installers at a staff level and report out award of said licenses at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Improvement & Services Committee for the duration of the declared emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. To receive and place on file the 2019 Department of Public Works Annual Report.

7. To approve the request by Department of Public Works to temporarily suspend late fees and provide arrangements for payment plans for sanitary sewer bills for the duration of the declared emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, plus a period following the expiration of the declared emergency not to exceed 60 days, consistent with the actions taken by the Public Service Commission for their regulated utilities.

8. To approve the request by Brown County Drainage Board to adopt a new Intergovernmental Agreement for Surface Water Management for Drainage District No. 4.

9. To hold until the April 29, 2020 Improvement and Services Committee meeting the request by Wisconsin Department of Transportation to enter into a Lift Bridge Maintenance Agreement for the Ray Nitschke (Main Street) Memorial Bridge.

10. To approve the report of award of contract PAVEMENT 4-20 DOTY STREET RECONSTRUCTION to the low responsive bidder, Dorner, Inc., in the amount of \$3,751,956.86.

11. To approve to award the following contracts:

A. PAVEMENT REPAIR - 2020 to the low responsive bidder, Fischer-Ulman Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,354,485.

B. SEWERS 2-20 (INCLUDING WATER MAIN)

Part A to the low responsive bidder, Peters Concrete Co., in the amount of \$1,147,602.95.

Part B to the low responsive bidder, Advance Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$889,849.20.

Part C to the low responsive bidder, Advance Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$866,320.50.

Q. REPORT OF THE PROTECTION & POLICY COMMITTEE (APRIL 6, 2020).

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to approve. Motion carried.

1. To recommend Council waive the ordinance requirements for an outdoor licensed premise and to approve an application for a "Class B" Combination license by TNT Holdings LLC at 2511 W. Mason St. with a license premise description as "outdoor patio bar, storage room, walkin cooler, office, employee room, bar, sit-down area," (Currently licensed as Scoreboard Grille, LLC) Previously discussed at the March 23, 2020 meeting and referred back from the Common Council Meeting of April 1, 2020.

2. To receive and place on file the Liquor Violation Report from the Police Department for April 6, 2020.

R. REPORT OF THE PROTECTION & POLICY COMMITTEE GRANTING OPERATOR LICENSES.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to approve. Motion carried.
Ald. Jesse Brunette abstained from Nora Brunette.

I. Report of the Protection & Policy Committee granting Operator Licenses.

S. REPORT OF THE PLAN COMMISSION (APRIL 13, 2020).

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to approve. Motion carried.

1. To create a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the American Foods/Green Bay Dressed Beef campus, 544 Acme Street, subject to the draft Planned Unit Development (PUD). (Public Hearing held 04/13/2020)

2. To rezone 420 Maryhill Drive from Low Density Residential (R1) to Public/Institutional (PI). (Public Hearing held on 04/13/2020)

3. To rezone areas of the 2900 Block of Sitka Street from Low-Density Residential (R-1) to Medium-Density Residential (R-2) and Conservancy District (CON). (Public Hearing held 04/13/2020)

T. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (APRIL 7, 2020).

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to approve with the exception to Item 2. Motion carried.

1. To approve the request from the City Assessor's office to cancel certain property taxes. Resolution to cancel \$5,340.90.

2. To receive and place on file the report estimating \$60,000 in decreased revenue due to the liquor license reduction in response to the request by Ald. Johnson to provide detail regarding the fiscal impact of the resolution to reduce liquor licensing fees and provide recommendations on cost reductions equal to the loss of those revenues.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve Item 2. Motion carried.

3. To receive and place on file a request to provide up to \$50,000 to be used for first responders, DPW workers and anyone else on the front lines that needs to interact with the public for safety gear and supplies to come from contingency account.

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4. To receive and place on file the report of the Claims Committee.

U. REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (APRIL 7, 2020).

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve. Motion carried.

1. To approve as amended Chapter 23 FMLA, Section 2 to allow supplementing FFCRA leave time with accrued paid leave and to require documentation for childcare leave.

2. To approve as amended City Emergency Preparedness Plan for COVID-19.

V. RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve. Motion carried.

1. The Municipal Court Report for March 2020.

W. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to suspend the rules and advance Ordinances 1 through 3 to a second reading. Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to advance Ordinances 1 through 3. Motion carried.

1. Zoning Ordinance No. 04-20

An ordinance rezoning property located at 420 Maryhill Drive from Low Density Residential (RI) to Public Institutional (PI).

2. Zoning Ordinance No. 03-20

An ordinance rezoning property located in the 2900 Block of Sitka Street from Low Density
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Residential (R1) to Medium Density Residential (R2) District and Conservancy (CON) District.

3. Zoning Ordinance No. 05-20

An ordinance creating a planned unit development (PUD) overlay district for properties located at 544 Acme Street.

X. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

I. Discussion with possible action on the "Proclamation Extending the State of Emergency for the City of Green Bay COVID-19 Response."

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to approve Item I.

Moved by Ald. Chris Wery, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to amend Item I to expire May 5.

Motion carried.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, No- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Lynn Gerlach

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve Item I as amended.

Motion carried.

2. Consideration with possible action on Green Bay Packaging Inc. Manufacturing Personal Property Assessments Appeal.

The Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1) (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Council may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wis. Stats., to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to go into closed session at 10:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Craig Stevens, Jesse Brunette, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Randy Scannell, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, Abstain- Lynn Gerlach

Ald. Barbara Dorff read the closed session language.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to return to regular order of business at 10:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to proceed as directed in closed session. Motion carried.

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Y. RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to suspend the rules and adopt Resolutions 1 through 3 together with one roll call vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve Resolutions 1 through 3. Motion carried.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Craig Stevens, Jesse Brunette, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Randy Scannell, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, Lynn Gerlach

1. Resolution to cancel certain property taxes in the amount of \$5,340.90.

2. Resolution drawing final orders to contractors for April 21, 2020.

3. Resolution authorizing legal action regarding the Green Bay Packaging Inc. manufacturing personal property assessments appeal.

Z. REFERRAL OF PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to refer the petitions and communications to the appropriate Committee or Commission. Motion carried.

A request by Ald. Bill Galvin to the Traffic, Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission for consideration to remove any parking restrictions that applied to the former St. Mary's of the Angel school on the 600 Blk of S. Irwin St. and 1200 Blk of Cass St.

A request by Ald. Bill Galvin to the Protection and Policy that Plans be made and implemented by July 20th to avert any future problems with in person voting and absentee voting. This is to include, training of staff and volunteers, obtain necessary equipment, establish secondary voting sites, and any other resources needed.

A request by Ald. Bill Galvin to the Improvement & Services Committee that the current process for funding sidewalk repairs contracted by the city for residents be studied with the possibility of making changes.

A request by Ald. Bill Galvin to the Park & Forestry Committee that all parks be supplied with trash cans year round so residents have somewhere to put their trash when using our parks.

A request by Ald. Jesse Brunette to the Protection & Policy Committee to begin meeting a minimum of twice a month effective June 2020. There are too many critical issues requiring attention and action to meet once a month. We answer to the public and more regular meetings are necessary and convenient for the public.

A request by Ald. Jesse Brunette to the Improvement & Services Committee to amend and update

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the Stormwater Utility ordinance to include and explain the impact trees have on stormwater retention and drainage, and to provide a dollar credit to property owners who have trees planted or growing on their property in order to be consistent and fair with what the majority of the Common Council passed in November 2019. If the ordinance and Equivalent Residential Unit calculations are not adjusted appropriately, then Forestry expenses should no longer be paid for by Stormwater utility rates effective January 2021.

A request by Ald. Jesse Brunettte to the Protection & Policy Committee to refund the reinspection fees at 2468 West Point and for the city to appeal to the federal government to allow for the property owner's shed to remain.

A request by Ald. Mark Steuer to Protection and Policy Committee to create a Green Bay City Resolution to the State of Wisconsin asking Governor Evers to designate retail workers as "first responders", thus opening up possible health and financial benefits.

A request by Ald. Brian Johnson to the Finance Committee to consider and discuss establishing a budget forecast process to position the city to strategically respond to anticipated revenue shortfalls and additional expenses from the impact of COVID-19.

A request by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to the Parks & Forestry Committee to look into newer larger signs at parks indicating that dogs must be leashed at parks and or trails. And potentially a social media campaign reminding residents that dogs must be leashed.

A request by Ald. Galvin to discuss concerns behind the delay of City Appointed Officials from the Common Council meeting on April 21, 2020.

AA. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to adjourn at 10:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Kris A. Teske

Green Bay City Clerk

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VERBATIM MINUTES

- [Kris] 12 are present, your Honor.

- [Eric] We have a quorum and we will proceed. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for the invocation offered by Alder Bill Galvin.

- [Eric And Chris] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

- [Bill] All right, should I start the invocation?

- [Eric] Yes, please Alder.

- [Bill] Okay, thank you. I wanna start out by thanking all our healthcare professionals, city employees, and those that make sure we're able to eat, stay warm and be safe and secure in our homes for the risk they're putting themselves through and all that they're doing for us. Second I thought long and hard about this, the start of my third term and I remember how it was my first and even my second term, so, kinda learning how to go about being a city councilperson. So at this time, the start of our new city council session, I want all of us to consider for a few moments the responsibility we have, set the interests of all the citizens we were elected to represent. For the next two years we will face many difficult situations and decisions. We will be tested how to do the most good while mitigating a harm. The decisions we reach will not always be the best for everyone and we should always keep this in mind. We need to have empathy for those our actions will adversely affect. I ask we always treat each other with respect and at the end of every meeting we leave any adversity at the door. I also ask we take the time to try and understand where those who have different opinions from ours are coming from, that their opinions are just as valid as ours, and that we all have the same goal which is to maintain and improve Green Bay as a great place to live. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thank you Alder for those words. And now we're onto an exciting one for alders and for the city, the Oath of Office for the new and more seasoned alders. So Clerk, please administer the Oath of Office to the 2020-2022 Green Bay Common Council.

- [Kris] So what I'm gonna do is I will read the Oath and then you can repeat after me when I pause for "I", then say your name and then when I say, "District," say your district, please. So please raise your right hand. I.

- [Council Members] I.

- [Veronica] Veronica Corpus-Dax.

- [Bill] Bill Galvin.

- [Chris] Chris Wery.
- [Kathy] Kathy Lefebvre.
- [Kris] Being duly elected as Alderperson of the city of Green Bay.
- [Council Members] Being duly elected as Alderperson of the city of Green Bay.
- [Kris] For District...
- For District 4.
- For District 7.
- [Kathy] District 6.
- [Kris] Do solemnly swear.
- [Council Members] Do solemnly swear.
- [Kris] That I will support the Constitution of the United States.
- [Council Members] That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

- [Kris] And the Constitution of the state of Wisconsin.

- [Council Members] And the Constitution of the state of Wisconsin.

- [Kris] And that I will faithfully perform the duties of said office.

- [Council Members] And that I will faithfully perform the duties of said office--

- [Barb] To the best--

- [Kris] To the best of my ability.

- [Council Members] To the best of my ability.

- [Kris] So help me God.

- [Council Members] So help me God.

- [Kris] And then if everyone can just turn in their paperwork to me, that would be great. Just by next, I will witness. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thank you, Clerk. Congratulations all. Onto the election of our Common Council President. So we have a few housekeeping items to sort of take care of or agree upon before we move forward with the election. Probably be the easiest to do this with an open ballot so I will entertain a motion to hold an open ballot for the election of Common Council President.

- [Randy] Motion to hold and open ballot.

- [Craig] Second.

- [Eric] So we have a motion made by Alder Scannell.

- [Craig] Second.

- [Eric] Second by Alder Stevens. Any discussion on that? All in favor will signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] All opposed "Nay". The ayes have it. We will have an open ballot here. The other thing to discuss is whether or not we want to have a runoff election and by that I mean the lowest vote getter in our round of vote counting here would drop off and then the top two would move on. We don't have to do it that way. That's an option for you as members of Council, so I would just kinda open it up to the floor and ask if anybody has an objection to handling it that way or if you'd prefer to leave everybody on the ballot every round through.

- [Chris] I'd prefer to leave everyone on the ballot, Mr. Mayor, until they choose to drop out.

- [Eric] Okay, thanks Alder.

- [Chris] Usually do, they usually do.

- [Eric] Any other feelings among alders for that? So we can under suspension of the rules which takes a two-thirds vote, you as a runoff style election. As I said, it's not necessary but it is an option.

- [Randy] Well, if Alder Wery wants a... I got no, either one is fine by me and if we got one alder I'm assuming there's probably a couple others that feel the same way. That's fine by me to keep the alder. Let the alder drop out as they choose to. Who knows, maybe the bottom-getter will end up winning if someone else drops out or who knows.

- [Eric] Sure, sure. All right, thanks for those comments there. So with that discussion being dispensed with, I will at this point entertain motions to put names into nomination here.

- [Brian] Nominate Brunette.

- [Bill] Nominate Dorff.

- [Chris] Okay, do we have seconds for each of those motions?

- Second.

- Second for Dorff.

- [Eric] All right, so we do have a nomination for Alder Dorff made by Alder Galvin and seconded by Alder Stevens. Also a nomination for Alder Brunette with a second by Johnson. I'm sorry, so we have a nomination for Alder Brunette. Do we have a second?

- [Chris] Second, Wery.

- [Eric] Seconded by Alder Wery. Any other nominations? Any other nominations?

- [Brian] Mr. Mayor, it looks like Alder Steuer is trying to speak but he's on mute.
- [Eric] Ah, very good, thanks Alder. Alder Steuer?
- [Mark] I'm sorry.
- Yeah, go ahead.
- Okay. So in order to be nominated, you can do it yourself or do you have to somebody else do it?
- [Eric] I believe you can make the nomination. Attorney Chavez can correct me if I'm wrong. You do need a second, however.
- [Brian] To call a point of order, Mayor. Does a nomination according to Robert's rules require a second? My understanding is that it does not.
- [Eric] Yeah, Attorney Chavez, can you clarify?
- [Vanessa] The second is usually the person accepting the nomination.
- [Randy] Ah.
- [Eric] But it is not a requirement, is that correct?
- [Vanessa] Let me double check for instances where somebody nominates themself.

- [Randy] Alder Steuer, if you wanna be nominated, I'll nominate you.

- [Mark] Oh I'm just thinking out loud here, so. I'm gonna hold off.

- [Eric] Okay, so not a nomination, Alder Steuer?

- [Mark] No, thank you.

- [Eric] All right, so we have two candidates for Council President. Since we do have an open ballot, the way that we're gonna do this is the Clerk is gonna roll through all of the council seats and when you're called upon, you will state who you would like to vote for for Council President. And before we get to that, I should ask the candidates, and my apologies here, if they'd like to say anything on their own behalf for their nominations? Alder Dorff?

- [Barb] Thank you. Thank you for the nomination, I do accept the nomination. Most of you know me. You've seen me work over the last two years or over the last four years, and I guess I just wanna say maybe three things that are important to me. Fairness and kindness would be the first thing. I believe in being fair and believe in looking at all sides of issues. The second thing would be, I'm not afraid to take a stand. I'm not afraid to stand up for what I believe is right and, to express my own opinions, and I'm also not afraid to compromise if a compromise is what's called for because there are shades of gray sometime. Everything's not always black and white. And finally, I'm willing to put in the time. I already put in a lot of the time. I enjoy going to all the different meetings and if I can't make it, I watch them. I try to be as informed as I possibly can and if I were to be honored by getting your vote today, I would promise to represent you and represent the city in the best way that I could. Thank you so much.

- [Eric] Thank you, Alder. Alder Brunette? Oh, looks like there's some, audio issue? Yeah, we're not hearing you on computer audio, Alder. Let me see if you're on here.

- [Celestine] I don't know which one it is. He's on his phone. Yeah, but he is on, he's working on a phone.

- [Mark] That was bizarre.

- [Man] That's fine.

- [Jesse] Okay, can you hear me now?

- Yes, we can.

- Yes, that's what--

- [Eric] Okay, I'm very Very sorry about that, I had an issue with the phone. I'm gonna step out real quick. My audio on my phone was a little messed up and it was my computer and now I had to go by phone so I apologize for that and I apologize for not fully listening to Alder Dorff. Thank you for the nomination and I accept the nomination. I've been on the City Council now for four years and I've represented two separate districts and I have experience chairing a committee on the Brown County Board and I've been Vice President of the City Council. I also, like Alder Dorff, do greatly love this city. I've lived here much of my life. I've represented two different city council districts for more than three different neighborhoods. One thing that I would like to do in the city of Green Bay is to keep our city government nonpartisan. You know, we have a lot of different political perspectives within our city. One thing that I've never done is get endorsed or do any political activities through a political party or special interests groups and I think this day and age in our city, county, state and federal government's history we need people who can look at issues from a very nonpartisan position and that's the thing that I would do as leader of the City Council if you would vote for me. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. So with those nominations being put forward I do think, a motion to accept both of them and move forward with the election.

- [Bill] Motion to accept the nominations.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Galvin.
- [Veronica] Second.
- [Eric] Seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax. All in favor signify by saying "aye".
- [Council Members] Aye.
- [Eric] Oppose "Nay", the ayes have it, and now as I said, Clerk Teske will roll through our council here and when called upon, just state your preference.
- [Kris] Barb Dorff?
- [Barb] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Veronica Corpus-Dax?
- [Veronica] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Lynn Gerlach?
- [Lynn] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Bill Galvin?

- [Bill] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Craig Stevens?
- [Craig] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Kathy Lefebvre?
- [Kathy] Jesse Brunette.
- [Kris] Randy Scannell?
- [Randy] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Chris Wery?
- [Chris] Alderman Brunette.
- [Kris] Brian Johnson?
- [Brian] Alder Brunette.
- [Kris] Mark Steuer?

- [Mark] Jesse Brunette.
- [Kris] John VanderLeest? John VanderLeest?
- [Celestine] Yeah, he has his cell phone. Wait, let me, he's undone. It's unmuted.
- [Eric] Not able to hear you, Alder VanderLeest.
- [Celestine] Oh, here, okay, Alder VanderLeest?
- [John] Jesse Brunette.
- [Celestine] Thank you.
- [Eric] Thank you, Alder.
- [Kris] And Jesse Brunette.
- [Jesse] Brunette.
- [Kris] So it's a tie, six-six.
- [Eric] So we, do have anybody as necessary, so we will need to revote.

- [Kris] Barb Dorff?
- [Barb] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Veronica Corpus-Dax?
- [Veronica] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Lynn Gerlach?
- [Lynn] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Bill Galvin?
- [Bill] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Craig Stevens?
- [Craig] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Kathy Lefebvre?
- [Kathy] Alder Brunette.

- [Kris] Randy Scannell?
- [Randy] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Christopher Wery?
- [Chris] Alderman Brunette.
- [Kris] Brian Johnson?
- [Brian] Alder Brunette.
- [Kris] Mark Steuer?
- [Mark] Alder Brunette.
- [Kris] John VanderLeest?
- [John] Jesse Brunette.
- [Kris] And Jesse Brunette.
- [Jesse] Brunette.

- [Kris] It's still a tie.

- [Eric] Well as I said, we do need a majority here. So I don't know if there are thoughts to be shared, but otherwise we'll just continue to vote.

- [Lynn] Mr. Mayor, I don't know how to raise my hand to speak. Can I speak?

- [Eric] Yes, Alder Gerlach.

- [Lynn] I have been doing a little reading about how city governments work because I'm a newcomer and it was my understanding that in the case of a tie that the Mayor votes.

- [Eric] Yes, that is my prerogative and that's the that I am able to vote. Of course, I know that when in the normal course of events when we have tie votes at Council, that is something that I am able to do is break a tie. I do feel that this is a decision of Council and while I'm sort of a quasi member of the body, I'd be most comfortable with Council making this decision. Of course I'm not interested in being here all night either. So we will continue to roll through a few more times but I don't think it's in the interest of the city to have a deadlock or a council without a president. So that's something that I could reconsider at some point.

- Mr. Mayor, if I could.

- Mayor, can I just make a suggestion?

- [Eric] Alder Wery.

- [Chris] Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think that's a wise choice. You know I've been through, I don't know, eight, nine of these by now and when I became Council President, I think we went through 12 or 15 votes between myself and Alderman Dwayne. It works itself out and I think, I appreciate you're

staying out of it because this is our leadership. This is the Council's leadership and we need to work it out, however that might be, so. Better when it's course, no matter how long it takes. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder. Alder VanderLeest, did you have something to say?

- [John] Yes, if it would be okay with the council approval, how about a coin toss?

- [Eric] That is, I believe that is, that kind of a tiebreak is acceptable but it would have to be approved by majority of Council.

