



MINUTES OF THE PROTECTION AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020, 5:30 PM

This is a virtual meeting.

Please see the zoom instructions in the agenda.

The Protection & Policy Committee Meeting was recessed at 11:11 p.m. on July 13, 2020, and will reconvene at 2 p.m. on July 16, 2020.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

I. This item contains documents which provide call in information and instructions for the Zoom Meeting.

B. ROLL CALL.

Present: Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, John VanderLeest

Also present: City Attorney Vanessa Chavez, Deputy City Attorney Joanne Bungert, Assistant City Attorney Lindsay Mather, Lt. Steve Mahoney, Chief of Staff Celestine Jeffreys, Alder Barb Dorff, Alder Randy Scannell, Alder Gerlach, Alder Jesse Brunette, Alder Brian Johnson

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

I. Approval of the minutes from the June 22, 2020 Protection & Policy Committee meeting.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

I. Consideration with possible action on an application for a "Class B" Combination license for Tristas Lunchbox LLC at 1542 University with a licensed premises as "MAIN FLR, BAR, COOLERS, POOL ROOM, BACK OFFICE, TIKI BAR W/IN OUTDOOR PATIO, OUTDOOR PATIO," previously discussed at the June 8 Protection & Policy Committee meeting. (Previously licensed as Alisa Marie, LLC).

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to approve an application for a "Class B" Combination license for Tristas Lunchbox LLC at 1542 University with a licensed premises as "MAIN FLR, BAR, COOLERS, POOL ROOM, BACK OFFICE, TIKI BAR W/IN OUTDOOR PATIO, OUTDOOR PATIO," previously discussed at the June 8 Protection & Policy Committee meeting. (Previously licensed as Alisa Marie, LLC), with the approval of the proper authorities. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

2. Consideration with possible action on a "Class A" Liquor and Class "A" Beer license for Mi Favorita Supermarket LLC at 1908 E. Mason St. with a licensed premises description of "coolers" (Previously licensed as Mi Favorita Supermarket).

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to approve a "Class A" Liquor and Class "A" Beer license for Mi Favorita Supermarket LLC at 1908 E. Mason St. with a licensed premises description of "coolers," with the approval of the proper authorities. (Previously licensed as Mi Favorita Supermarket). Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

3. Consideration with possible action on a "Class B" Combination License for Lil Jamaica LLC at 1332 S. Broadway with a licensed description as "bar area, 2 small closets, bathrooms, closet at back entrance, small attic, outdoor patio, side yard." (Previously licensed as Sunshine N Wallys Bar, Inc).

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve a "Class B" Combination License for Lil Jamaica LLC at 1332 S. Broadway with a licensed description as "bar area, 2 small closets, bathrooms, closet at back entrance, small attic, outdoor patio, side yard," with the approval of the proper authorities. (Previously licensed as Sunshine N Wallys Bar, Inc). Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

4. Consideration with possible action on a Class "B" Beer & "Class C" Wine license by Aldo's Pizza of Green Bay, LLC at 1247 Velp Ave. with a licensed premises as "Cooler, dining room." (Currently

licensed as an individual Jean Cleary).

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to approve a Class "B" Beer & "Class C" Wine license by Aldo's Pizza of Green Bay, LLC at 1247 Velp Ave. with a licensed premises as "Cooler, dining room," with the approval of the proper authorities. (Currently licensed as an individual Jean Cleary). Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None nnn

5. Consideration with possible action on a 2020-2021 renewal application for a "Class B" Combination License for Chip Stacks, Inc. at 416 Dousman St. with a change of agent.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve a 2020-2021 renewal application for a "Class B" Combination License for Chip Stacks, Inc. at 416 Dousman St. with a change of agent and with the approval of proper authorities. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

6. Consideration with possible action on a renewal application for the 2020-2021 license year for Strats, Inc. at 2850 Humboldt Rd. (Submitted June 29, 2020).

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to deny a renewal application for the 2020-2021 license year for Strats, Inc. at 2850 Humboldt Rd. (Submitted June 29, 2020) on the basis that the establishment is not currently operational and with no plan to resume operations and is therefore in violation of Green Bay Municipal Code Sec. 33.06. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

7. Consideration with possible action on the renewal applications for various liquor and/or beer licenses for the 2020-2021 license year with approval of the proper authorities (see attached).

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to approve the renewal applications for various liquor and/or beer licenses for the 2020-2021 license year with approval of the proper authorities (see attached). Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

8. Consideration with possible action on the release of the 2019-2020 "Class B" Combination licenses to the pool of available licenses due to no action taken for the 2020-2021 license year.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve the release of the 2019-2020 "Class B" Combination licenses to the pool of available licenses due to no action taken for the 2020-2021 license year. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

9. Consideration with possible action on a request by Hagemeister Park, Inc. at 325 N. Washington St. to amend their liquor license to include a sidewalk cafe permit adjacent to 325 N. Washington St.

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to approve a request by Hagemeister Park, Inc. at 325 N. Washington St. to amend their liquor license to include a sidewalk cafe permit adjacent to 325 N. Washington St. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

10. Consideration with possible action on a request by Skogen's Foodliner, Inc. at 2430 University Ave. to amend their liquor license to include part of their parking lot for Click and Collect curbside pickup.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to approve a request by Skogen's Foodliner, Inc. at 2430 University Ave. to amend their liquor license to include part of their parking lot for Click and Collect curbside pickup. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

11. Consideration with possible action on a request by Skogen's Foodliner, Inc. at 2250 W. Mason St. to amend their liquor license to include part of their parking lot for Click and Collect curbside pickup.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to approve a request by Skogen's Foodliner, Inc. at 2250 W. Mason St. to amend their liquor license to include part of their parking lot for Click and Collect curbside pickup. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

12. A request by Ald. Wery for an update with possible action on changes to the Ethics Ordinance/Policy that were requested in 2018, with explanation as to why it is taking so long while other newer programs, policies and ordinances are placed ahead of this item?

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to receive and place on file a request by Ald. Wery for an update with possible action on changes to the Ethics Ordinance/Policy that were requested in 2018, with explanation as to why it is taking so long while other newer programs, policies and ordinances are placed ahead of this item? Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

13. Consideration with possible action on a request by Ald. Scannell to make a city ordinance requiring employees and the public in social situations to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Ald. Kathy Lefebvre left for a short duration from 6:02 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. during this item.

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to close the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest and seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to receive and place on file a request by Ald. Scannell to make a city ordinance requiring employees and the public in social situations to wear masks and practice social distancing. A voice vote was taken and motion failed 2-2 . Yes-John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, No-Kathy Lefebvre, Craig Stevens

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to refer to staff a request a request by Ald. Scannell to make a city ordinance requiring employees and the public in social situations to wear masks and practice social distancing with directives of indoor only restrictions , exemptions for disabilities, age and other conditions, a specific end date for the ordinance and to bring a draft to the next Common Council meeting to be considered by the committee of the whole. A voice vote was taken and motion failed 2-2. Yes-Kathy Lefebvre, Craig Stevens, No-John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer

No action was taken on this item and it proceeds forward to Council with no recommendation.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to take a 10-minute recess at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to resume the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

14. Consideration with possible action on a request with Ald. Galvin that the city consider taking fluoride out of the treatment process for the city water.

Moved by Ald. Mark Steuer, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to close the floor. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Mark Steuer, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to recess at 11:11 p.m. and reconvene on Thursday, July 16 at 2 p.m. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

15. Consideration with possible action on General Ordinance 24-20, an ordinance amending Section 2.06(8), Green Bay Municipal Code, relating to reading of ordinances.

No action was taken at the July 13, 2020 Protection & Policy Committee meeting. Action on this item can be found in the July 16 Protection & Policy Committee meeting minutes.

16. Consideration with possible action on a communication from Alder Dorff to research and create a fair housing ordinance for the City of Green Bay, previously discussed at the July 8, 2019 Protection & Policy meeting.

No action was taken at the July 13, 2020 Protection & Policy Committee meeting. Action on this item can be found in the July 16 Protection & Policy Committee meeting minutes.

17. Consideration with possible action on General Ordinance number 22-20, repealing and recreating Section 6.39, Green Bay Municipal Code, relating to mobile food establishments.

No action was taken at the July 13, 2020 Protection & Policy Committee meeting. Action on this item can be found in the July 16 Protection & Policy Committee meeting minutes.

F. INFORMATIONAL.

1. The Liquor Violation Report for July 13, 2020.

No action was taken at the July 13, 2020 Protection & Policy Committee meeting. Action on this item can be found in the July 16 Protection & Policy Committee meeting minutes.

2. An informational report regarding liquor licenses.

No action was taken at the July 13, 2020 Protection & Policy Committee meeting. Action on this item can be found in the July 16 Protection & Policy Committee meeting minutes.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was recessed at 11:11 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. July 16.

VERBATIM MINUTES

- And, all right. The first thing up will be roll call. However, as Chief of Staff Geoffrey's indicated before we do that. Alder Steuer asked me to- as the chair of the committee, asked me to indicate and communicate each that we will be implementing a speaker time limit, in light of the very, very robust agenda that we have this evening. Essentially to ensure that everyone has a fair opportunity to participate and to speak. And to voice their thoughts and comments on the variety of items that we have on the agenda tonight. The time limits are similar to what we have in council meetings. So it should be familiar that I've minutes for all Alders twice on each agenda item and three minutes for Members of The Public, when the floors open for public discussion. With respect to item number five single there was a little bit of confusion. With some members of the public that wanted to participate in discussion on that particular item. The public speaker for that item, will have five minutes for presentation. As that item was a direct communication filed by Alder Galvin, Galvin on behalf of the constituent. So in lieu of Alder Galvin presenting to the committee, the constituent will be taking that five minutes to do their presentation. And then thereafter, any members of the public that wish to comment on that item, once the floor is open will have three minutes each. And then staff will have a stopwatch. I believe shared on the screen for those that are viewing on zoom via web, and that will indicate the time for each

speaker. Otherwise we will give a warning when that time is approaching the end and when it is completed. So with that Alder Steuer, I turn it back to you and we can start with roll call.

- Okay, thank you again Attorney Bungert for doing that. And let's get a roll call first. Alder Steuer I am here. Do we have Alder VanderLeest? You're on mute.

- Present.

- Alder Stevens?

- Present.

- Alder Lefebvre?

- [Lefebvre] Here.

- All present and accounted for.

- The approval of the agenda.

- The approval of the agenda. Do we have a motion?

- [Lefebvre] Motion moved.

- So moved by Alder Lefebvre. Do we have a second?

- Second.

- Second by Stevens, all in favor please say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- All opposed? That passes unanimously.

- And approval of the minutes?

- Do we have a motion?

- Motion to approve.

- Motion by Stevens. Do we have a second?

- Second?

- Second by VanderLeest. Any other discussion all in favor please say, aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- All opposed? That passes unanimously.

- All right, we're on to item number one.

- To regular business number one. Consideration with possible action on an application for a class fee combination license for Aristarchus, Lunch Box LLC at 1542 University with a licensed premise is as main floor, bar coolers, full room, back office, kitchen bar with indoor-outdoor patio. Previously discussed at the June 8th Protection Policy Committee meeting. Previously licensed as Lisa Marie LLC now.

- Yes, so this was referred to Back to the committee from our last council meeting, as there wasn't a sign stipulation agreement in the report or in the packet. I did reach out to Lieutenant Mahoney who is signed on. And so he can speak to it a little bit further, but there was a stipulation agreement signed by the licensee and we're not sure why it was just inadvertently not uploaded or included in the packet. But I will defer to Lieutenant Mahoney with additional information.

- Okay.

- As Attorney Bungert said the stipulation in the business plan was done. We do apologize, that some got lost in terms of when I submit it back over to the City Clerk's office. But it was done and, that went back out and double checks the business. They do have cameras up and the Police Department has no issue with them having a license.

- Oh, so we're good both on law and in police. Okay, I would enter-

- Motion to approve.

- Again by VanderLeest to approve, do we have a second?

- Second.

- Seconded by Stevens any other discussion all in favor please say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- All opposed? That passes unanimously.

- All right, item number two.

- Okay number two. Consideration with possible action on a class A liquor and Class A beer license for Mi Favourita Supermarket LLC a 1908 east Mason street with a license premise description of coolers, previously licensed as Mi Favourita Supermarket staff.

- Law Department has no objection.

- Police.

- Police to concur.

- Now we'll entertain a motion.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion by VanderLeest, do we have a second?

- Second.

- Second by Stevens any other discussion, all in favor please say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- All opposed? That passes unanimously.

- All right, item number three.

- Number three, consideration with possible action on a Class B combination license for Little Jamaica LLC, at 1332 South Broadway with a licensed description as bar area, two small closets, bathrooms, closets at backing entrance, small attic, outdoor patio, side yard, previously licensed as Sunshine and Wally's bar ink now.

- Yes, so this is a new bar, but a previously licensed location. It was service rendered prior to June 30th. It's in the Broadway moratorium, but it does qualify as an exemption as the location was previously licensed within the 60 days to render window. The outdoor patio inside yard complies with our ordinances. It's impervious to the passing of drinks, and it's Six feet in height. So accordingly Law Department has no objection.

- And police?

- Sir Police concur.

- Okay, I would entertain a motion.

- [Lefebvre] Mark, Mark.

- Yes, go ahead.

- [Lefebvre] Do they do they feel- From the pictures I got you, do they feel that they have enough spacing on that patio? You know, with social distancing and that? You can't tell exactly from the picture, but it did look, a little small. But I just grabbed the question.

- That I'm not sure, as far as what their plan is for social distancing or if they are gonna be taking advantage any of the temporary expansions. Or if they're doing a temporary sidewalk cafe. But those are always available to them if they feel that there is not enough room. But there wasn't a concern that was expressed by the licensee.

- [Lefebvre] Okay, okay.
- Are you okay with that.
- [Lefebvre] will get to answer that question, sure.
- Okay, I would now entertain a motion.
- [Lefebvre] Make a motion.
- Motion to approve.
- Motion by Stevens, do we have a second?
- Second.
- Second.
- Seconded by Lefebvre. All in favor please say aye.
- [Group] Aye.
- All opposed? That passes unanimously.

- All right, item number four.

- Number four consideration with possible action on a Class B beer and Class C wine, licensed by all those pizza Green Bay LLC. At 1247 develop Avenue with a licensed premises cooler, dining room currently licensed as an individual Gene Clary.

- Yes, so this is not a new location.

- This is a just a legal entity change from an individual to an LLC. It is in the fourth moratorium, but it's accepted because it is a restaurant. Law Department has no objections.

- Okay. Police.

- Well Police concur.

- Okay, I would indicate a motion.

- [Group] Motion to approve.

- Motion by Stevens, do we have a second?

- Second.

- Second by VanderLeest, any other discussion? All in favor please say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- All opposed? That passes unanimously.

- All right, item number five.

- Number five consideration with possible action on a 2020-2021 renewal application for a class B combination license for chip stacks Inc, at 416 Dolphin Street with a change of agent. Bungert.

- Law Department has no objection.

- Police.

- No objection.

- Do we have a Motion?

- Motion to approve.

- Motion by Stevens, do we have a second?

- [Lefebvre] Second.

- Second by Lefebvre. Any other discussion? All in favor please say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- All opposed? That passes unanimously.

- All right item number six.

- Number six, consideration with possible action on a renewal application for a 2020-2021 License here for stress Ink at 2850 Humboldt Road submitted June 29th 2020, staff.

- Yes, so this location is currently under operational and they've made their intentions clear, to the clerk's office that they're not intending on opening up and going into business. Our ordinance does require that licensed establishments are operational on an in continuous use, unless otherwise authorized by counsel. Accordingly, the recommendation is denied, as the licensee has no intention of operating this establishment. I do want to note that I don't know if this has been brought up with our new committees since our election in April. However, whenever we do deny a licensee or deny our renewal application, we have to state for the record the basis for that denial. And in this case, the basis would be denied as the premises not operational, and would violate section 33.06 of our Green Bay ordinances code.

- So you're in denial for this?

- Correct?

- Okay.

- On the basis that it's not operational and would violate our ordinances. However, council does have the authority to give them additional time if they so wish.

- So the case be to if we deny this, to give us the deny, and then give them a stipulation as to what to do. To get up to court or what?

- No, the only way that they would be able to get up to code would be to open up, and they've indicated that they're closed and they're not intending to open. I believe their hope is to essentially try and sell the restaurant and to hold on to the license to be able to sell the restaurant license. However, you can't sell a liquor license.

- Right.

- Even if they sell the business, the new licensee would still have to apply for that particular license. Our process in order to be fair and equitable, because we are up against our quota limit for available licenses, is that it's unfair for other businesses, who are ready and willing to go with a licensed establishment for other businesses to be holding on to their liquor license.

- Right.

- For an indefinite period of time, leaving others having to spend that \$10,000 on a reserve. So to be fair and consistent whenever there's a business that is not operational, doesn't have any intention, our department's recommendation is to deny unless there are some other surrounding circumstances that the license to share.

- Is there a timeframe on this, as far as what's the last day for them to do this or not?

- At this point, no.

- Okay.

- I believe they renewed but they renewed late. So they're shut down anyway. And, they just wouldn't resume business.

- Police, go ahead sir- Go ahead Kathy.

- [Lefebvre] Yeah, my understanding is in the file- I think it's in our report. There are once or some that did not get in their applications to renew their liquor licenses. Weren't just some Class B in there?

- There are some that's gonna be coming up, in number eight. There were some licenses that no action was taken, for the 2020-2021 year. I believe that we'll be bringing seven back.

- [Lefebvre] Right, so my motion would be to deny it right now. And if they do sell the restaurant, there's a good possibility that there will be one of the class B Liquor Licenses still available. But we don't know how long, he would take the sell the business. I think really we have to deny it right now. So my motion is to deny it.

- That sounds good. Lieutenant Mahoney I just wanted to hear your take on that.

- We concur with law. I know I've driven by the business numerous times over the past months and they've been shut down or closed down before the whole COVID thing that I recall. So they haven't been open for quite a while.

- All right, thank you. Okay, we have a motion. Do we have a second?

- I'll second.

- Second by Stevens. Any other discussion? All in favor please say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed. Nobody opposes so it passes unanimously.

- All right, and that moves us on to item number seven.

- consideration with possible action on the renewal applications for various liquor and revere licenses for the 2020-2021 license here with approval of proper authorities, see attached.

- Law Department has no objections.

- And police?
- Well, Police concur.
- Okay, I would entertain a motion.
- Motion to approve.
- Motion by VanderLeest. Do we have a second?
- Second?
- Second with Stevens. Any other discussion all in favor please say aye.
- [Group] Aye.
- Aye. All opposed? That passes unanimously.
- All right item number eight.
- Number eight. Consideration with possible action on the release of the 2019-2020 Class P combination licenses, to the pool of available licenses due to no action taken for the 2020-2021 license here.
- Law Department has no objection.
- Okay, Police?

- Police concur.

- Okay, no one to entertain a motion?

- Motion to approve.

- Motion by Stevens, do we have a second?

- Second?

- Second by- I'm sorry, by Lefebvre. Any other, we are just gonna say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- All opposed? That passes unanimously. Do you hear that Attoney Bungert? There's some kind of-

- There's a little bit of a feedback, yes.

- I don't know if we need to be on mute. Some people are well-

- Yes, we would recommend anybody that's not currently speaking to just mute their phone or their device just to kind of curtail that noise. [Celestine] Yes, and I will also make sure that any noise I hear I will mute that person, thank you.

- Thank you.

- All right, item number nine.

- Number nine.

- Solution with possible action on a request by Hagen Meister Park. 25 North Washington Street. To amend their liquor license, to include a sidewalk cafe permit adjacent to 325 North Washington Street Staff.

- Yes, the licensee has obtained a revocable occupancy permit from D.P.W in accordance with our ordinances and accordingly staff with no objection.

- Okay. Police?

- Police concur.

- Okay, I would entertain a motion.

- [Group] Motion to approve.

- I will give that one to Alder VanderLeest and seconded by Alder Stevens. Any other discussion? Yes, go ahead.

- [Lefebvre] Yeah, to me I wonder why they really need it, they got the big patio outside. I just don't understand why they want to expand even more. I don't know, it seems like- Well again, is there enough room I suppose?

- I think part of this is the consistency of other businesses would have it. Not Washington Street you know it'd be hard now. I think that's part of it, that's just my thought. Attorney Bungert was that-

- [Lefebvre] Yeah, yeah.

- I'm not sure. I know that Hagemeister does have a fairly large square footage. And while they do have that back patio. I'm not sure if that just on its own is enough to be able to cover the amount of square footage that they're losing with social distancing for dining.

- Okay.

- I'm not just speaking as to my own observations as a patron.