- [John] I make a motion that we use a coin toss.

- [Vanessa] It would actually require a two thirds vote to suspend the rule.

- [Eric] Attorney Chavez?

- [Vanessa] It would actually require a two thirds vote to suspend the rule.

- [Eric] Very good. Alder VanderLeest, did you have a motion?

- [John] Yes, I have the motion that we use a coin toss to determine who will be the council president. If the Council agrees with a two thirds majority, I say let's toss the coin. Thank you, I need a second on that.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder, is there a second?

- [Randy] I'll second that. I don't think this position is... It's a significant position but I think any one of us here is qualified to do it. I think both candidates are qualified to do it. I do have a little bit of an umbrage in that I believe from the little bit Being able to get into that old pattern of us and them and partisan bullcrap. There is no partisanship here on the council, and to bring that up, it just makes me suspicious. I don't, I remember when I first started, there was very much a strong feeling of us against them and gotta have somebody in there who can oppose the mayor who's able to keep different camps, and I've always thought of us all as one, all together, and there is nothing about this job that is partisan or that requires anybody--

- [Chris] Point of order, are we speaking to a coin flip, Mr. Mayor?

- [Randy] I'm making that second. I believe that gives me the floor.

- [Chris] I think you're blathering on about non-related items, Randy.

- Alder Wery, Alder Wery--

- I get, I've got the floor--

- Alder Scannell has the floor.

- For a coin tip. Wow, you've made an out of order. You can do that. I'm done anyway.

- [Eric] Very good, so we have a motion and a second. As Attorney Chavez stated, this requires a two thirds vote so we will use--

- [Chris] I have my button pressed, Mr. Mayor.

- [Eric] Apologies, Alder Wery.

- [Chris] Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just remind everybody we're on our second vote. Like I said before, I think when I became president we went through 15 votes. We're on number two. I think we're getting way ahead of ourselves. If anything we move to a closed ballot. That allows people maybe to vote differently than they would and we can elect our leader of our council. I don't wanna leave this up to random, so, thanks.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder Wery. Further comments on the motion that's on the floor? Again, this requires two thirds vote, so we will use the board.

- [Celestine] Okay. Okay just, Mayor, just give me one second, okay, and then I'll display the vote. Okay. And then I...

- [Barb] While she's preparing.

- [Woman] Where's the current item?

- [Eric] I'm sorry?

- [Woman] Scroll, go ahead. Hit edit.

- [Barb] I just, I would like to, can I state? There is, okay.

- [Eric] There is a roll call ongoing.

- [Woman] See it, so.

- [Barb] Okay.

- [Woman] Go back to Zoom.

- [Celestine] Yeah, can't see it right... All right, so we're gonna have to undo. Oh. Just give us one more moment please. Maybe that's right. Okay. The vote is three to nine. Three in favor and nine against. Can everyone see that?

- The motion fails nine-three. Is that correct?

- [Celestine] That is correct. Mayor, can you see that? No, oh, you can't .

- I cannot see the vote.

- [Celestine] Oh okay, thank you, okay.

- [Eric] Okay, the motion fails. Are there comments, otherwise we'll go to the vote again.

- [Chris] Mr. Mayor, if I could, who voted for it, since we can't see the vote.

- [Celestine] Just give me one moment. So VanderLeest, Alders VanderLeest, Brunette and Scandal, Scannell, excuse me, voted in favor--

- I'm sorry we can't hear you.

- [Celestine] Alders VanderLeest, Scannell and Brunette voted in favor.
- Thank you.
- [Eric] Okay, so we will go to the vote again. Clerk Teske. You're on mute. Apologies.
- [Kris] There we go.
- [Eric] Start again, Alder , Clerk Teske please.
- [Kris] Barb Dorff?
- [Barb] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Veronica Corpus-Dax?
- [Veronica] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Lynn Gerlach?
- [Lynn] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Bill Galvin?

- [Bill] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Craig Stevens?
- [Craig] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Kathy Lefebvre?
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- [Kris] Randy Scannell?
- [Randy] Alder Dorff.
- [Kris] Christopher Wery?
- [Chris] Alderman Brunette.
- [Kris] Brian Johnson?
- [Brian] Alder Brunette.
- [Kris] Mark Steuer?

- [Mark] Alder Brunette.

- [Kris] John VanderLeest?

- [John] Alder Brunette.

- [Kris] And Jesse Brunette.

- [Jesse] Brunette.

- [Kris] And it's still a tie.

- [Brian] Motion to suspend the rules and conduct a closed ballot?

- [Randy] Motion to suspend the rules.

- [Eric] I believe that's, Attorney Chavez could chime in. I believe that's just a simple majority, or do we need to--

- [Vanessa] That is correct. That is not actually suspending the rules, It's just going back to it so that's just a simple majority.

- [Randy] So a motion to go to a closed ballot.

- Second.

- A motion has been made by Alder Johnson, seconded by Alder Scannell? Is that right?

- [Randy] Sure.

- [Eric] To move to a closed ballot? So the way that this is going to have to be conducted is through email, so if you could please email Clerk Teske your votes for Council President.

- [Kathy] Mayor, I don't know if I can do that. Think I can minimize this.

- [Brian] Mayor, I believe we actually have to vote on the motion first.

- [Barb] Oh yeah, that's right.

- [Eric] Yep, very good. All in favor will signify by saying "aye."

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "Nay". The ayes have it, so we will use the closed ballot. Thanks Alder. So again, just use your email to send that vote over to Clerk Teske.

- [Lynn] Excuse me, I'm sorry, does that mean that I have to use the city email which I've never logged onto?

- [Eric] Nope, whatever, whatever email is at your disposal. Just make sure it gets to Kris Teske at her official email.

- [Lynn] Okay.

- [Kathy] And can you give me that email again?

- [Celestine] It's C, I'm sorry, K-R-I-S as in Sam--

- Just a minute. I'm sorry, I cannot hear you.

- [Celestine] Yes, this is Celestine. K, R, I, S as in Sam, T as in Tom, E at greenbaywi.gov.

- [Kathy] Okay, I think I missed once. K as in Kathy, R as in Robert, I, S as in Sam, T as in Tom, what was the next one.

- [Celestine] E as in elephant.

- [Kathy] E?

- Yes, as in elephant.

- As in Edward? Okay, let's see if I can get this, okay. Ah, I think I might have minimized this. Oh shit, well that didn't work.

- [Eric] And we will just sort of stand in formal until those votes are available to Clerk Teske.

- [Kris] I am waiting for District 6 and District 11.

- [Kathy] Yeah, I'm having trouble, just a minute.

- [John] Kris, do you have that email now?

- [Kris] District 11, I did receive your email.

- [John] Thank you.

- [Kathy] Okay, K, R, I... Okay, did you get mine?

- [Kris] Yes I did, and it's still a tie.

- [Chris] Keep going.

- [Kathy] Do we have to vote again?

- [Eric] Another round of secret balloting here.

- [Kathy] Okay.

- [Kris] And it's still a tie.

- [Eric] Any comments from alders?

- [John] Mayor, I'd like you to introduce the coin toss again. Make a motion to introduce the coin toss. I think we're gonna be here quite a while otherwise.

- [Chris] The motion lost, you can't reintroduce it.

- [John] Okay, somebody else'll have to do it.

- [Mark] Alder Wery can you talk about how you broke your tie some years back?

- [Eric] Alder Wery?

- [Chris] Well, like I said, I think we went 12 rounds at least, then we took a ten minute timeout, we came back and it was decided. That's a little tougher here of course.

- [Mark] Really tougher, yeah.

- [Eric] All right, we'll have another round of secret balloting. Like I said, my preference is to not be here all night, however, we have some business to attend to and it is, as Attorney Chavez said, as Alder Gerlach has stated it's prerogative of the mayor to break a tie. So I would urge you to break the tie on your own, and we will have another round.

- [Kris] And we still have a tie.

- [Brian] Mayor, just a point of information. Alder Wery eluded to the fact that Alder VanderLeest was unable to reintroduce that motion. Can another alder reintroduce that motion?

- [Vanessa] It would be a motion to reconsider. Somebody who was on the deciding side of it.
- [Brian] Okay, so I was on the deciding side of that. So I would move that we reconsider.
- [John] I'll second that.
- [Jesse] Still second that, if it's appropriate being that I'm one on the ballot.
- [Eric] I'm sorry about that, I was muted. And my question was, if the second also needed to be from the prevailing side, Attorney Chavez.
- [Vanessa] I have to double check it but my recollection is that it does not.
- [Jesse] So I voted no to the coin toss the first time and I should say I voted yes to the coin toss the first time and I lost that motion and so I would be comfortable seconding based on this and Mayor, if you're okay, I'm going to just make a few comments to that.
- [Eric] Go ahead.
- [Jesse] All right, yeah, so...
- [Eric] But you were on--
- [Jesse] Alder Dorff--

- [Eric] Well just one second, Alder Brunette. I think Attorney Chavez is checking on the procedural question.

- [Vanessa] Anyone can second a motion to reconsider.

- [Eric] Very good. So we have a motion from Alder Johnson, a second originally I think by Alder VanderLeest to use a coin flip to determine the outcome here. As you all know it requires suspension of the rules so it's two thirds vote, so we will again use the board. But prior to getting to that, Alder Brunette, did you have comment?

- [Jesse] Yeah, I would be in favor of the coin toss. It just seems like a non-partial way for this to be decided. Both Alder Dorff and I are qualified as are all other ten members of the Council. I just think leave it to chance and move forward from there. So I'm in support of a coin toss. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder. Alder Dorff?

- [Barb] I'm not in support of a coin toss. I think we still can work this out. I wouldn't want to lose by a coin toss. I wouldn't want to win by a coin toss. I would just ask the alders to keep trying. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder. Further comments on that motion? Otherwise we will use the board.

- [Kathy] I have to log back in. Wasn't worth it.

- [Barb] Did the board come up?

- [Celestine] Not yet.

- [Barb] Okay, good.

- [Celestine] Oh you got the board, but did you want to display? Oh, Alder Lefebvre, right? Alder Lefebvre, can you please vote.

- [Kathy] It's not up. And Alders Wery--

- It's not up.

- [Barb] It's not up for me either, for Alder Dorff.

- [Celestine] So is anyone having, so Alder Dorff, Alder Lefebvre, you're having difficulty, you can't get in?

- [Kathy] No. I'm in Civic Court but there's nothing through.

- [Barb] I'm in as well in board view but there's nothing. Can I vote verbally?

- [Celestine] Yes, yes. Yes? Mayor?

- [Eric] Yep, Alder Dorff votes no. Alder Lefebvre?

- [Kathy] No.

- [Eric] Alder Lefebvre votes no.

- [Celestine] Give me one second. So that is five, yes and seven no. Would you like a role call of that?

- [Eric] Alders, you need to know who voted? Alder Wery looks like he requests a role call there.

- Yes, okay. All right, so Alders Dorff, Galvin, Stevens, Scannell, Corpus-Dax, Lefebvre and Gerlach voted no. Alders Johnson, Wery, Brunette, VanderLeest and Steuer voted yes.

- [Eric] Okay, so that motion fails. Any further comments on our nominations? All right, we will proceed to another round of secret balloting.

- [Kris] And we still have a tie.

- [Eric] Thank you, Clerk. Additional comments? Alder Gerlach?

- [Lynn] Am I muted?

- [Eric] You're unmuted now. Oh, now you're muted again, go ahead.

- [Lynn] Good? Can you hear me.

- Go ahead. Yes, go ahead, Alder.

- [Lynn] This is a point of order and I truly do not know the answer. Is it possible to go, there was another Alder who was interested in being nominated. Is it possible to go back? Is it possible to start over and nominate that third person? It might make all the difference.

- [Eric] Attorney Chavez, assistance there?

- [Vanessa] I would say no since we have an election underway.

- [Lynn] Okay, thank you.

- [Kathy] Mayor, this is Alder Lefebvre.

- [Eric] Go ahead, Alder.

- [Kathy] I think it's time, I will vote this time. I would like to make a motion that we have a coin toss. I think this is gonna go on for quite a while and I voted no in the affirmative, or no in the majority. I'd like to change.

- Okay, all in favor--

- I think it's time to--

- [Eric] Make the motion, make Alder Lefebvre makes the motion for a coin toss. Is there a second?

- [Mark] Second, Steuer.

- [Eric] Seconded by Alder Steuer for the suspension of the rules so we're gonna use the board.

- [Chris] Point of order, Mr. Mayor.

- [Eric] Alder Wery, go ahead.

- [Chris] Thank you. Before I vote, a quick Google search did find that you can make a motion to reopen the nominations by virtuals of order. So I just want that. You know, and I'd be glad if the Attorney wants to back that up with something but I think it is available to, extent of my knowledge and from a quick search online, it is available, so.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. And apologies, we do have a role call ongoing, so. We have to wait for that to be concluded.

- [Chris] Nope, that's fine. I just like the correct information available.

- [Kathy] Mayor, it's not coming up for mine. I think it's because I have to rejoin each time I go into my email and I come back. I don't know if that's causing--

- [Eric] So Alder Lefebvre, how would you like to vote?

- [Kathy] I will vote yes that we do the coin toss.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder.

- [Randy] Alder Lefebvre, open up a second tab. You don't have to keep bouncing back and forth. Do a tab for email and a tab for Civic Clerk.

- [Celestine] Okay, so--

- [Kathy] You're talking to someone who doesn't--

- [Eric] All right, Alders--

- [Kathy] I'm not--

- [Eric] Alders, just one second. Miss Jeffreys?

- [Celestine] Thank you, Mayor. So we have eight to four, eight in favor, four against. Would you like a roll call? Yes?

- [Eric] Yes.

- [Celestine] Okay, thank you. Alders Dorff, Galvin, Stevens and Scannell voted against, and Alders Johnson, Wery, Brunette, VanderLeest, Steuer, Corpus-Dax, Lefebvre and Gerlach voted in favor.

- [Eric] All right. I'm not sure exactly how one administers a coin toss.

- [Celestine] I believe we have our IT director who is available to videotape the coin toss. Alder, I'm sorry, Attorney Chavez, do you have any suggestions?

- [Attorney] Nope, you can just toss a coin after you pick a side.

- [Eric] Right, it's a choosing of the sides that I suppose that I'm unsure of--

- Turn on your video. I'm sorry, Mayor, go ahead.
- [Eric] I said it's the choosing of the sides I'm unsure of how to administer. So if--
- [Barb] Alder Brunette can certainly choose first.
- [Eric] Okay, great--
- [Jesse] Heads, heads, heads and tails. Heads and tails.
- [Barb] That's exactly what I'm going to choose too.
- [Jesse] You said, I'll pick heads.
- [Barbs] I'll pick tails.
- [Eric] We do have the video here.
- [Celestine] So we have...
- [Eric] Appears to be a heads. Is that correct? Appears to be a heads to me.
- [Barb] Congratulations, Alder Brunette.

- [Woman] No no no no, no no--

- [Eric] Yes, congratulations Alder Brunette.

- What no, we didn't have it--

- Thank you, I. Was that a, did he toss it--

- So sorry, Mayor, excuse me. Sorry, hello, sorry. We haven't tossed the coin yet. We were just showing the integrity of the coin.

- [Barb] Oh, oh for God's sake.

- [Eric] Oh that wasn't the toss?

- [Barb] That wasn't the toss?

- [Jesse] I accept, thank you.

- [Celestine] No, okay, so excuse me, so sorry. We were just showing the integrity of the American 25 cent piece.

- Very good.

- So here's the coin toss.

- [Eric] Okay, here we are.

- [Chris] Carpet.

- [Eric] Not seeing it.

- [Barb] That is the carpet.

- [Eric] And it is heads, yes?

- [Celestine] Yes, it is heads, Mayor.

- [Barb] Yes, congratulations, Alder Brunette.

- [Jesse] Thank you very much. Thank you to everyone.

- [Eric] Congratulations again to Alder Brunette. This time for real.

- Thank you. Thank you.

- [Eric] Now we're onto item G, election of Common Council Vice President. I will entertain a motion--

- [Randy] Motion to nominate Alder Galvin.

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- [Barb] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made to nominate Alder Galvin made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff. Are there any other--

- I would like to make a motion. I'm sorry, I would like to make a motion to nominate Alder Dorff.

- [Eric] Is there a--

- [Lynn] Second.

- [Eric] Seconded by Alder Gerlach. Is that something you would accept, Alder Dorff?

- [Barb] I'm thinking. Is it all right with the Alder that's been nominated for the .

- [Eric] Alder Galvin, you care to make some comments about your... Still muted there, Alder.

- You're muted.

- [Bill] Let's, well I guess let's wait and see who else is nominated. There's any more people who are nominated and then I'll make a comment then.

- [Eric] Very good, Alder. Any other nominations?

- [Bill] Are the nominations closed?
- [Eric] Yes, seeing no other nominations, Alder Galvin. You have the floor.
- [Bill] All right, then I would be fine with not accepting the nomination.
- [Eric] Thank you Alder. So we have one candidate that's been submitted. I'll entertain a motion to accept the nominations.
- [Bill] Motion to accept.
- [Mark] Accept.
- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Galvin, seconded by Alder Steuer. All in favor with please signify by saying "aye"?
- [Council Members] Aye.
- [Eric] Oppose "Nay". The ayes have it. Then we have the nomination of Alder Dorff for Vice President.
- [Brian] Move to approve by acclimation.
- [Lynn] Second.

- [Eric] A motion's been made by Alder Johnson to approve by acclamation, seconded by Alder Gerlach. All in... If we have any dissension, please make your position known. Hearing none, congratulations Alder Dorff, Madam Vice President.

- [Barb] Thank you.

- Congratulations.

- Thank you. Thank you, Alder Galvin--

- Congratulations.

- [Kathy] Congratulations to you, Barb.

- [Eric] Okay, now we're on to approval of the minutes.

- [Randy] So move.

- [Barb] Move to approve, second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff to approve the minutes of the April 1st and April 9th 2020 meetings. Any corrections that need to be made? Seeing none, all in favor, please signify by saying "aye"?

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "Nay", the ayes have it. The minutes have been approved. Onto approval of the agenda, agenda.

- [Randy] Motion to approve.

- Approve.

- Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Lefevbre. Any changes to make? Seeing none, all in favor please signify by saying "aye"?

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "Nay", the agenda before you has been approved. Onto the report by the Mayor. So just a few things for you tonight. Unfortunately again, COVID-related. It's the new reality that we're dealing with here and unfortunately our reality is getting a bit worse in Brown County as I'm sure you're all aware. Cases have been increasing fairly significantly in recent days, many of them associated with a few clusters, JDS Packing probably being the biggest source of new cases according to our Brown County Public Health. So the CDC is in town to assist our County Public Health folks and there's really no way to sugarcoat when the CDC comes to town. That's not good news, but we are hopeful that the CDC will be able to offer our County Public Health Department some guidance as they work through this difficult time for the employees and the families who've been affected. I just wanna make it clear to the residents of the city, there's not a neighborhood or a zip code or a type of person or a type of employee that needs to be avoided during these times. Unfortunately, we all need to keep a distance from all of our residents and anyone who's outside of your household needs to be kept at a safe social distance. I just wanted to make the point that as many of you know, as alders know, as many community members know, but just to reinforce the point that our Brown County Public Health is the lead agency that's leading the response here in Brown County. Our emergency manager is Chief Litton He and his command staff work very closely with our EOC and the county's EOC and the lead agency being Public Health, but the county is the one who's driving the bus here and all of us are here to assist them. However, we do have a really important role to play as a city, as a Mayor and as council members to do whatever we can to assist our community members and to strengthen, in whatever way, the community and the economy that we have here in Greater Green Bay. We have taken some steps, you as Council, our administration has taken some steps to offer liquor license relief to bars and restaurants, to make some regulatory changes to allow for bars to

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offer certain products. We've seen the program, a new program come online thanks to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee and our staff here at the City of Green Bay which has established a COVID relief loan program for businesses located in the city that have been impacted by the coronavirus, but I'm just gonna, you know, I'm gonna call on you all again as I have in the past to please keep your eyes open, your ears open. If you are seeing things that you think the city administration should be aware of. If you're seeing different communities who are assisting their businesses and community members in a way that you think might be possible here, obviously want to be pointed in that direction. This is a very difficult time, it goes without saying and it's incumbent upon us to do whatever we can to pull together as Council, as Mayor and assist our community members and make sure that we all get through this, this period. As I said after the swearing in, congratulations to all of our Alders. Wanna say it again though. This is a really important role that you all have. I know that you know that, but just wanted to echo it and reinforce the importance of having a well-functioning, respectful body here at City Council as the legislative body in the city of Green Bay and so congratulate you again here on your victories and congratulate you on your swearing in here tonight. Finally, I just wanna take a moment, maybe a point of personal privilege to wish a happy birthday to my son, Henry, who is ten years old today which is pretty hard to believe, but he is a real blessing to me and my wife and the whole family, so. Happy Birthday, Henry.

- [Chris] Happy Birthday!

- [Mark] Happy Birthday.

- Congratulations, Henry.

- Happy Birthday, Henry.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alders.

- [Chris] You don't want us to sing, believe me. That should've proved the virus worked.

- [Eric] That does conclude my report.

- [Chris] I do have a question, Mr. Mayor, if I could.

- [Eric] Alder Wery.

- [Chris] Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I was wondering because I don't see a report and you did a good job of bringing us up to date on the COVID, but we . Kinda read, I'll put in questions. When I ask you during your report but there's somewhere else to talk--

- Apologies, Alder Wery? Alder Wery, just one second, you were cutting out there.

- [Chris] Ah, couldn't read my moving hands? I was wondering, the offending item here for Chief Litton to report on what's going on because if we have questions as a Council or someone in the community would, we really shouldn't be asking you under your report by the Mayor.

- [Eric] Right, that's fair. Now Alder, we do have an item under Committee The Whole, where Chief Litton as our Emergency Manager could have an opportunity to weigh in--

- Okay perfect.

- [Eric] And could answer some questions there.

- [Chris] Great, then I'll keep mine for later, thank you.

- [Eric] Very good, thanks Alder. As I said, that concludes my report and we're now on to a presentation that Clerk Teske will provide regarding the April 7 elections.

- [Kris] Thank you, your honor. I just wanna say please be patient with me. Everything that I'm about to say has to do with things that I've heard, so I'm trying to answer questions that I, you know,

comments that I've seen in the media or whatever. So please bear with me, it's kind of long, but I just feel that I need to say this. So I want to say I am sorry to anyone who didn't receive an absentee ballot. The Clerk's office felt horrible and I will get into that later on with the court order. We did everything that we could to get ballots out. We had, we were trying to get that done. We had to update the voter roster, respond to polling locations pulling out. Our liquor license renewals are due now. Licensing and campaign finance reporting. We received help with the daily receding phone calls, state reports that needed to be filed, Committee and Council agenda minutes and meetings and we were very well supported by all departments including police, fire and transit. So we can't thank city staff enough for all the help that you gave us. So now some background information, things that I saw as far as the election being mismanaged. I would like to talk about that comment. That was brought forth by Sandy Juno who has no idea how to run a polling location 'cause that's not in her job description. The Brown County Clerk's Office programs the election, prints ballots and uploads the results to their website on Election Night. I feel she's trying to deflect the issue that's some of the people who requested ballots did not get them, but everyone in line at the polls voted, did get to vote. Unfortunately the lines were long and I think that had to do with not everyone getting an absentee ballot, and I'm sorry for that. One alderperson brought up the fact, why didn't we ask Brown County for help? We did. The mayor told me to call the Brown County Clerk's Office to see if they could give us any help because they are certified in the system to work in WisVote, which feeds to MyVote, is run by the Wisconsin Elections Commission. It is not the City of Green Bay. So I called over there to see if they could give us any help because one of their employees over there was capable of helping us because she had in the past. So keep in mind that at this point, all the programming and the ballots were printed which Brown County does but that was in the print departments and I was told by the Chief of Staff that they could not, Chief Deputy, I apologize, could not help us. I asked about two of their employees, one who filled in at our office before and I was told no, they haven't worked in the system much, and the other one, the other person was home sick. So then on Tuesday, March 31st, the County Clerk sends over a person, which was the one that used to help us, which was fantastic. That same week, the Mayor decided to go down to two polling locations because of the shortage of poll workers. Keep in mind at this point, we did not know the National Guard would be deployed and trained. When Sandy heard the Mayor was going down to two polling locations, she came over to Green Bay Clerk's Office, brought her Chief Deputy and Deputy along with her, and she said, "You're only having two tabulators at the polls?" And I said yes. She said, "Well, what happens if it breaks down?" And I said, "I'll have a spare there." And also, if a machine jams or breaks down, "There is," "A slot to open so the voter "can put in their ballot securely." I said on a normal election, there isn't a backup tabulator at each polling location and there isn't an election tech stationed at the polling site like I was having on April 7th. Usually election techs are dispatched if there's an issue. During a normal election, we have five tabulators for central count which is held in the Clerk's office and remaining at the polling locations. This election we had four at the polling locations and the remaining for central count because the volume for absentees were so high. When she left, she didn't seem upset. She said she would be sending another one or two people over to help and I thanked her. She did send one person over and that person was sick, so I didn't want her in the office with the coronavirus. I didn't know, so I sent her back, and then Celestine, the Chief of Staff, talked to Sandy and Sandy said, "Well, we could have people work in our office." When I told Sandy that she would need DYMO printers, they don't have any there and Sandy wouldn't buy one. Well Celestine realized she had one at her desk and then I had one at one of the staff's desks in our Clerk's office, so we sent those over there. These are only the size of a Kleenex box so they can just be carried over. They took the printers and when they came back later in the afternoon and they said, "We couldn't do anything. "Our IT person didn't come and connect them." So they couldn't help at all over there. Let's see. Monday morning I called her, the girl that was helping us, when she left on

that Friday, she said, "Call me Monday if you need me." And I said, "Well I'll need you, but I'll call you Monday." So I called her and she told me she couldn't help on Monday, which was the day before the election because, per the law at the time, we could still get absentees out. I was told she couldn't help because she had to send out the National Guard. So then, let's see. On Sunday, March 29th, I sent an email to the Wisconsin Elections Commission asking for guidance on having city employees being able to access the system and I never received a response back from them. That day that Sandy came over, she went right back. She called the WEC and she was told that they needed to be trained with my assistance and then they could get a username and password, but Sandy said to me, "You don't have to train 'em. "Just say they were trained." And I said, "Well, I'm not gonna do that "because we do sign paperwork that we took the training "and that what they're working with is confidential information." So now I'm gonna get to the absentee process. I had called and left a message for the Postmaster on March 12th. They called me concerning the ballots, the absentee ballots. I asked if the absentee ballots could be kept in Green Bay the Friday before the election and not sent to Milwaukee or the Twin Cities to be sorted and I never heard back. I thought at that time that it would help to keep the ballots here to get them to the voters sooner. The Clerk and... So then the process now, the absentee requests. Both myself and the Deputy Clerk are the only ones that get notified of absentee requests. So, that's through our email. We also get notified by an email setup for our office which is Absentee Requests and then under Clerk's Inquiries, we also get them there and I also get 'em on my own email. So when I quoted our request of 17,000 emails, now that's in a two and a half to three week period, 17,000 emails coming in. It was just so overwhelming, and the Deputy Clerk was printing them out, printing them out and she just couldn't keep up. So... I asked IT then if, well I did ask the WEC, "Could we be doing this any way quicker?" They said, "Nope, what you're doing is the best way possible." So then we asked IT if they could help us and they did. They came up with a program that made it print faster. There was a few glitches in it but I truly believe that that made things go faster to print out. The only issue there was, when I saw that we were just drowning I said, "Can we have Printing print 'em?" So, Erica down in printing printed 'em and she said, that first day, she said to Kim, the Deputy Clerk, she said, "I did work all day, I just can't believe "that they're coming in faster than I can print them out." So, and what we had to do in that case also is we couldn't have them directed to Erica. The Deputy Clerk had to give her email over to the Print Department because all those emails coming in were starting to clog up the servers because photo ID was attached to most of 'em. See... When it comes to absentee ballots in the beginning of an election, we are given deadlines when the first batch has to be sent out. So that first batch went out on March 17th and it was over 2,000. It did include nursing homes because we could not send special voting deputies to the nursing homes. So that is a quicker process. The requests are in there already, so right now people are also asking for absentees for August through November which is fantastic because if we can get them in that first batch, it goes quicker than doing them individually. When I did ask the WEC then on Saturday, March 28th, if they came up with anything faster, I did get a response and was told they did come up with a new report, and then I had another email explaining the report and then another person from the WEC said, "Last I asked about sharing this, I was told to hold off "because it may not have been working completely correctly." Somehow we didn't go that route because we didn't know if we were gonna get every single request because that would be huge if we missed one there. Once the labels are printed, which I did send you the screenshots of how to do that, and that is just for one person. So just to get a set of labels out for one person, it takes 18 clicks. That does not include putting the labels on the envelope or inserting the ballot and the instructions. So once the labels are printed, they're put on an envelope, the inside and outside envelope next to the correct ballot that has the correct board numbers selected, folded and inserted into the envelope with directions. We had many devoted city staff that came in day after day and helped us label and insert ballots so the City Clerk's office who were certified in the system would be

able to continue on with labeling. The WEC system allows voters to request as many times as they want. We had one person request 11 times. 11 times we still have to print and touch that to make sure it's in there. Nothing tells us, oh, this person did that already. So, there's multiple requests. Some also sent the request to every email that we have. So, with the size of Green Bay, there's no way that we could know who was asking multiple times. We also had mail-in requests, so anyone that wants to send us a letter, they can mail it to us, and what I did, and I'm not a fan of canned responses for email, but I had to. I had a canned reply to emails which I hated doing but I had to either answer emails or get as many absentee requests out as possible. If someone asked where their absentee request was, I would do a search to see if I had one but didn't respond 'cause I had the canned response asking for their patience. If I did see that there was an issue, then I would answer back saying I don't see it. Some voters requested absentee ballots by city email and they didn't provide photo ID, so I canned response, answered that and some didn't send anything back so I couldn't process their request. The Clerk's office staff couldn't answer the phones anymore because we had over 200 phone calls coming in on one day. So here we have all the emails coming in and then all the phone calls, so we received help from other departments answering phones. A couple of people argued with me that they didn't have to provide photo ID because Governor Evers said they only needed to provide name and address. So there's a lot of information out there and some of it wasn't always correct. So, I just wanna say I am so proud of the staff in the Clerk's office. They worked so hard to try and get a ballot to everyone. We had in-person absentee voting for 12 days at the transit station from 10 'til 2 but the Thursday and Friday before the election, it was 10 to 5. I am so thankful that Director Kiewiz allowed us in the dispatch area so the girls could be behind glass and one voter actually showed up and coughed all over the glass. So it was just good that they had that glass in between. On the last day, and this is just kind of a little side note that I wanna tell you how devoted the girls are in the office. One of the girls fell the last day of in-person voting. She ended up in urgent care. Urgent care couldn't help her, she had to go to the emergency room. Her tendon was showing out her finger. She had nine stitches. She said to the doctor, "Please stitch my finger "so that I can type labels this weekend "so I can get these out, I can help get absentee ballots out "to the people," she's that devoted. So her finger wasn't straight, it was crooked so she could type. Some of the girls in the beginning couldn't work at night. There wasn't any extra laptops. As soon as IT got laptops in, they set them up and they took work home too for nights and weekends. Let's see. Then when absentee ballots are returned, so as we're trying to get all these out then we're getting 'em all back in. People were wondering why isn't my ballot marked back in? Well we didn't have time for that. Again, you have to be certified in the system to be able to do that. So when ballots come returned, they're logged in which is a very quick process. Then they have to be put in word order, in alphabetical order, and then opened. Then two people, like at the polls on Election Day take the ballot log, which is like a poll book. They state the person's name and address on the envelope, the workers give the person a number in the ballot log and then the ballot is fed into the tabulator. At the end the last number on the ballot log should match the number on the tabulator. This is done for each individual envelope and we had almost 12,000 returned. As far as poll workers. Only Wery you asked to be a poll worker and I stated you are on the ballot so you couldn't but I was thankful you asked. Finally I was told that I could assign you at East High to help with disinfecting. The night before the election you emailed me on my work computer at 8:24 PM to tell me you won't be in until 2:30 on Election Day, and that you were sending someone else, which was very nice for you to cover, but if you would've been a poll worker, that would've been very upsetting to a Chief Inspector.

- [Chris] If I were a poll worker, I would've been there all day.

- [Kris] Then--

- [Chris] And as we found out from the state--

- 'Cause they are the ones that are in charge--

- Look, Alder, Alder.

- [Kris] On Election Day.

- Listen, when there's--

- Please, I knew--

- Something correct, I need--

- Fortunate--

- [Eric] Alder, you're out of order.

- [Chris] I just, point of order then. Point of order. The state did come back and say we can be poll workers as long as it's not in our own district, so that just needs to be corrected. We can be.

- No. No, we didn't.

- I have that right from the Wisconsin Elections Commission, so if you wanna see that you can.

- And I do too.

- Okay Clerk, you can--

- Attorney Chavez--

- Teske has, Clerk Teske has the floor. Clerk Teske proceed.

- [Kris] I'm sorry, Mayor. Did Attorney Chavez wanna speak on that?

- [Vanessa] Sure, I reached out to the WEC because we had received conflicting information. They said that it is common for people to receive conflicting information depending on what's asked at the WEC. They stated that they will be providing additional guidance in the future, but that their recommendation is still to allow alders, or I shouldn't say alders, anybody who's currently on a ballot can work an election, just not an election that they're in.

- [Chris] So any other district?

- [Vanessa] No. If they're on the ballot--

- Yes, and I think you're incorrect. I think we need to get information on that.

- [Eric] As Attorney Chavez stated, there's some mixed messages, so.

- [Chris] All right.

- [Eric] Clerk Teske, proceed.

- [Kris] Thank you. So the chief inspectors are the ones that are in charge on Election Day at their polling location. Fortunately I knew the person that was replacing you and was okay with it, but just to note that on a normal election, there are laws as to who can be at the polls and they have to be from the county that they're working in. Let's see.

- [Chris] Thank God he was there.

- [Kris] The Clerk's office has the interest of all citizens in mind just as much as you do. Our job is to make sure everyone has equal access to the ballot and this time we were forced by the court to stop filling absentee requests which we feel so sorry about that. I also heard it was being said that we didn't have any backup at the polls for poll workers. There were backups, and when the chief inspectors realized that they needed more tables open, that is when the backups were used. This happens all the time. People don't realize how dedicated these workers are. They normally eat meals as they are working but I told them this time they shouldn't eat at the table because of the coronavirus. Polling locations. The City of Green Bay doesn't have community centers like other municipalities so we are not able to make spur of the moment changes. Polling locations need to be ADA compliant. Our biggest polling locations is UWGB and we weren't allowed to use their facility this time. Some polling locations we have are in small rooms and are ADA compliant on a normal election, but when there is sick, the social distancing is six feet apart, we couldn't use some of those rooms. Some polling locations are interior rooms where voters have to use the same door to go in and out the hallway, so again, social distancing would be a problem. The high school gyms had outside doors that could be open and people could come in one door and go out the other. The WEC knew a week ahead of time that this is what we were doing. The City of Green Bay also always has curbside voting. I told the chief inspectors to brush up on the rules because I thought we would have more this time. In the 15 years that I have worked on elections, eight as Clerk, we have never had people call for an appointment for curbside voting. Our process has always been to have someone come along and they can stand in line for you and when they get to the front of the line, they can say they have someone who needs to vote in the car and two poll workers will go out. It's unfortunate that Sandy Juno didn't ask ahead of time if it was our process. Instead, she caused more confusion. As soon as I heard there might be an issue with curbside voting I contacted the Chief of Staff who coordinated staff at the door and she went right over to clarify what our process was. One woman got out of her car to talk to the chief inspector and said she wanted to curbside vote because she thought she could go to the front of the line. We told her that we would get her a chair and when it was her turn to vote, she could walk up to the poll books. She wasn't happy about that. I didn't see

the emails asking about curbside voting up on Election Day. As soon as I saw them, I pulled took the standard process. They stated they were alone. I set a time for them to go when the poll workers would be out there to assist, and this voter was very happy. Another one called, pulled in the process and he just argued with me that I was disenfranchising him when I was asking him what time he wanted to make an appointment and he hung up on me. So, some, and some wouldn't even respond to my emails. Curbside voting is defined as a voter who cannot enter the absentee voting location or polling place due to a disability. One of the big confusions at this election is people thought we had a drive-up voting which we didn't have drive-up voting. Then when the Mayor decided to have two polling locations, it became obvious that we would have enough qualified, experienced poll workers. I didn't have time to train anybody new. It was either keep printing labels to get absentee ballot requests out or train people. We didn't know at the time the National Guard was going to be trained, and I have an email here and this is what I was afraid of and this came, this one to Sandy Juno from the Wisconsin Elections Commission that says, "Good morning." And this was, I just wanted to say, Monday, April 6th at 9:36 in the morning and the WEC said the deployment came together very quickly so we know there have been some mix-ups. For example, some Guard people showed up very early this morning and it seems some missed the training yesterday. Also some counties have too many and some not enough. When I came to work that morning of the election, there was a girl outside waiting and she was from the National Guard and I said, "You were assigned to the city of Green Bay?" and she said yes. So I thanked her and I sent her over to West High School where she worked and did a great job. So I didn't turn anyone away but I was afraid that they would not be trained properly because even though some people think you can just plop a person in the chair in front of a poll book, it's not that easy. If you go out to the website which I will give you later for training for poll workers, just to have a person to sit at the poll book is a 10-page training manual. 10 pages! So, you know, everything can look good on paper until it doesn't work out that way and that's usually what happens. The WEC, I think they are just understaffed also because when we ask for things to be corrected or updated, they'll say in a couple weeks. One of 'em that was huge to us took a year and a half. So even though I appreciate them trying to get the National Guard out, I was hesitant about that and I've had other clerks in Brown County tell me the same thing, they had the same concerns. So, and then in response to people accusing the Mayor of wasting his time on a loss, he did that because we could see the train wreck coming that people would not, not every person would be able to get the ballot. telling him, we have this many in the queue, we have this many to do and it kept getting bigger and bigger, and as that was happening the poll workers were pulling out, polling locations were pulling out, and he didn't ask for it to be canceled. He just asked for it to be extended. He wanted to make sure everyone could vote. The Mayor also wanted to make sure poll workers and citizens were protected from the coronavirus as much as possible, but he wanted to limit the number exposed. I believe if voters had gotten their absentee ballot in the mail, which was denied by the Court, they wouldn't have been standing in line which would have reduced the number at the polls. You can usually tell by people, in-person voting the two and a half weeks or two weeks ahead, we can usually tell how busy an election is gonna be. So, the other thing I wanted to say as far as training. When you're at poll books, balancing poll books to the machine can be very tricky to even an experienced poll worker. So if we have two poll workers putting the numbers in, those two books at, and then that has to match to the machine. With this election, no matter how it would've been done because we couldn't use our polling locations, multiple wards had to be in each location. So that meant that on one side they had 23 poll books, on the other side they had 24 poll books. So instead of just walking up to the table and they're sitting there with the poll book, person had to go up, tell 'em up what ward they were in, then they, the poll workers had to pull the book with the check off number sheet, give them a number, put their number by their name, give them the proper ballot which again, there would've been 23 different ballots or 24, and then have them go on to vote. Then

the poll workers would take that bundle, put it back in the folder so that the next person that came up received the correct poll book. So, that takes talent, I'm sorry, and our numbers are looking pretty good. I didn't wanna be accused of our election not being balanced because we can't close out an election with the Wisconsin Election Commission unless our numbers balance. So I just wanted to make that clear and by all means, if anybody has any questions, just call me or email me and I will explain it better or you can go to the WEC and see all of the manual. So, just kinda in conclusion but then I also have some questions that were asked by aldermen that I will answer. So we had in-person voting for a little over two weeks with hardly any lines. The city was not going to disenfranchise the voters. It was the parties that opposed either extending the time to get absentee ballots mailed and returned or postponing the election. The Clerk's office is always open for you to come in and ask questions or discuss things. I actually didn't hear from anyone. I had some alders call with encouraging words. I did have Alder Wery the Saturday before the election come knocking on my window and telling me I'm doing a good job. I take my job very serious and again, it's to make sure that everyone has equal access to the ballot and the city fought really hard to make sure we could do that, but we weren't given that opportunity, and I feel horrible that people could not get their vote in. Going forward, the Clerk's office will need more people who are certified in the WisVote system and we are talking, we're in discussion on that, and hopefully the WEC will update the system to make it faster to produce an absentee ballot which it wasn't before they did their upgrade. This is more steps. So we are looking to move forward now and see what we can do to make sure that we have enough people to get through since, we can plan now. We didn't have that opportunity with this election. So I guess my question now is, Alder Steuer, you had given me a page of questions. Should I answer, give those answers now or would you like me to wait?

- [Mark] to talk about a few things but here, go ahead.