- So once called over there, that's sweet so, well does that change anything in terms of that or that's just the way it is?

- This is a permanent installation. This isn't a temporary expansion. This is a permanent sidewalk cafe that they are requesting. So, even when we are out of the pandemic situation, they will be able to continue to use this sidewalk cafe.

- [Lefebvre] Thank you. I didn't realize that was part of the- I thought it was that they could continually use that. Thank you for that clarification, sorry.

- Okay, so we have a motion and a second. Any other discussion all in favor, please say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- All opposed? That passes unanimously.

- All right, item number 10.

- Number ten. Consideration with possible action on a request by Scoldings foodliner Inc. At 2430 University Avenue will amend their Liquor License to include part of their parking lot for clicking collect curbside pickup staff.

- Yes, so the licensee has submitted an operational plan in accordance with the ordinance. The plan was reviewed by the Police Department and it has all the elements that are required in the ordinance. Police Department has no objections and Law Department concurs. I'll defer to Lieutenant Mahoney to-

- Okay.

- Lieutenant?

- After reviewing the plan yes, we work with all we have no objections to the plan at all.

- Okay, Alder Lefebvre do you have something. I know, this was a concern of yours.

- [Lefebvre] Right. Right. You know, we had denied this before. And then, the majority of the board went and changed the ordinance. So now we're approving it.

- Right.

- So we previously we were denying staff's recommendation was to deny because we didn't have an ordinance regulating this type of activity. And so, I believe it was about a week ago or so the ordinance was published. And so it's now officially part of our code. And so festival, resubmitted their request in accordance with those regulations which requires a variety of things to ensure that they're complying with state statutes, including that, IDs are taxed with the sale is done by a licensed operator. That they have, recording capabilities of the transaction in the vehicle, the license plate, and that they also have the ability to cancel a transaction in the event that the person placing the order and picking up is not of age or is potentially intoxicated, or under the influence. So we set out all the parameters in our ordinance to make sure that the activity is in line with all state statutes and our ordinances and festival has submitted a plan to be operating in line with those ordinances. So therefore, you don't have any legal objection.

- Alder Lefebvre?

- [Lefebvre] Sorry, I was muted because my husband was doing dishes making noise. Sorry, yeah, I know. There's nothing that's right. We can't stop them no. And I just wanted to let everyone know others who are waiting for other things to speak to let them know that I tried to put in they this should have been just for the as long as the pandemic was because otherwise then people can walk in. Their concern was that they didn't want to go in, to order their groceries online, they want to do the liquor too. But that didn't happen. They just opened it up permanently, so that's the way it is, thank you. Can't do anything about it now.

- Okay.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion to approved by Stevens, seconded- By the discussion all in favor, please say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? That passes unanimously.

- I'm sorry Alder Steuer. I had a little bit of a hiccup in my connection. Who was the second? I have a motion by Alder Stevens-

- Second by, VanderLeest.

- Okay. All right. I will log that in right now.

- [Lefebvre] All right, item number 11.

- Motion 11, consideration with possible action on a request by slogans food liner Inc at 2250, West Mason Street to amend their liquor license to include part of their parking lot for clicking collect curbside pickup, Staff?

- [Lefebvre] Staff has no objections within the licensed admitted in operation and in accordance with the ordinance.

- Police?

- Police concur.

- Is similar to the other one, but I will entertain a motion.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion by Stevens, do we have a second?

- Second.

- Second by VanderLeest, any other discussion? All in favor please say aye. [Group] Aye.

- All opposed? That passes unanimously.

- All right, item number 12.

- Number 12. A request by Alder Lewis for an update with possible action on changes to the Ethics Ordinance Policy that were requested in 2018. With explanation as to why it is taking so long while other newer programs, policies and ordinances are placed ahead of the site. I did get something this afternoon from

Attorney Chavez. I didn't really have a chance to really look it over. So I would defer to our Law Department to speak to this at the moment.

- [Vanessa] This is Attorney Chavez. in the emails we've received your request from all the way to close communication put onto the agenda, is that quite of this information to him in order to make sure that everyone is getting the same information. And so essentially what we indicated is that the-

- Lieutenant could you speak up a little bit you're a little hard to hear. Just a little bit more, we need to hear you.

- [Vanessa] Is that better?

- Yes.

- [Vanessa] Okay, so what I was saying is that I had provided this information to Alder Lewis to bring down and I wanted to make sure that everybody was receiving the same information across the board, which is why I sent it to everyone. But essentially, the reason that the explorer hasn't come up is because we have a number of priorities within our departments that have to be addressed in the way we choose our priorities internally, is based on potential for exposure to litigation. And so when there's potential for liability, it takes precedence over everything else that we're working on, to make sure that we are bringing it back up to what needs to happen. so for example, our records retention schedule, if that actually took a very long time for us to be able to put into the works because it requires so much effort. But being able to comply with records retention schedule is one of the biggest areas for liability for the city. Because we do have that legal obligation to provide that. So when we make our determinations in our department, that's what it's based on. And then as far as staffing goes, we have four Attorneys within our department, and we don't have overlap in what happens. We have a city prosecutor who doesn't do well drafting for the rest of the department just because there's not any availability to do it. The Deputy City Attorney, she handles primarily all the licensing stuff related to PNP and she does a numerous contracts for the city. So her time is pretty much used up trying to make sure that the operation is gonna happen on a daily basis or happening. We have a legislative attorney, who is attorney Mather. Who handles a number of things for the- Handling all the drafting for the city for the last year. And it's just drafting ordinances takes a very long time. My people look at these things they think that is a really simple process to put them together, but to make sure that they are internally consistent that all of the issues with them have been thought out. It takes time to get those put into place properly. And when we have rushed through in the past, you'll know its, how to come through and bring you back revisions because we have to get those ordinances clean because they affect the entire populace. And then obviously, I handle everything else within the department. And so, we just happen to have transferring to the forefront.

- Okay. You know I understand, I understand you folks are busy with a number of things but, every once in a while some of the others may wanna know, why what's taking this and that? And I would think that a lot of it

could be done in house if we would ask. I don't know, that might be your preference, but there are times where we just need information. We just want to know, What the process is and if we're on schedule or what?

- [Lefebvre] Jumping up, okay?

- Yeah go ahead Alder Lefebvre.

- [Lefebvre] Yes, I want to know how can I put in a request for the, something I would like to see written into the ethics ordinance.

- [Vanessa] Do you think you could talk to us about that? As we're making the revisions to the code. We do accept recommendations or requests from the Alders directly. So we will consider anything that you provide to us.

- [Lefebvre] Okay, so I should send something into the Law Department? Okay.

- We got to mute some people here. That's distracting, all right. All right, are we back to formal here? What do we need to do here?

- The committee doesn't have any action, to recommended motion would be to receive and place on file.

- [Lefebvre] I'll make that motion.

- Okay by Alder Lefebvre. Do we have a second?

- Second.

- Second by Stevens any other discussion? All in favor please say aye.

- [Group] Aye. All opposed? That passes unanimously.

- All right, item number 13.

- 13 Okay. Consideration with possible action on a request by Alder Scannell to make a city ordinance requiring employees in the public and social situations, wear masks and practice social distancing. Before we start, I know there's a lot of folks that have called in on this issue and either by phone or via email. I would ask everybody to be respectful. Civility is very important here and we need to honor that. So as Attorney Bungert said before, we have like three minutes, correct?

- Correct. But I would defer initially to Alder Scannell, who brought this forward, and we'll get it going.

- Thank you, Mr. Chair.

- [Lefebvre] I have to leave, I have to leave guys. I'll be right back.

- We will catch you later, okay?

- [Lefebvre] Okay.

- Okay go ahead Alder Scannell.

- Okay, just quickly how we got here. Of course COVID-19 unit hit the United States of Wisconsin. Ended up shutting down to get that under the troll, that we were shut down for about a month and that worked. Then we started to want to open up our economy again. I was all for that. We staff did a great plan for starting to open up. And at the same time back then, the county was considering a face-mask mandate. Which I thought would be necessary for us to open up. Since nothing has changed since COVID-19 has hit us. We've got it under control because we completely shut down. We know a little bit more about it. We know that if we open up, we can do so following some simple safety measures. And we won't end up like for Florida, Texas

and Arizona. The County decided that they could not go forward with this. And so since our Federal State and County has decided to pass on this, it's up to us as a city, to look to our safety. We have the authority to do this. The legal says, so I'm pushing this forward as the responsible thing to do. I don't believe that we can open up safely unless we have safety in place. Since this has started, I have gotten a lot of support and a lot of negative. And I think a lot of that will come out, I'm not gonna to speak to that, except for there is one group foster parenting, I think they're here. They'll speak for themselves. But I think they've got an interesting story to tell. But what I want to speak for is the businesses and workers I have heard from, who are afraid to speak up and looking for their city government to protect them. There are businesses and workers out there who if they- Since this has become a political flashpoint wearing a mask, they are afraid to step up and require it. And If we do this and it takes the onus off them. Right now they're in a position where, if we don't have these safety measures, mandate in their place, they have to deal and are dealing, this is what's going on. They are dealing with people who are not masking up, which puts them at risk, and it puts all their loved ones at risk. And if they decide, well, I'm not gonna work their financial security at risk. So I think it's just immoral to open up our economy and not have these basic safety measures in place. It's all followed by the C.D.C guidelines. I don't know if my fellow authors received this today, but a letter came out. It states that we have to support your consideration and adoption of a citywide ordinance requiring face coverings in appropriate circumstances. The Healthcare Organizations in Green Bay, are committed to caring for all people in the region. Our ability to provide health care for all people in the region would be impaired if the number of COVID-19 cases, requiring hospitalization exceeds our capacity. And there's more and more but the healthcare professionals, that have put forth this letter in supporting of face mask are, Daniel Meyer President of Aurora BayCare Medical Center, Chris Augustine, C.P.A.C.E.O of BayCare Clinic, Christine Wogosty, President and C.E.O Berlinr Health, Brian Charlier, President and C.E.O for St. Vincent Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center and Sharp Rah, President and C.E.O of Premier Health. so our local health professionals support doing this. What I'm looking for, is to send this to staff. For them to look at those practices. I'm not looking for anything onerous. There's plenty of exceptions. There's only really situations where social interaction between people who are not in your household, should require masking up. And that's all am looking for. And that staff come up with something and bring that to our common console next Tuesday. So that we can stick it up as a console as a whole and hopefully-

- [Celestine] Alder you have one more minute.

- Okay, and as far as enforcement, just individually which not wanting to be onerous against started out with a small fine, but if they're not compliant again and again the fines would increase. But there would be a significant fine for businesses not being compliant. Where expect to be the main ones who will be helping enforce this ordinance. So if there's any questions for me, that's basically all to me, is the people who are putting a hard place where either they're risking their health or their financial security that's just not right to put people in that position. We are in a position to help them. And I think it's irresponsible for us not to help them. Government, it's number one priority is public safety. Without public safety, you have anarchy, you have chaos, there's no governance. That's our number one job. And in the middle of a pandemic, following C.D.C guidelines I think it's a smart thing to do, it's the responsible thing to do, and it's the moral thing to do. It's immoral to put people in a position where they either have to choose their financial security or their own health. That's just not right. So any questions for me?

- Alder Scannell thank you for your comments. I think what's gonna happen is, you know- We have a lot of folks that wanna to speak to this. So what's gonna happen is, I'm gonna probably entertain a motion open the

floor shortly. And if there are questions that are directed to you, you'll be there. So, I would entertain a motion to open the floor at this time.

- Motion to open the floor.

- Second.

- Seconded by Stevens. Any other discussion? All in favor please say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- All opposed? The floor is now open.

- [Celestine] Okay, Alder Steuer. This is Celestine. So, for the people who have access via computer, they have raised their hands.

- Okay.

- [Celestine] And so what I'm gonna do is, if you would just wait your- If you have the ability to raise your hand that would be great in zoom. If you do not have that ability, just unmute yourself and I will get to you. And what I'm gonna do, Alder I'm gonna tell you who I can see on the computer, I think you'd probably see it too. And then what I'll do is, I will acknowledge them and then I will put the timer on as soon as everyone sees the timer, that you'll see you'll have your three minutes to speak. Okay? All righty, here we go.

- Sounds good, all right.

- [Celestine] Thank you Alder. Thank you everyone. Please be patient as I share my screen. Okay, the first person is Elliot. Okay, so Elliot, what I'm gonna do is I'm gonna unmute you and share my screen. All right, there we go.

- Okay. Elliot, are you on? Eliot are you on? Go ahead.

- [Eliot] Okay, a connection super bad. So everybody keeps coming in and out. So I don't know if you guys can hear me at all.

- A little bit, go ahead.

- [Eliot] Can anybody hear me?

- [Group] Yes.

- [Celestine] Yes, you should probably keep talking.

- Keep talking.

- Okay, cool, all right. So, I have a tremendous number of concerns with the super vague proposal. I love Randy but they're super vague. And a government's number one purpose is to protect citizens. So, I will just start off with that preface. But so, first and foremost, we need an end date for this, this cannot be to be perpetual. So what's the end date? If we can not have a date, we need form parameters as to when, what the causes and what's gonna cause this mandate to end, right? So then, who, got the masks? Are we gonna get tickets to businesses that have two year olds in the business not wearing masks? I think that's a serious question. And I'm hearing like- I don't understand we have to really pull this stuff up. So what size of boots talking about now? Are these groups of two, six, eight, 10, 20, 30? What distances 60? I heard 30 feet, indoors, outdoors everywhere all the time. I was at a birthday party. There were two year old. Does everybody have to have a mask at a family event, if we're outdoors. Within shouting distance of other people? And then how are we actually gonna- Are we gonna have the police running out up in the street? When we already said we want to defund the police? Does this sort of sound ridiculous. What exactly is the mask? I don't think we've ever defined that. I think we're gonna have an ordinance. We need to define what a mask is. And I'm gonna run out of time. Trying to pick and choose, what the most important things are here. How are we gonna ensure that this is not racist? When people have masks on, we have problems where we kind of target people of color. How are we gonna write into the ordinance that we are gonna protect people of color in this? What about poverty? Are we gonna provide masks to free? And what about the eating and drinking issue? Am I gonna be exempt? As long as I have a straw out of my mouth, as I'm walking up and down the street in my hand I'm I exempt? All these things need to be answered? If it's gonna be our work. Just being a suggestion. It could be a recommendation. I would recommend it.

- [Celestine] Thank you Elliot.

- Thank you Elliot. I was gonna ask attorney Bungert to- I need to close the floor. I have a question to ask of the attorney?

- No, you don't need to close the floor.

- All right, well. I wanted to ask staff or Law Department, is it possible for the city to impose an ordinance imposing- I wanna know, if you don't know then that I would like to look into that to see if we would need to table this to another time? I know there's a lot of people here to speak to the matter but you know, if we. I don't wanna waste a lot of time, if you feel that our Law Department feels-

- [Vanessa] This is attorney Chavez. Yes, this is something that would qualify as under the council's powers to regulate for the Public Health, safety and welfare.

- So then we can continue as stated?

- [Vanessa] Yes.

- Okay, I just needed to clarify that. All right, the floor is still open, so Celestine-

- [Celestine] Yes. I'm sorry Alder Steuer, just give me one minute.

- Okay. Good looking crew here by the way. You too Randy. And you too Mike. Who's rubbing her head.

- [Celestine] All right one second. And the next person is T.H and just give me one second. I unmuted you T.H or you can unmute yourself and I will share the screen. And T.H are you unmuted?

- I am.

- [Celestine] Can you hear me?

- Yes, okay, go right ahead. Okay, do you need my name and address or?

- Yes, name an address would be fine. Yes, thank you. Tina Hollenbeck 515, South Irwin Avenue 54301. I actually need to take great offense at what Alder Scannell has said about the health risks. I think we need to take into account that the stay at home order and all of that ended on May 13th. Officially May 15th. I think when Brown County ended its thing. And so that's almost two full months. And if we look at the real data in Green Bay since then, and Brown County since then, we are not seeing a spike in hospitalizations, or deaths. We're not even seeing a spike in cases in Brown County. I know they're doing more testing. But if we look at the number of people who are really sick, since things began to reopen, the evidence here does not say that people in Green Bay are putting other people at risk. I think it'd be perfectly fine for people to voluntarily wear masks. And if I see someone who was wearing a mask, even if I don't. And that's the thing that we need to take into account. Alder Scannell was stated in a news report saying that those of us not wearing masks are threatening the health of other people. But if masks work, then a person who is concerned and wearing a mask is safe from anybody else. If they're scared, then maybe the masks don't work. But my other issues is that I need to bring up that we need to consider are this. There are people with serious respiratory health issues that cannot wear a mask. There are people like myself who are rape survivors who would get P.T.S.D from wearing a mask. And if we go out in public without a mask, are we gonna be harassed? Are we gonna have the Police Department telling us we have to disclose publicly, to a store owner, why we can't wear a mask? That's a complete breach of privacy and it violates Hipaa and the A.D.A besides. And so we need to keep that into account. And the devastation economically that would happen in Green Bay. If you expand it, would be horrendous because many people will go out of Green Bay to Howard, to Pier, Bellevue, anyplace else and they'll spend their money there. So as our businesses in Green Bay are trying to recover from the lockdown, the worst thing we could do, is say that we're gonna be sending people away. 'cause people will leave Green Bay. People have told me, they will not shop in Green Bay anymore if there's a mask mandate. And how do you protect the people who have- How do you protect people who have reasons for not wearing a mask, from being harassed and bothered by police or store owners or other customers? You can't. So let it be voluntary. If the board wants to say, we recommend it, that's fine. But this mandate, I understand it to say that this is a mandate is immoral. So I'll use Alder Scannell's words in that regard, and say to mandate something like this is immoral. Thank you.

- Okay. Thank you. Celestine.

- [Celestine] Yes, give me one second.

- Okay, Alder Lefebvre is trying to get back into the meeting.

- [Celestine] Where is she, Okay. Thank you Alder when I'm sharing a screen I can't always see good.

- Okay. All right. Need to work out that for you.

- [Celestine] All you know why? Because there are 100 people. Attorney Chavez. Perhaps you can come back out. Come back in later. Yes.

- [Mather] I name on my phone.

- [Celestine] Okay, can you use one? Yes thank you, I appreciate that. Alder Steuer can you tell Alder Lefebvre to try to come back again. We only have a few expense, thank you.

- Yes are you still there Alder Lefebvre? Okay, why don't you hang up and try it again, try to get in. Yeah, try again. Alright, she's trying to get back.

- [Celestine] Okay, I'm just waiting.

- How many do we have?

- [Celestine] So we have probably eight people who've raised their hands.

- Let's see Bernie's Hands up. He's getting tired over there.

- [Celestine] Yes, okay so Bernie-

- I wanna shake his hand, but I can't.

- [Celestine] Really raise your hand. So since you literally raised your hand, Bernie. I'm gonna unmute you. Just give me one more second, please. Bear with me. I'm gonna unmute you. Which am having- Bernie can you unmute your own? Okay, there you go.

- I just did.

- [Celestine] Hold on one second.

- Okay.

- [Celestine] All right, please give your name and address.

- Bernie Vondre Check. I live at 425 East Fox Run Circle Green Bay buy for 302.

- [Celestine] Okay, thank you, go ahead.

- Okay, I am calling in support of the mask ordinance. And I believe at least in my humble opinion that wearing a mask indoors because of the danger of community spread is a major concern. I have not so much of a concern being outside where it's very or it's much less spreadable from what my understanding is. The other piece to that is in terms of like each type issues. Certainly I wouldn't be wanting to burden young children 10 and younger. You know, in that area nor would I want to burden people that have health issues or mental health issues that might cause them problems. I do believe that we are very fortunate in Brown County or Green Bay because we have not experienced the same issues that they have in St. Milwaukee County. And I'm concerned that we don't want to get those kinds of issues. Even the broader perspective what happened in Florida and that really concerns me. Outside again, does not seem to be so much of an issue as it does inside. I really enjoyed going up to Door County and seeing that any place that I went in Door County if you went inside, you're asked to wear a mask. Outside, people were wandering around as without masks. And again, social distancing, I think is always a good idea when you're outside. I have three of my children are in situations where they come in contact one as a teacher and a concern, you know, when they go back to school that somehow they have some protection, even though the High School, can be proud. Amanda children are in healthcare, and I don't want them burdened by an excessive amount of people coming and having the COVID-19. Because masking or social distancing was not practiced. Thank you very much for the time. Appreciate it, everybody.

- [Celestine] Thank you, Bernie.

- Okay, thanks Bernie.

- [Celestine] Okay, give me one second. All right.

- You are, good, good.

- [Celestine] Awesome, awesome.

- Is Bernie still on the line.

- Yes I am.

- I want to ask Bernie a question.

- Yes.