- [Kris] Okay. First one was how many voters ended up voting at East High? It was 1,338. West High was 1,320. Your second question, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM that would be, that would've averaged out to .6 voters per minute that voted. If you extended the original 13 hours to 17.5 hours for the overflow voters who were in line at 8:00 PM, it would almost be .8 voters per minute. How could this have been improved? For one thing, not every voter is the same. Some might need to register filling out a form, showing proof of residence. Some people come prepared. Some poll workers have to go through a list of the proof of residence that we accept and that's by law, and some simply didn't bring anything and then the poll worker goes through, "Okay, do you have anything on your phone that you could use?" Then the person has to show their photo ID to get the ballot. People and poll workers, it's not a machine on a conveyor belt. There's different situations. How many voting machines were at East, at West? And I answered that in my talk. Polls were open from seven to 8:00 PM. There was 31 polling stations in Green Bay. Yes, but not all polling locations wanted us in the building. I kinda went through that. I will tell you that UWGB had three wards. We couldn't be there. Atonement Lutheran, two wards, Fire Station Number 5, two wards, Union Congregational Church, one ward, Our Savior Lutheran, one ward, Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, one ward, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, two wards, and Botanical Gardens, one ward. That was a total of 13 wards that didn't have a home. Three polling locations were maybe, that was Salvation Army, one ward, First Presbyterian Church, two wards, and St. Paul's Methodist, one ward. So that added up to four wards. So that was 17 wards that we didn't have a place for them to be, not including the ones that I

stated before that maybe want to fit in to the social distancing laws, rules. You said people were still waiting outside at 8:00 PM to vote. I said yes, at both places the law states that anyone in line to vote at 8:00 PM are allowed to vote no matter how long it takes. Every person that decided to stand in line did vote. You asked, the last voter at East High, it was around 11:30. West High was around 12:30. You asked how many registered voters in the city of Green Bay. At the time that I was looking this up it was 52,230. That number changes daily. We had 14,000, you said 14,376 absentee ballots were sent out from the Green Bay Clerk's office starting when? That was in the beginning on March 17th that we mailed those out. We had gotten the ballots like maybe the 15th or 16th and when we have the envelopes ready, they're ready go, just to stuff the ballots. You said given that Governor Evers wanted to delay the election until June 9th, 2020. He maintains that they could have processed nearly 38,000 remaining voters in time to have the election as an absentee ballot-only election. My response to that is we're hoping that if it came to that, the WEC would have been able to do some things behind the scene to allow us to grab all remaining registered voters that didn't have a request on file. The way we would do it now is each request gets printed out individually after that last initial bunch, batch. We had more absentee ballots coming in than we could print out, and I did explain that I called the WEC. H, you said each ballot takes five minutes to process, was a minimum of six touches by a clerk to complete. That comes to a total of 1,198 man hours for the 14,376 absentee ballots that were handled, all without a break. My response, each individual request takes approximately five minutes if a person is proficient along with being certified in the WisVote system. A person has to take hours of training to get certified to use the system. Once certified, the WEC issues a username and password with blue fob key for security, and as far as training goes, I do have, a lot of this can be found at the WEC. There's different levels of certification in the WisVote system. There's some for clerks, there's data entry, some to just view. I mean, I could go on and on. Poll worker training, that, under the WEC, for training Wisconsin statutes require that all election inspectors receive training at least once every two years. The Municipal Clerk will provide this training and should document that the inspectors have been trained, and I do have the spreadsheet of all the hours they trained. Currently there is no specific prescribed curriculum or length of training provided by the election division and a minimum election inspectors be instructed on the details in the election date annual which I sent you the link to that, and it's the responsibility of the Municipal Clerk to make sure that election inspectors have received sufficient training. Okay, so, let's see. When I talked about the five minutes to process, I had already gone through the steps to get an absentee ballot out. You asked how much does an absentee ballot cost in materials and postage, who in the end is paying for all this, what budgets deal with this. The outer envelope is eight cents, inner envelope is eight cents, two labels comes to 12 cents, ballot is 40 cents, postage is 38 to mail it to the voter. We get a break because we have a service. 50 cents to have the voter mail it back. So it's of about \$1.56 each per absentee ballot. It comes out of the election budget that you approve in the fall. For mailing ballots, a minimum of 32 clicks is needed to process the application, and I already answered that. Clerk maintains that given a few extra days that they would've processed the nearly 3,000 absentee ballots that remained which in effect would have made the in-person election a moot point. I don't believe it would've completely ended the lines but it sure would've helped them. So on April 2nd, 2020, in the evening, Judge Connolly of the Federal Court had issued an order related to absentee ballots for the next week's election. The Court ordered the following: a deadline for the receipt of absentee ballots is extended to 4:00 PM on Monday, April 13th. The Court specifically did not add a requirement for a postmark by deadline as long as the ballot is returned by the new deadline. So what that meant was, we thought by Wednesday we would have had them all out, which would have been the 8th. On the 6th, at about 6:30, we were all working at home on labels and we heard that it was overturned. We were told just to stop processing labels. So, that's the reason why everyone, they added a day, they added Friday for people to request and yet they cut us short on getting them back. That, for us to get

them out, but that's what happened. So, that was our issue on the absentee ballots. And we can say it was a breakdown of 1,188 man hours. That's to what was performed by clerks with such good hearts and I'm just not quite sure where you got that number. Every department helped. I also have the time when Diana in finance, the finance director. She put together, but it was self-reported and the break, to break it down, there was 1,658 hours that other city staff helped us. Number of employees that assisted were 86. Estimated assistance per employee was 19.3 hours. The Clerk's office had, and like I said for some of them, it was not as much because they didn't have an opportunity with a laptop at home. The breakdown for that is, 33 hours of overtime by one of the clerk staff. Another had 14.75, and keep in mind, some of this had to do with the coronavirus also because some have children at home and they had no day care. Another one had 35 hours. I had 136 hours of overtime, and the Deputy Clerk had 64 hours of overtime. We were working nights, weekends, like one of the Madison clerks said, you end up blazing over because you are just so exhausted. Let's see. In a typical spring election, what are the totals for in-house voters, for absentees? You asked for 2016 and 2018. I can actually give you the numbers for the last four years. 2016 at the polls was 28,630, absentee ballots, 2,778. 2017 at the polls, 10,212, absentee 1,314. 2018, 11,789 at the polls, 1,752 absentee. And then 2019 we had 17,559, absentees was 2,488. This election at the polls, 2,658. Absentees 11,931 were returned. So you can see where it was a total flip flop. In your estimation, what were the factors that caused the largest increase? Again, I think it was because they couldn't return their, they didn't get the ballot, and some decided to go to the polls. We talked about the poll worker training. You asked about the National Guard assisting the election in Appleton. It seemed to be a fairly organized event. Why was the National Guard not utilized in Green Bay? I talked about the National Guard and why we didn't use them but I don't have the facts about them, and something that I think we'll never see is just how all these places balance, if they balance their election. To me, that's huge. You said there were no bathrooms on site as folks waited two to four hours in line. Was this an oversight? We were in a coronavirus pandemic, just like we are now, and I don't know if we would've been allowed to use porta-potties. If someone had to use the bathroom, they could've gone up to the person manning the door and told them they needed use the bathroom. The door person would've made accommodations for social distancing at that point. You said Sandy Juno said the election issues in Green Bay were not related to COVID-19 as much as it was inefficiency. She stated that the National Guard was trained and ready to go. Well I talked about that already and I actually have that email that she receives and they weren't all trained. Could not the National Guard have viewed training videos weeks ago so that if they were deployed to the election site that they would have been up to speed? Well like I stated before, we weren't aware of the National Guard until Sunday, April 5th. You would have to ask the state why they weren't trained sooner. Another clerk, like I said, she had the same concerns as I did. Are there jurisdictions in Wisconsin that can email your absentee ballot to you since the original form says that that is possible. The law states absentee ballots may be emailed but the City of Green Bay only does overseas and military voters. The reason for this is it's a complicated process for people to get right. Very few do it correctly. Once the ballot is mailed, to us, mailed back, we have to recreate that ballot. So in my mind, that's another room for error by us recreating and can you imagine if all those 12,000 people that got absentee ballots were emailed and you would have to remake 12,000 ballots on Election Day? There's no way we could do it, just no way, and it's not as easy as just copying it over. Two people, purpose of a side, they have to copy that, you have to mark the one ballot, the original as one, the recreated one as one, has to be initialed, has to be written in the inspector statement. A lot to that. Let's see. So, some people did email on Election Day and asked for that since they didn't receive their ballot and I had to tell them no because once it was requested a certain way, they could not ask for email and that was per the WEC. You said perception in the community centered on the fact that there didn't seem to be a plan B or plan C, explain. We're in this pandemic and I don't, I guess I don't understand what people thought we could do. The chief

inspectors did everything they could. They asked for more tables, they divided up the poll books in wards more, but we only had so many sneeze and cough guards. There was one group at East that decided they were okay with not a sneeze or cough guard which I wasn't thrilled with, but they made that decision. West High, they all wanted to be behind those guards which I totally understand. So I think Alder Steuer, that answers all your questions? I can't hear anybody.

- [Mark] Can you hear me, can you hear me now?

- Now I can.

- Alder Steuer, just one second.

- [Mark] I'm sorry.

- [Eric] Alder Steuer. Clerk Teske, just finish up your presentation and then we'll move onto questions because we do have somebody else in the queue.

- Okay.

- Okay. Let's see, so sure. I covered. I'm, that's fine, I'm good with that. Thank you.

- Okay. Thanks for your presentation. Thanks again for your work, the work of your staff and the work of our poll workers. Alder Wery?

- [Chris] Mr. Mayor, thank you, Kris. Yeah I could tell when I knocked on the window, you kind of gave me that glazed over look so I could tell at that point you were . Lot of information that I know this will be going to a committee anyway next week so some of it we can parse at that time. I fully expected, as did I'm thinking most of the Council a written report. Why wasn't there one, 'cause that was a lot of information and sometimes your mic cut in and out so we heard part of it.

- [Kris] The reason why is because it's a lot of information. I could go on and on and on, digging even deeper into all this, elections are not easy. So I hit on the highlights, things that I received emails on, questions on, hearing about the National Guard. You know, if you want me to get deeper into the election as to how it works, I can do that but that would be, I mean you might as well go to the WEC and look at all the manuals then. I mean if you have questions by all means ask me. I'm, I'm ready.

- [Chris] Well, and I obviously, I do have a request with a Protection and Policy next week. Strangely, and I didn't really get a great answer, that committee never met last week so we can't discuss that item, and when I asked for it to be put on as a committee, the whole because they didn't meet, that didn't happen also. So, my request for this to be looked into by the Wisconsin's Election Commission will be discussed next week at Protection and Policy. So if people have some detailed questions, we could hold off 'til then. Kris, who has the final say on election issues? Is it you or the Mayor, I mean.

- [Kris] The Mayor and I, Celestine and Vanessa would have meetings every morning. We updated each other on what was going on. The best decisions were made at the time which was changing pretty much hourly.

- [Chris] That didn't answer my question though I appreciate it, that's a nice answer, but who has the final say? Is it you or the Mayor?

- [Kris] As far as the polling location?

- Who's in charge of the elected, who makes the final call? Who makes the final call on something to go down to polling places or to not take volunteers or not take the National Guard. Is that you, or can you be overridden by the Mayor or who makes that call?

- [Eric] Alder Wery, you know, I don't think there was a situation where there was any overriding going on. I talked about the decision points as I saw them, decisions made because--

- I just wanna know who makes the call. That's all.

- Because of the radical reduction of poll workers--

- Who makes the call?

- [Eric] That we experienced. It's a collaborative process. Obviously Clerk Teske is the Chief Election Administrator here in the city of Green Bay but--

- [Chris] Where does the buck stop, Mr. Mayor?

- [Eric] The dialogue that exists

- Somebody's gotta make--

- Between--

- The call.

- A clerk's office and the mayor's office is very similar to the exchanges that always go on with our department heads and senior staff here in the city. So I've taken full ownership.

- So who makes--

- I'm not sure exactly what you're asking--

- So who makes--

- [Eric] 'Cause I've taken full ownership.

- [Chris] I wanna know who makes the final call.

- [Eric] And the decisions that were made, I've taken that responsibility.

- [Chris] I'm not debating you, and I was asking the Clerk. So I'm gonna re-ask the Clerk that question. Kris, if you had something you felt strongly on, could you have enforced that. Could you have said, "No, we're gonna have "four polling places like we originally said, "all four high schools." Could you have demanded that?

- [Kris] Actually that is a scenario that played out when the Mayor decided to go with the two gyms. I, I thought, okay, and my brain started working thinking what plan, and I said okay, we'll have tables for each ward and at that time then he said, "Wait a minute," he said, "That's too many people in there," and I thought, good point, good point. So, he was following what was given to us by the WEC. Other entities wouldn't answer what was the safest layout. So what he was doing was following the high school having a door in, a different door out, the least amount of people in, and I got what he was doing.

- [Chris] Wouldn't it make more sense to have small? Were the lines people in and out?

- Then you're--

- Than putting everybody in two?

- [Kris] You're exposing more people.

- [Chris] Okay now think about that for a second. You're taking a thousand people--

- I have, I have.

- And putting them at East or West.

- They were outs-

- I mean, I was there for nine hours, I saw them, ingested.

- Alder Wery--

- I'm just, I'm just wondering.

- You need to maintain some order here, so it's a question and an answer, it's not a running dialogue.

- [Kris] Okay so here's, here it is. If we would've had multiple polling locations that would've been more people running the election with the same amount of people coming in, which is more people. By having it at the high school, they were outside, six feet apart, let in by someone at the door. So it's the same poll workers, not as many poll workers, and the same amount of people. So in my mind I understood exactly what he was saying and if you read all the different communications from the WEC, that's what he was trying to follow. And hindsight is 20/20. So it might look easy for you to say that but that isn't, if you actually look at the plan, that was the better option for less people to be infected. Chance of infection.

- [Chris] Well, I'm curious, how could Madison, Appleton, Racine, Sheboygan, Shawano and De Pere. Everybody else around the state except Milwaukee had no issues and had very short wait times.

- [Kris] I'd like to know where you're--

- They accepted volunteers at... I spoke to an alderman in Sheboygan. They reached out to high school seniors, to people coming back from college. I know political parties can help. We turned them down.

- So, can I talk?

- And again, they want to vote here--

- Again Alder Wery, I've already addressed that. I addressed that last week in my report to Council.

- [Chris] You didn't want to put them at risk? Even though they're volunteering, they're saying this gonna help our community and I don't care that I'm at risk.

- [Eric] Well that's a separate issue about volunteers and volunteers were put to use. As I stated last week or at our last meeting rather, I was not comfortable actively recruiting people into an unsafe process, which is what the election was. I was not comfortable--

- Even though the rest of the state did?

- Alder Wery--

- Even though the rest of the state did?

- Alder Wery. I was not comfortable pressing city employees into service in this environment.

- The rest of the state was, Mr. Mayor.

- [Eric] Right, yeah, and it's, you know, we--

- This was a major error--

- Can learn some things there, absolutely.

- Also, I just want to--

- Well Madison took like 10, 15 minutes to vote. I think Madison was 10-15 minutes to vote and they have way more people than we do.

- Can I, can I--

- I just really think we need to fully... Well, hold on, I think we need a really transparent report and timeline on communications and decisions made. We owe that to the people who couldn't vote. We all heard from them and everybody in there who's shaking their head no, we heard from them. I heard from people who didn't vote the first time ever. 50, 60 years, they couldn't stand in line for four hours. Our decisions to put it into two polling locations caused that. So blame it on the state, blame it on whoever you want. Our decisions took a bad situation and made it far, far worse, horribly worse, and the buck has to stop somewhere. Now if it's just you, Mr. Mayor, well, then fine--

- I don't know how many--

- But if you're on--

- I don't know how many times I can, I don't know how many times I can own it or accept the buck, Alder Wery, but I have--

- That's great, you can own it and I'm just telling you the frustration and anger that's out there. You can sidestep it and .

- I don't know--

- Do whatever you want.

- [Eric] I don't know who's sidestepping what, Alder. I've been very transparent.

- [Chris] What are the repercussions to the accountability? If this were a private company, there would be people gone.

- Can I speak, Mayor?

- Do you have a question, Alder, yeah, go ahead Clerk Teske.

- [Kris] I just wanna state I also have people that I talk to. Evidently in Ashwaubenon, they weren't even allowed to ask the high school students to work because they didn't feel it was safe. So it's everyone's opinion as to what was safe and what wasn't, and, I guess I'd like to know, Alder Wery, where you're getting the information that everything was hunky dory everyplace else because I'm not hearing that. I heard that--

- As compared to four hour waits? As opposed to three and four hour waits, I would say it was hunky dory, except for Milwaukee. They're always a mess though.

- But again, I have heard--

- Well I can save most of this for our panel committee, but--

- Can I finish please? Again, I have heard from many people that they are thankful for what we did. I have received flowers, I've received beautiful thank you, handmade thank you notes, wonderful emails of support, so there's two sides to all of it and a lot of people that have emailed me asking me why they didn't receive a ballot, I explained to them. Even though it was disappointing to them they didn't vote, they understood. So, you know, I guess I'd like to know, 'cause I'd like to talk to those people then, how it went so well, because I'm, that's not what I'm hearing. I think, I really think we did an excellent job. If we coulda got absentee ballots out which we couldn't, the lines would've been--

- Excellent job.

- Any further--

- I wouldn't give you an excellent in this--

- Any further questions, Alder Wery?

- Election whatsoever.

- [Eric] No further questions, Alder Wery?

- [Chris] No, my last that.

- [Eric] All right, thank you, Alder. Nobody else is in the queue here. Press your buttons if you haven't. Alder Dorff, looks like you're interested in speaking?

- [Celestine] Mayor, Alder VanderLeest has his hand up.

- [Eric] Alder Dorff, go ahead.

- [Barb] Thank you, thank you. I'm confused as to what Alder Wery was trying to get at like someone needs to be punished. I don't understand that point of view, but what I do want to say is thank you so much, Clerk Teske, for putting this report together. It obviously took you hours and hours and hours. You went through a really rough election that took you hours and hours and hours. You haven't been able to get much sleep. This is a lot hanging over you and I want you to know that I support you. I support what we did as a city. I support the decision not to ask volunteers or to press people, I'm sorry, to press people into working from the city in a dangerous situation. We did the best we could. This is a national crisis. There hasn't been a COVID-19 before. 1918 there was the Spanish Flu. This has never happened before. For someone to get a punishment, it seems like it would've been purposely done. We would purposely have set out to disenfranchise voters, purposely not made good decisions. That's not what I'm hearing. I'm hearing we found out about the National Guard at the eleventh hour. Now tell me, here it is Sunday night, Monday is the day before the election. How do you let people know if you're gonna open up more election sites? You would have people going to what they thought was the election site which was East or West and then what, stand in line and be told, "Oh, oh no no no no no, we changed that. "You have to go to Preble now even though "you've been standing here two hours." It's, and it would be impossible. You don't plan an election the day before an election. So we didn't. They, the help from if we're still in this situation in August or in November. Can you hear me? In August or in November, then we know that the National Guard would be available and we make different decisions. We only had a limited amount of information. No one purposely said, "Let's just make this worse." Nobody did! Everybody did the best job they could and they tried the best that they could and I applaud your efforts and I want to thank you so much. That's all.

- Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Steuer.

- [Mark] Thank you, your Honor. Like I said Kris, you know I came in and asked a lot of those questions and they weren't, a lot of it was for information. You know, I was just going to grasp it because let's face it, you know, we each represent 8700 constituents and they all, and people had questions. So I even emailed 55 of my citizens and I got 35 callbacks and many, you know, you'd probably like to read some of these but I'm not gonna go through all of 'em. You know, I think people were frustrated. You know, I think the fact, even behind the scenes, one of the things, the problem, we couldn't get through to your office because you were inundated, so there were times where we needed to ask some questions and we were, we couldn't because you were so busy. So I understand that load dynamic. I think most of the people that I interviewed or talked to, they said that they really

needed a, what they came out with the election was that they needed two more polling places and waiting in line caused health concerns. That was about 50 percent of the people. That was the big worry that they had. Most, 71 percent of the people over 35 that replied said they ate lunch and should've been there late, and 74 percent said that the National Guard should have been called. So, there's no more to talk about the National Guard so I understand that but, I'm just letting you know that we as alders still get a lot of feedback from people. I mean there's some people, and I tried to interview people that were Republican, Democrat, Independent and apolitical, so it didn't really matter. I think it's important to at least listen to the people. Moving forward, I know you did as well, as good of a job as you could. I respect you and your position very much, but like I said, the citizens were asking questions and we just needed to kind of try to address those as best as possible. People want to be heard, that's all. They want to be heard and Alder Wery said that many fewer folks that could not vote because they were older, they just couldn't vote at all. So that was tough. So am I putting blame, I, you know what? I have folks blaming everybody from the Mayor to the Supreme Court to the city clerk. Some people said there's no blame, people blamed the governor, the Wisconsin legislature. Everybody was to blame. Some had no opinions, some blamed the Council and some blamed the media. So I really get a good handle as far as concentrated vote or what happened. So I just got a lot of information from a lot of people and that's it and I'm just saying I find that you did as well a job as you could. It was disappointing under the circumstances but I am not here to point any fingers. I just asked a lot of questions because a lot of people were asking and I just needed to know as much as I could. So you know, if this does go to Protection and Policy, I would listen to that but, as far as I'm concerned, I did everything I could to, with the citizens. So I'm done, thank you.

- [Eric] Thank you, Alder. Alder VanderLeest? Not sure if you're muted on another device there, Alder.

- [John] Good, okay Mayor? My thoughts are on moving forward on the next elections coming up. Can you hear me now, Mayor?

- [Eric] Yeah, go ahead.

- [John] On the next elections coming up that we get the, you know, the proper resources to do the job by the citizens of Green Bay. I think a lot of them are disappointed that they weren't able to vote. I had a lot of people in my district that mentioned to me that they hadn't voted, first time they hadn't voted in 60 years. So my thoughts are on moving forward. I know we've had a rough election this last election created here but on moving forward, I think we have to have the resources and we have to have a good plan going forward. You know, if we gotta seek help from other places, you know, we should do it in, the older tax that people that were in the office there, in the Clerk's office, we didn't have enough personnel there to get the job done and, and that's, and the thing is that we didn't have a good result on the election itself. So my thoughts are that as we move forward to the next election that we got all the T's and I's crossed and dotted so that, you know, people are gonna be changing.

This will be a lot better this next election. So we have election in August and we got one in November so I hope we can get some good input as far as how we can get the job done and that people will be very happy about the next election coming up, and I thank all the people that came out to vote and the ones that weren't able to vote, we're gonna do better the next time around and I just hope we can do that as a city and learn from what we went through this last election. And I know that as far as the people that wanted to vote, you know, curbside, we've gotta find a good plan that people don't have to wait that long and hopefully we can have the polls open this next time. I believe that having the polls open and these absentee ballots, it's gonna overwhelm the whole area as far as the city of Green Bay. So, I just hope that we can move forward and do a good job on the next two elections here for this coming year. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thank you Alder. Any response, Clerk Teske?

- [Kris] No, that is our plan is to move forward now, kind of planning maybe for August to be like the April election and what can we do to improve, you know, with more staff. Thank you.

- [Eric] Absolutely. Alder Lefebvre. Alder Lefebvre?

- [Kathy] Sorry, sorry everyone, my buttons here. Yes, this is Alder Lefebvre. I just wanna say that Kris Teske and her staff, by her report, it sounds like they really worked and worked to try to get something halfway decent and it was just a perfect storm. It seemed like everything just happened almost down their control, and so I will not blame them at all. I don't think we need to be doing any blaming right now for anybody. I think what we need to do is work forward and, I do have some suggestions that I think I will email Kris on that and I will make some suggestions that I think that would work for the future. If we are in this pandemic again, it extends 'til this fall election. So I think I will do that, but I just want to say that I think that the ones that worked on this, they put a lot of time in and they really wanted something to work, and they tried. So I just wanted to thank them for all their hours and their time. Thank you.

- Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Johnson.

- [Brian] Thank you, Mayor. I think, Kris, I just have a number of questions and let me just do rapid fire. I mean my intent right now it to maybe do some information gathering and I'm gonna kinda save, since there's not a motion on the floor, I'm just gonna save any judgments or pontificating until such a time that that occurs, but, but one thing I do wanna say is I don't think anybody's questioning, and I certainly hope not, questioning the level of effort that you and your team had put in because I think what you guys did was absolutely remarkable. So I think some of the questions I have though are related a little bit more around the planning and execution, the sort of work smarter, not harder concept if you will because really at the end of the day, what I want to see is how do we make corrections moving forward. You talked about the need for individuals to be certified to work in the system. Could you please elaborate on who was certified, how many people are certified and what it takes to train more people to be certified?

- [Kris] Sure. Let me just get to my tab on that please. Right now, we have the five of us in the Clerk's office certified. So, I'm gonna read to you what I put together on training. Below is a description of WisVote which is the database for the Wisconsin Elections Commission and the training needed. WisVote is a web-based voter registration application system that is accessed directly from a internet browser. WisVote credentials are required to access the WisVote system. It goes into the licensing and everything. It says the WEC asks that WisVote users work on only one computer, and we do have to have on the computers a certain security on it. Mike from IT took care of that. He could talk more on that, but the clerk, this role requires complete WisVote training in the certification program. Users will receive training on almost all topics related to administering election. Absentee training is optional. Data entry, this role requires limited training in the general certification program. Users will be certified to enter voter registration applications, record voter participation and track absentee ballots. With the new EDC's data entry, this role requires no WisVote training but the user must sign a confidentiality agreement and the clerk must submit request to the add authorize users agreement in order to obtain the correct permissions. Users can view their municipal data in WisVote and have permissions to add, delete or modify information only on the election's statistics related reports, which like ED on our postcard report, inspector statement and election reconciliation form. Then there's also a read-only. New WisVote users will receive WisVote credentials by following the WEC's online training and certification program. To request election training, access and an email, a complete and signed copy of a request to add, identify the role type for each user identified on the form, and, then it talks about getting us a password. Take election training. Training is through, after you get your login and password, you are allowed access to the Wisconsin Elections training website to allow for new users to complete the required training. So there is a curriculum that they have to go through and do these webinars within the system.

- [Brian] I think, Clerk Teske, so. I mean really maybe to get at the heart of what I'm asking here and I appreciate that in-depth response but it sounds like we basically have five people in our office right now that are trained to have access at those various levels.

- Correct.

- Would that be... And so would that be an area that we could perhaps explore as getting additional individuals trained as backups so that if there is a higher volume that we could respond to it more aggressively?

- [Kris] That's what we're looking at and I did have some plan for this year because it's presidential, but because of the coronavirus they declined to come in and work which I totally understood. Otherwise I would've brought them in. But we are looking at other options within the city to have people trained which would be fantastic.

- Okay.

- If I could just interject, Alder Johnson, I would totally agree with the implication of your question and as Clerk Teske has suggested, it's something that we've already talked about, talked with Human Resources Director Joe Faulds about that, Director Ellenbecker as well since she supervises Kris. You know, the city election is one of the fundamental duties of city government and I believe we all need to be really mission focused on making sure that we carry elections out successfully. As others have suggested, Alder VanderLeest in particular, the office itself was overtaxed, was overburdened and we need to be prepared for that scenario to play out in August but certainly in November.

- [Brian] Okay. Clerk, you've mentioned just a large volume of duplicate absentee ballots that were being driven to your office, is that completely controlled by the myvote.wi site, or I mean, is there a way that, assuming that that's the case, is there a way that the state can sort of mitigate that impact?

- [Kris] The clerk, I'm on the clerk's list and so clerks can throw out their ideas or what they're thinking and clerks have contacted them already asking for them to eliminate that. I would still probably have that same thing happening with the emails along with MyVote but at least it wouldn't be like six of 'em in MyVote.

- Sure.

- So yes, we've asked for that to be looked into.

- [Brian] And I think even just purely from a sufficiency perspective, it seems to me that even emails oughta get put in the system just so that you've got that check, right, so that way you're not processing these twice 'cause the objective here is to minimize the number of times you're handling something, and so to have it funnel through one system, even if there's multiple end points, right, it's gotta eventually get to the same system.

- [Kris] We had issues and I'm hearing that more and more from the clerks. The system did go down a couple times and that, you know, that was an issue. There's just some other things that you know, when it's computers, some clerks are stating that they don't even have requests for people that requested. That's more visual in a smaller municipality than it is with the city of Green Bay being so large so we kinda just have to go by what we're given so if somebody asked, and like I said, that's why I would go and search to see if I had it and then I could tell the person, "Yep, we have it. "It's just not processed yet." So that's another issue that I hope they look into and the reason why we have separate email. Some people couldn't get into the system. That could be because their birth date was entered wrong, and we send out what's called HABA letters and so a person will get a letter saying something isn't matching here, can you please call the Clerk's office and verify that information. So if somebody got a letter and their birth date's wrong in the system, when they go to MyVote, they'd be putting in their correct birthday but that's not how it is in the system so it's not gonna find a match. So people should always respond to those letters so that we can have a clean slate. We also had others that said, "I'm not finding that I'm registered." I had many of those and I sent those to the WEC. The first one she said, "Well, I find her." And I had said I can too but this person can't. So, every time I got that I sent it to the WEC to get a response and after a while I didn't which, no blame, I'm not placing blame. They were inundated the same as we were but it's frustrating to the citizens. So then I would go in and I'd have them with their email request it that way. We also have people that aren't comfortable with that system, they're more comfortable emailing so I always want to make sure I have that option for people that don't want to go into a system that they can just email me and request it 'cause, snail mail is really getting to be snail mail. But then other people take advantage of that and request on all different platforms. So, you know, that's kind of a hard thing too.

- [Brian] Sure, okay. I think about, it was probably about two weeks before the election, I had sent you an email regarding drive-up voting and I believe I received a response from Chief of Staff Jeffreys. Was that an option that was considered?

- [Kris] Drive-up voting and... Okay, I was watching TV and saw the drive-up voting. What I saw, so I'm not criticizing because maybe just what I saw wasn't at the right time, you can't just have one person going up to a car with a ballot. To me it'd be no different than curbside voting where two people would have to go out. So at this point, because we didn't have, I have five people in the office. Two were over at Transit, that left three of us. One had to leave because she didn't have childcare but worked from home. That left the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk in the office trying to do labels.

We didn't have that possibility. Some of those places that were drive-through though did set up tents. Again, that's a cost.

- [Brian] Sure, so think more of a staffing issue in that regard then, which I think has been well stated that that was a big job for--

- Yeah, I would really have to think that through to make sure that we are following proper protocol.

- [Brian] Okay.

- [Eric] And too, just on that one real quick, Alder Johnson, the city of Racine essentially adopted that as their strategy for the April election, not just leading up to it. Every polling location was actually drive-up, and Racine, so I think it's absolutely something that we should take a look at if it's something that could be done appropriately and safely and legally. Definitely for August. Now November with weather presents some additional challenges but yeah, something that I'm very interested in looking into.

- [Brian] Okay, great. Clerk, what additional support was offered? I mean, I think we talked about like how taxed you were, your existing staff and how we did mobilize maybe some additional city staff internally but I'm just curious if you could espouse on that a little bit more in terms of what support was offered to expand your capacity to process absentee ballots.

- [Kris] As far as certification, I said I didn't have time to sit with someone. You know, you can't just take the training and plop someone down and expect them to be able to do it. They would have a lot of questions which would take away from the staff. So we had so many people doing everything that didn't entail the certification. So what we would do is, you know, we would work at night or the weekend and get all these labels generated, bring them in, put 'em on the counter. We would have, from all different departments come in. They would grab the labels, and this was mainly done up in the Park Department with different departments but they took ballots up there, they took the envelopes and labels and they just did that all day long, and as we were doing labels during the day we'd put them on the counter, they'd take 'em up there. I did have someone email me saying, "My wife got a ballot, I didn't." He wanted to know why and I felt bad about that but if we, with that many coming in, if we put labels on the counter and someone took one that asked after, you know, and it was during that cutoff time unfortunately, someone did get missed. It would be too hard for us to do everything in order. We try to take the order of the requests. As they were printed out they were kept in order but as far as labels they were not but we get, like I said, every department helped us.

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- [Brian] Okay. When it comes to the poll worker piece, I'm just curious, I guess what if anything did we do to secure additional poll workers? I mean, was it, it sounds and specifically I've heard things that people were turned away. I mean, was it really brooded in the training? Was that the issue?

- [Kris] Definitely. You know, I was keeping the names but I didn't have any chance to train to just like I said, take a webinar and they first go in and take a webinar, I mean, I have people in their first training when I actually do face-to-face training, the people that are brand new will sit there and you can just see the glazed over look and I'll look at 'em and I'll say, "It's okay if you're not grasping this all right now." But you're getting the verbiage, you're getting, you know, and then you'll go to the polls and you'll get a little more. We have actually our own manual of how we do things. Every clerk does things a little different. We have to follow the law but there's still a little leeway in doing this and doing that, so it just wasn't that simple. I didn't have time to train and if I'm gonna put people out there, it's not a matter of just getting bodies in the seats. My concern was being able to balance the election afterward because, for instance, if somebody would mark in the poll book in the wrong spot, so then somebody in the system will get say that they voted and the person that truly voted didn't. What if they forgot to put a number in completely? I will never know who deserved that vote in their record and people do look at their history. So that was my whole concern is I wanna be able to balance this election and I need people that know what they're doing to make that happen.

- [Brian] Okay. One of the things I know the mayor and Clerk Teske, other one, I know that it's been made clear, right, that we didn't want to make the decision to implicate people in this process. It was a health concern so I'm not looking to dig into that issue so much as it is a question of did we consider offering hazard pay where the essence of hazard pay is that people know that they are doing hazardous work. Was hazard pay an option that was considered at all?

- [Eric] No, that is not something that was considered for city employees generally. Clerk Teske can talk a little bit about reimbursement maybe for the poll workers that did commit to working.

- [Kris] Right, we didn't set anything ahead of time. I was following WEC's direction and they were saying anyone 65 and older, they didn't recommend to work. So I checked with the Law Department and they said to send that out, make sure that everyone knows it's not, or anyone with an underlying condition also, it's not recommended they work. I was looking at it more of a health standpoint. I did ask after the fact now because normally if a chief inspector at a two-ward polling location, if one of the inspectors calls in sick and the other one covers both, which is very hard to do, they get more money for that and so I did request that these workers committing all that time and doing more than one ward, that maybe they could look at getting more money, but not beforehand.

- [Brian] Okay. Just two more questions, bear with me. There was, I think again, we've covered the issue with the National Guard thoroughly with one exception and that is, you know, I recall seeing in the media at least several weeks in advance of the election, the Governor had said that he was going to call the Guard to help. Now I know that specifics were not made available until before the election but what I am curious about is recognizing that the Governor did make that announcement. Did anybody from City Hall reach out to the Governor's office requesting more information about when people would be available, how they would be available, what they'd be trained in. Did anyone make that proactive touch point with the Governor's office?

- [Kris] When I read that information, I know what you're talking about, that was more in response to before the election, not the day of. That was help and they said nothing about them being certified in the system, so with us having the city staff there to do labels and inserting ballots, we were covered that way. I didn't hear anymore after that but where I needed it and it was stressed to the county, the bottleneck was processing, getting the labels printed. That was our bottleneck.

- [Brian] Okay. And then one thing that we really haven't touched on much and I would ask you to maybe just talk about this a little bit and I know that I had spoken with the Mayor prior to the election about this particular item but who made the decision to close early voting which of course was in violation of a ruling from Wisconsin Elections Commission, and on your, it obviously reestablished it at Metro but I'm just curious if you could walk us through that process of like how that decision was made, when that decision was made, anything that, any information I guess that might be relevant and useful so that again, when we're looking at future elections if decisions like that need to be made that we ensure we're in compliance. You know, what are some things that you could maybe share with us through that process?

- [Kris] Well I was watching the clerk list and some were doing it by appointment, some were really restricting the hours. Our concern was, okay, City Hall was closed, where were we gonna do this because the girls in the office were scared. They were scared of the coronavirus, they wanted to make sure they were protected and I don't blame them. So then, you know, I've always mentioned, even because we don't have glass in our office, the Transit station and the Water Department, they all have the glass. So Director Kiewiz was kind enough to allow us in the dispatch area and the girls said, "Yeah, I would feel good about that. "We'll have gloves on, and then we have that glass, "We have the speaker we can talk through," and they felt safe that way, and I think that's truly important. Yes it's their job but they need to feel secure. So that's when we decided then we were gonna have longer days but we were short staffed in the office also and we looked at 10 to two as morning and afternoon and then the law states we have to open 'til five the Thursday and Friday before the election until five. So we did the 10 to five. That answer your question?

- [Brian] Yeah, and I think if I wanna just

- Alder, Alder just real briefly, you are at five minutes with your allotted time so if you could just make this final question real quick.

- [Brian] Yep, and it's actually, I only do have one more thing and it's really more of a rhetorical question that I just want you to think about as we head into these August, November elections and specifically, what is it that we can do to help as a City Council? Can we help you recruit more poll workers, can we help you train people, can we allocate more resources? Whatever that is, I mean, your imagination is the only thing that's gonna limit this, so again, rhetorical question. You don't have to answer it today but I want you to know that we are here to support you and your team in whatever you do. We just have to know how we can do that. Thank you.

- Thank you so much. Thank you.

- [Eric] Appreciate that Alder, thanks. Alder Galvin.

- [Bill] Thank you, your Honor, and I will start off by saying Mayor, you've taken full responsibility for this. So when I ask this next question, I understand that. I was surprised to find out earlier this year that the head of the transit has the authority to shut down the buses with or without your permission. So I am asking, does the Clerk have the right to make decisions with or without your permission as it relates to the vote on Voting Day?

- [Eric] And so, you know, I don't know the legal answer to that question. I'll just say, you know what I said to Alder Wery which is that this was a very collaborative process. As Clerk Teske said, she and I and Celestine, Ms. Jeffreys rather, and Attorney Chavez met regularly for a stretch of time and it was every morning at 8:00 or 8:30, checking in to talk about all these things but as I've said repeatedly, you know, Clerk Teske, Kris is our elections expert so I trust her expertise. I value that expertise and I respect it and so you know, if I push back to it for a disagreement, you know, that was always taken into account and I just feel very confident in saying that it was. You know, I felt like we had consensus going into it for good or ill, obviously, but it was a very healthy dialogue that we had among those who were involved in the discussion.

- [Bill] Okay, and I appreciate that answer and I appreciate, you know I know from my years on the police department, command staff always has input and even if you have to go all the way down into the lower ranks, you know you want to have input and then you make your best decision based on

that. I'm only asking because I just, there seems to be some insinuation out there that there might be a legal standard that the Clerk has a right or does not have the right to make these decisions. That's all I was trying to find out, and this is for Kris. There are five certified people in your office and you would make the sixth or are you one of the five?

- [Kris] I'm one of the five.

- [Bill] Okay. Now, someone asked you what it takes to get certified. Can you give me a timeframe, like was somewhat shocked and awed at the list that you were reading off and everything, but how much time is it? A day, is it, like we in the police department again, you've got training standards for certain skills. So for this skill to be one of the five certified people, what is the length of time it takes to get someone trained for that level?

- [Kris] If the last time that I had someone do it was probably about a year and a half ago. It's roughly half day to three quarters of a day. It goes through all the different webinars.

- [Bill] Okay so six hours, say, to go through the webinars. Is there any follow-up training? Like do you have 'em actually sit down at a machine and actually do some hands-on training?

- [Kris] That's when we would sit with them and have them start getting used to the system but we would be there with them to answer questions.

- [Bill] Right, right, get them warmed up, get 'em up to speed so they get the repetition in there. How long does that take would you say? And I know you have to squeeze that in even amongst all your other skills so you can't say I'm taking out a day of everyone's work to--

- No I, the reason why I laugh is because sometimes, some of the things that come up, we'll still call the WEC on it but to actually... You know, we had a couple of girls help with the election after and they worked, I think three or four weeks and they still had questions.

- [Bill] Oh sure, okay.

- [Kris] It's just not, cut and dry.

- [Bill] Right. Are you the only one that can do that one-on-one training with them once they've gone through the webinar or could another clerk with a lot of experience sit down with these other staff members and get them up to speed with hands-on training?

- [Kris] You mean in the staff?

- [Bill] Yes.

- [Kris] It would be Kim or I. We do the training for everything.

- [Bill] Okay, so if we identified say for the future as one of our possible solutions, we identify 10 to 15 city employees who say, "You know, I'm willing to take the six hour webinar training." And then, we wanna make sure you're not just going to throw them in the pit with the lions so you or Kim would have to sit down with 'em and run 'em through a few scenarios and get them kinda warmed up to using the computer and that kind of stuff, and how to find answers, okay. Okay, getting through the computers, how many computers do we have right now that are set up to work with the state?

- [Kris] That's gonna be a Mike question. I'm not sure all the ones.

- [Bill] But do we have one for each certified person right now?

- [Kris] We do but then we also have the laptops now and we have some at the counter.