- [Celestine] Yes. Go ahead.

- Bernie you mentioned about Door County and maybe I'm wrong. I just read something about Door County revealing this recently. Did you hear anything about that?

- I know that they voted that they were not gonna pass an ordinance. But I know that every place that I went and we were in a harbor and in sister Bay and any place that you would go into there was a request at the door, please please wear a mask or we will provide you with one.

- Okay. All right, thank you for that.

- Welcome.

- [Celestine] Okay the next person is Brenda's iPad. So I'm going to unmute Brenda's iPad or Brenda's iPad you can unmute yourself.

- Okay.

- [Celestine] And we'll wait for you to start talking.

- [Brenda] Okay.

- Name and address please Brenda.

- [Brenda] Brenda Ballenger and I'm currently staying at 717 Linden Drive Green Bay Wisconsin 54311. T.H who spoke of two people ago, literally echoed my feelings. I too feel it's immoral to shut or not shut us down immoral to force us to wear masks. There are many, many sick people out there. I for one have asthma. My daughter has severe asthma. She is forced to wear a mask. She literally passed out at work, being forced to wear this mask. And it's just, again unconstitutional to take our rights away. We're literally being stripped of our our rights. I'm gonna try to make this political. And I don't have any questions for Randy. I'm just stating the fact that, I strongly oppose forced mask use. The reason we're getting more positive is because they're testing more. Of course, you're gonna have more sick people, because you're pushing the testing. If we weren't pushing this testing, I don't even think we would any of us would even know it existed. It's no different than any other year when we have flu's. And then also when you are wearing a mask, unfortunately, these lot of people are being forced to wear them because of their employers. I've watched if there's any store you can go in and they are constantly, constantly touching your face. Somebody said to me, you know, I realize I touch my face more now than I ever have. So now you are touching your face after you perhaps have touched the dirty surface. You've getting the germs. I just don't believe that forcing people to wear a mask is the way to go. We are all adults here. We can make up our own decisions. I'm not trying to get somebody else sick. If you want to wear a mask and be saved you go right ahead, but don't force me to wear one. I was gonna say something else, I lost my train of thought.

- You have 48 seconds.

- [Brenda] Yeah, I see that. But I guess the bottom line is I force children to wear a mask is insane. Because if you're gonna force a mask, they're gonna be forced to wear one as well. Oh, also, what about people who have had it already? Why should they have to wear a mask? I know one person in this whole entire state, one person that has had COVID. And guess what she didn't even know she had it. She was forced to get tested because of the contact tracing. She had no idea she was even sick. So, that's how mild a lot of this is. Oh, I see. I'm done. But again, I echo and it's immoral. It's unconstitutional, and I don't agree.

- Okay, thank you.

- [Celestine] Okay, next up.

- Celestine I just wanted to say something. I know, there's a lot of folks that want to speak to this. But if the folks are listening to what is being spoken, if you're repeating yourself at all, I would ask you to, try to temper that as well as you can. If you come up with some new items on that, I would really appreciate it. If you have your personal opinions, I think it's very important. But, just try to avoid repeating if you can. All right, thank you go ahead.

- [Celestine] Thank you Alder. So the next person is Lacey Lewis. Lacey Lewis, can you please unmute yourself? And I will share my screen here. Are you ready?

- yup.

- Okay.

- Yes, we can hear, give your name and address, please.

- Lacey Lewis 1216 Ninth Street Green Bay 54304.

- Okay, go ahead Lacey.

- Okay I am one of your public members who has a disability. I have not been able to number one breathe out of my nose for the last four months due to severe sinus infections and allergies. To put a mask over my mouth, within 10 minutes of hyperventilating. I started to see spots, I get headaches, I'm a member of the society who has worked their way back from severe disability. I work with people who have traumatic brain injuries. I take them around so that they can participate in the community. And most of my job is taking them in and out of stores so that they can get their tasks done. And everywhere we go, somebody is giving me a dirty look like I am immoral, for not wearing a mask. I have heart murmurs, I have other problems with my health. But as somebody who is disabled, I should not legally have to identify my disability to every store owner. On top of the fact that most of those stores that are actually putting those mask ordinances into place are publicly traded companies. Which means that the public wants a piece of that information. So regardless of that fact, out of the 266,408, we have had 2238 positive cases. Which is a equivalent of a 0.0084%. And that's people testing positive With Corona in Brown County. Out of those people 32 have died, which is a 0.00012% of the population. This flu is no different than anything else. If you're going to start saying that people need to wear masks over their face when they are not ill, you're not actually protecting anybody. Number one, it's man made material. viruses can still go through it. You're breathing your own bacteria in all day long. It's very bad for people's health, and you're trying to make people into monsters who are not complying for other reasons. I too, am a rape survivor. I don't want somebody's hand over my mouth. That's what a mask feels like. On top of not being able to breathe out of my nose, on top of my heart murmur, there are many people like this in this community. Should we walk around saying disabled across our chest? How do you identify everybody? And small children should not have to wear masks either. It's very unhygienic. Have you ever known a little kid to stay clean all day long? How do you prevent that little kid from touching their surfaces, getting dirt on their mask getting wet? It doesn't prevent anything. You know, it's just a security measure. Is basically all it is, it's comfort people to make, I'm sorry-

- [Celestine] Thank you so much, your time has expired.

- Thank you, Lacey.

- [Celestine] Give me one second Alder.

- Sure.

- [Celestine] Okay. And the next person is Jen Beyer. Jen Beyer, can you please unmute yourself?

- Hi there.

- Hello, Jen, what's your name and address?

- [Celestine] Give your name and address please?

- I'm sorry, Alder, I think I stepped on your-

- You can do that Celestine. Okay.

- Go ahead.

- So my name is Jen Beyer and I live at 2021 Park Wood Board here in Green Bay 54304. And I actually also own Air Force Gymnastics. I've been a very proud business owner here in Green Bay for almost 15 years. And I know we said we weren't gonna speak to exceptions, but this greatly affects my livelihood, and I wanna be sure to advocate for myself, and my business partners and also, most importantly, my athletes and my customers. I just want to be sure as this motion proceeds one way or the other, that an exception for those exercising is considered. The C.D.C and the World Health Organization, neither of those recommend mask wearing while exercising, particularly when social distancing can be observed. And that's very easy to do for many of us, that own these types of businesses in our area. We have very large facilities, and we care very much about cleanliness and we care very much about our customers. So I just Want to make sure that as this motion proceeds, one way or the other that that exception is considered as we offer services that cannot safely be provided, while our athletes are masked. That's really all I have to say.

- Very well, thank you, Jen.

- Okay, thank you guys. I appreciate the chance to get to speak.

- [Stevens] I have a question for Jen.

- Yes.

- So, how many of the people in your establishment by chance wear a face shield?

- We actually don't have any at this particular time. We are requiring masks for all of our staff. And we are requesting them for everyone that's in our lobby area, the athletes that are participating in gymnastics are not wearing masks at this time and face shields actually wouldn't be a good choice either because there's a lot of going upside down there's slipping and twisting. I don't believe that either a face shield or a mask would stay secure and I'm worried about potential obstruction of their vision or indicators that's a shield actually landing on that particular piece of equipment, which would not be safe.

- [Stevens] Okay, thank you.

- Jen, I'd like to ask you a question as well.

- Sure.

- So, have you noticed a downtick in your business because your staff are wearing masks? And some people will not come in because of that, or what is your take on that as far as your thought of your business?

- I mean, it's really hard to say what the reason is, we're currently at about 50% of our normal enrollment, which isn't great. But that is allowing us to really double down on social distancing and cleaning and also completely unrelated, just offering a really great class that has a low level of students per staff member. No one has really said to me that they're not gonna come to the gym because the staff are wearing masks and I am thrilled to keep my staff wearing masks. I'm thrilled to continue to have them in my lobby actually having a mandate keeps me from being like the mask police can't have them on my athletes. And so that's what I'm really really requesting that considerations are made for gyms like mine, Cheer gyms in the area, crossFit gyms, gyms that can't safely offer their services to clients with masks on their clients. I'm thrilled to participate in every way that I possibly can. We just can't have them on the kids, when they're safe.

- Right, thank you, Jen. Thank you for that.

- Yeah, thank you.

- [Celestine] Thank you so much.

- [Lefebvre] I have a question. Go ahead Alder Lefebvre.

- [Lefebvre] Yes. I wanted to know too what type of air conditioning and heating system do you have? Do you have filters in place that I guess there are some that work really well for different pathogens and things like that. And if that would be an option to help you.

- Sure, we actually have three different H.V.A.C units that work within we have a 25,000 square foot facility, so it's a very large facility with very high ceilings. And we have those filters switched out on a very regular basis because there was a lot of chalk in our facility and it helps keeps our facility a lot cleaner. And if those filters aren't changed out on a regular basis, that unit actually doesn't work properly because the chalk does clog the filter. So we and we are running those units 24/7, just to keep new air coming in and old air coming out. Not only does it keep everyone a lot more comfortable, especially our staff who are wearing masks and are very hot, but it just keeps the gym just a lot nicer, more pleasant place to be in general. So I feel that's something we would normally do that's actually working to our advantage a lot in this situation and keeping the gym a healthy and safe place for everyone to be.

- [Kathy] Okay, thank you.

- Mhh.

- Jen, one more question. Do you feel that for mandatory ordinance was put in place that will take the pressure off of you, to make that decision? Is that helping you with your business or not?

- I mean, provided that my athletes don't have to be masked I have no issue with the mandatory ordinance. My only issue concern would be, for me as a business owner, if someone chooses not to come in and wear a mask, do I have to then question them on their healthcare needs? I don't wanna get into HIPAA violations. I don't wanna get into arguments with my customers about it. But I would like to see more customers wearing masks in my lobby if I can. I mean, to me, the masks make people more comfortable to come back into my business and to get back to life as normal. And if they keep even one person healthier, I'm happy to do that. But I do feel like it may put me in a bad spot as far as talking to my customers about why they're not wearing the mask. There are some privacy issues there for sure that I don't really want to get into policing.

- Okay, well, thanks for your honesty.

- Yes, thank you very much.

- [Celestine] Thank you. I just want to acknowledge that we have minister C. Johnson. It looks like William Melinda Eck, Mike Shea Jr, Nicole Saleske, Andrea Johnson, Brown County Tavern League, Martin W. and Kimberly Vogt. Those are all the people that I see who've raised their hands. So I'm gonna go through that list. And then I will also just make sure that there's anyone who basically has unmuted themselves and is waiting to be heard. I will get to you after I get to those folks. Okay, so next is Minister C. Johnson. Minister C. Johnson, can you please unmute yourself.

- I'm currently unmuted.

- [Celestine] Okay, awesome, just give me one second. Sorry, give me one second. All right, go ahead, give your name and address please.

- Minister Coronado Johnson 1525. Capitol drive. Green Bay 54303.

- [Celestine] Okay.

- All right, I just wanna say that I am completely for the mask mandate or ordinance. So wear mask the more people are seated, the more comfortable, I feel. I understand Like, as far as like health conditions and things of that nature, I believe those are some some valid points. I myself went through a very extreme surgery, on my throat and nose, where I was in ICU for almost a month going in and out there. But I still wear a mask because I want to be able to protect the next person. I think that a lot of times we still have the misconception that people only put on masks to protect themselves but the C.D.C and W.H.O has completely and consistently told us that wearing a mask protects the next person from the droplets that you spit out of your mouth. Even speaking, a normal phrase, the droplets, sneezing and coughing of course, expose it a lot harder and a lot further. So wearing a mask helps protect the next person. When I walk into a business, especially a food type of places serves food. I hate to seeing anyone that's serving not having on a mask. And those type of instances I pretty much walk back out. Because then that to me is you putting yourself putting me and other people in danger. The fact that number of cases, as far as percentage goes, I don't believe that we should wait so more people to die in order for us to say, hey, let's start wearing masks. I believe that'd be going the opposite and doing something very backwards. Me and my family, we have lost three people to COVID-19. And we believe and know that this is a very real thing. And I understand that like, not that many people have died in Brown County, but the people who have died and their families like those families, it's a very real thing, and I believe that wearing a mask can really help a lot of people. There's been shown that it's been proven scientifically. So I believe that the best way that we should go, thank you.

- Thank you Coronado.

- [Celestine] Thank you very much, okay.

- Now, just hold on Alder, Celestine, is Leanne Kramer trying to get in? Just calling me.

- [Celestine] That's because there are 100 people in the meeting. And we only have room for 100 people.

- I see. Okay, Alder Scannell.

- [Celestine] Go ahead.

- I just like to just offer my condolences that's all, it's just very sorry for your loss.

- Thank you Alder Scannell for that, we concur.

- [Celestine] Okay, thank you Alder. The next person is, It looks like William Melinda Eck. Please unmute yourself.

- Okay, can you hear me?

- [Celestine] Yes we can, go right ahead.

- Okay, so I know that a lot of people have already-

- [Celestine] So sorry, your name and address, please.

- [Eck] I'm opposed to the ordinance-

- [Celestine] So, excuse me, miss Eck.

- Melinda, what's your address?

- [Celestine] Give your name and address.

- Melinda Eck, 1634, 54304.

- Did you hear that Celestine?

- [Celestine] Yes, that's right. Go right ahead, thank you.

- Okay. All right. So I am opposed to this ordinance view in an email but I also wanted to join into the meeting. And without repeating what other people have said, some of the things that I want to add is, if you look at the box, those masks that people wear that are, I guess, quote-quote disposable mask. It says right on the side of the mask that it does not protect you from- Some of them actually specifically say, the corona virus. So with that said, it seems pointless to require people to wear a mask, and they may say that it keeps you- Other people from you. But if it goes through one way it comes through another. I could tell you a few experiments I did with the mask. With the fine powders that went directly through in and you know, so I was just trying to myself see just how effective these mask are against things that are small particles. It didn't work. Because they came right through, and right into my lungs. So that whole point is, in my opinion, not valid. I don't think we need more days, something that actually it's taking away our rights to choose, as, someone who said we're as an adult, I don't think I need somebody to mandate me wearing a mask. One 10th percent death rate of this virus, which is actually less than the common flu. And I also think that such a mandate would put extra burden on our law enforcement, that they could be using their time wisely elsewhere. So there's been conflicting evidence, or I guess, things coming out of our C.D.C in the- They change their minds on a regular basis. And I've even seen some videos where they've said that masks are not effective. And I think that it's a good point of people touching their mask or if they're not keeping it clean. There's a lot of it, and I don't think that mandating wearing a mask is going to be effective in reducing the virus. I think that, we've heard the immunity and daily before we're all you know, gonna be safe from it. I guess you would say, thank you.

- [Celestine] Thank you.

- Thank you, Melinda.

- [Celestine] Just give me one second Alder. Okay, the next person is Mike Shea Jr. Mike Shea Jr., please unmute yourself and give your name and address.

- Thank you, Mike Shea, I live at 2751 Woodstock Court Green Bay 54311.

- Go ahead Mike.

- Thank you. Last night I sent a letter to everybody in the council. I do hope that you each if you have not yet taken time to read that email in that letter, it's filled with a lot of scientific studies and they are cited in reference to peer reviewed, articles and specific statements at news conferences and such by medical experts from C.D.C, and Mayo Clinic department, all of which point to why the general public wearing a mask can be more dangerous than not. I would like to address a couple of things that were said. First off, I'm a business owner as well. And Alder and nurse who Scannell said that business owners and workers are afraid and they want this and I can flat out tell you, that is not something that you can make a blanket statement about. As a business owner, the policy in my shop and for my customers is simple. If you want to wear a mask, wear a mask if you don't, don't. We're not going to shame anybody, we're not gonna point anybody out either way. That's a personal choice at this point. And that's the way it should be. We talked about Door County this evening, somebody mentioned they went there and saw everybody wearing masks. Door County absolutely did not pass an ordinance requiring masks. The local businesses, the business owners will do what's right for the community. They'll do what's right for our customers. You don't need to tell people what to do to make the right things happen. If it's right for their customers and their immunity. Out of misinformation right now and to pass a law, or a rule or anything at the governmental level. Using this information, inconsistent data is irresponsible. I also found that using the terms immoral if you're not wearing a mask. If you read what I wrote last night, and sent you, you will see how wearing a mask can be a problem. Not because of effects of your own health, that you have health conditions or whatever, but being untrained and wearing a mask has the potential to spread the virus more. Right now, our deaths are going down. That proves that we flattened the curve down what we should do and our excellent health care professionals have learned how to handle this. It's time for us to keep moving forward, looking for good data and making decisions based on good data, not based on emotions, and not based on inconsistent data. We need to take a step back and see what's going on.

- Thank you, Mike. I did read your email, it was very comprehensive. I find that a lot of the folks on both sides of the fence that are sending in emails or calling. Some of them just say yes or no without a reason, and I will give you the credit that you put in a lot of effort on that email. So I appreciate that. For either side, you know if you can state your case, well, that helps us as Alders. Thank you very much.

- [Celestine] Okay, next is Nicole Saleske. Nicole, please unmute yourself and give your name and address.

- Hello, my name is Nicole Saleske representing The Wellness Way at 2638 Tulip Ln Green Bay 54313. And so, my name is Nicole Saleske like I said, I'm actually a Family Nurse Practitioner. So I come with some medical background. And with all due respect, they had said that all medical professionals are behind a mask mandate. And I can tell you as one medical professional, I am against it. The cases are rising, which to the lay person may look like a concern. Some things to consider of course, like we've already discussed that tests are more widely available. And now through contact tracing, the number of positive cases you can read this on the C.D.C website shows that it also includes probable cases. People that haven't even been tested, but they have been in contact with someone that had it. In spite of more positive cases a hospitalization mortality rate continue to decline. Mortality has been declining for the 11th week in the row, per the C.D.C website. Currently, it's below the epidemic threshold. It's decreased in six, as death 9% last week to now 5.5%, which is below the threshold of what's the now considered an epidemic. In the most recent states of Wisconsin, we currently have 85 patients in the ICU right now with a positive COVID-19 test. And keeping in mind that some of these patients, anyone who is admitted to the hospital, say you come in for a heart attack, in order for you to be admitted, you have to be swapped for COVID. So they know the proper precautions to take for you. So they could be in the ICU with a heart attack, but they're gonna be counted as one of those 85 beds. Right now we have 414 total ICU beds available in the state of Wisconsin. And so our hospitals are not overwhelmed in spite of no mask mandate. We've had 44 people die in Brown County because of the Coronavirus this far. 264,542 people in Brown County that brings that percentage to .017%. I hardly see this as a threat. Also in 2015 a research article from the British Medical Journal, by MacIntyre at all entitled "A Cluster", Randomized trial cloth mask compared to medical mask and healthcare workers found that, there was actually a 97% penetration rate in cloth masks, and that it actually increased your rate for infection. This was published in 2015, I'm happy to send you the link. But it's not about you. It's about protecting more vulnerable population. Well, if we fail, but the aerosol theory well aerosols can penetrate a mask, so you're not protected. If we go with the droplet theory, then if it travels via droplets. It has to come from Asymptomatic individual. Forcing an individual to wear a mask is not enforceable. And so actually the wellness way has actually hired constitutional lawyers. We have an old document here that we've sent to each of you, we will not go down without a fight and we have lawyers here to protect our rights in regards to this massive mandate. So thank you so much for your time.

- Nicole?

- Yes sir.

- Did you say that you would send that to the council members?

- I would be happy to send that to the council members in addition to their research study if you'd like.

- Yes I would, thank you.

- [Celestine] Okay, the next person is Andrea Johnson. Miss Johnson, can you please unmute yourself?

- [Andrea] Hello.

- [Celestine] Yes, go ahead and give your name and address.

- [Andrea] Okay. My name is Andrea Johnson and I live at 387 Woodward Road in Green Bay 54302. And I just wanna thank you for taking the time to let us school those of us who are among the lucky 100. I just want everyone to step back for a second as others have asked and think about it. Before COVID, did you walk into the doctor's office and everyone including your nurses and your doctors were wearing masks? Did you walk into a dental clinic and all of your hygienists, and your dentists were wearing masks, why? Because, any virus penetrates unless you are wearing a special respirator that cost thousands of dollars. What virus, any virus will penetrate that mask. Bacteria, depend on the mask. I am a retired and been retired for 20 years. But I remember my schooling and I remember my education. And I just want you to know that the people who are picking up well, let's just make some sense out of this. We all feel for anybody who has lost anybody through COVID. It's not something that we want to brush off. Nobody wants to brush off death. It's important to us people are important and that's what it's all about. C.D.C issued guidelines. They did not issue mandates. That's because our constitution doesn't uphold the mandates. Also, our Supreme Court also supports not having mandates. Therefore, our Green Bay City Council should not support the mandate or an ordinance whatsoever, even if there is a parameter of time we're gonna say everybody must. For all the reasons that I've mentioned above, I want you to think also, what we told from grade school on and didn't medicine over the years, prove that hand washing does a lot to deter. Are we also going to have on hand washing mandate? Because hand washing takes care of what kinds of things? Plus, are we going to require every time a flu hits the area for everybody to wear masks? A lot of people I find lately in politics and involved in, political things to this other people. But I have to tell you, I am really proud of Green Bay. I walk into a store, there are a lot of people wearing masks. And there are some people who are in some doors. A lot of people are not wearing masks and some stores, there are, but I'll tell you what, I've never once got somebody give me the evil eye 'cause I wear a mask and I don't give them the evil. But there is no proof, masks work, hand washing does. What should we do about it?