- [Bill] Okay, so if we were to identify 15 volunteers who got webinar training and we see that ah, we don't have enough computers, we could have some standby computers set up in advance that they could use, correct?

- [Kris] I would think they need the training room up on fourth floor if that was available.

- [Bill] Oh, I forgot about that, yeah.

- [Kris] We are having issues though with, it's called I guess OSWAP. That is the security on it. It kinda interferes with some of our other work so that's, I'm pretty sure that that would happen but that would be more of a Mike question.

- [Bill] So that's an identified issue that we should start addressing now in case we run into the same thing in the future. Okay, poll workers. I know we have quite a few and most of 'em are older and so in a situation like this, a lot of them opted out, right? Can't fault them at all.

- [Kris] Right.

- [Bill] How long does it take and who, okay. How long does it take to train a poll worker to work at a poll? How many hours?

- [Kris] Ideally I like them to go through about three hours of face-to-face training, and then I also send them home for some light reading, we always laugh, of the election manual and then of our training manual which goes through like the script of what you have to say when a person walks up, things like that. So, you know, you can ask poll workers. They're not comfortable even going into the first one but I tell them then they will see the process, what they're reading and they actually see more hands on and that chief inspector is the one then that fills them in on the little things. So I always like it if a person can work a primary and then they're set for the general, so they kinda get the feeling for it in a lower turnout election.

- [Bill] All right, and you usually pair them with someone who has experience.

- [Kris] That's huge.

- [Bill] Okay, and who does that three hours of training or is that a something they do online?

- [Kris] Well the WEC now does have training, they did come out with it. Otherwise, I would create an agenda and Kim or I would be the ones to train depending on our schedule or if we get sick, there's always one that can do it and we have five training sessions for an election. So there's different time slots for people because there's so many poll workers.

- [Bill] Okay. So I guess for the future, obviously we're gonna try and identify new poll workers, get subs trained up to speed, all that other kinda stuff and if we know in advance, it helps to get more trained if we know we have a thing. My next question involves the absentee ballot requests. People can do it by email, they can do it by mail. Myvote.gov, is that considered an email request or is that a third source of requesting an absentee ballot?

- [Kris] That's a third source. It comes to us though as an email to Kim and I.

- [Bill] Okay, so out of those, how many did you say? 17,000 email requests?

- Right.

- Some of those were from myvote.gov?

- [Kris] Yes, most of 'em were, yes.

- [Bill] All right. Again, thank you very much for everything you've done. I appreciate it and I think many people do although we all know we can do better moving forward and we just have to start working on that process, so again I thank you.

- [Kris] Thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. We did have Alder Brunette in the queue. He's dropped off though.

- [Jesse] Can you hear me now?

- Yes.

- This work? Thank you, I figured out my first test as Council President right now. Question for Clerk Teske. I heard that the line at West High School stopped for like an hour at some point. Is that true or...

- [Kris] Someone emailed me that from one of the parties and so I called over. From what I understand is, there was too many people that ended up in the gym that they felt they had to hold off until it dispersed.

- [Jesse] Okay, all right, and that's all. I think a lot of the other council members asked a lot of the questions I had, so thank you.

- [Kris] Mm-hm.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. We have a couple alders to speak for a second time in the queue, is that correct? Alder Wery?

- [Chris] Thank you, I know I believe there's people who have been watching and waiting for about three hours to get a chance to comment so I make the motion to open the floor.

- [Randy] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Wery, seconded by Alder Scannell to open the floor. All in favor please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "Nay". The ayes have it, the floor's open. Do we have folks online who are interested in speaking?

- [Vanya] Good evening, Mayor, everybody. Vanya Koepke, if I may speak, I am interested.

- [Celestine] Please state your name and address, or you already stated your name, sorry, your address for the record?

- [Vanya] Sure, Vanya Koepke. 4850 East Stella Court, Hobart, Wisconsin 54155.

- Good to proceed?

- Not sure if we got this. Not sure if we got the street address there. Could you say that just one more time?

- [Vanya] Yep, 4850 Stella Court.

- [Eric] Yep, okay, go ahead, sir.

- [Vanya] Awesome. Well first off I just want to congratulate the new City Council, thank you for your service. Congrats to President Brunette, congrats to Vice President Dorff on your appointments as well. I also want to thank each one of you for doing a great job in this unprecedented time, specifically to Alderman Johnson for the small business loans you've been working on so tirelessly to

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help out the constituents of Green Bay. I respect the heroes at the polls. It was a privilege to work alongside with them for over 13 hours on Election Day at Green Bay East High School and help those 1338 voters. It was a pleasure to help disinfect those pens, check in the individuals to get them to the right ward and to manage the lines and direct the flow of traffic. are Kris Teske. You are an amazing person, number one, but number two, you are one of the best clerks in the state of Wisconsin. All the senior citizen poll workers thank you. You are amazing. Green Bay Police Department and all the first responders who were on scene with managing the election thank you and Chief Smith, you were there in person at Green Bay East High School. I worked with a lot of your staff throughout the day so thank you for your help there. Also shout out to the Public Works, those shields were perfectly made. The tables fit in right in, so shout out to Public Works, beautiful job. So the few points I just wanted to add after witnessing what took place at Green Bay East High School for over 13 and a half hours are these things. I would ask that the City Council analyzes the strengths, the weaknesses, opportunities to improve and maybe even some of the threats that may repeat. So SWOT analysis I would recommend. Independent review by the Wisconsin Elections Commission. They spoke on Saturday a little bit about Milwaukee and Green Bay and there was definitely some concern voiced on the Wisconsin Elections Commission. I would also recommend a contingency plan or manual would be put in place now knowing what we know. That could modeled not only by local municipalities but also around the country and a third is, given that the wards are paper, is there an opportunity to possibly move towards a digital ward or polling system where you can keep track of those wards, a digital tab-- as I saw in other municipalities. That would be a suggestion. So, few suggestions there and as far as questions that I heard from many of those 1,338 , the Chief Election Inspector at Green Bay East High School, I believe her name was Terri, she works for the police department, she was the hero. Her ingenuity and her mobility throughout the day really allowed us to process up to two thirds more voters unexpected because we went from one polling, well, one table for voting to three--

- Apologies. Apologies, Mr. Koepke, but your three minutes has expired so if you could just wrap up as soon as possible.

- Yeah. Okay, absolutely. So yeah, I would wanna say thank you to all of those heroes as I call them for your efforts and as far as final questions, it's just the 48 national guards that were not used compared to 52 in other municipalities and just do what we can to recruit more poll workers. So thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks for your comments.

- [Kris] Mayor, can I ask a question?

- [Eric] Yeah, absolutely.

- [Kris] Vanya, you kinda cut out so I just wanna, were you talking about Badger Books? That the poll books would be electronic?

- [Vanya] Yes, it was just a lot of shuffling through the paper ones but again, the electronic ones are pretty smooth.

- [Kris] Okay, I just wanna address that. Those are about \$1500 apiece and we would need, depending on the voters, we would need three or four per ward. I have looked into all this. That's a huge cost to the city and in the February election they stalled, so I would worry about that. You still print the poll books so there's still that backup but there are some concerns with those and we're kinda holding off. For one thing, the budget can't support it. We did get express votes, we were forced to get those this years which we had to bond \$130,000 for. Those are the machines that need ADA compliance, so I guess I understand where that looked really interesting but there's kinks to be worked out in that but I am on top of that, thank you for bringing that up.

- [Vanya] Absolutely, again thank you for an amazing job.

- [Kris] Thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks for your comments, Mr. Koepke, and just to clarify it was actually Parks department that made the cough guards, so just wanted to make sure they get the shout-out for their good work. Another member of the public interested in speaking?

- [Elliot] Yeah, I'll go now. Elliot Christenson, 1988 Mulberry Lane. Don't hit the start button until I do. I'm not gonna give anybody congratulations because I didn't know we were limited to three minutes again. I've been waiting for three hours, so I'm hitting my start button now. All right, so I'm really glad that flowers and letters came. People in prison get flowers and letters. That doesn't excuse poor performance by our city government. People are losing their jobs right now because of this disease and the reaction to it by our governments, okay, so you guys need to treat this seriously. Passing the buck is inexcusable. Pause to think about that for just a second, okay? You had 13, 14 hours to handle 1300 voters at these two locations. You decided to have two locations, that's fine, but two schools, these schools have that many students at the schools. They handle that many

students in a day. You couldn't handle that many voters. I don't know what's up with that. You've gotta figure that out, okay? We have other elections coming up, you gotta figure that out. Everybody else, we are the worst in the state of Wisconsin. Congratulating each other for the last three hours? I had to sit and listen to you congratulate each other and flipping coins for three hours so that I can have my three minutes. This is unreal. Nothing was communicated, okay? We didn't know that there were two polling locations until the last minute. So changing your mind at the last minute, that would've been fine because nobody knew what the polling locations until the last minute anyway. So, why didn't you add some more? That would have been fine. No bathroom, so we're in the middle of a pandemic but seriously, we're worried about diseases. Sanitation I think is probably a little higher than touching somebody, but fine, you know, whatever. Curbside voting, whatever that process is, I don't even understand what was talked about. You gotta set up an appointment, like, customer service on that is appalling. This whole process is insane. So now to the National Guard. I have people in my classes that were in the National Guard. They were pulled out of class a week early. They received training. I don't know what kind of insane training the city of Green Bay has that none of the rest of the state of Wisconsin has, but it's gotta change. Everybody else handled it and we didn't. We did not, we are the worst. This is title town, we're the best, but we're the worst. It's embarrassing and congratulating yourselves for three hours is appalling, and I don't understand it. I mean Vanya, he's a great guy, he wants to come on and tell you guys how great you are. You're not great, this is not great and the city does not think you're great. You can tell yourselves you're great, you can feel you're great all you want, you're not great and the city does not think you're great right now. They're not all telling you that. They're not all telling you you're great. They're not all telling you you're not great. You're not hearing from everybody. They do not think you're great. People have . That is their civic duty, their civic right. They didn't get to vote! They didn't get to vote. My wife didn't get to vote. That is outrageous. The state election commission voted on party lines to not investigate. They were gonna take it up but at the Milwaukee and Green Bay elections, they voted on party lines not to investigate it. Congratulations, you're gonna get off the hook on this because you're not partisan. You know I heard from council person Mr. Brunette--

- Mr. Christenson--

- That you're not partisan--

- Mr. Christenson.

- [Elliot] But you are partisan.

- [Eric] Your three minutes has expired. Thanks for your comments. Is there another citizen on the line who'd like to speak? I will entertain a motion.

Minutes of the Common Council

- [Randy] Motion to close the floor.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell.

- Second.

- Second.

- [Eric] Seconded by Alder Stevens to close the floor. All in favor please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "Nay". We are back to regular business, floor is closed. Alder Wery?

- [Chris] Thank you, thank you Mr. Mayor. Yeah I'm gonna make the motion for a written report from Clerk Teske regarding failures and opportunities for the use 7th, 2020 election.

- [Jesse] I'll second that.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Wery, seconded by Alder Brunette for a written report produced by Clerk Teske. Further discussion? Alder Dorff?

- [Barb] Thank you. We're doing committee work it seems right now on the Council floor. This is going to P&P on Monday. This is when these kinds of, should be having a plan and bringing that plan forward. I would be against this motion. I'd like it to be withdrawn but I don't think it will be, but I,

we're doing committee work. We're gonna be doing this again on Monday and that is the appropriate place for us to decide what the next steps are. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thank you, Alder Dorff. Just maybe a question for Attorney Chavez. This is an informational item. Is it appropriate to entertain the motion that Alder Wery offered? I think you're on mute, Attorney.

- [Vanessa] Incident and an informational item, there is no action that can be taken on it.

- [Eric] Thank you, Attorney Chavez. So that motion is out of order. Further comments, Alder Wery?

- [Chris] No, thank you.

- [Eric] Thank you, Alder. Alder Steuer?

- [Mark] Thank you, your honor. This is for Kris Teske. I just needed to, all those questions that I had asked of you a couple weeks ago and you gave quite a few answers. You know, I'm on the P&P committee. We're gonna be dealing with a lot of this so I would appreciate if you got a copy of those answers that you gave verbally, you know, in a written format so I could look at those. I think that's important, and that's all I really need from you and I would appreciate it before Monday, if possible. You already spoke on it so it's just a matter of printing it out, so. If that's okay, I request that.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. Alder Scannell.

- [Randy] I would just like to pitch in. I know it was a very trying and difficult time. I think anytime you're gonna have in-person voting during a pandemic, even in places where apparently there's, people think things went well. This is just a very difficult, difficult situation and I appreciate that and I appreciate your handling it the best you could. I don't think there's any, as Alder Dorff said, any malfeasance here, anything inefficient. You've certainly proven your chops, Ms. Teske, in the past whenever there was a problem like when a few years ago with the art at the University, you problem-solved that and the next year we might move on. We've been doing fine since then. I see

that pretty much the same with this election. I trust your expertise, you will problem solve this and we'll move forward. I just appreciate all that you've done in this difficult time and as well as the Mayor and Attorney Chavez and our Chief of Staff, so. It was a situation that no one should have been put in and it's unfortunately we were and, I just appreciate the job you did, thank you.

- Thank you.

- Thank you, Alder. Alder Brunette.

- [Jesse] Thank you, Mayor. Just a couple of quick comments and then a question for Clerk Teske. The anger out there is real, I've heard it. 30, 40 people who are absolutely irate that they didn't have an opportunity to vote and if they did, the experience they had was very, very poor and we need to do better as a city and there has to be an accountability. Just the stories I've heard are just outrageous so I'm looking for accountability somewhere along the line. I did, a few people had mentioned the Wisconsin Elections Commission who met on Saturday. I listened to that meeting and I think there's a lot of misunderstanding out there. They did not really discuss the Green Bay election very much at all. The three, three vote was to not investigate the Milwaukee election. There was a few folks on that commission who were from the Milwaukee area so that dominated the discussion. Alder Wery has a communication for the Protection and Policy Committee for a full investigation of the election and my question to Clerk Teske is, would you welcome an independent investigation of the city's election?

- [Kris] My answer to that is bring it on. We did, we followed all the WEC's guidance. There's clerk communications out there. We did everything that we possibly could to make it the best election we could under the circumstances and we have nothing to hide.

- [Jesse] All right, and that is not directed towards your professional competence at all because up until this point I had no poor conversations or comments from the public regarding Green Bay elections. This is the first and hopefully it's an anomaly but I guess the thing we need to understand is that they're a lot of races throughout the city including this City Council, County Board, where there was a very narrow margin of victory between the top vote getter and the second. So we have denied people the opportunity to vote for their leaders in a proper way that they're deserving as citizens to affect the people who make the decisions that affect their lives and so it's not to undermine you, Clerk Teske. I don't doubt your sincerity and your truthfulness but somewhere along the way something happened and we need to have an independent investigation. We'll discuss that at a later point but thank you for the time.

- [Kris] Well, can I, can I ask you a... Mayor, can I ask a question?

- Yeah, go ahead.

- [Kris] Alder Brunette, I guess my question to you is, what would you do different under the circumstances? We tried everything we could to get the absentee ballots out but by court order we couldn't do it. I guess I don't, you know I'm not saying that... I guess what I'm trying to get at, the Clerk's office is very upset that people didn't get their ballot. That's what we're there for is to make sure that everyone can vote. We were so disappointed. I can't go against a court order. I guess I don't understand what you're looking for. If you think there's we could've done to improve and still follow the law, I'm more than welcome to, more than welcome to, just tell me right now what you think could've been done different.

- [Jesse] Sure, Clerk Teske, you presented a lot of information and quite frankly, it's a lot to digest and I agree. I was hoping for some written report that I could review ahead of time. You answered all the questions very forthrightly. I think that speaks to your professionalism. To answer your question, what would I have done, and this might cross between you and the Mayor. I don't wanna throw either of you under the bus with, but I think we should never have denied the help of the National Guard and we should never have made it sound as though that they were not able to step into that situation considering the fact that they respond to natural disasters and combat zones, and that's not to diminish the work that happens in the clerk office and our election volunteers, but for anyone in the city government to suggest that National Guard members were not qualified or not able to step in, I think that that's the sort of thing, that's the thing I've been hearing a lot from the community. Why in the world would anyone have that opinion that National Guard members could not handle a municipal election? So.

- [Kris] Then I just ask that people, I just want to clarify, go out to the Wisconsin Election Commission website and look at what it takes to understand an election and maybe that will help clarify what I was getting at. You know, other clerks too, if we would've had a whole polling location just of the National Guard, we all had, not all, the ones I've talked to, had doubts that that would be able to work and I didn't want anything out there to say that our election did not balance because then it would look like something went on with the election. Everybody that went to the polls got to vote. I understand the line was long and I'm sorry for that but it was because of the coronavirus. So, I just want you to see my side of it and what it takes to be a poll worker. People really don't understand what that takes and what you need to know. I'm not diminishing, you know, if we could get them trained now ahead, and, you know, work with them a little, have at it, but that short a time frame and then to realize that some didn't get trained, we would have been in a bind. Thank you.

- [Jesse] Thank you.

- Thanks, Alder.

- No further questions, Mayor.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. Alder Galvin.

- [Bill] I thank you, your Honor, and this is actually for Alder Brunette because of some comments he just made so I want some clarification. You say you're for an investigation. You say you think Kris did a good job, but you said there has to be accountability and I guess I'm asking what kind of accountability you're looking for here. I mean, what do you mean by that? Thank you.

- [Eric] Alder Brunette?

- [Jesse] Well first of all, we need to have an independent investigation to figure out if there was anything that the city did that they should not have done consistent with state law on how to run elections. As far as what the accountability is, people in government need to be accountable like any other industry. If there's something that I did as a council member, I may be ceding my authority to make these decisions or not stepping in to direct things a little more or voice my opinion and that is something I have to live with as well. But the election was a disaster. It's not a witch hunt at all. It's not to demean the character of anyone and the only way that I think we get an unbiased opinion is to get someone from the outside who is trained and tasked with the responsibility to oversee the elections in the state of Wisconsin to tell us what happened, what did the city do wrong? There were 1,850 municipalities. Clerk Teske mentioned earlier that she heard from other clerks that, I think you said, the other clerks said that there were some struggles or perhaps that's what you heard. When I was on that conference call with the Wisconsin Elections Commission, they pointed out the, Ms. Meagan Wolfe, unless I'm hearing her wrong, she said that the elections in all 1,848 municipalities other than Green Bay and Milwaukee went fine. So that's from what I had heard from her mouth and so to answer your question, Alder Galvin, I don't know at this point. All I know is my phone's been ringing off the hook and I've been getting email after email from people who are calling for the Mayor to recall and resign and be impeached and all this stuff. I don't want that sort of stuff but I think that when the public is demanding and angry about things to that level, we need to do what we need to do as a city to get an outside opinion and from that point on, we can make those decisions, but somewhere along the lines, something messed up. I don't know if I answered your question. I'm not looking to assign blame to anyone right now. The city messed up, someone messed up and the public

did not get the opportunity to effectively and efficiently vote for the people they wanted to make their decisions in our government.

- [Bill] Well I guess my concern is you're, we have a mayor who says he's responsible. If there were mistakes, then the mistakes that were made, they're his responsibility and I mean, he's owned up to it. I haven't heard anything different and I think we all know there were mistakes made. We heard a list of 'em tonight and we're asking for changes for the future. Now if you feel, and I kinda get the sense you do that they're might've been a possibility of illegal action taken here or something like that, and I'm getting concerned--

- No.

- If there's something going on that makes you feel like that.

- No, I--

- Or that there, you know, and anyone can ask for an investigation, you could as a private citizen. I'm not sure why we have to have it as the Council, this becomes a Council issue for the Council to request an investigation. Thank you.

- [Jesse] Right, thank you, and can I clarify I'm not alleging absolutely any illegal activity. That is quite a stretch. I would not suggest something flippantly like that. That's a serious accusation. I'm only relaying what the public has been telling me. We have an agenda item on Monday, or at the next Protection and Policy. Maybe I'll look at things a little fresh after Ms. Teske's report and maybe I'll change my mind but I'm just relaying, Alderman Galvin, what I've been hearing from the public. That's all, accountability. Thank you.

- All right, thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. All right, seeing no further comments we're gonna move along to announcements. Alders press your button if you have an announcement for us. Alder Johnson.

- [Brian] Thank you, Mayor. You eluded to it earlier in your announcements but I just want to emphasize the point again. The work on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee to reallocate \$100,000 of HUD funding for the purpose, the creation of the Small Business and Relief Fund. That fund is live right now. I wanna thank Wendy Townsend in the Community & Economic Development Department for putting the work into that and getting that live. There are two different tiers. Up to \$5,000 for businesses under 20 employees. For businesses 20 to 100 employees, you are allowed to borrow up to \$10,000. That first year is deferred. There are some requirements but it's because of the nature of the funding. I am continuing to work with city staff on looking at some other options that we can put before Council to consider but in the mean time, this is one is live, it is available. We want as many small businesses in our community to know about it. It doesn't do us any good if this funding is not exercised so please let businesses in your respected districts know about it. Thank you, Mayor.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. Alder Dorff.

- [Barb] Well, in keeping with your announcement, I do have to say happy birthday to Silas M. Dorff who is six years old today, and his wish was to have the best birthday party ever and instead he is having a COVID-19 birthday party, but happy birthday, Silas Dorff! Thank you.

- [Eric] Happy birthday, Silas.

- [Bill] Happy birthday, Silas.

- [Eric] Alder Wery.

- [Chris] Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just wanted to tell the District 8 residents, I greatly appreciate you trusting me once again to be their vocal, passionate alderman, so thank you.

- [Eric] Brunette.

- Yes, thank you, Mayor. I just wanted to congratulate all of my fellow Council members on their elections in the City Council. Welcome to Alderperson Gerlach. Welcome, I think you'll do a great job. I also want to thank you all for electing me as Council President although it took a coin flip. I would like to get that coin if I could just for my own keeping and that--

- [Eric] It'll cost you 25 cents.

- [Jesse] Lastly, 25 cents, I'd gladly take that. And then lastly, I want to thank Alderman Nicholson, Andy Nicholson, he had been a City Council member and County Board member for 18 years. You know, I think he served this city for a very long time whether anyone has a personal cannot deny that for 18 years, he worked hard for the constituents in his district. So I just want to thank Alderman Nicholson for his service to the city of Green Bay.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. Alder Steuer? Gotta unmute yourself, Alder.

- [Mark] Okay, sorry about that. Thank you, thank you, your Honor. I'd like to thank Alder Nicholson for his service as well. I'm mimicking what Alder Brunette said. I'd also like to thank the citizens of District 10 for electing me for the fourth time, the fifth time, actually. These citizens are more than just voters as such, they're friends as well and I look to these people for advice. So many times there will be tough decisions to make and they are very helpful in guiding me. I don't pretend I know everything but I look forward to working with this Council. Congratulations to Alder Brunette and Alder Dorff and I look forward to working with both of you but I know they're good alders and Alder Gerlach, welcome aboard. So congratulations to all of you. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. Now we are onto recognition and awards. We don't have any recognitions or awards tonight. Onto appointments. First item here is city officials. So I'll entertain a motion.

- [Barb] Move to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Dorff, seconded by Alder Stevens. Any discussion here? Seeing none.

- [Brian] Mayor I have my light hit.

- [Eric] Alder Johnson, go ahead.

- [Brian] Thank you, Mayor. I would actually, and please call me out of order if in fact this out of order, but I would actually like to move that we hold this. The purpose for this is because I've received sufficient enough feedback from the public to create pause before proceeding. I think, and out of respect for the numerous staff that we have on this particular item, I'd like to hold the appointment to properly vet these concerns and allow you the Mayor to hear and respond before proceeding with reappointment. The other concern that I have of this, and see this is part of the process and certainly I think this is something that should be addressed, but we obviously have a new alderperson that was first sworn in tonight, really hasn't had the opportunity to meet our department heads and the people that are up for reappointment and I, you know, I know that's part of the standard process but that just seems a little bit odd in any given year that we potentially have Council members that are voting on the reappointment of department heads without having the opportunity to learn more about them. Given the fact that some of these concerns that have been expressed to me are related to performance issues, I do not feel comfortable having that discussion publicly and because there is not verbiage included on the agenda, I think it would be best to hold this. I don't see the sense of urgency in why we couldn't have sort of, department heads that continue to operate in their current status but allowing us a couple of additional weeks to again, properly vet out some of the feedback that I've received. So, that is a motion, provided it's not out of order that we hold this until the next meeting.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. Attorney Chavez, could you weigh in on that motion?

- [Vanessa] A motion to hold is not out of order.

- [Eric] Thank you, so we have a motion to hold just the, is it just the city officials' aspect of the appointments?

- [Brian] Correct and because they're all lumped together that's why the motion would include, I guess holding item N1.

- [Lynn] Excuse me, I have pressed my button and I have been referred to personally so I would like to speak when it is the right time.

- [Eric] Go ahead, Alder Gerlach.

- [Lynn] I would just like to point out that during the process of running for this office, I did personally meet for at least one hour and in some cases more with City Attorney, with City Clerk, with Comptroller. I met with the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, I met with the Director of Public Works and I met with the Director of Community and Economic Development. I feel perfectly capable of voting.

- [Eric] Thank you, Alder. Alder Wery, thought on the motion?

- I'm thinking I'll second the motion. There was no second, so if we could get that on the table.

- [Eric] Very good, motion's been made and seconded. And one, Alder Wery?

- [Chris] Thank you. I would agree that if there are some performance issues that need to be discussed, we should have some closed session language here. You know, this is a couple year appointment and these are powerful positions. I think we should not take it lightly and let's hold this off a couple weeks so we can talk about it as Council, thanks.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. Alder Dorff.

- [Barb] Thank you, your Honor. I'm just rather stunned that at the eleventh hour, questions are coming up. Something must have just happened . There's been plenty of time for alders that had concerns to bring those concerns forward and I assume that nothing's been brought forward. I would

certainly be against holding this item. If there were problems that should have been discussed, not at a public meeting, but it should have been discussed in a timely manner, so thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. Further discussion? We've got Alder Brunette.

- Mr. Mayor?

- [Jesse] Yes, thank you Mayor. I support the motion. It never hurts to have discussions regarding personnel in closed session. If for whatever reason the Council does not confirm any of these appointments, our discussions about their performance is out there, open and it may affect that person's ability to land other employment, so I think it is fair to, whether the Council agrees or votes down any of these appointments, it's fair to every single one of those persons involved that we have this discussion in closed session as long as it's properly noticed and then the second point, I guess to Alder Dorff, this was published, the agenda was published on a Saturday so a little leeway here, we had only a few days to, if we did have issues with any of these appointments to the appropriate people at City Hall and with City Hall temporarily shut down affects the conversations that we would've had, might not have been as easy to have due to the coronavirus. So I support the motion, thank you.

- [Barb] May I respond since my name was brought up?

- [Eric] Alder Dorff, go ahead.

- [Barb] I just would say that I'm certain that these appointments don't come as a complete surprise and if there were concerns, one would assume that they would've been talked about long before. The excuse of the agenda just coming out on Saturday, I'm sorry, I just, I don't buy that. We knew who was going to have these jobs. We knew who have had these jobs and therefore if there were concerns, they should've been brought up before this.

- [Jesse] When'd we know if they're a mayor's appointment?

- [Eric] Alder Brunette, would you like to be recognized?

- [Jesse] Yeah, I mean if she shot back that question I would ask how would we know if they're a mayoral appointment? We can't predict what the mayor is going to propose.

- [Eric] Right, you certainly always have--

- May I answer?

- The opportunity to contact me. Alder Dorff.

- [Barb] The issue is, if there were concerns, then they came up during the tenure of the last two years. When these people are the last year at least, when these people were doing their job, and if those concerns weren't worthy of being put forward while they were doing their job, why would we wait until now to suddenly bring this up? It just isn't making sense to me right now. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder, Alder Steuer.

- [Mark] Thank you, let me... Thank you, your Honor. To Alder Dorff, just to answer something, I've had numerous meetings with the Mayor over time, you know, talking about various department heads so it has been discussed, and concerns too, different concerns that have come up over time, so it's not like it hasn't been discussed, it has been. So you know, basically the Mayor, I asked if these are who he's looking to move forward and like Alder Brunette said, you know sure, it seemed like a slam dunk thus far in knowing who was gonna be on that list, but like he said, we only had a day or two to vet this or talk about it or think about it. So the fact that, we didn't ask questions, questions have been asked for a year or two years, so, and concerns that have come up about certain things have come forward, so it's important to know that. And so, I have no problem with extending it for a couple of weeks, vet it out in closed session and nine out of 10 times it'll work out. So I don't see the problem, so. I just went for that as well, thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder, Alder Scannell.

- [Randy] Thank you, your Honor. I've just a question for your Honor. I mean, you've, this is your staff you're working with. You're their boss. Assuming you put this together, were there, are there, do you have concerns that we should be taking up as a Council that we, do you have concerns? How are your feelings on this?

- Thank you.

- Yeah, I mean I think they're pretty clear based on the slate of appointments in front of you. So I mean, there's always room for improvement on my part, on the part of everybody who works at the city and I would suggest humbly on the part of council members as well, so yeah. I mean, it's always a process of personal improvement, but I'm very comfortable with senior staff who serve this city. I wouldn't be appointing these individuals if I didn't feel that way. Thanks, Alder.

- [Lynn] I would just have a quick question because I am new and I don't know everything yet. Is it always the case that at the beginning of the term, is this always the time that the staff is reappointed? So this wasn't a surprise to anyone actually at all. Okay, thank you.

- [Eric] Okay, thanks, Alder. Let's see here. Alder Wery for a second time.

- [Chris] Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll piggyback on some of the previous comments that truthfully the agenda did not come out 'til Saturday so you can say you think who's gonna get appointed but you don't really know. This is the time to weigh in. I don't know how many times people say, "Well, you had the chance, you confirm appointments." Well, this is the time then that we talk about it, when we confirm appointments. These are important decisions obviously. Who do we work for? Department heads, or the citizens? You know, do we simply rubber stamp things as they come across. Oh, appointments, , yep, there we go, appointments. Or, do we take a little time to vet it and maybe we'll agree, hey, these are things we can move on with but it doesn't hurt anything to take a little time and do address the problems that came up today.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. Alder Johnson.

- [Brian] Thank you, Mayor, and Alder Gerlach, I appreciate the fact that you have obviously proven to be a terrific student and have taken the time to meet with our department heads ahead of time, so I just want to be clear that, my comments to that are really kind of one of the smallest bits of this, of

my request to hold, and I think the fact again that we didn't know. I mean, I know that these appointments come before Council. I cannot say that I knew it was going to come at this meeting, and so while certainly that was probably the case two years ago, admittedly this, I've only been through this process once myself. But I think really, again, the purpose of the hold is so that we can properly vet some of this feedback we've received. I expect that the Mayor would support these individuals and that's why he's put them before us to consider but I think one of the greatest responsibilities that we have as a Council is to approve appointments and not only that of our department heads but our commissioners and our committees and we oughta be having a discussion when we do receive feedback from the public. And so that's all I'm asking for. I personally out of respect and dignity of any individual that might be involved in this discussion, that's why I opted to hold this because I don't think that I wanna have a public open discussion right now on the feedback that I've received. I think that that would be almost kind of classless to be honest with you when it comes to some of the feedback that I've received at this point, and I think we can safely and securely do this with a hold so that we can address the feedback that's been received and that we can properly take an action from that point. We're not jeopardizing anything as it relates to city operations to hold this. Let's hold this, let's protect everybody that's involved and let's do this with class.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. So we have a motion and a second on the floor to hold item N1. We're gonna use the board on this motion.

- [Celestine] Okay, hold on one moment please. Oh. Okay, so that motion passes eight to four. Alder Dorff, Alder Stevens, Alder Scannell, Alder Gerlach voted no with Alders Galvin, Johnson, Wery, Brunette, VanderLeest, Steuer, Corpus-Dax and Lefebvre voting yes.

- [Eric] All right, so we are on to item N2. These are appointments of the Public Works Director. Entertain a motion here?

- [Randy] Motion to approve.

- [Barb] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff to approve these appointments by the Public Works Director. Any discussion here? Seeing none, all in favor signify by saying "aye."

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "Nay". The ayes have it, those appointments have been made. Onto N3, appointments by the Community & Economic Development Director.

- [Randy] Motion to approve.

- [Kathy] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder from the 7th, Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Lefebvre. All in favor will signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "Nay". The ayes have it. Onto N4, on standing .

- [Barb] Move to approve.

- [Craig] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Dorff, seconded by Alder Stevens. Any discussion here? Seeing none, all in favor will signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "Nay". The ayes have it. N5, Boards and Commissions.

- [Craig And Randy] Motion to approve.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Stevens, seconded by Alder Scannell. All in favor will signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "Nay". The ayes have it, those appointments have been made as well. Onto OA.

- [Randy] Motion to approve.

- [Barb] Second.

- [Eric] The motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Droff to approve Report O which is the report of the redevelopment authority for the meeting on April 14th, 2020. Any items to handle separately here?

- [Brian] Mayor, Alder Johnson . I just need to be noted as abstaining on Item I as the developer is a member of my executive committee that oversees my compensation.

- [Eric] Very good, that is noted.

- [Chris] Number two.

- [Eric] Number two, will be held separately. Is that all? Nearing none others, all in favor of approving the remainder of that report, please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "Nay", the ayes have it. The report has been approved with the exception of item 2.

- [Randy] Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff. The item was pulled by Alder Wery, you have the floor.

- [Chris] Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This question is either for Director Vonck or Alderperson Johnson. I think this is a solid idea. Is \$100,000 enough? How is the amount determined? Are we, is there more available or I just wanted more on that please.

- [Kevin] Sure Alder Wery, I can answer that. So we started with \$100,000. That is what we have available in our revolving loan fund right now so we can do that immediately. That's not encumbered. We just did find out yesterday, it looks like another applicant who was going to withdraw a loan of \$250,000 will not be doing that so there's potential for that to be allocated into this. I think we're gonna kind of see how the next week goes and how fast that money goes out the door and then come back and potentially put more funds into that as needed and then potentially some of the block grant money that we will be receiving through the CARES Act may also go into it as well. So we're gonna start with \$100,000, see how fast it goes, but we do have some flexibility about providing it.

- [Chris] Okay great . Excellent idea, good job.

- [Eric] Thanks Director Vonck, thanks Alder. Seeing no other requests to speak--

- [Brian] Mayor, I have my button on.

- [Eric] Alder Johnson, go ahead.

- [Brian] Thank you. Alder Wery, just as an additional response. The funding that were currently used as federal funding, that does come with some restrictions as well as Dr. Vonck eluded to whereas one of the things that we've asked of the RDAs to explore and of course city staff is to explore a possibility of other sources of funding. I have publicly talked about the Wisconsin Trust Fund as an option. I don't think it's, I'm not necessarily suggesting that's what we need to do or where we need to go so much as it is to talk about options that perhaps don't come with requirements and I also sent an email to Dr. Vonck just recently to at least explore if we have any excess funding in any of our TIDs that might be able to be reallocated for this purpose. I saw that the city of Oshkosh had done that. So really the purpose of this particular item was to get it back to staff so that they can explore additional funding sources that maybe don't come with the restrictions that our existing bond currently has.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder. Now seeing no other requests to speak, all in favor of the motion please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay" and the ayes have it. The item has been approved. Onto P, report of INS.

- [Randy] Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- [Eric] The motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff to approve Report P which is the report of the Improvement and Services Committee who are meeting on April 8, 2020. Any items here need to be handled separately?

- [Randy] Number four.

- [Eric] Any others? Item four will be handled separately. Hearing none others, all in favor of approving the remainder of that report, please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay" and the ayes have it. Report has been approved with the exception of item four.

- [Barb] Move to approve.

- [Chris] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Dorff, seconded by Alder Wery to approve. Item was pulled by Alder Scannell. You have the floor.

- [Randy] If I . I put in a communication so that this wasn't on the Sustainability Commission's agenda so we couldn't get it to INF in time for this year if I hadn't done the communication, but this is something we are dealing with already. We don't need to refer this back. I'd just like to amend this, a period after species and "refer" can just come right off. The commission is working on that. It's not necessary to refer this.

- [Eric] Okay, so just deleting everything after "species"?

- Yep.
- Is the amendment? Amendment has been offered by Alder Scannell.
- [Brian] Second Johnson.
- [Eric] Seconded by Alder Johnson. All in favor please signify by saying "aye".
- [Council Members] Aye.
- [Eric] Oppose "nay", the item has been amended.
- [Randy] Motion to approve.
- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell.
- Second.
- Second.
- [Eric] Seconded by Alder Dorff to approve the item. All in favor please signify by saying "aye".
- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay". The item has been amended and approved. Onto Report of the Protection and Policy Committee.

- [Craig And Randy] Motion to approve.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Stevens.

- [Randy] Second.

- [Eric] Seconded by Alder Scannell to approve Report Q which are the reports, report of the Protection and Policy Committee from the meeting on April 6th. Any items here to be handled separately? Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report, please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay" and the ayes have it. The report has been approved. On granting operator licenses.

- [Randy] Motion to approve.

- [Craig] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell and seconded by Alder Stevens. Any names for which you'd like to be recorded as abstaining?

- [Jesse] I have a, Mayor, there's one with the same last name. I don't believe I know this person but I would like to abstain all the same.

- [Eric] Okay, thank you Alder. That will be noted. Any others? All right, that abstention has been recorded. Any names under this report you wish to handle separately? Hearing none, all in favor of the report, please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay". The ayes have it, and the report has been approved noting the abstention. Onto the Plan Commission.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion to approve.

- [Barb] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Stevens, seconded by Alder Scannell to approve Report S which is the report of the Plan Commission from the meeting on April 13, 2020. Any items here to be handled separately? Okay, hearing none, all in favor of approving that report will signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay", the ayes have it. Report has been approved. Onto T for the Finance Committee.

- [Barb And Randy] Move to approve.

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- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Dorff, seconded by Alder Scannell to approve Report T which is the report of the Finance Committee from the meeting on April 7, 2020. Any items here to be handled separately?

- [Brian] Number two.

- [Eric] Two. Any others? Hearing none others, all in favor of approving the remainder of that report, please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay", the ayes have it. The report has been approved with the exception of item two.

- [Randy] Motion to approve.

- [Mark] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Steuer to approve the item. Item was pulled by Alder Johnson, you have the floor.

- [Brian] Thank you, Mayor. This was discussed at Committee and I did support the direction that the Committee chose on this recognizing and I guess I just wanted to be able to at least have the opportunity I guess to talk about publicly why this is just being received and placed on file. It was, Director Ellenbecker had indicated that obviously the city is looking at shortfalls in a number of areas. This particular item had only addressed the shortfall that we would see with our action to waive the liquor license fees. I do think, however, that a much broader discussion needs to be paramount. It needs to be something that the city acts upon fairly quickly. I think it's, you know, I think the potential for revenue reductions is fairly precipitous and in particular, in looking at an article that was printed in the Washington Post that talks about how 2,100 U.S. cities are bracing for budget shortfalls due to

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the coronavirus. Nearly 9 out of ten cities surveyed are signaling that they're going to expect revenue shortfall cuts and services, deep declines, and so, and what my understanding is that local governments cannot run deficits. I'm certainly open to Director Ellenbecker or Attorney Chavez correcting that point if in fact it is incorrect but, I do think it is important that this become an item that is a sense of urgency for city staff to address.

- [Eric] Yeah, just before we go to Director Ellenbecker, I would totally agree with you, Alder Johnson that the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities have been lobbying very strenuously to have additional funds sent to all localities across the country. Unfortunately, there was another COVID bill that I think went through the Senate today, is on to the House within the next few days did not include any aid for state or local government. The hope is that there will be some coming in the future because you're absolutely right, you know. I think just about every local community, city, county, village, what have you is going to experience some revenue shortfalls. But Director Ellenbecker, I know you have a bit of information that you could share at this time.

- [Diana] Yes. I'm not sure I have the answer right now of whether or not a city can run a deficit. I would have to look into that a little bit more before I could answer that to be specific. We did go through and we did reach out to all the department heads to ask, you know, what revenues they think they might come in short on. Some people gave me estimates but at this point, we also don't know how long this is going to last and how this could affect them. Obviously we have permits, we have licenses, we have liquor license in which we agree to those fees on. We have parking, we have water utility is gonna be down on late fees. There's just a handful. There's a lot of different revenue items that are going to be, probably are gonna come in short and it's a little early at this point to tell compared to last year or even compared to budget. We also of course are on, have increased expenses as the Mayor has also just mentioned and others probably have mentioned it also. There are various grants and different aids available. We have to just go and try to start applying for the different grants, see what we are eligible for. We don't know how many dollars will be coming in. In some cases, the might cover more than our expenses. It might help, but whether or not they'll also help offset some of our shorts in revenues. So, I don't mean to not answer some people's questions but at this point we don't have a handle on how short we are on revenues. Part of it is how long will this last if, you know, like the Director which I had said. Also, if Bay Beach doesn't open and they don't open until after Memorial Day, that could be \$400,000. It just all depends upon how long this is going to last.