- Thank you. Celestine I would like to pass Andrea a question, Andrea.

- [Celestine] Absolutely.

- Yes.

- A friend of mine, his name's Mark He's a retired biologist and worked in the pharmaceutical industry. And he lent me this information and I was just wondering if you heard anything like this. You said the only mask that works is an N 95. And that is only good for a single user. He was masking is symbolic to mitigate irrational fear, even in a hospital setting. He said virtue signaling exists, which is the irrational fear for no scientific reason. I wear a mask when I go out too but, is it perfect, maybe not. But then you hear anything about that as far as the 95 being the state of the art. But you can use it that often and then it would be very expensive to try to maintain that?

- [Andrea] Well, I just in 20 years, but I can't speak to that except for- Look years ago, the HIV virus can go through a surgical glove. So tell me, really should we really mandate people wear masks?

- Okay, well-

- [Kathy] I have a question.

- Go ahead Alder.

- [Kathy] I wonder if she's aware of that, there is a vaccine for the seasonal flu, said, this is just like flu? No, it's not because we do not have a vaccine yet. It's very harmful. But are you aware there is a vaccine for the seasonal flu? It's been effective for how many years, we've been doing this? Are you aware of that?

- [Andrea] Oh, Alder person. You asked us to be polite. I believe that that's pretty facetious.

- [Kathy] No, I'm not, I'm asking you, You stated that- No, I just want to make sure that people know that there is a vaccine for the seasonal flu.

- [Andrea] For the seasonal flu, but that vaccine carries only certain strains, and it is not effective for every seasonal flu, nor is it effective for every strain. So please don't use that as a foundation for wearing a mask.

- [Kathy] No, no, no, I'm not. The way you stated it, I just want to make sure that, that was out. There is a vaccine that is pretty much effective. It depends, yes, you're right.

- [Andrea] Well, it's important to know how effective and until we know exactly, then there's no way to make a mandate, to force people to even have a vaccine injection for COVID. Let alone a mask. So I keep asking our own City Government to respect the constitutional rights of the people.

- Andrea, I thank you for your testimony. And I thank you for your service to the community and in the medical field as well. Thank you very much.

- [Johnson] Well, thank you for hearing.

- [Celestine] Okay, next is Brown County Tavern League Dean Neldy. Unmute yourself and give your name and address.

- Dean Neldye 641 North around a pier 54115.

- [Celestine] Go right ahead.

- Thank you. First I have a couple of issues prior that I wanted to speak on that the floor was never opened. And this is virtual, this is all new. I just have to follow Robert's Rules of orders, each specific item, asked if anybody in the public like to speak on an item and open up the floor for them to speak. Once again, this is all new for a lot of people virtual beings. Now let people know about hand arrays into one interrupt. Anyways, I love what Andrea's trying to get out of here rather nasty So I can't express the views of all my members in three minutes. But I also feel like a lot of people made a lot of great points that I'm gonna repeat to advocate. It needs to be heard. Some of the hospitalizations and death rates, not locally, rising greatly. There's privacy issues people that have already beaten the virus and stuff to where one. People in poverty or financial hardships that would have to get one for every time they go out. If somebody has one and doesn't put it on properly, are they doing more harm than good? At a restaurant or a bar for straw or drink, do you wear a mask? How will you monitor how you- There's no age limitation to wearing one. If someone has a disabling health condition and cannot wear one, must they bring proof of their illness or disability to opt out of wearing the mask, let alone them being cast away in public by being the only citizens not wearing one? Are there are a lot of jobs that are high energy, including our industry? Are that actually bring more bacteria and carbon dioxide into our body which is unhealthy? And on top of all those things there a lot of other people have said. There's no answer to who enforces this, the health department or law enforcement. There's no established fine. There's no established ordinance made to approve tonight that could be looked off. I talked to the health department often. I know that they are understaffed with this health situation and they would not want to be able to enforce this gravely. Instead of the perception that people have, that we're working against the health department, we instead are working with the Brown County Health Department. I'm showing a joint effort in restoring public call by traveling together to showcase businesses that are hearing the W.E.C.D guidelines. I've been talking to environmental Health Director and we're gonna start trying out together to show that there are many other guidelines including MB size masks that we follow. Rap straws, sanitizing everything from

doorknobs to to darts and pool sticks, gloves for drinks, I received communist signage inside and outside, that I provide to our members that create maintain awareness for social distancing. We're working together harder than large stores and corporations in the retail sector and we are getting results. I'm constantly working with local taverner and successfully followed WEDC Guidelines. And we don't need an ordinance to be responsible. I think it should be up to the systems. It should be up to the businesses and it should not be up to our local government. I thank you guys for your time.

- Thank you doc, it's good to see you again.

- Good to see you too.

- [Celestine] Next is Martin W. Martin W. please unmute yourself and give your name and address.

- [Martin] Okay, I am calling in a phone, can I be heard?

- [Celestine] Yes. You certainly can. And Martin what we'll do is we'll let you know when you have 30 seconds left.

- [Martin] Okay, thank you. Yeah, Martin Webber, 3307 Beach Lane in Green Bay. Yeah, I'll make this quick. First of all, this is a major government overreach as other people have mentioned, you've got HIPAA issues here, if you're mandating that mask to be worn, I've got asthma, And, it's hard for me to wear a mask. I do it in where I'm required to. I go to Minaj quite a bit. That's their policy, I'm fine with that. You know what, but I don't like wearing it, but I need to go into that store sometimes. As consulted with my attorney on this, you guys are opening yourself up for major litigation, and I really don't think the city can be affording loss of care. And I will be one of the people involved in a lawsuit. I've got a couple of studies, that I could submit to you guys. One of them from it not to much a study but a report from the World Health Organization as recently as last month. That in simple terms, they did not say that mask were effective outside health facilities. Okay, I can submit that, if you request it. Also, there's another actual study that was done, that said the same thing. That mask do not work outside health facilities, and that's due to as other people mentioned, touching a face is not properly trained on them, they're not fitting properly. This is nothing more than a false sense of security for people. And finally- One other thing here regarding health facilities and people coming down with COVID, 99% of People who are stricken with COVID recover. 85% of people that have entered hospitals to recover. And then finally, I don't know if you people are aware or not, but the more there's major worldwide pandemic. Tuberculosis 1.5 million people die a year from Tuberculosis. Where's the panic? Where are the lock-downs and where are the masks? Thank you.

- Thank you, Martin. You said you were willing to share that if- You're more than welcome to send those out to each of the Alders. I would appreciate it if you could do that.

- Yeah, I can do that, no problem.

- Thank you.

- Thanks for your time.

- You're welcome.

- [Celestine] Okay, next is Kimberly Vogt, I believe is how you pronounce your last name. Please unmute yourself and give your name and address. Wait, wait one second, sorry. Okay, so Kimberly I think what the issue is, is you must have zoom on a phone and on a computer, that's why you're getting that feedback. So you should mute one of those devices. So that you don't have feedback. The issues is in your place. Okay, try it again. Yes, so sorry. Okay, so you know what. Just keep your hand raised. And like I said, you- The best thing for you to do is to maybe just come back in. We've got 99 participants, if you're on your phone and your computer, one of those- No, you're not. Oh, that's on.

- I don't want her to do go to the back of the line either so-

- [Celestine] No, no, no. So done it. All right, let's try this one more time. Unmute yourself and see what we get. No, we can't hear you. No, unfortunately not.

- She's on mute right now.

- [Celestine] Yes, so you muted the wrong device.

- I only have been-

- [Celestine] Wait try one more time.

- Can you hear me now? Can she call in on a phone?

- [Celestine] Yeah, she could call in on the phone. So Kimberly, I'm not sure why you're getting that feedback issue. That issue is, like I said at your place not at our device. So perhaps if you could call back in that would be great.

- Mike Shea Jr, just said move the mic away from the speaker.

- [Celestine] Oh, There you go.

- Mike, you're all-

- [Celestine] Thank you, Mike. All right. So hopefully Miss Vogt will join us again. We now have Arthur, Arthur I see you're ready to go unmuted. Just give me one second. Okay, go right ahead, please give your name and address. That's Arthur. Are you there Arthur?

- I just heard garbling, a little garbling.

- [Celestine] Okay. I know, technology. Let's move on to Noah Ref. Andrea Johnson, thank you very much. Noah Ref, can you please unmute yourself and give your name and address.

- [Noah] Yes, Noah Ref, I live at 3502 Layton Drive into pure Wisconsin. And although I know I'm not technically a Green Bay resident, I'm still very impacted by the community and I do a lot of interaction with folks in Green Bay. So this still feels very important. I want to just lead off by saying that I personally I'm deeply in favor of a mask ordinance. I'm immunocompromised, I'm a type one diabetic. And everything that we're seeing from this from accredited medical sources, whether it's a World Health Organization, the C.D.C shows that immune compromised individuals, are at much greater risk than those who do not have a pre existing condition. For negative outcomes with this virus. And I also want to take this as like an opportunity to answer a few of the questions that I know have been brought up and raised. In my day job I do Healthcare advocacy with an organization. And I can say that I've heard a lot of, oh, well do masks actually work? And the answer to that is yes. Everything from the World Health Organization and the C.D.C shows that masks are very

impactful and very very important as slowing down the spread of COVID-19. That is also in conjunction with social distancing. So this is something it's one element of this puzzle that we need to solve, right? Another one that I've heard is that isn't it convenient for certain individuals to have to wear masks? And I can absolutely say there probably might be some inconvenience. I know, it might be hard when we think about reopening schools in the fall. Which I know we're having those discussions on. What that looks like, right? But I also think it's very inconvenient that we have to shut down local businesses, the local economy. Because we haven't done a good job, of getting a handle on this virus and COVID-19 is shown to be significantly reduced, by the wearing of masks and mask ordinances. A lot of countries have already done so, and shown a very good grasp on, being able to go back to some semblance of normal. It's also very inconvenient to pass along this virus to individuals who are immune compromised. That includes family members who even though, y'all might be strong and might be able to handle the virus. Those who are directly compromised like myself, I have family members who are type one diabetics, or who really can't weather this. That's a big problem. We need to think about that when we are talking about what a mask ordinance is? It's about more than just individuals like taking action. It's about all of us coming together as a community to take action together. I feel very, very strongly that all of us have a part to play in this. And wearing a mask can be a little inconvenient. But I think when we come together and we have, these moments where we can really make a difference. Where we can prevent the worst from happening. I think we need to take care of that. And I just want to commend the Alders for taking this leadership role and really looking at what we can do, as a local community. And we've been kind of left on our own unfortunately, and I think it's very important that we come together and take care of not only ourselves and our neighbors, but those who are most vulnerable. So, thank you for your time.

- Very well said Noah, very well said.

- [Celestine] Okay, next we have S.H. S.H please unmute yourself and give your name and address.

- [SH] Hello, can you hear me?

- [Group] Yes.

- [Celestine] We certainly can. [SH] Okay, I get that out of the way before I said everything. My name is Brian Higginbotham address 850 Neufeld Street Green Bay 54304. I would like to just start off by saying I am against any kind of mandate, particularly the mask wearing or facial apparel mandate. I do appreciate Alder Scannell's sense of concern or and you know, what he said so far. But personally I think he possibly and like many others, coming under fear. I think it's a huge fear which we've heard some great comments from folks. I think it's in my opinion, it's quite clear, the data just is skewed at best. And we have a global pandemic of fear really. I've talked with people overseas, and it's just amazing. It's just really sad, how impactful this level of fear is. And I think that is a big issue here. Viruses, I agree we have to and have always taken care of, proper care of us staying clean or with sanitizers, and how I respond around people who are sick or if I'm sick. And, I think it is an overreach of authority and a violation of constitutional rights to issue such mandates. Viruses are here to stay. I'm sorry to say they really are. I believe, for us to have this sort of, thought that we're gonna outrun it or outrun any virus isn't gonna happen. There's certain like the lady mentioned, there's vaccines that have an effect on certain strains and in certain cases, but it's not gonna be effective for every person in every place. So I

do believe that, setting up a mandate is a serious overreach. I don't wanna sink the ship when the sailors need the ship to survive. Impacting businesses, people have to put food on their tables, where all necessary. I believe, every one of us is necessary. We should not be telling people you're not necessary. Churches are necessary. Fellow shipping is necessary. Let the citizens have the right to put an apparel on their face or not put a parallel on their face. And we've already spoken to the fact that some of these things are not effective. Or they're not gonna be worn, right, they're not gonna be cleaned right they're gonna be restrictive. I have a health concern myself, that's a comorbidity issue. But I will not support any kind of mandate. And there are legal issues on top of this all. So thank you very much for your time.

- Thank you, thank you, Brian. Celestine.

- [Celestine] Yes.

- I know we've had a lot of folks from different communities speaking as well. And, I don't know how we can coach this, but it'd be nice to get the Green Bay citizens in as much as possible. I don't know if that's possible or not?

- [Celestine] That's a question for Attorney Bungert. Attorney Bungert?

- [Bungert] Yes, I'm sorry Alder, what was the question?

- [Celestine] Go ahead repeat that.

- I think everybody's voice is important on this. But we have many, many people and there are folks from Green Bay because it's impacting the city of Green Bay at this time. Just to find out if there's a way to get the citizens here in Green Bay the ability to speak initially or is that a slippery slope?

- As far as differentiating between citizens and non I'm not sure if we have a way of being able to do that.

- I'm getting some calls from citizens that's all. So I'm fine either way. I'm preparing to stay up all night so to speak. You know, to listen to every body but, I realized the pandemic et cetera doesn't know city lines at all. But now I just asked him on the behalf of some citizens. That's fine.

- [Celestine] Thank you Alder. Kimberly Oh, I'm sorry. Okay go ahead Attorney Chavez.

- [Vanessa] Yeah, so just to think the council could do, but we wouldn't be doing that at the outset. Dictating who is able to provide comments since we've already started the comment period. I don't believe that we'd be able to change the rules in course.

- Okay, that's fine, I appreciate that.

- [Celestine] Okay so I see that Kimberly Vogt has joined us again. And as Mr. Shea had suggested, Miss Vogt if you would separate your microphone from your speaker and that would prevent the feedback. So Miss Vogt, why don't you go ahead and unmute yourself. Arthur I also see that you have your hand raised and are unmuted. I'm gonna take Miss Vogt first. Miss Vogt are you ready? Miss Vogt, Kimberly? Okay, we'll give Miss Vogt a few more minutes. Arthur, are you ready?

- [Arthur] Can you hear me now?

- [Celestine] Yes, we certainly can hold on one second. Okay, please give your name and address.

- [Arthur] Arthur Hill 6075 Birch Street 54304. I'm adamantly against this ordinance. It violates certain civil rights, constitutional rights. If you looked in the paper today, 760 new cases were identified yesterday. 264 statewide are hospitalized. That math over running our medical community. And that's out of 36,448 that were tested positive. And out of that positive number, 174 of those 264 are still waiting for results. So having basic symptoms don't necessarily mean you have the disease. Presently, for me, I had the disease, I had the virus, I survived, I did not die. In December I had the flu. It was 10 times worse. It was the worst flu I ever had, and I had the flu vaccine. So if you're gonna hang your head on a vaccine is false hope folks. But they do work in some cases. But I did go to a Red Cross donate my COVID-19 plasma and platelets. So I could help those who didn't handle this well as I did. C.D.C guidelines, are that, their guidelines. This ordinance would be unenforceable. We're gonna get into Doom we have the next protests and half the people are wearing masks. Are they gonna rush in start arresting them and start writing tickets? I don't think so, it's unenforceable. Washington County, mandatory masks. We should call a suit. What we should do is pass resolution urging people to use the mask. Use P.S.A's you know. And let the businesses also have to follow in suit. Next thing is don't open a can of worms. People will not forget it. If you trample under civil rights and constitutional rights, it will cost the city dearly to cover lawsuit. Please take wisely before you go ahead. I will not live my life in fear. Now when I do go out, I won't wear a mask when I go to the fans or I go to the festival. But that's not for me that just because it makes other people comfortable and sort. But when I go into an meeting establishment, I don't want to have to mess around with the mask. Do I think it's necessary? No. Get off this political roller

coaster driven by the media. That hikes the numbers for sensationalism. We need to end this and we need to use some common sense. Thank you.

- Thank you, Arthur.

- [Celestine] Okay. Now Miss Vogt. Can you hear me? You're on here. There you go. If you can hear me, please unmute yourself. So that we can get you back in the queue to talk. Is that Miss Vogt?

- We really wanna see her and reason with her.

- [Celestine] Yeah. Okay, I do see that she a Alder-

- I don't know if you can hear me.

- [Celestine] Oh yes, there you are.

- You can hear me?

- [Group] Yes.

- [Celestine] Give me one sec.

- Audio delay. Well, I'm hoping you can hear me and we're going to go with that. My name is Kimberly Vogt. I live at 3071 Gothic Port in Green Bay 54313. First I just wanted to say thank you to know, Nicole Saleske she really went over a lot of the items and the data points that I was going to talk about. And she did it so eloquently that I'll just go more from a personal feeling of what I'm seeing, and the fact that some of the people in the government power here are going on news channels and making statements to the fact that, we are immoral if we're choosing not to wear a mask. And with that being said, it's really in my opinion, it's the government's job to protect my constitutional rights. And it's my right to choose. And we've heard that in a lot of different areas. But specifically here, it's my right to choose mask. And it's really a choice. And when you're going to put a mandate and say that people have to wear it, I guess one of my questions would be to the police

force would be to the government. Who's gonna enforce this? How is it going to be enforced? What kind of term link is going to be put on these mass situations? Beyond that, what is the right mask? There been some conversations back and forth and if you look at several of the studies on Stanford Medical June 19th, Southern California University, they state the N95 masks with the valves, they only protect one way. And it's when you're breathing in. So you don't breathe in particulates. But it's not protecting you from what you're breathing now. Because of that California has now said that, that's not acceptable. Cloth masks they're saying on several of the websites, the government websites it needs to be a three layer system. And these are, particular layers to make sure that it's, filtering. But above and beyond if you go into any store, half of the population that is choosing to wear the masks aren't wearing them properly. Their nose is hanging out or it's off their chin or they take it off and hang it off. So who's going to go around and dictate that they're wearing them improperly? They have them on. And then let's go a step further. If we're talking about particles and some of the studies the particles can get in your eyes. So now is everyone going to have to wear a face shield? So this really is about personal choice and it's not about shaming people either way. So I would reserve the government to step back and not shame us for not wearing it and we won't shame you for wearing it. My last issue would be again for the police. If you're a concealed carry person, if you have a mask on can you carry legally. And I think that's my time and thank you.

- [Celestine] Thank you so much.

- Thank you, thank you very much.

- [Celestine] Okay.

- Thank you, Kim.

- [Celestine] Now Alder, let me just-

- Yes, what do we do? Where are we at?

- [Celestine] I don't see there's no more hands raised. Is there anyone who would like to speak, please just unmute yourself if you can't raise your hand and just, say your name and I'll get you going here. Anyone who would like to speak? Oh, yes, I see someone, sorry.

- That's Dean-

- [Celestine] Yes Dean, okay, just give me one second Mr. Hoegger. Is that how you pronounce your name? Okay, give me one second. All right, Mr. Hoegger I think, go right ahead. Just unmute yourself.

- Sorry, I was raising my hand for the next topic.

- [Celestine] Oh, for the next topic, okay.

- With masks, sorry about that.

- [Celestine] Okay, so you do not wish to speak on masks?

- No, thank you.

- [Celestine] Okay, awesome all right, thank you.

- See you later Dean.

- Bye, bye.

- [Celestine] Okay, Miss Staudenmaier do you want to speak?

- I just want to mention one thing-

- Brenda, Brenda, Brenda.

- Yes.

- You will have to give your name and address.

- Okay Brenda Staudenmaier, 1270 Dodi Street, Green Bay. A lot of people have been reaching out saying they can't get on to this zoom call. So can people when they're done speaking and they're not gonna say anything else if they can switch to the city YouTube page, they can view this live so then they're not on zoom hogging up. That's all I wanna say.

- [Stevens] Thank you, Brenda. Celestine that'll work?

- [Celestine] Yes. Okay, oh, I see all right. Let's see lower hand. Anyone who would like to speak to mask ordinance? Please unmute yourself. So now we can get you started here. Alder, I think that Kimberly would like to speak again. But I believe we have just one time for every person.

- Right. How long was she thinking? Normally is for a remodel or something.

- [Celestine] It's three minutes for everyone, one time.

- Kimberly? No, no, I don't think so, what we could do Kimberly, if you want to say something else, I would email the Committee and or the Council.

- I was having technical difficulties. I didn't know if you've heard me and I didn't know if anybody answered my question regarding who's gonna mandate this? Who's gonna police it? What about the I couldn't hear anything.

- I see well, we'll talk about some of that. You know, generally speaking, when there is an ordinance, normally the police will do that. And we will talk about that when we get back into the committee. We will we will speak on the enforcement.

- Thank you, that's all wanted to say, thank you.

- Okay, thank you.

- [Celestine] Is there anyone else would like to speak to the mask?

- [Robert] I would.

- [Celestine] Okay, that's Rob's XS Max. Is that correct?

- [Robert] Yes, sir.

- [Celestine] Okay, just give me one second, okay. Go ahead, please give your name and address.

- [Robert] Robert Heimert 1807 Lost Dauphin Road, De Pere, Wisconsin I operate a business at 1106 Main Street in Green Bay. I want to give credence to Kimberly, Tamra and the other lady I forgot her name but they did a very eloquent job. Of speaking this topic and I wholeheartedly support their opinions on that as well as Brown County Tavern league opinion on this as well. My main concern for the committee here is enforcement. Alder Scannell said he wanted to see heavy fines for businesses that were caught not enforcing this ordinance. My concern is we have HIPAA guidelines that would be impossible for a business owner, to ask a customer not wearing a mask, why they are or why they do not. And that would open us up to a can of worms. And I just really want the community to take that into consideration, when trying to draft an ordinance that requires to do something, that would be in violation of federal law. Thank you for your time.

- Thank you, Rob.

- [Celestine] Okay, thank you very much. All right. Alder Steur.

- Yes.

- [Celestine] Oh, I see there's one other person. Owner raised his or her hand, or their hand. Owner, can you please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee. Can you hear us?

- [Rob] Your hand was like shaking your voice was like cracking.

- [Celestine] Okay, so you have to actually speak.

- [Rob] I didn't have my stuff with you in front of me that I had my computer in front of that stuff that I wanted.

- [Celestine] Okay, so owner if you'd like to speak please give your name and address for the committee. Okay, Gary C. you're next, I can see your hand. Please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee.

- My name is Jerry Cohen I live at 6841 Chester Drive Apartment B Madison, 53719.

- [Celestine] Go right ahead. Okay, so I'm speaking against an ordinance. Basically chemists have a Bachelor Science Degree and PhD in Chemistry. I wasn't planning on speaking, but I stayed because the speakers are very eloquent. And one of the things that Madison, the Health Department says that they're following OSHA's guidelines and as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, federal government it turns out, they're not following the guidelines. The guidelines require, if you are working in a business that all the employees have at least oxygen levels 19.5%. And I saw a demonstration of someone using a surgical mask, and they showed that before they put on the mask, the oxygen level was wiped by their nose 20.5%, which is normal. They put on the mask, and within seconds, the level of oxygen dropped to 17.6%. If you're using a OSHA certified meter, which started beeping like crazy, and I said, no, this is no good, you got to raise the level. So that's with a surgical mask, which doesn't really do a great job filtering the air and then 95 mask, you can hardly breathe, I find breathing with these mass very difficult. So all these laws, all these regulations, are violating federal law. Which you should take that into account, if you decide to pass a regulation. That's all I have to say, any questions?

- Very, very well done. I appreciate your your testimony, Gary.

- Thank you. Committee, anybody from the committee?

- I'd like to speak, Mark.

- Yeah, go ahead.

- I'm gonna close the floor mark, I'm gonna close the floor first, I think we should close the floor first.

- [Celestine] Alder VanderLeest, lemme just solicit to make sure that there's nobody else. You know, given the technology, it's a little harder sometimes to find people who want to speak, you know, when we're in person, we can see people raise their hands. Let me just ask, is there anyone else who'd like to speak on this issue regarding the mask ordinance?

- Celestine.

- [Celestine] Yes Alder.

- You're trying to get a hold or somebody needs to owner was trying to get in.

- [Celestine] Yes.

- And she wants to get in yeah.

- [Celestine] Oh, okay. So owner please go ahead and state your name and address for the Committee.

- She just said it's not working.

- [Celestine] Okay, hold on, hold on.

- She said she's filling your your screen, so-

- [Celestine] We do have room for 13 people, so I'm not sure- Or just give me one second Alder, scroll here. Yeah, I don't see- I don't see Owner as either with a phone or a video. So I'm not sure how this person is connected. I would suggest that Owner call back in.

- Okay, all right, and I'll tell her.

- [Celestine] Okay, so I leave it to you, Chair.

- Yeah, that's fine. Moving ahead how many- Well, I was gonna ask Alder VanderLeest is there something that you wanted to discuss with the Committee or is it just-

- I will, wait till the public's done and we close the floor and then I'll get my comments.

- All right, well,

- Thank you.

- That's fine. I mean, Alders can chime in, so. All right, go ahead Celestine.

- [Celestine] Thank you Alder. So S.H. as we had discussed before, someone can only speak one time, so if you have something else you'd like to say we suggest that you email the Council.

- Yes.

- [Celestine] Is there any-

- [Leanne] Hey Mark?

- Yes.

- [Leanne] It's Leanne.

- [Celestine] Okay, hold on one second miss Kramer. All right, go ahead Miss Kramer, please give your name and address.

- [Leanne] Leanne Kramer, 702 Neville Avenue in Green Bay 54303.

- [Celestine] Go ahead.

- [Leanne] I would like people, the older men, women, and the Mayor to remember the day that you took office, that you swore on the Bible and took the oath of office that you would uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. Part of that is our civil rights. And slowly, some people say, well, it's just a mask. Well, yeah, it might be just a mask right now, but my point is, could be next week, a year from now, it's gonna be something else. There's no timeline when if this mask ordinance goes into effect. When is it going to expire? When are we going to say, hey, yeah, everybody can take them up we don't need them anymore. So those are some of the things that worry me. We're headed down the path of communism. And people think that I'm a lunatic about it, I'm not, I'm definitely afraid of it. Because we're headed that way. And I'll come back in 10 years, and I'll tell you, remember when you called me a lunatic 10 years ago, on that meeting, and when it communism State and Country, then I'll look at people and say, now laugh at me. But furthermore, when it's flu season, we don't walk around with masks. There's a reason why you need to build up your immunity, because otherwise by wearing a mask continuously, you're just telling your missile, the natural defense that God gave us when we were born, you don't need to fight because we're not letting any germs into our body. So then the minute we do take those masks off, be it two months, three months from now four months, five months, who knows it could be next spring, it could be next summer that we finally take the mass off. Then how many germs are gonna come into our body then everybody's gonna be sick with, God knows what? So, you got to let your body build up the immunity and fight every disease that comes after your body, you have to. That's the only way we'll ever survive in this world. Another thing, I'm a mouth breather. I have nose issues, cannot breathe out of it, so you're gonna put a mask on me? So basically you're going to if it goes through, I'm gonna be the minority and forced to live in my house, because I cannot wear a mask. Along with them steaming up going in and out of temperature rooms and not being able to see, thank you.

- Thank you, Leanne. I'm glad you finally got through.

- [Leanne] So I'm I.

- Apology is a great thing.

- [Leanne] Oh, yeah.

- All right, thank you. Celestine are we through.

- [Celestine] Yes, thank you Alder. Is there anyone else who would like to speak to the mask ordinance? Please unmute yourself and start speaking. Okay, one more time. Anyone else who would like to speak to the mask ordinance, please unmute yourself and start speaking. Okay, Alder, I think we are done.

- I would entertain a motion to close the floor.

- Motion to close the floor.

- By VanderLeest, seconded by Stevens any the other discussion? All in favor, please say, aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- The floor is now closed. Alder VanderLeest you wanted to speak?

- Yes, thank you, Mark. I'm not in support of the ordinance, mask ordinance. I didn't want to infringe upon people's rights for number one. Most of the people in my District had called me about it. They were not in favor of it. And I had quite a few calls, quite a few emails as well. And I just feel it's not right, I'm not supporting it at all. I think the public is doing a good job. Certain businesses require a mask, certain businesses don't. I

think we're doing a good job, I think the numbers are dropping, I think Brown County is doing a pretty good job. And, I'm not in support of the mask ordinance at all. Thank you very much.

- All right, thank you. I was gonna ask to- Hold on Alder scannell. Committee, is there anybody else that wants to speak to this?

- [Lefebvre] I would like to speak.

- Okay, go ahead Alder Lefebvre .

- [Lefebvre] I'm not gonna support this ordinance because I believe that it should be for indoor only because of all the research that's been out there and I'm sorry yeah, people can say is this research, that research. But look at the overall the studies have been done. They show that indoors is where the problem really is, because of the airflow. They did a study and they showed that in a restaurant, this table had five people and then one person had it. The people, 'cause they're eating they didn't have a mask, the table six feet to the left three people got it. Nobody on his table we see got it and the table six feet to the left, two people got it. It's because of the airflow that you have, and everybody the CDC, the World Health Organization, they've all recognized that the indoor is the main problem. I'm sorry, I do get upset when people talk about the Constitution. Do they really believe that you can do whatever you want you have this personal freedom to do what you want? We don't. We put in a law mandate that you cannot smoke in buildings. Why? Because secondhand smoke can give someone cancer. You do not have a right to give someone cancer. This is a health issue has nothing to do with politics. Keep politics out of it. This has to do about health. This virus is mutating. It went from animal to human, now it's in humans. It has mutated. This is not the seasonal flu. Isn't seasonal flu can kill people? Some people do die from it. But this virus is vicious, it's becoming more vicious. Why do you think they call it a pandemic? It's all over. What's happening with Florida, Texas, Arizona, because they were opening up and people weren't wearing masks, and, they were gathering in big groups spreading it. That's masks are not 100% is true, they will never be 100%. But the N95 is pretty much 100%. There have been studies on it. And if those masks, they talk about all of the people, the healthy ones that they're not, they don't even stop it. If that was true, you'd have tons of our medical people getting this virus and dying because, they're treating the people who have this. Another thing getting back to personal that you do not have the right to give this virus to anyone. Because you don't know that person's condition. You don't know If they have underlying conditions that this could kill them. You do not have that right. So I would like the ordinance, something done for the indoor. That's the problem. And the city has gone over backwards to help the businesses like the the bars, and the restaurants, were allowed to have sidewalk cafes, now we're doing the parklets where they can have a spot in a parking area. A lot of them have their own beer gardens they have outdoors, we're bending over backwards to help these businesses so that they can be in business. So they can apply for these different things. So that people can be outside and I will not go to any restaurant that does not have outside sitting. I will not. So there are businesses who say it's their right well, fine, I'm not going to patronize you. And there are other people will not patronize you. It's personal responsibility. I'm also gonna say we are United States. We're in this together. I hate this but people are fighting over this. I want us to come together and realize that this is serious.

- Okay, are we

- [Lefebvre] Yeah, yeah.

- Well, Alder Scannell wanted to say something. Is it okay to let Alder Dorff says something first? Alder Dorff go ahead.

- I wasn't aware that there is a draft already for ordinance. That's correct, isn't it? There's no draft is there? I am very much in favor of what Kathy just said, very much in favor of some sort of mask ordinance, but with a number of exceptions. And I think that we have to look at outside versus inside. I think what I would love to see the committee do tonight is refer this to staff so that they can look at drafting something. We don't have anything concrete, people are assuming that we all want you to wear mask 24/7 that is not what any of us are talking about, in my mind, in places that people need to go searches for food, clothing supplies. Now where people choose to go, such as bars and restaurants, where people need to go, that's where I'd like to see the protection. And that we need to have an age lower age limit on it, we need to have exceptions for athletes, for people in gyms for health, there's all kinds of things. So this isn't some all encompassing, never intended to be an all encompassing ordinance. I am going to definitely support some sort of mask ordinance, but it would need to be time limited to the end of this emergency that we're in, and then would need to be many exceptions within it. And thank you very much.

- All right thank you. Alder Scannell.

- [Lefebvre] I concur.

- Thank you, it's exactly what I was gonna say. Many of what the people have brought up that are against this, I agree with you. There's many instances where masks are not needed or required. There might be a few instances there outside but I think mainly will be focused on the outside. I mean, on the inside. I think I'd like to see staff put something together for us to chew on. It's not like they have to invent the wheel, I mean, Bay County's done this, Milwaukee has done this, we certainly have the authority to do it or not. Trampling on anybody's rights by working on public safety any more than we're setting a street speed limit as Alder Lefebvre said, not smoking indoors. That's not infringing, rights of people safety. People's safety always comes first. That's a government's first and foremost, without safety, the decoration of independence, life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Life is first because without life, nothing else comes after and meeting with our Constitution. Public Welfare comes before liberty. So it is our responsibility. I'm not in a panic, over COVID-19 I'm doing what I think is responsible. Nothing has changed from when we went virus is still out there. And it's incubating and it's waiting to hit us again, if we don't take enough precautions to keep our numbers down. All the health professionals in our area over hospitals every one of the CEOs and presidents are supporting this. The CDC, we can follow their guidelines they're up to date. They're the ones who have looked at all the studies and put together that information. So if you can't trust the CDC well then you can't trust anybody.

There's no science, it validates everything. You have to be able to trust the professionals who go through all the information and do the best that they can with it. So I'd like to see staff, the committee at least let this go to staff see what they can put together so that we can go over it at Council. Thank you very much.

- All right, thank you, thank you Alder. Alder Stevens anything? Alder Brunette anybody else want to chime in on this? No? As I've looked through the research and believe me, I've been spending a few days on this, to say the least. First of all, I do commend Alder Scannell for bringing this forward. Whether I voted for it or not, I commend him for bringing it forward. It's a hot button issue, it's tough. a lot of times it's a lose lose situation when we vote, very difficult. But I think one of the problems I'm having is that, I contacted the Police Department just to see if this was enforceable. And of course, we make the rules, we make the laws, the ordinances and such and the police enforce those. I think they stated no matter work, it would be very difficult to enforce. I think that's one of the issues that I would have. I know the mayor sent a letter, with all the different hospitals and they all signed on to it. There's been good testimony either way on this today. I will state that I got unsolicited emails from 53 people 43 said no, and said yes to the ordinance. Tonight we have 16 that said no and four that said yes. That's not always a slam dunk, but it's a pretty strong statement there. it's not to say that something won't develop naturally. But I'm not comfortable mandating something at this time. I may change my mind before City Council, but right now I don't feel comfortable, moving ahead with with the calls that I've gotten and the emails that I've gotten as well. So I would propose that we put this to a vote unless Alder Dorff want to say something else. Go ahead.

- I don't understand why you would think that you would be mandating. Anyone that's voting on this on this committee today is simply we're asking refer to staff. We're not voting on this thing here that hasn't been written down. And most things that Alders asked to get referred to staff are referred to staff. And then you decide whether you want it or don't want it, or whether you wanna take things out or put things in. I don't think it's right now to refer to staff. Thank you.

- Alder Dorff, I was just reading what the statement said, oops I lost my agenda here. I was just reading it. Consideration with possible action on a request by Alder Scannell to make a city ordinance requiring employees and the public and social situations wear masks and practice social distance. You know, I looked at it and then there's a couple different ways to look at it, I left some room for interpretation. So are you saying that by sending it back to committee and back to staff that, that would tighten that up a little bit?

- It would create it. I don't think it's even created yet. So I don't think that you're passing something that changed the wording as well, in a motion.

- They need to make an ordinance there's no ordinance there.

- Right.

- Staff need to make an ordinance.

- I'm reading what you stated that's all.

- My opinion is to make an ordinance you have this ordinance right now. The only way to make an ordinance is to refer this to staff, that's given. We don't make ordinances, staff does. You have to refer this to staff to do.

- Hold on, Alder Scannell, okay.

- There is very few communications that say, refer to staff.

- All right, you spoke your point you spoke your point. We need some other people, Alder Stevens.

- Attorney Brunette?

- Alder?

- Yes, I just wanted to clarify very quickly on essentially, if the committee wants to just refer this to staff for research to come up with a draft staff can take into consideration not necessarily what the communication says verbatim, that the committee can give directives as to a draft that encompasses certain points, like an end date, indoor only exceptions for certain things and to bring back a workable draft, which then also can be trained at committee level, it doesn't have to be approved at that point. It's just a beginning point for staff to begin drafting with whatever specifications directives the committee wishes to give. And then staff would bring that back for review and further discussion and potential further revisions and public input as well.

- Hold on, Alder VanderLeest.

- I don't want to refer this back to staff. I think that, the public has spoken. And myself personally, I think the community is doing a good job. I don't think we need any more laws. The Police Department doesn't have

time for this for number one. And I think is getting the message out people to wear a mask in certain situations. I don't think we need any more laws or any more infringement on people's rights at this time, and I'm not gonna support it. And I think that we can handle it right here at our community. We don't need any more action on it. I'd like Stevens place on file, thank you.

- Thank you. Regardless of what happens tonight, this is going to the full council on the help. So this is just a recommendation everybody on council will be able to weigh in next Tuesday. Alder Scannell for the last time.

- I'm sorry. I would like concept to weigh in on an actual ordinance. That's why I would like staff to come up with something and bring it to the committee as a whole so we could all look at it, decide, and it can be killed there, amended there fixed there and passed on. We don't really have time, this is gonna happen. Really don't have time to stretch this all out. If it takes too long, it's gonna be pointless. We're opening up the cart before the horse.

- Council's on Tuesday.

- Right.

- Do you think they can do it in a couple of days?

- Yes, because they're not reinventing the wheel. There's a lot of information there already that's out there. other places are done. It doesn't take much to put this together.

- Okay Alder Brunette, Alder Brunette.

- Yeah, thank you Chairperson. I disagree with Alder Scannell. I believe that if this committee makes a motion, The full city council has to approve whatever or disapprove whatever the motion is. This committee cannot intake right now staff work on such a policy. I don't think that that's appropriate. That decision has to go to the full City Council. The legal team of the City of Green Bay is very far behind on projects very far behind on creating ordinances. And you have an agenda item later on in this meeting, I think, if you haven't already discussed that, for the city legal team will be explaining where they are at with a variety of projects, very important projects, not to say that this wouldn't be an important project. But which of the numerous ordinances and legal matters is this committee or is this council comfortable with telling the city legal team to push down the list in order to move forward with drafting an ordinance that might not even pass. I've received so many contexts calls, texts, overwhelmingly people are against such an ordinance. I don't know how you can

enforce it. That's the biggest thing. You really want our police officers to be engaging people for not wearing a mask. Alder Scannell you had mentioned in a Facebook post \$20 fine. You wanna engage our officers in a highly tense, potentially volatile situation for \$20 Fine? I don't think that that's the proper thing for our Police department to be doing. Furthermore, the governor of Michigan has signed an executive order requiring mask I believe. And she's putting the onus some first to be that first line. You really think it's appropriate for business owners to be engaging people, their own customer base, scolding them, reprimanding them, making them feel what they are doing is the absolute worst thing. You can't do that to people an ordinance is only as good as it can be enforced. And if the Police Department is already saying they are concerned about enforcing such an ordinance, other municipalities and counties also have come forward and that they're concerned about enforcing it. What makes us think that Green Bay that we have all kinds of police officer time to enforce such an ordinance? And I refuse to put our business owners in such a situation that they have to go to their customers and refuse entry. Look at the videos all across the country. People don't want this overall, from I've heard and what I've seen not saying that COVID is not a serious thing that people shouldn't be wearing masks. I think that each person has to make decisions as they see fit. It doesn't have to be one or the other simply saying why are we creating an ordinance that is going to be very difficult to enforce. Second to that is why are we telling our legal team to create an ordinance and waste a lot of time on something that may not even pass? Thank you, Chairman, that's all.

- Okay, Alder Scannell, I know you wanna keep talking but you've talked three times.

- [Lefebvre] Chairman?

- Yes go ahead.

- [Lefebvre] Yes, I'm sorry. Alder Brunette mentioned this as well, we have businesses that do demand masks. They will not let you in. You don't want to wear a mask, you don't come in. There are businesses doing this. It's not just menards it's others. And this ordinance would be where the businesses have to have a sign out. I would believe that it would be the businesses you don't have to go after the individual. It's the business. If you do not wear a mask, you don't come in. If this ordinance is for all businesses in Green Bay, people can't boycott them. They're not gonna go to anywhere. You to have everybody doing this, to have an effective. So, I'd like to make a motion that we send this back to staff to come up with a reasonable ordinance as Alder Dorff mentioned with the exceptions, the different rules in a way that we can reasonably enforce this. And that I would say would be on the business owner.