- [Eric] Thank you, Director. Any further comments?

- [Randy] Yes.

- [Kathy] Mayor?

- [Eric] Alder Scannell?

- [Randy] Thank you, your Honor. I see this as a budgetary issue. I appreciate, I mean it's obvious we're having shortfalls and that's a concern and we should be trying to do something about it but I think to be working on our budget this early in the year is kind of a fruitless endeavor. It's an ongoing situation. We don't know where we're gonna end up. We don't know what's going to be available to us until it's budget time and we have to deal with this. I think anything we do now could just end up being a useless endeavor because it's gonna change, next day, next week, next month. So I'm not really sure what we would do with this other than we know we're gonna be short. We should try, I'm sure staff is keeping an eye on it. I'm sure they're problem solving as they're going along and we should definitely be working with our state and federal reps to help us as they should be helping every city to meet these shortfalls in these crisis that we're in. But other than that, I don't know practically, from a practical standpoint, what we can do until it's budget time when we have all the information and all our resources and everything all put to us at that time. To work on our budget now just seems a fruitless endeavor to me. I don't know what we would accomplish, that whatever we come up with could just be completely put on its head the next day. I appreciate the concern, and it is a concern, but from this Council's standpoint, I don't know what action we can take other than trying to get the attention of our state and federal representatives to hear our being pinched and they help us. So, I'm not sure, unless there's something I'm missing, I really don't know what other alders are expecting to accomplish, thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder, Alder Lefevbre.

- [Kathy] Yes, I just wanted to bring up a informational. The Brown County Board is looking into the same issue but they are not just focusing on the liquor licenses. They're looking at policies that the county assess and this is something that will be discussed at our next board meeting. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder and yeah, I don't want to suggest that was the only thing that we looked at either. That looked to us to be one of the most obvious things that we could do to ease the pressure on business but certainly open to any other ideas that alders have. Alder Brunette.

- [Jesse] Yes, thank you, Mayor. I do, with all due respect to Alder Scannell, we can't wait 'til the budget to talk about many of these things because the revenue will be reduced. We're not going to receive as much in revenue in the city that we budgeted for, so therefore if we don't have a miracle

save from the federal government to the state government, we're going to have to either increase revenue another way, which we did not levy for, we're maxed on what we could charge existing property owners this year, or we need to cut expenses. We can't wait until October, November to figure out how we're gonna overcome this storm we're in. We need to have the discussion now and I have proposed this a few times but the revenue loss that we have, the absolute last thing I would want to do is to lay off city employees or cut health insurance. Trust me, that's like the very absolute worst thing we could do, but we should look at possibly reducing some hours if needed or maybe not fill positions that are currently posted, or delay capital purchases. Why in the world would we wait until October, November to have those discussions. We have to start thinking of these things and voting on these things soon, like, within the next Council meeting and, that's my opinion. We're reducing revenue greatly. No fault of our own, we're in a crisis right now, therefore we have to find ways to cut expenses. Otherwise, we're gonna have a huge shortage. We're gonna be owing money to the federal government 'til they allow some loan program and then of course future revenue will have to pay back the loan, so. We gotta have these discussions now, we can't wait. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks, Alder. Alder Scannell for a second time. No? All right, hearing no other requests to speak, all in favor of the motion to receive and place on file, please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay", the ayes have it. The item has been approved. Onto Personnel Committee.

- [Randy] Motion to approve.

- [Veronica And Craig] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell, I think seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax to approve Report S, which is the report of the Personnel Committee from the meeting on April 7th, 2020. Any items under this report you wish to handle separately? Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report, please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay", the ayes have it. The report has been approved. That was Report U by the way, I think I misspoke. Onto receive and place on file.

- [Randy] Motion to receive and place on file.

- [Veronica And Barb] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax to receive and place on file the municipal court report for March 2020. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay", the ayes have it. The report has been received and placed on file. Ordinance's first reading.

- Motion to suspend the rules.

- [Barb] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff to suspend the rules, take up these items with one roll call vote. All in favor of that motion, please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay". The ayes have it, the rules are suspended.

- [Randy] Motion to advance.

- [Barb] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff to advance items one through three to a second and final reading. All in favor, please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay". The ayes have it, the item has been advanced. Those items have been advanced to a final reading. Onto committee the whole. So we will go... Yeah, we'll take up item one here and then we're gonna in all likelihood go to closed for item two.

- [Barb] Move to approve item one.

- [Randy] Second.

- [Eric] A motion made by Alder Dorff, seconded by Alder Scannell to approve item one. Discussion here.

- [Chris] Yes please.

- [Eric] Alder Wery.

- [Chris] You broke up but I think you said, Alderman Wery.

- [Eric] I did indeed, go ahead.

- [Chris] Okay, all right, thank you. Is this where we can ask questions of Chief Litton?

- [Eric] Yes, yes you could.

- [Chris] Okay. Chief, are you still with me?

- [David] I am here.

- [Chris] I am wondering, I've had some people ask about this, I don't think most people know the county is the Health Department, it's not really us. You know, you see the bigger cities and they have the Health Department. People are wondering, are we getting information out timely to people about new outbreaks. Many times there's a delay, you know, there's an outbreak and they won't really say where it is and then a couple of days later, here's where it is. Is there any way to just speed that up, that you can see? People are craving information and they think it's the city but it's really from out of town people.

- [David] Yeah, Alder Wery, I know that there was some concern about that over the weekend where we had some rapidly increasing numbers. Again, the city falls under Brown County Health Department and so they are the lead in the emergency operation center here and we kind of fall under their purview. I can tell you that there is a report that comes out daily and I can just, for instance this morning, as of this morning we had 303 confirmed cases in Brown County, that was eight o'clock this morning. This afternoon at 4:17 we had 326 cases and while during this meeting we've had 40 more cases that have, the results have come back in as being positive. So having said all that, that just means that there are positive tests. It does not mean that at this point we're overtaxing the hospitals or that those folks are seeking care in a ICU or things of that nature. It just means that we're seeing more and more of the tests come back positive. So while I can certainly understand the issue of wanting to have information on a more rapid basis, that information does have to come through the health department.

- [Chris] Okay, and Chief, I appreciate the work you're doing, your eyes, your ears and you're our voice there, so if you can just, if you can push for as much openness as possible. I think people would appreciate that. Thank you for your work.

- [David] Yeah, absolutely. I can just tell you, we have representatives from the police department and the fire department represented in the Emergency Operations Center. We have a live, so we're doing this virtually at this point. We have live links in the Emergency Operations Center and to Area Command. We have a direct link in with the health department and so there are discussions, ongoing discussions, multiple times a day where we are doing it without meeting just like we're doing right here in a Zoom meeting in order to exchange information and to give us the ability to ask questions and to do as you just asked, to push to move things along. So I would just, you know, tell you with some confidence that we do that every single day and that we will continue to do so until we get through this.

- [Chris] Thanks, Chief.

- [David] Sure.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder, thanks Chief. Any further discussion on the item?

- [Jesse] I do have a question, Mayor.

- [Eric] Alder Brunette, go ahead.

- [Jesse] Yes, on the last paragraph, well near the last paragraph it says, "It is further ordered that the period "for which regular employees will continue "to receive compensation based on their regular rate "of pay and benefits despite being unable to work "their regularly scheduled hours "because of impact of COVID-19 has reduced "or eliminated city services is hereby extended "until April 24th, 2020." That is Friday. Mayor, is there a plan regarding after the 24th? Have you--

- Yeah, I'll go to Director Faulds, you can lay out the city's response there.

- [Joe] Yeah, for the past month or so, we've been looking at positions and if the positions can have their full schedule during the COVID-19 situation and so far we've done a great job of having people

work remotely and they've been able to get in their full schedules. We have less than about five employees that have not been getting in their full schedule every week and we have plenty of projects for them to work on throughout the city, so we feel pretty confident right now that we would not have to lay off any employees after Friday.

- [Jesse] Okay, when heaven forbid that's something that needs to happen and of course we never want that, but per the order that we're voting on now, who would make that the decision? Is that strictly an executive decision or would that be an action of the City Council? Attorney Chavez.

- [Joe] Are you asking a decision for lay offs? Is that what your question is?

- Yeah, okay. So this order extends to the 24th, okay, so obviously we don't want to lay off or cut hours unless we absolutely have to but if that decision is needed, maybe the revenue, feels like some other issue, who would make the decision to extend this? Is this an action of the Council or the Mayor through his executive power through the order? Attorney Chavez, is that, you understand the question?

- [Joe] I think I probably could answer that unless she wants to join in.

- [Vanessa] Go ahead, Joe.

- [Joe] So, and correct me if I'm wrong, Attorney Chavez, but the proclamation from the Mayor has to be confirmed or ratified by the Council, so this decision ultimately would be made by the Common Council. So what I envision what would happen is I would work with, so human resources department with finance, we'd work with the law department, we'd work with the Mayor's office. Need to look at our budget, look at what kind of decision we would have to make, make a recommendation to the Mayor, make that recommendation to Common Council and then we'd go from there. That's how I envision it happening.

- [Jesse] So consistent with the order--

- Just to--

- Go ahead.

- Add on. The actual determination as to who or which positions would be eliminated, or I'm sorry, would be laid off, it partly would be Council because of the budget. Like you'd identify which positions you feel like aren't as necessary during these times, but the individuals, chose that as something that would lie exclusively with the executive.

- [Jesse] And that would only be with enacting this order. That would not be under normal conditions.

- [Vanessa] No, that's under normal conditions. The order, all this does is allow us to continue to fund those positions for this time.

- [Jesse] Okay. All right, thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder. Alder Wery?

- [Chris] I'm over now, thank you.

- [Eric] Thank you. Further discussion? Alder VanderLeest has emailed me with an interest in speaking. You are not muted on our end, so you can go ahead if you'd like to say something.

- [John] Can you hear me, Mayor?

- [Eric] Yes we can.

- [John] Okay, my battery's low on this phone I got here, but I just wondered if we've enacted, as far as emergencies, we've put a freeze on any new hires at this time because of the budget. You're not hiring any new hires right now, a moratorium on new hiring, has that been talked about at all?

- [Eric] Yeah, and Director Faulds can address that as well.

- [John] Thank you.

- [Joe] Yeah, so we haven't put a blanket freeze on hiring. I think for any time whether there's a pandemic or not, all of our department heads look at positions and whether we need them and if they're urgent or not. So all of our department heads have been looking at any open positions and determining that they're necessary at this time and then, we did not put a freeze on internal transfers. So if an individual transferred from one department to another, we typically, we had been allowing that to happen, but then looking at any new hires for vacancies, maybe external hires, we've been looking closely to determine if we need them at this time.

- [John] Okay, thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder. All right, we do have a motion and a second on the floor.

- [Chris] I did have a question now, Mr. Mayor, if I could.

- Go ahead.

- [Chris] Thank you. When is our next Council meeting? Is it May 26th or do we have one before that?

- [Eric] I don't have that in front of me but I believe it is much sooner than that. The 5th?

- [Chris] Is there any . Okay, that's all. Is there any reason this just go through the 5th and not, you know, not another five weeks or...

- [Eric] Right, yeah I mean that date was chosen because of the extension of the governor's order but, you know . Amend the proclamation any way you see fit, that's something I could certainly work with. But I would maybe just go to Chief Litton if there are any concerns with that. You know, he's really the one, obviously the Emergency Manager for this city and he's the one that suggested, with the endorsement of Chief Smith as well, that this is something that we needed to extend. So, Chief Litton?

- [David] Yeah, I would just say with the emerging positive tests that we're starting to see in the city, we don't know to the extent. There is some ramped up testing that will be starting in full earnest tomorrow. We certainly don't know the extent of how widespread and how many positives we're gonna have and we certainly don't know the demographics of the population that have been testing positive, meaning those that might fall within the parameters of being at risk, those over 60 and those with some underlying conditions. We do not have that information at this point so, I certainly don't, you know, if you only want to extend 'til May 5th, I really don't have any issue with that. If we need to extend it again at that point, I think the Council could take it up at that point. So, I don't necessarily have any argument with that, just knowing that we may have address it once again on May 5th.

- [Chris] Okay, thanks Chief. I certainly have no problem with giving the flexibility and the power for our chiefs to do what they need to do and protect our employees during this time. I'm a little hesitant, and apologies, Mr. Mayor, but some of the freelancing, you know, the ability for you to do things is what would trouble me. I asked last time what can I do and of course, a lawsuit came out. So, that's where my concern comes in. I would make a motion to have expire May 5th at our next Council meeting. If we need to move forward again after that, we certainly can.

- [Eric] Motion's made.

- [Kathy] Second.

- [Eric] Seconded by Alder Lefevbre. Any further discussion? All those in favor, signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay"?
- [Council Members] Nay.
- [Eric] Okay, I think we'll use the board there.
- [Celestine] Alder Gerlach, can you please vote?
- [Lynn] I'm trying to, for some reason I have been logged out. I'm trying to log back in.
- [Celestine] Can we record your vote then--
- [Mark] Do a voice vote, do a voice vote.
- [Eric] Yes, yes Alder, we can do a voice vote. Alder Gerlach, you can vote verbally.
- [Lynn] I am voting no.
- [Celestine] Thank you.
- [Lynn] I just put it in.
- [Eric] No problem.

- [Celestine] Yes, thank you. So that motion passes seven to five. Alders Dorff, Galvin, Stevens, Scannell and Gerlach vote no. Alders Johnson, Wery, Brunette, VanderLeest, Steur, Corpus-Dax and Lefebvre vote yes.

- [Eric] So then proclamation has been amended. Entertain a motion to approve?

- [Randy] Motion to approve as amended.

- As amended?

- [Barb] Second.

- [Eric] A motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff to approve as amended. All in favor, please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay". The ayes have it, the item has been approved. Now we're onto item two, consideration with possible action on Green Bay Packaging Inc. Manufacturing Crystal Property assessments appeal. We are recommending a close session discussion here--

- [Barb] Motion to go into close session.

- [Randy] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Dorff, seconded by Alder Scannell. Alder Dorff, can you read the language?

- [Barb] Yes I will. "The Council may convene in closed session "pursuant to Section 19.851 Wisconsin Statutes "for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel body, "governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice "concerning strategy to be adopted by the body "with respect to litigation in which it is "or is likely to become involved. "The Council may then after reconvene in open session "pursuant to Section 19.852 Wisconsin Statutes "to report the results for the closed sessions "on the agenda."

- [Eric] Thank you, Alder. So we will use the board here.

- [Celestine] Alder Corpus-Dax, can you please vote?

- [Mark] Hello?

- [Celestine And Eric] Alder Corpus-Dax?

- [Celestine] No, okay, so what, how would you like to be recorded? Okay, all right, thank you.

- [Veronica] Did you get it?

- [Celestine] Yes we have it, so one second. Okay so that motion passes 11 to one with one abstention.

- [Eric] There's 11 to 0 with one abstention?

- [Celestine] No, it passes 11, right. 11 yes, zero no, one abstention.

- [Eric] Got it. Is that an intentional abstention, just so we have that recorded properly?
- [Lynn] It was me. I just really didn't understand exactly what I was voting about so I had to abstain.
- [Eric] Yeah, yeah, understandable. All right, we are in close.
- Okay, thank you.
- It might take a moment here for Ms. Jeffreys to move the public members into the waiting room, so just hold tight.
- [Celestine] And then, Mayor, we would like to have, Director Ellenbecker, Clerk Teseke, Attorney Chavez, who else is in the? Do we need Director Vonck? Who else needs to be in the closed session from staff?
- [Eric] I'll defer to Attorney Chavez there.
- [Vanessa] I believe that's everybody who's needed.
- [Celestine] Okay, thank you. All right, we are back in open session
- All right.
- Move to go back in open session?

- [Randy] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Dorff, seconded by Alder Scannell to move back into open session. All in favor please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay". The ayes have it, we're back in open session. Wish to entertain a motion?

- Motion for staff to proceed as directed.

- [Barb And Veronica] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff to proceed as directed by staff. All in favor please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay". The ayes have it. And then we're on to resolutions.

- [Randy] Motion to suspend the rules.

- [Barb] Second.

- [Eric] Motion to suspend the rules by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff. Take these items up in one roll call vote. All in favor of the motion, please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.
- [Eric] Oppose "nay". The ayes have it, the rules are suspended.
- [Randy] Motion to approve.
- [Council Members] Second.
- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell, I think Alder Corpus-Dax seconding to adopt resolutions one through three. We will use the board.
- [Celestine] Okay those resolutions pass 12-nothing.
- [Eric] Thank you, Ms. Jeffreys. Onto referral petitions and communications. Any...
- [Mark] I've got one, Mayor.
- [Eric] Alder Steuer, go ahead.
- [Mark] 'Kay, am I on, or. All right, this is for Protection and Policy. To create a Green Bay city resolution to the state of Wisconsin asking Governor Evers to designate grocery workers as first responders thus opening up possible health and financial benefits. Thank you.
- [Eric] Thanks Alder. Additional communications?

- [Jesse] I, I have--

- [Eric] Alder Corpus-Dax?

- [Veronica] Yes, thank you, Mayor. I'm not sure if this should go to Protection and Policy or Parks and Rec but looking into newer, larger signs at parks indicating that dogs must be leashed at parks and or trails and potentially a social media campaign reminding residents that dogs should be leashed as well as other appropriate dog owner ordinances.

- [Eric] Attorney Chavez?

- [John] Protection and Policy.

- [Veronica] Policy?

- [John] Protection and Policy--

- [Randy] Yeah, we addressed that once before.

- Attorney Chavez?

- In Policy.

- [Vanessa] If it's law issues, it's gonna be Protection and Policy .

- [Randy] Okay now, Alder Steuer, would you mind amending yours to, instead of grocery, retail?

- [Mark] I'd be fine with that.

- [Randy] Thanks.

- All we've--

- Thank you.

- [Eric] Okay, Alder Johnson?

- [Brian] Thank you, Mayor. This one is for Finance Committee: to consider and discuss establishing a budget for CAS process to position the city to strategically respond to anticipated revenue shortfalls and additional expenses from the impact of COVID-19. Kris, I'll send this text to you and Diana, I just wanted to, or Dr. Ellenbecker, I just wanted to emphasize that I'm focused on the process.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder. Alder Galvin.

- [Bill] Thank you, your Honor. I've actually got several. One for Park and Rec: that the Park and Rec Department set up a plan to distribute more garbage cans to our city parks and not just during the summer season but year-round with the amount of use of the parks, especially now, there's a lot more trash around and I've had a lot of complaints there's nowhere to put it. People would like to put it somewhere but there's nowhere to put it. I have another one for, I believe this is Protection and Policy: that the City Clerk's office have a plan for upcoming elections in August and November, that that plan be on our committee review by July 15th so that proper steps can be taken to implement those plans and make sure we have the procedures and employees in place to meet any issues that may come up. Then I have another one for a Bike, Ped and Traffic: that the no parking signs at St. Mary's, former St. Mary's Grade School at Irwin and Cass Street be removed since there's no longer a school there. And then for Improvement and Services: for the sidewalk repair program, that committee look at some alternatives to charging residents for sidewalk repairs and charging interest over the term of the loans that they do offer citizens. I've got some suggestions for that I'll present at committee. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder. Alder Brunette?

- [Jesse] Yes, thank you, Mayor. I have three and Clerk Teske, I will email these to you. They're, couple are long. First one I believe would be Protection and Policy: to refund re-inspection fees at 2468 West Point and for the city to appeal to the federal government to allow for the properties shed to remain. And second one would be Protection and Policy, I believe: for consideration with possible action on Green Bay Common Council to begin meeting a minimum of twice a month effective June 2020. There are too many critical issues requiring attention and action to meet once a month. And then the last one to Improvement and Services: to amend and update the Storm Water Utility Ordinance to include and explain the impact trees have on storm water retention and drainage and to provide a dollar credit to property owners who have trees planted or growing on their property in order to be consistent and fair with what the majority of the Common Council passed in November of 2019. If the ordinance and equivalent residential unit calculations are not adjusted appropriately, then forestry expenses should no longer be paid for by stormwater utility rates effective January 2021. Thank you.

- [Eric] Thanks Alder. Any others? All right, entertain a motion to refer all petitions and communications?

- [Randy] Motion to refer.

- [Council Members] Second.

- [Eric] Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff for refer all late petitions and communications to the proper authority. All in favor of that motion please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay", the ayes have it. Those petitions and communications have been referred. Adjournment.

- [Randy] Motion to adjourn.

- [John] Second.

- [Eric] A motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder VanderLeest. All in favor please signify by saying "aye".

- [Council Members] Aye.

- [Eric] Oppose "nay", we're adjourned.