- Attorney Bungert.

- Yeah we already have a motion on the floor Alder John VanderLeest did a motion to receive and place on file but we do not have a second yup. Was it that motion first.

- I will second there.

- So, that is a motion by Alder VanderLeest to receive and place on file, second by Alder Steuer.

- Do you have any other discussion? We can take a vote.

- May I respond to the questions that were asked of me by Alder Brunette?

- [Celestine] Unfortunately Alder Steuer, Alder Scannell has already spoken three times.

- Three times, he has spoken now, sorry. We made a motion and a second. All in favor of that please say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed?

- No.

- No.

- Okay, so it's two to two.

- I will have to do a voice call vote.

- Go ahead.

- Alder Stevens?

- No.

- Alder VanderLeest?

- Yes.

- Alder Steuer?

- Yes, for my my vote.

- I have that noted Alder VanderLeest, thank you. Alder Lefebvre?

- [Lefebvre] No.

- Okay, so that fails, two to two.

- So that has canceled that?

- The secret place and file failed.

- Well, unless somebody wants to poll, correct?

- Miss Stevens place and file failed. That means you're- that you should know.

- I have a question for the attorney.

- Yes.

- If we were to bring this to you or suggest you to do this ordinance this week, would it be ready for Council?

- [Vanessa] So we actually had been looking into this for a while when we knew that this request was coming to see what exactly others have been doing. So yeah, so a little bit of a research has been done at this point being making best practice decisions, basing it off of what the recommendations of the council or the committee actually are. And then we would be making sure that it's consistent with Wisconsin Law, because as you're aware, there have been a number that have happened across the country including some places such as Texas, Minnesota, Minneapolis or Michigan. And only recently have Wisconsin State locations started doing. So yes, we could have something in time for council next week.

- And also have the other ordinances in play right now because we are in a nationwide public health emergency?

- [Vanessa] Everything that is occurring under the emergency ordinance has taken precedence, yes.

- So that would answer Alder Brunette's comment's earlier?

- [Vanessa] Correct.

- Thank you.

- Okay, Alder Brunette for the second time.

- Yes, thank you, Chair Steur. Attorney Chavez, how is that appropriate? Like if this committee made a motion and voted to receive and place on file and it failed, what action would allow you to take that action to create an ordinance? Because this policy committee is not making that recommendation. Under what authority are you moving forward with creating an ordinance?

- [Vanessa] Well, okay, so right now the only thing that has happened is there's been a motion to receive and place on file that failed, that does not preclude another motion from occurring, or from coming forward. And so if this committee directs us to do something we've had kind of differing opinions as to when the council or when the committee will actually bring something forward ahead of time. It kind of depends on what's directed of us if we're asked to bring something for Council's consideration, which I believe was done at this point, we are committed the whole I believe, then we do that. There have been instances when we've waited for Council's direction, but it's usually something that's pretty contentious, that is not time sensitive.

- What I'm suggesting is that it's not appropriate if this committee is not moving forward with forwarding to the Council that an action to refer to staff or for staff to create an ordinance, why would it be appropriate for you to move forward with drafting an ordinance? Is this under the mayor's direction?

- [Vanessa] All that has happened is there's been a motion to receive and place on file that has failed. So this item is still on the table and subject to another essential vote if the committee chooses to do so.

- Who is the committee doesn't make a vote? Another vote or doesn't affirm moving forward with drafting an ordinance, you will not work on drafting an ordinance. Is that correct?

- [Vanessa] I put it in play that for sure the mayor has authority to have us work on stuff outside of that.

- So kind of a beating around the bush way saying that if the mayor wants subordinates to be drafted, that he can disallow what this policymaking body wish for the law today?

- [Vanessa] Well, this policymaking body just as the policy, it doesn't dictate our workload.

- So the mayor is directing you to create an ordinance?

- [Vanessa] Nope, I have not received anything you asked me if it was possible that something could be directed to our authors to bring something forward, and I'm giving you an honest answer. Yes, the mayor has that authority. If the mayor chose to move forward with something even though this committee has not told us to do something, it is totally within the mayor's for me to do that.

- Okay, so if the committee receives and place on file, or does not make any other motion, the mayor could direct you to create an ordinance to be presented to the city council next week?

- [Vanessa] Potentially, yeah.

- Okay, thank you.

- I just want to make a comment. Well, that's poor government. The mayor hasn't talked to us about any mandate as far as masks that he wants to, put this in effect. He never called me about it. As the top governing body-

- [Vanessa] Mayor has not given me a directive. You guys asked me if there was any conceivable way, but this is still to be worked on and I'm giving you an honest answer. I have not received direction to work on anything from the mayor.

- Okay, that's fine. But myself personally I feel that we don't have much communication going on here about bringing staff forward and want to get in it slam dunk, at the next meeting, have it ready to go for the next meeting, that's not good. That's not good government. Thank you.

- Somebody else?

- [Lefebvre] Yeah.

- You've spoken a few times, three times, two times. We got-

- [Vanessa] Now I wanna make a motion.

- Okay go ahead.

- [Lefebvre] I want my motion to go forward.

- Go ahead, restate that.

- [Lefebvre] Okay, let's see. Alder Dorff need to get of help me. He does it so well.

- I'm here, how about- Let's transfer this to the staff and the staff can return it to Common Council as a whole next Tuesday.

- [Lefebvre] But we want also- The directive was to put some of the exceptions in.

- [Vanessa] What I had served was being requested was that any ordinance being considered be limited primarily to indoor environments. The exceptions be permitted for people who either have some form of disability or some need or any other reason that comes up. That'd be mandatory for places that people must go versus face to face with people choose to go and that it'd be time limited.

- And age, it's not for young children, maybe 10 and under, eight and under, whatever the CDC guidelines are.

- [Vanessa] Thank you Dorff. That's my motion.

- We have a motion, do we have a second?

- Second.

- Alder Brunette for the last time.

- Thank you. Your committee Chair Steuer and members but I would vote against the motion. You already made a motion to receive and place on file that failed, two to two. This is a way around what has already been decided. If the mayor wants to direct staff to create an ordinance to be ready for us to discuss next week, then that's his prerogative obviously. But the action of this committee will be sent to the City Council and if we are doing government properly the way that we should, the council will then decide at that meeting to forward to staff to create an ordinance. This is a very wacky way of doing it. We've never done it like this. We never voted down something at the committee level, and then direct staff to have it ready for the full council meeting. That is absolutely ridiculous. And for members of this committee to say that that is in any way appropriate, you're not being consistent with some of the things that have come up recently. I had an agenda item to allow the public to address the full City Council before a non agenda items. And I was told by Alder Dorff that the council should adapt such an idea before or we wait before we use any staff time to move forward with that idea. There is so much inconsistency going on right now. I think it's a poor way. If the decision of this council was to receive and place on file that failed two to two. Then to come up with another motion to basically get what is wanted, that's not appropriate. Thank you.

- Thank you for that. Okay Alder Stevens and the attorney and chime in to what Alder Brunette just spoke with.

- Sure.

- The attorney.

- [Vanessa] Yes, so we have actually received requests before to have documents prepared in time for Council. It is not been a consistently a lot of times it really depends on whether or not things are time sensitive, which is the reason that things move faster. So it doesn't say that, that hasn't been the case, it also say that it is the case. It's what the council tells us what they want to see and we do that. So, I can't speak to how you guys want to do things proceedings moving forward but I'm just telling you that we do, we have done it both ways in the past where we usually wait for direction from the council time sense that is or things that need to be drafted come up not usually a PNP, But we do it frequently for Planning Commission, we do it for staff coming out of DPW, where they need staff, they make the recommendations from the committee documented for council to actually turn those into an ordinance.

- Attorney Chavez- I think there's other calls from members that aren't at the meeting that probably would like to weigh in. So what is your take on that as far as moving forward? It would be nice in some sense to other voices from the Council as well. So if we deny it here, it couldn't be pulled again. I just wanna know what the process is and something like that.

- [Vanessa] What I would recommend is that- This is basically what coming out of the motion that I'm hearing is that was being directed to draft it and bring it to Council for consideration at that. So, that is an appropriate way to do it. Otherwise, it's the council or the committee wants to wait till after Council has a chance to weigh in on this, then that is when it should-

- Well Director Smith.

- [Vanessa] Out an ordinance to be drafted.

- I mean, like I said, I voted against the, initially this very request, but my feeling is that I would like the council to weigh in on this situation. So if there was an ordinance drafted in a few days that we could look at, I don't have a problem with that. Just to look at it and like I said, we may deny it anyhow, or we may accept it. But my feeling is that I would like it to have the input from the rest of the council as well.

- Mark, I'd like to speak to that.

- Go ahead.

- I don't feel that we need to draft anything before the City Council meets. We don't have to have anything drafted ahead of time. It was already voted two to two, I don't think you got to jump around bunch of hoops and buzzers and whistles, take it to the Council they don't have to have anything ready this is just a discussion. We're not looking to draft anything tonight. And we should discuss it at City Council. This is not a real popular issue.

- No, it's not.

- As far as, having it already for City Council for next Tuesday, I don't think that's appropriate. With a two to two vote.

- [Lefebvre] Mark, we have to move on we can't keep repeating.

- We have to move on.

- I just have one thing to say.

- [Lefebvre] We need to vote.

- Alder Dorff, 10 seconds.

- If we don't have something to talk about concrete at Council, then how do we know what decision to make? We're gonna just do the same thing we did tonight. And so we're gonna- I think we just need to have something to look at and then say, no, that's not good yeah, that is good. I want something concrete to look at. That's all I'm asking for, thank you.

- [Lefebvre] I have a question.

- Yes, go ahead, Attorney Amanda. Yes go ahead.

- Yes, so we have the motion made by Alder Lefebvre seconded by Alder Stevens to refer to staff with directives of indoor only restrictions, exemptions for disabilities, age and other conditions and to bring a draft to the next coming council meeting to be considered by the Committee earlier before. And now we can vote. I'm presuming we should probably do a voice call vote. Alder Stevens.

- Yes.

- Alder VanderLeest.

- No.

- Alder Steuer.

- I'm gonna have to change my mind and say no. I'm sorry about that, but I feel no.

- Alder Lefebvre.

- [Lefebvre] Yes.

- That vote on that motion fails on two to two. So at this point the committee has no recommendation on that item. Which it can remain that way and it can be acted upon by council at that time.

- Okay.

- Thank you.

- Before our next item, I'd like to take a five minute break.

- I'll second that Mark.

- Go ahead Celestine.

- [Celestine] So what we're gonna do everyone who's here via zoom, just stay on the line, we're not gonna go anywhere.

- We do need a motion to recess though Alders.

- Yes.

- I'll make a motion to recess for 10 minutes.

- Seconded by VanderLeest. Stevens made the motion, VanderLeest seconded. All in favor, aye?

- [Group] Aye.

- We'll meet at 8:30. Day 21 around 8:30.

- [Lefebvre] Yup.

- Thank you.

- All right. Thank you.

- We are back in session.

- Sorry about that everybody. Attorney Bungert we are also recording again. Thank you.

- [Bungert] Okay, sounds good. We are on Item Number 14.

- Number 14 consideration with possible action on a request with Alder Galvin, that the city consider taking fluoride out of the treatment process for the city water. Another hot button issues, so, there's a lot of folks that want to speak to this matter unless some of the staff or committee members want to say something I would make a motion on the floor.

- I'll second that motion Mark.

- Okay, I made the motion I guess, okay. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? That passes so the floor is open.

- [Lefebvre] Hello.

- We can hear you just-

- [Lefebvre] Okay, I couldn't hear anything. I thought maybe I lost it.

- We're waiting.

- Oh, okay, okay, good, thank you. I'm gonna put you on mute for right now.

- Celestine?

- She's currently muted so she may be doing something in the background.

- [Celestine] Sorry about that. Okay, so Mitch's iPhone is first. But, Alder Steuer I just wanted to let you know that we did have this arranged, so that Brenda Staudenmaier could make a verbal contribution. So I would suggest, which is iPhone if you just be so kind as to allow Brenda Staudenmaier to make her present verbal presentation and miss Staudenmaier, I will give you five minutes if you just give me one second. So what I'm gonna do is I'm gonna put the clock up for three and then I'll start again for two. Okay, just give me one second. Okay, go right ahead, Miss Staudenmaier.

- Thank you, I'm Miss Staudenmaier 1278 Doty Street. Good evening, City of Green Bay Protection and Policy Committee. I'd like to open for recommending this topic. And, for making your close attention and care. We're here to discuss rescinding the fluoridation resolution that was approved in July of 1957. The mayor at the time called flirty poison, and wanted a referendum before the program began. Instead, with pressure from special interest, Council took it upon themselves to require the addition of 1.5 parts per million artificial fluoride chemicals to our drinking water. In the decades since then, and especially the past few years, much has come to light on what a mistake this was. The amount of 1.5 parts per million has been concluded to be a cognitive neuro developmental hazard to humans, by the National Toxicology Program systematic review draft last year. This shows how easy it is for something to be touted for decades as safe and effective, while in reality it's not. Presently the level of fluorine allowed in drinking water is much higher at two to four parts per million while the promoted safe level is now at .7 parts per million. Either way, the margin of safety is either very low or non existent, and at the dosage we cannot be controlled on the individual level. This goes against all modern principles of pharmacology. I want you to be sure that you all understand that there is no federal or state mandate to fluoride it. Since 2016, 16 communities in Wisconsin have stopped adding fluoride to their drinking water supply. Council has the unilateral ability to end this and are responsible for any harm coming from fluoride if you decide to continue it. It is in your purview and your responsibility to supervise this program accordingly, it is time to end it. I'm part of a federal lawsuit against the US EPA over the denial of our petition, which included almost 200 studies demonstrating that fluoride is a neurotoxin. I come before you today with my two lawyers, Michael Connett, and Chris Nidel, and some of the leading researchers on fluoride to share the information we have learned since our 2016 petition. Much of the most important fluoride research on levels on water and neurotoxicity have been done in the past few years. Showing there is clearly an unreasonable risk present, it can damage the brain at critical times of child development. The National Institutes of Health has funded the most rigorous and well done studies to date on the impact of fluoride and neurodevelopmental. These studies were done long after most fluoride promoting talking points were created. The artificial chemical hydro flow salicylic acid that the Green Bay water utility uses for fluoride is a toxic waste by-product from the phosphate fertilizer industry. This substance is not a pharmaceutical grade chemical, and it is not using any dental product. It is not sodium fluoride. It is not a mineral, it is not like calcium fluoride. It is not a nutrient. It does not like iodine or anything the body needs for proper function. It is not used to clean the water, it is not chlorine. It is the highly reactive halogen and it is a toxin. Swallowing fluoride comes with many risks. It is harmful to the thyroid and so has a severe effect on those with thyroid disease. It is specifically harmful for developing babies in the womb and infants up to six months. When baby brains are damaged from exposure to toxins like fluoride and lead, They're more prone to behavioral issues, learning disabilities, ADHD, higher crime rates and mental health issues. Stopping this program will help alleviate stresses on schools like Washington Middle School and other local schools where behavioral problems have shadowed learning. When I was pregnant with my son in 2010, living in Green Bay was difficult to avoid fluoride. I was low income and barely had enough money to pay rent and bills. I did not know what I know today about fluoride and the effects of developing infant brains. I am sure exposure during pregnancy and the critical times in life to neurotoxic fluoride from the Green Bay City water supply. He repeated kindergarten and high school because he had behavioral issues. If you're worried about teeth we have a great free oral health program through oral health partnership in the parking lot of how school where there is an epidemic of tooth decay in a fluoridated community. There is also free dental programs at the Salvation Army Kroc Center, Oral Health Partnership West and NWTC. Fluoride can be used topically by those desired and it is entirely unnecessarily to force everyone to drink it. There is no use for fluoride in a developing baby or

infant until their teeth erupts. Adding fluoride to city water harms the most vulnerable during the most critical time in their life and it cannot be fixed. A tooth can be repaired a broken brain is forever a broken brain. Like I said earlier broken brains lead to higher crime rates, burdens on schools and special educational programs and increases in mental health issues. I'm asking you to please support me in voting to turn off the artificial chemical fluoride dosing pumps and protect the vulnerable brains of our children and our future citizens of Green Bay. I would like to end with a quote. "Don't mess around with fluoride it's dangerous, turn it off and never turn it on again. It is not the job of the city to dose any substance into the community drinking water for the sole purpose of achieving a medical result. If you continue, you're morally corrupt." Erin Brockovich.

- Thank you, Brenda.

- Thank you. Sorry, I'd like to bring hym reading but-

- Well, you did fine. I thought you were a newscaster. Are there any questions that anybody would like to ask of Brenda? Otherwise we'll keep moving along, and what may happen throughout the course of this point is that for your questions that we can direct them to you or probably have some maybe toward the end. So, I'm good for now, so Celestine.

- [Celestine] Okay, thank you, Chair. Next is Mitch's. iPhone. I see you're already unmuted, so just need two shakes, and go ahead, please state your name and address for the record.

- [Mitch] Wonderful, I am Dr. Mitch, I'm representing the Wellness Way 2638 Green Bay 54313. I am the Clinical Director at our Health Clinic and I am 100% in support with Brenda that we need to remove the fluoride from the water. And she reiterated this more than enough but definitely like talking about the, hundreds of studies that are out there that fluoride is technically a neurotoxin. So it's considered just as deadly as lead or arsenic or mercury that can be found in the body. Not to talk about the countless endocrine dysfunction orders talking, hyperthyroidism. Also, Hashimoto thyroiditis, what that halogen can do actually has the same receptor site as what iodine will do in the body and iodine is used to create thyroid hormone, but when there is fluoride it pushes out iodine which creates the toxicity, which will elicit the autoimmune response. Also talking about renal dysfunction and actually the renal cancer that it can create with systemic use over use in the body if it does build up to that toxicity. And there are, millions of people that have a difficult time with actually flushing out things in their system and that will build up an over time that creates dysfunction and that's what creates disease. So basically, I'm 100% support with Brenda on that and that we do need to remove this, neurotoxin from our water supply in Green Bay. Thank you very much.

- I'd like to ask a question Mitch.

- [Celestine] Go ahead. Mitch you're a dentist, correct?

- [Mitch] I am not a dentist.

- So you're not a dentist, okay. What's your profession?

- [Mitch] I'm a Chiropractor.

- I see. Okay. All right, I was just wondering. Well, I'll ask it anyhow. In your position, I know some medical folks that have been afraid to- they've talked to me or talk to some of the Alders. But they're unsure of their positions a little bit or retribution. Do you have any feelings like that at all? Or do you feel like you can speak openly?

- [Mitch] Yeah, I feel that I could speak openly on a lot of these things because there are, you know, patients that I see every day that have gone through countless different doctors that are trying to fix issues, but there's different ways of looking at things. It's not necessarily responding and to say, hey, take this medication, take this medication, it's more so okay, let's figure out what's actually creating that dysfunction in the first place. So what creates that inflammatory response in the body?

- Thank you for that. Celestine I'm good.

- [Celestine] Okay, thank you Alder. Next we have Michael Connett. Michael, can you please unmute yourself and state your name and address for the committee?

- Hi, good evening, my name is Michael Connett, and I am an attorney. And I'm actually coming from Los Angeles, California. And as Brenda had mentioned, I'm the leader-

- [Celestine] Excuse me I'm so sorry. You will need to give your address in response to California.

- Thank you, I wasn't sure so yes, my address is 3454 Vinton Avenue in Los Angeles, 90034.

- [Celestine] Thank you.

- So, I was the lead attorney in this case that's still going on. We finished our trial in June of this year. We're still doing some post trial briefing. But it's a case that's lasted about three and a half years. And we've deposed a number of federal scientists, including representative of the Centers for Disease Control, and a representative of the EPA. So today, I know I only have a couple minutes, but I just mentioned a few highlights or a few things that I think are important to consider when looking at this question of whether Green Bay should continue to fluoridated water. And the first point is, in 2006, the National Research Council issued the landmark report on fluoride toxicity it's a 500 page report where the NRC identify data showing that fluoride damages the brain in animals. Based on that data, and some early studies in humans, the NRC recommended that we needed to do rigorous human studies to examine the effects of fluoride on IQ. It's specifically called, on IQ. And subsequent to the NRC recommendations you've had two study teams funded by the National Institutes of Health, the NIH. One study team has done studies on fluorine, and IQ in Mexico. The other study team has done studies of fluorine and IQ in Canada. These are NIH studies that had careful vetting of the methodology by specialists at NIH. There's now been four publications from these NIH teams in the past three years. And every single one of the NIH studies has found significant and large adverse effects between early life fluoride exposure, principally prenatal exposure in utero, and reduced IQ and in one study ADHD symptoms in the offspring. So you have very well conducted studies funded by the NIH which have unanimously found neurodevelopmental harm from the fluoride exposure at the levels that people are receiving in fluoridated areas. And I depose as the chief scientist, I'm flying to EPA Office of water in this case, Dr. Dani View, she testified that these studies warrant an entire reassessment of fluoride safety standards, not only in the United States, but around the world. I also deposited, the representative of the CDC, and he testified in this case that there's no benefits from fluoride exposure prenatally and no benefits from fluoride exposure during the first six months of life for an infant. These are the periods of time of greatest risk based on these NIH studies. And the CDC admitted in this case that there's no benefit during this period of life which is of greatest vulnerability to harm. So if you look at the most vulnerable population-

- [Celestine] I'm sorry your time is expired.

- There may be a opportunity though, for us to ask you questions later too.

- Thank you.

- [Celestine] Okay, next we have Kelly Archambeau. Kelly, can you please unmute yourself and we will get going.

- Okay, thank you. My name is Kelly Archambeau. I'm a registered dental hygienist and work for oh, the address is 1245 Main Street 54302. I'm a registered dental hygienist and I work for oral health partnership. I've had organization dedicated to improving the oral health of underserved children in Brown County community by providing dental services and education. We serve children on medical assistance, birth to 19 years old and the uninsured in need. Along with our four clinic locations throughout Green Bay, we also have a school based program where we turn a school classroom into a dental office and see children during the school day. We also see children with severe dental needs in the hospital setting. Fluorine in our drinking water is one of our best and most cost effective ways to help protect the children of Green Bay from a common childhood disease of dental caries. Overall roughly 4000 children we served at schools alone, about 40% of those children had dental disease. Before it is taken out of the water, we will see those numbers rise. Even with the important program that oral health partnership offers, there will be an increase in decay that causes pain, which leads to miss school time and impacts the child's learning. I'm asking you to keep the fluoride in the drinking water to help keep all the teeth in not only in our school system, but also our entire community strong. Thank you for your time.

- Thank you, Kelly, thank you much. Alder Lefebvre go ahead.

- [Lefebvre] I'm not being facetious or anything like that. I just wanted to know, do you have studies that show that the fluorination in the water has actually improved the health on the teeth? Because I'm just gonna give an example. When I grew up on a farm, and we weren't really we're kind of poor and everything and I did not brush my teeth like I should have and not until I was older, that I do this. I think what you're probably seeing is that teeth are improving is because now we have access to toothpaste, toothbrushes. And because you do have a good organization like yours that you are giving to these young people who are in households that don't have a lot of money in that and you are helping them with the proper dental things like toothpaste, toothbrushes, showing them how to brush your teeth, different things that can be done, do you really feel or do you have any documentation that we need to know documentation that shows that just the fluoride in the water is doing this?

- Yes, studies show fluoride decreases disease and communities by 25%. And I can share a study with you. I'd also like to refer you to Matt Christine. He is the president of the children's Oral Health Alliance in Wisconsin. So he can also I believe he's on this call and can answer questions as well.

- [Lefebvre] Okay, thank you.

- Kelly, if there's anything that you can send to the council, but also to anybody else, do you have anything that they wanna share with us? They can send it to the council members, because we'll be looking at this at council next week on the 21st, thank you.

- [Lefebvre] Oh, I'm sorry. And there's one other thing have you seen the testimony that was presented in this case with the claims about the toxicity of the fluoride?

- Kelly?

- No, I have not.

- [Lefebvre] Okay, that's something too that you should look at also, okay? Just to you know, to be rounded on this, okay? Thank you.

- [Celestine] Okay, thank you Alder. Next we have Chris Neurath. Chris, can you please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee?

- Sure. Can you hear me?

- Yes, we sure can.

- My name is Chris Neurath. I'm the Research Director of the American Environmental Health Studies project. I live in Lexington, Massachusetts 21 Byron Ave, 02420. Thank you for allowing me to speak to you today. I'm not gonna give you my opinion on the neurotoxic risks of water fluoridation for children, but the opinions of the world's leading experts. The National Toxicology Program of NIH has spent the last three years reviewing the evidence that fluoride is a developmental neurotoxin. They concluded quote, "fluoride is presumed to be a cognitive neurodevelopmental hazard to humans, based on a consistent pattern of findings," unquote. The MTP identified 149 human studies and 339 animal studies, the large majority of these found in neurotoxin effect. What are experts recommending based on the scientific evidence? They advise pregnant mothers and infants to avoid fluoridated water. I'm gonna read a few short quotes from these experts that were published in leading scientific journals within the last year. First two on Dr. Howard Who and Dr. Bruce Lamphere. Both world experts in early life exposures to environmental chemicals, including lead, pesticides and others. Folks have done groundbreaking work on lead's effects on children, and more recently on fluoride and its effect on IQ. They like quote, "there is no benefit for systemic exposure to fluoride during pregnancy for the prevention of caries and " We found that fluoride exposure during infancy predicts diminished nonverbal intelligence in children. In the absence of any benefit, it is prudent to limit fluoride exposure using non chlorinated water. The third expert is Dr. Phillippe Grandjean of Harvard and other recognized world authority on neurotoxicity. He writes, quote, "elevated fluoride during early development can result in IQ deficits that may be considerable." We also read about the developmental neurotoxicity is a serious risk associated with elevated fluoride exposure due to community water fluoridation. That's what the world experts and environmental health say. What to the editors of leading scientific journals like the Journal of the American Medical Association say, in a

podcast editorial two editors said this: Dr. Robot, the effect size is really quite large. The results are really startling Dr. Christakis, right. And effect size which is sizable and high with lead without. So if mothers now come into their doctor's offices and ask the pediatrician what to do, what are you going to say, Christakis? "I think I would advise him to drink bottled water or filtered water provider. Yeah, the other thing is that some people may not be able to afford bottle water.

- [Celestine] Thank you very much, your time is expired.

- Sorry, Chris, thank you for your testimony.

- Thank you.

- [Celestine] Okay, next we have Dr. Beth Neary. Dr. Neary, can you please unmute yourself and we will get going. Please also state your name and address for the committee.

- [Neary] I'm I video graphed too?

- [Celestine] You know what? Hold on one second.

- [Neary] I tried to start it, but it said I can't.

- [Celestine] Let's see, okay, hold on.

- [Neary] Okay.

- [Celestine] All right.

- [Neary] All right, give me permission.

- [Celestine] There we go, yes okay. All right, give me one more second.

- My addresses 428 Virginia Terrace, Madison, Wisconsin.

- [Celestine] Okay.

- [Neary] And I am a pediatrician. I practice general pediatrics medicine for many years. I've actually taught at the UW Medical School but I'm not representing UW Madison today I am representing myself.

- Could you speak up a little bit louder. We can't quite hear.

- [Neary] Okay, all right. I said, I am representing myself. I am not representing UW Hospital. I just want to make that very clear. Okay, so I want to say that if you asked me last year how I felt about fluoride in municipal water supplies, I would have pounded the desk and said, it is the greatest public health advance in the last 50 years. And people who wanna remove it are on the fringe. That's what I would have said last year. But today, I have a different opinion. And here's why. New research changes thinking and new research should always change thinking. The study that was published in the JAMA pediatrics in 2019, was an impressive study and a credible peer review journal. And the data in that study was so contradictory to long held beliefs, about the medical world and fluoridation. That paper was scrutinized so hard that I actually spoke to the researcher and he told me he had to go through many hoops to get that published. So they really looked at that very vigorously and they found that male children of pregnant moms who drank fluoridated water had drops in IQ scores from three to five points. So you say Dr. Neary, what's three to five points? Three to five points is a big deal. Three, five points was what Dr. Lamphere found in low levels of lead. And that changed what the CDC recommended about lead. It actually he made the CDC change the recommendation or his research did. It's impressive, a change of three to five points is significant. And I don't want you to think it was one study that has changed my mind, I read numerous studies. And as somebody already put up, numerous people have said the National Toxicology Program reviewed many, many studies. And so here's the thing that I say to myself now, I'm I willing to sacrifice cognitive development for the child's rest of their life to prevent a cavity or two when we have other ways to prevent cavities. And the answer to myself is no. If my daughter said, "Mom, should I drink fluoridated water, I'm pregnant?" I would tell her, no. And if she was gonna make formula for the zero to six month old baby, I would tell her don't do that. So, I'm a pediatrician, I've had firm beliefs for the last- I won't say how many years. But I will tell you that I'm changing my thinking because I'm not gonna sacrifice a brain for a few cavities. And I want you to look at the research carefully. Thank you very much.

- Thank you, Doctor. Doctor, could you, what was the paper that you were referring to the research paper?

- The paper that was published in JAMA pediatrics in 2019. And Dr. Lamphere is one of the authors on that paper.

- What is it called?

- Brandon, do you have the full title in front of you? Wait, I can send it to you.

- Could you send that to the Council?

- Okay.

- You'll send that to all of us, thank you. Okay Celestine?

- [Celestine] Okay, thank you, Alder Chair. Next is Lisa Hanson. Miss Hanson, can you please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee?

- [Lisa] Sure, Lisa Hanson 217 Allard Avenue, in Green Bay. I don't come to this, claiming to be an expert. Brenda has done a ton of work on this over the last decade that we've been in contact regarding this. And I've only really started looking into it when my son was born and he's 10 now, so it hasn't been that long, but I come at this kind of as a parent to three children. I grew up in Alloway in the '80s when the fluoride levels were very high in the water, and I still have dental fluorosis from it. My teeth are stained and have been since I was a kid. I also had numerous dental caries and I realized that this is very, causation does not equal, but, it's very anecdotal, I understand that. But, we're trying to do the best thing for our kids and obviously, I had issues with the fluoride. And so then it takes it to a whole different level where I have to be, and luckily, I'm privileged enough to be able to do this to, put expensive filters on my water so that I can take all the fluoride out because even bottled water doesn't necessarily protect you. But as far as the dental care, we see a dentist in Sturgeon Bay, Dr. Jennifer Olson and Dr. Kevin Claire, and they do not use fluoride in their practice. As far as dentist go, if you're looking for what the experts are saying, these are people who will not use that on children or anyone. We don't get fluoride treatments at all. Going back to what Brenda said about how- This is really what blows my mind about this is that we would never think to add a drug to our water source. And the fact that we do that with fluoride and saying that it's a one size fits all situation, I have a really hard time with that, that you're adding something to my water without my permission, and I got to pay for it. And then I have to pay it, have it filtered out of my water, even toothpaste to say, don't swallow the toothpaste. And, I know that there are all those old studies about how fluoride is the best thing in the world and top 10 inventions, medical whatever. But, the first studies that I was aware of was about topical application, not ingestion. How can you equate topical and ingestion in the same breath? And a lot of those studies as far as ingestion were flawed as well, I'm not blind. There was has a lot of bias in there. I would really love to not have to worry

about my kids drinking the tap water. And, I already have the filter, so I guess that's a moot point but I don't want to have to worry about that. I don't want other people in the city to have to worry about that. People who are, don't have the ability to buy a filter for their water, I want them to have the same consideration that I do. Thank you.

- Thank you, Lisa. I was gonna ask a quick question. You said you have a filter at home, what kind of filter is it?
[Lisa] We started first with a Berkey Royal, but then we did, which is a free standing huge, thing on my counter. But we did independent testing where we use brand new filters sent it into a place actually in the valley somewhere. And it came back through those filters the fluoride filters for the Berkey did not filter out the waters. So now we use an Aquasana, reverse Osmosis under the sink thing, so you know the little spigot comes out of where our soap holder would be. Neither of those were cheap but it filters everything because we had that independently tested in it for about everything.

- Okay, and I realized I did some research on some of the filters out there too, and they were mentioning they had a study about a Brita filter that didn't really get the fluoride out to water and pure filters did but like I said, it is an expense.

- [Lisa] I've had Brita pitcher filters that I thought it was doing something but none of those filters really do anything you need something, gravity filters too like the sangean I think is the name of it, where it filters through like sand and, they're just very intricate, but they're also a huge expense you need to have a place to put these things too.

- Right, right, well, thank you for that.

- [Lisa] Thank you.

- Anybody else?

- [Celestine] Yes, thank you, Alder. Next is Griffin Cole, DDS. Miss Dr. Cole, can you please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee?

- Okay, can you hear me okay?

- [Celestine] Yes, we certainly can.

- As you said, I am Griffin Cole. I'm a dentist in Austin, Texas 1301 West 25th Street 78705. I've been in practice for 27 years. And in the first year, I promoted fluoridation. And I applied fluoride to my patient's teeth, because that's what I was taught. That's what I was told by my professors. And so I believe it, why would I not? But over the next year, I just spent a little bit of time very lonely. This is back in '94, looking at the science and I started to realize that I wasn't told everything. And it became a very easy decision shortly thereafter, to stop doing that, to stop promoting it. And since that time, I've spent 20 plus years now, trying to fight this in many cities in here in Texas. I gave a presentation to about 400 dentists in September in Boston, and I only had an hour which was not enough time, but in that hour, all I did was rebuke the comments better stated as facts by the ADA, by the American fluoridation society, by CDC, always people that write out these things saying that they're facts, F-A-C-T-S. And I can just tell you, if you go to the ADA's website and look up their fluoridation facts, you're gonna find almost nothing factual. I'm not even joking about that. You can find science to dispute every comment that they make about how wonderful this toxic thing is. I can make this real simple for people who don't know about the science 'cause you got a lot of great experts on this panel. And these are some of the greatest in the country, if not the world that are speaking time. But I can make this down to three issues three inherent critical flaws of water fluoridation. And I do this to all these small towns that are are trying to actually decide on this. Number one, it's not medical grade fluoride. We've already heard that it's not sodium fluoride, it's not calcium fluoride, it is a toxic waste product from the fertilizer industry. And don't let any dentist try to tell you, yeah, we hear that, but when it gets in water, it dissociates like regular fluoride. That's not true, that was disproven by PhD Westendorf back in 1975 not medical grade fluoride. Number two, it doesn't do its intended function. There's never been a clinical randomized trial to prove that it actually works because it doesn't. So it doesn't do the function of trying to prevent cavities. And number three, and most important, there is no dose control. Okay, an infant baby that's being fed, through a bottle where most of the diet was water is getting way more fluoride than somebody say my size. So it's not even a comparison. You can't prescribe any medicine without having a dosage based on weight, height, size, all those things. And I think this is what it really comes down to, because you can buy all the filters you want, just like I can too but the people that can't afford it or who we should be fighting for, they shouldn't have to make that choice. You should have clean water that's safe to drink.

- Thank you, doctor, could you take a question or two?

- Absolutely.

- All right, I've written up sheets, bullet points against fluoridation and bullet points in favor of fluoridation and just the research I've been doing looking at it as trying to be as open minded as possible. In favor of fluoridation when the comments made in testifying some time ago, maybe three years ago, it says the majority of cavities occur in 20 to 30% of the population. The disadvantaged bear a disproportionate burden of these cavities. And this is an example of people who live in non fluoridated areas. Can you comment on that at all?

- So you're saying that people who are not in fluoridated areas have higher amounts of cavities?

- Yeah.

- And that's not true.

- Okay, I just wanted you to comment on that.

- There's been plenty of studies to show that that's not true. And in fact, the largest landmark study back in 1986, by the NIH, where they said, we're looking at 39,000 kids, which is a huge study, right? It looked at it and they said, we're comparing fluoridated versus non fluoridated. When all was said and done, they said there was an 18 to 30% reduction in decay. So the safe water foundation says, let us see your data. Let's see if that's really true. When all was said and done, it came down to about .06%. 1/6 of one surface of 1.2. It's not even a contest it doesn't do what they say it does. And the systemic effects that you've already heard from last people today far outweigh that small little benefit that it may have.

- You also find that fluoride can be adjusted through the skin and through the lungs instead of just the mouth.

- For sure, so now you gotta have your whole house filter, right?

- So I'm just reading some things I just wanted you to answer. We may talk to you later on, too. Can you stick around for a little while?

- I'll try I've been on since 5:30.

- Sir, thank you. You can see what local governments like a lot of fun.

- Believe me, I've been up with my City Council many many times, so I know.

- Yeah, going on.

- And I'm impressed with most of the Alders, by the way 'cause I love the federal issues.

- All right, thank you Dr. Celestin, whenever you're ready.

- [Celestine] Okay, yes next, we have Jeff Harpt. Jeff, can you please give your name.

- [Jeff] Yup.

- [Celestine] Give your name and address the committee.

- [Jeff] Yeah, my name is Jeff Harpt. I live at 440 South VanBuren, right here in Green Bay and 54301. I think it's quite clear from the the experts we've heard tonight that this is a neurotoxin we're talking about. And that I just don't feel it should be put in my water supply. That of my children, that have people I love and I think it's an expense we could do away with at the water department, that's always good. And I'd like to address the young lady who spoke about working in the downtown in the Green Bay schools, some of the disadvantaged schools and about the amount of tooth decay that was seen there. And I would point out that tooth decay found in kids who are drinking fluoridated water. So I don't think the fluoridated water is benefiting them. I think that there's other dental issues in terms of lifestyle. And I commend her and her organization for working with them and teaching them probably better habits in taking care of their teeth. I think diets, I think some of the diets served in the school districts are high in sugar. I think that's one of the problems we have with tooth decay in this city. I don't think the city should add neurotoxin in our water, and I think I'll keep it at that. So thank you for your time and thank you for your consideration on this topic.

- Thank you, Jeff.

- [Celestine] Okay. And next we have Matt Crespin. Mr. Crespin, can you please unmute yourself and state your name and address for the committee? Mr. Crespin?

- Can you hear me now?

- [Celestine] Yes, we certainly can.

- Yes.

- Good evening, my name is Matt Crespín. I am the Associate Director at Children's Health Lines of Wisconsin, which is affiliated with Children's Wisconsin based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I work at 6737, West Washington and West Allis, Wisconsin. And I'm here tonight to speak in support of continued fluoridation of Green Bay's water. A couple of key things I want to just make sure I reiterate. First off, fluoride is naturally occurring and it is a mineral, and it occurs in nearly every single body of water and every source of drinking water in our country and really around the world. So there is some fluoride in all water, whether it be groundwater or surface water that we drink from our lakes and from the ground. However, we add fluoride to ensure that we help protect teeth. There are studies as Kelly shared, that show that fluoride does reduce decay by up to 25% in communities that don't fluoridate. There are cities that have removed fluoride from their drinking water, and have seen an uptake in a rate in their community. It's not the fluoride alone that does this. So it's a combination of things. Our organization oversees a school based dental sealant program like Kelly's in more than 1000 schools across Wisconsin, we partner with Delta Dental of Wisconsin and the State Department of Health. Every person should have received a letter from us today that is in representation of various organizations that support fluoridation in Wisconsin. So those include Children's Wisconsin, HS Children's Hospital that's located right in Green Bay. Organizations like Delta Dental, that insure children and families across the state who know the importance of fluoridation in their community. It's also from organizations like the Wisconsin Dental Association and the Wisconsin Dental Hygienists Association, who are part of the larger national organizations who have policy that support this. These are hundreds of thousands of dental hygienists. In addition to thousands of pediatricians from the American Academy of Pediatrics, who support community water fluoridation. It's been talked about that there's this recent case that's pending and in regards to more recent studies, there's been a couple of studies one that debunked the myth that's often promoted by those who oppose fluoride around the cause of osteosarcoma, that's now been disproven with more recent research. There's also studies that were published by the Archives of Toxicology, which is a group of European researchers that addressed the IQ issue. And I'm just gonna finish by reading a quote that says they concluded, "based on the totality of the current available scientific evidence, the present review does not support the presumption that fluoride should be assessed as a human developmental neurotoxin at the current exposure levels in Europe." So we really need to listen to the experts like the CDC who support this, the Dental Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and continue to promote this safe and effective practice.

- [Celestine] - Thank you.

- Thank you, Matt. Matt, I'd like to ask a question too. And this is off the favoring fluoride issue. One of the comments made that I read some time ago was the 2006 National Research Council has reviewed the EPA standard of how much fluoride is allowed in water before health issues begin to show up. And it has been a four parts per million, which is six times higher than what exists in the water today. The only health effect from fluoride is on the enamel of the teeth. They also found that there are no musculoskeletal effects, no thyroid issues, no cancer, no neural toxicity and no IQ issues among others. These are in favor of fluoride. Can you comment on that?

- These are experts that have reviewed the science and they're sharing with you that there are no issues when it comes to that, in regards to the levels of fluoride in our drinking water in Green Bay and across the state of Wisconsin where more than 90% of people that are on public water supplies receive the benefits of fluoridated water. That level is at .7 parts per million. Many of the studies who those opposed fluoridation site are done in rural parts of the world where levels of fluoride are in sometimes as high as 18 parts per million. So you really can't compare those two things. If you want to take medication, you can take a medication that helps address something but cause problems. But if you take the right amount of it, it helps an issue. And so that is what fluoridation does. And so, fluoride in Wisconsin And, as I said, the recommendation at that point seven parts per million. And this body took up this issue in 2017, and voted to continue to support fluoridation in their community. And there's really not been new research that shows that any organization such as the dental associations, the Medical Association, the CDC has changed their stance and is now recommending that community stop fluoridating their water because of any recent research. And so, this body along with many other Wisconsin cities like Milwaukee cities like Madison, large Wisconsin communities, continue to provide this great benefit to citizens in their community for a very, very low cost that does a great deal of work at preventing disease.

- There's one other point too, there was a study done in Calgary, Canada along with Edmonton some time ago. You may be familiar with that? They said there was at least a 17.9% jump in cavities after they stopped fluoridated water. And the cavity rate climbed at least 71% from the time they stopped. Have you read about this? Or do understand that there might be other communities that have taken fluoride out of the water and what effect it's had?

- Yeah, that's actually the Canadian study and the Canadian cities that I was referring to in my testimony. And I'll admittedly let you know that it's not recent, but in the 60s, the City of Antigo in Wisconsin, removed fluoride from their drinking water, and they saw a pretty significant increase in young children in tooth decay. And shortly thereafter, after about a couple of years and seeing that dramatic increase, they resumed their fluoridation project.

- I'm familiar with that too. Thank you, Matt, I'm good.

- [Celestine] Okay, thank you Next is Lisa C. Lisa C. can you please unmute yourself and state your name and address for the committee?

- Yes, hi, my name, can you hear me?

- [Celestine] Yes, we can.

- Okay, my name is Lisa Crozier, my address is East 327 Lynx Corner Road, Denmark, Wisconsin. I wanna thank you for giving us this time to talk about this very important topic with water fluoridation. And I have a Master's Degree from Wisconsin, in Food Science. I've been teaching Biochemistry locally here for over 20 years. And I kind of come at this topic as a consumer as a mom, and as a Scientist who studied Food Nutrition for decades. My employer is not being represented in any way, shape or form with any of my testimony. This is me speaking from my heart and my knowledge and my experiences. I wanna mention that the last person who spoke in favor, mentioned that you can take medication at a certain dose. And so we're admitting that we are medicating everybody for what we think will help a certain amount of people. So here again, I sat through and listen to the last couple of hours of the mask issue. We have to think about group benefits and individual benefits. I really appreciate the dentist I've had for over 20 years, my orthodontist, the ones that have worked on our science children. OHP does wonderful work. We have a lot of good dentists and healthcare professionals in Northeast Wisconsin, but we have to think about that gentleman from Milwaukee also said accurate and current exposure levels fluoride doesn't do anything. Well we know exposure levels differ according to body weight and age, so children get exposed to more fluoride than adults would. The logic of this from my point of view, thinking about the periodic table of the elements in those halogens and the idea that we need iodine in our bodies and fluoride, right above iodine, in the periodic table, it displaces, fluoride displaces iodine. And there is the logic of this that kind of made me think differently than how I learned in college about fluoride is that there is absolutely no enzyme body biomolecule there's no reason for your body to use fluoride in your body doesn't use fluoride for anything it displaces calcium in teeth which is what the perceived benefit might be. Also, not all cities fluoridate water right now Portland, Oregon does not fluoridate its water. San Diego, California, big cities here. Honolulu, Hawaii, Wichita, Kansas. We don't do this to everybody. For years and years we use DDT thalidomide is changed always look to the newest and best studies that we have. So I do not support water fluoridation. I think we have other ways to deal with cavities. And I hope that the City of Green Bay takes this very seriously and saves money.

- Thank you Lisa.

- [Lefebvre] Mayor, I have a question.

- Yes, go ahead Alder.

- [Lefebvre] Yeah, I think because of your background, my question is, do you feel that the reason that we are having problems with cavities, we still aren't getting cavities in our children, and is it because our diet has changed? I think we're consuming so much more sugar than we used to consume.

- Yes, the basic understanding of cavities is that bacteria that normally live in your mouth that whenever there are carbohydrates in that mouth, the bacteria digests and I tell my students they poop out acid. So there's acid attacks on your teeth. So if we are chewing gum to increase the salivary flow to buffer the pH and get rid of that acid or if we're brushing our teeth to get rid of that acid, then we don't have the cavity attacks. We are snacking all the time. We are sucking on lattes all the time. There's sugar and I'm all thrilled frequently, and then we eat soft foods too. So diet really plays a role in dental care-

- [Lefebvre] Something's happening to your-

- Yes, you're breaking up. Try it again.

- Oh, okay. So, as far as dental caries sugars are eaten by the bacteria that are in your mouth. And that acid that those bacteria will exhaust out will cause dental caries. So we have diets that are pretty high in sugar and that will lead to dental caries.

- [Lefebvre] Okay, thank you

- Sure.

- Thank you Lisa.

- [Celestine] Next is Amanda Sleeper. Amanda, can you please unmute yourself and state your name and address for the committee.

- My name is Amanda Sleeper. I live at 1416 Road in London Burg Pennsylvania 19350. I'm speaking to you today, I'm a PhD in Pharmacology and Neurobiology from Yale University. And I wanted to speak a little bit about fluoride hypersensitivity. So in 2012, I was diagnosed personally with a fluoride hypersensitivity. I didn't even know that this existed until I got this diagnosis. So at that point I went and I read some of the scientific literature and I was surprised to find out that these hypersensitivities have been characterized since the mid 20th century. It affects about 1% up to 5% of the population. And this is fluoride at the levels of concentration that we get in our public water supply when it's fluoridated. Because fluoride passes through the digestive tract lining as well as the blood brain barrier, this can present with a number of different symptoms, and it varies from individual to individual. So this can include digestive distress, mouth ulcers, fatigue, excessive thirst, headaches and migraines, blurred vision, skin irritation, worsened allergies, joint pain. So there's a lot of symptoms out there. And for some people, it's very debilitating. So when I found out that I had this diagnosis, I decided to try to remove fluoride from my drinking water, my cooking water, my toothpaste, and beverages and foods like tea and wine that are high in fluoride. And I was really amazed to see the difference that this made in my overall health. I've lived in fluoridated communities since I was born. So I never experienced not having fluoride until this point. My energy was amazing, I got sick less, I didn't need antibiotics, I could exercise more. My allergies got better and some terrible rashes that I had on my hands went away and never came back. So having had this experience, my concern for the general public is that there are a lot of people out there suffering because of the fluoride in the water and they might not I don't even know it. And even if they

do get a diagnosis, it's very difficult to remove that fluoride from the water. So there's only a few systems that are really effective in doing that distillation and reverse osmosis. And to do that, in a whole house level is very expensive and prohibited for most people. I feel that putting the fluoride in the water as a therapeutic agent kind of denies people one of the basic principles of medicine, which is informed consent. So those of us that are sensitive really have a hard time saying no to that and avoiding things that are in the public water supply. I just hope that you'll consider this population of people when you're making up your mind whether or not to continue this procedure. Thank you so much for your time.

- Thank you, Amanda. Amanda, I'd like to ask a question in the pop view as well.

- Yes.

- In my bullet points against fluoridation sheet. There's a couple things that I was concerned about. I'm just wondering if you could weigh in on it. It has to do with a thyroid, so consequences from fluoride and ingestion- Well, I'm sorry, let me try again. consequences from fluoride ingestion, maybe low thyroid function, aesthetically displeasing teeth, a poorly functioning digestive tract, and IQ and attention issues. The thyroid for several specialists, Iris and D for which influences metabolism, growth and development, body temperature and crucial brain development are in infancy and childhood, fluoride contributes to low thyroid functioning by displacing iodine, which is instrumental in the production of thyroid hormones. I just like I said, I'm gathering data on both sides. But can you talk to you though?

- I guess so what you said is correct and it does disrupts directly the thyroid function. I also believe that there's some other pathways through which that might happen. There's emerging data that shows that fluoride might affect the gut microbiome. If you're familiar with some of this from the wellness space, but the bacteria in our gut are very important for our overall health and maintaining our nutrients. If fluoride disrupts that presentation of the bacteria that are naturally in your gut, it can also lead to a lot of nutritive problems that can have an effect on the thyroid.

- Okay. And they're also talking of- Okay, thank you. They also talked about fluoride or fluoride being natural, naturally occurring in water and such and it sounds like the those who are against fluoride are saying that, it's a neurotoxin and is being added salt. There is some natural element fluoride it does occur in nature, but I'm just having a hard time understanding like is that an issue just having those parts of fluoride in the system without adding more into the water system?

- So the levels of fluoride that occur naturally vary from area to area just depending on the ground soil in the area local pollutants. So in some areas, fluoride might ultimately need to be removed by the water systems as we find the emerging harm from it if it's natural, but it is there and it could be a problem for hypersensitive individuals, and they would still have to remove that.

- Well, thank you for your testimony.

- Okay thank you.

- I'm good Celestin.

- [Lefebvre] May I ask a question?

- Yes, go ahead.

- [Lefebvre] I was wondering if she knows, because the natural occurring fluoride, is that completely different from this fluoride? 'Cause this, from what I'm understanding this fluoride that they're putting in is a byproduct of fertilizer. Is there a difference in that?

- There are various forms of the fluoride compound. As far as naturally occurring fluoride, it might be helpful if we share, I'd have to get the references for you. But there are a number of studies that look at toxicity of fluoride that is naturally occurring. There are studies that have India and China and they find similar problematic effects in these communities as well.

- [Lefebvre] Okay, all right.

- Would you like to see some studies or does that clarify that?

- Did you send that to the Council?

- Yes.

- Yes, thank you.

- Okay, thank you very much.

- [Celestine] Okay, Chair. Next is Diego. Diego, please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee. Diego Are you there? Okay, we will move on to the next person. Mike Shea Jr. please unmute yourself and state your name and address for the committee.

- Mike Shea 2751 Woodstock Court Green Bay 54311. So I came for the masks and stayed for the fluoride.

- Good for you.

- As a local business owner, sometimes I look at things a little differently. And the city is something I look at as a business sometimes. And in this case I have some things to consider. When you're looking at the city as a business, there's a couple of questions that need to be asked before you start making decisions on these things. The first is, what is adding fluoride to the water supply costing us? Looking at the budget for the Green Bay water utility, they list for this coming year a budget of \$302,700 for chemicals, but it's not broken out. So they also don't list anything for medications or health or wellness. The only thing I could find that might cover this is chemicals. In the past, they've spent about 280,000 on this on chemicals. So the question I would like the council to see to consider when thinking about fluoridation is, what is it costing us to do that? And would there be a cost savings versus kids getting cavities or finding a different way to treat those cavities or what not in the city? Is this the most cost effective way to do it? The second question to ask is where is the fluoride coming from? Again, looking through the budgets and past financials, I can't see anything that says where the fluoride is actually coming from. What if it is coming from fertilizer plants versus natural sources? Is there any kickback from companies for taking the fluoride? Things like that would raise flags to me. I'm not an expert in this, I really don't know much about it. But these are just two glaring things that pop out at me. The people that are taking this fluoride don't have a good grasp on where it's coming from before it gets in their water and they don't have a grasp on what it's costing as a city versus the cost of fixing the cavities or what other other reason you have for fluoridated water. So that's all I had.

- Thank you, Mike. Thanks for your patience, by the way.

- [Celestine] Okay, next we have Chris Nidel. Chris Nidel please unmute yourself, and give your name and address for the committee.

- Hi, good evening. My name is Chris Nidel. I live outside of Washington DC at 15505 Avery Road in Rockville, Maryland 2855. My background is in Chemical Engineering. I've got a Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering. And I'm also one of the attorneys that represented Brenda and the other plaintiffs in the ongoing lawsuit against the EPA under TOSCA. And there are a couple things that I wanted to say a lot of them have been said. So I wanna focus on a few of the pro fluoride points. And I just wanna finish up one of the points that Michael Connett was raising, when he was saying, if we look at the most vulnerable among us, which are clearly when it comes to brain development, those are the fetal development stage and early infancy stage. The studies are clear that when you're exposed to fluoride during those two critical windows of brain development, that there's a high risk of particularly neurotoxicity. And at the same time, there is no benefit. So we're not doing a cost benefit analysis there. We're imparting risk without adding any benefit in terms of any public health outcome that could be viewed as positive. But as far as the pro fluoride talking points, a lot of which we've heard, the first one, the idea that fluoride is natural arsenic and lead are both natural, right? We spend lots of money to remove arsenic and lead from our water, despite the fact that they're natural. And I don't think there's anyone here on this call that would willingly ingest any amount of arsenic or lead, simply because it was natural. I think that, that notion is just- Nothing about that being natural makes it good for brain development. The second point that was raised earlier that the ADA and, all these various dental and medical groups have not come out against fluoride. Well, the editors of the Journal of the American Medical Association have come out and said that they would recommend pregnant women avoid fluoride. Well, what does that do for the pregnant women or those women that are considering getting pregnant in your community, especially when you're looking at the cost of filtration a lot of people have talked about filtration. I don't wanna get into that. But it's extremely difficult. It's costly when you talk about whole house filters. You talk about filtering your water supply, it becomes a challenge. Another related point, the CDC, we heard pro fluoride people repeatedly hammering the CDC and saying, oh, they continue to support it. Well, they also say that the evidence of benefit is predominantly a topical application to adult teeth. So the CDC that these pro fluoride people continue to stand behind. The CDC itself says it only works to benefit teeth if it's applied topically to your adult teeth not through ingestion, okay? We also heard, and that is true. I see someone shaking his head.

- [Celestine] Thank you very much, your time is expired.

- Thank you, Chris. Chris, I was just gonna ask you a quick question. In 2013 we listened to issues on fluoride in the water 2016, '17 as well so this is our third, go around with this topic. So I think one of the reasons that, anytime an issue, stop for a couple of years, the reason is brought back is because of potential new research. I guess I'm just asking in your opinion, if atomy, he says that, you have you have this court case that was out there, and then that takes on its own life, so to speak. But what new research in the last three years has been good to the point where we need to reconsider this issue?

- That is I think the question because the fact of the matter is, is that in the last three to four years starting in 2017, the two groups that Michael Connett mentioned and I think Dr. Neary mentioned as well, the element study group and the Mirek study group, both of those groups have done what's called a prospective cohort study, okay? And that is a study on human beings rather than animals. And those are studies done, they're viewed as the next best thing to a randomized control trial, okay? And one of the points that I would make is that there is no randomized control trial that shows that fluoride has a benefit okay? So we have these prospective cohort studies that just recently came out, and in the last handful of years, and both of those studies are done at levels number one, they're done with fluoride biomarkers. So they looked at, for example, urinary fluoride levels in pregnant women. So they're not looking, trying to model or estimate exposure. They

actually have measures of exposure. And what those are two studies both showed is that the effects of fluoride particularly during these two developmental windows, are comparable to that of lead and range anywhere from two and a half to eight IQ points depending on the study and what the measures were that they were looking at. So, there has been a debate and as you point out, there's been a debate that's gone on for years about fluoride. The evidence of neuro toxicity has been increasing to the point that we now have these two NIH funded, extremely well conducted, extremely pure and critically reviewed that all point in the same direction. When we have to contrast that the CDC saying that there is no benefit to ingesting this. And so we have a large amount of evidence of risk now culminating in these recent studies, coupled against very little if any evidence of benefit, and I know there was discussion of cities that show an increase in cavities when there's fluoride removed. There are also studies that show evidence in cities where fluoride is removed and there is no increase. So the studies on benefits are highly conflicting. You can look at that literature any way you choose, but the studies on risk are at this point very clear.

- All right, one other thing have you heard of a book called "The Devil's poison?"

- Ah, no, I have not heard.

- Okay, all right. I was reading a little bit from that too.

- I'm however aware I have litigated against the fertilizer industry in Florida, and I am very aware of Mosaic, the one who produces the majority of this fluoride waste product that's used for fluoridation. And, I've seen their rail cars coming out of their minds. So it is not a myth that this is largely generated as a waste product that has no place other than in a landfill and so we're putting in our drinking water.

- Well we gonna thank you for your testimony. Like I said, we and Council we need to look at the last time we heard this issue and then now and then try to figure out any new developments that have come along so if there's anything you can share that way we can talk to Brenda and others too.

- Absolutely.

- [Lefebvre] Can I ask a question?

- Yes, go ahead.

- [Lefebvre] Would you characterize this as a same thing as, I believe asbestos was a byproduct and so they were trying to sell it. 'Cause it cost money to landfill or whatever, get rid of some of these byproducts. would you characterize this the same as the asbestos situation where we found out years later, all these studies of planning come out how toxic this asbestos is to people?

- Well, I think it's difficult to compare this directly to asbestos, but what I would say is the comparison where industry has a history of finding creative new uses for its waste products. And it's important to point out I think you made the reference that it's not just that it's a waste product it's a waste product that they have a liability for, and they have to pay to remove. So originally, fluoride was being released into the air by these factories in Florida in order to clean that up. They had to start consolidating it with scrubbers. And when they did that, then they needed to find a way to get rid of it. it is this problem that the industry creates a waste and then they're looking for beneficial ways to use it. Another example was MTBE and gasoline. That was a waste stream that they found useful to dilute the gasoline and that caused a lot of groundwater problems. So I think the theme is something that we've seen before where an industry has a waste product. That's not only not making them money but actually costing them money. And now they found a creative way to use it to their advantage.

- [Lefebvre] Thank you.

- Okay, you're welcome.

- I noticed that Dr. Johnny Johnson is here did you want to speak sometime soon or not? Or do you want to wait? Celestine?

- [Celestine] Yes, well, he let me just-

- It's up to you.

- I'm enjoying the show right now, because this is a repeat of what occurred in Calgary. Back in October, the exact same scenario.

- Johnny, give me your address, for the record.

- I'd like to not give my exact address because I have received physical and overt threats from people here, as well as lawsuits but I'm in Florida, in middle of Florida, but I have no problem speaking about it, but I'm just enjoying hearing the same information that has been done before. So I would be happy to wait till later.

- Okay, that is fine.

- [Celestine] All right, thank you. Just give me one second, Alder. Thank you. Dr. Johnson.

- Thank you.

- [Celestine] All right, we will go back excuse me to the top of the screen. So we have Gary Cohen. Gary Cohen, please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee.

- Gary Cohen, 6841 Chester Drive Madison 53719.

- [Celestine] Okay, thank you.

- Okay, so the first thing is that, even if fluoridation reduces cavities by 25% most of the loss of people's teeth when they get older is not due to cavities, it's due to periodontal disease. And you don't hear very much talk about how great fluoride is to reduce periodontal disease, because it doesn't. That's the first thing. Secondly, you've heard people talk about filtering the water. I live in Madison, and we have really good minerals on water, we have calcium, magnesium, and even strontium all those for your teeth. Unfortunately, a lot of these filters take out everything detail out all the beneficial minerals as well as the fluoride. I used a three stage filter that takes leaves the minerals in takes that heavy metals and organic chemicals out of dangerous. And one of the stages takes out fluoride uses bone char. So just for those who want a good way by purifying your tap water and if you can afford it, that's a good way of doing that. Unfortunately, though, that doesn't help with bath water, and it doesn't help with tap water and you need to have the best way would be a whole house filter, but those are very expensive. And for those of us who are renters, that's not practical. So that's my second point. And the Council those were the major points I wanted to make. Oh, one other thing. Fluoride is an enzyme poison. I know there's been, it's been found that at least 100 enzymes are poisoned by fluoride. And that's only because that's probably the number that have been studied. A body can't function without enzymes. We have thousands of enzymes, and if every one of us was studied, I'm sure you would find thousands of enzymes that are poisoned by fluoride. So that's one of the basic reasons I think that fluoride is such a toxic material. It's not just a neurotoxin. That's all I need to say now.

- Okay, next we have Aaron Degroot. Please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee.

- Right, I'm Aaron Degroot from Green Bay, Wisconsin. 54302 1625 Kimball Street. I appreciate the platform that you guys have been given us. We've been here since 5:30 just talk right now. I appreciate all the Alder men taking their time to listen to us. I have a perspective now there's a special but more as a resident, which is pretty much all of us. I don't understand why the city always feels the need to put a toxin in our water supply to improve our teeth. It doesn't make any sense to have them make that decision for us. I expect pure water coming through my- I understand we need to get some additives to get it through the pipes, but we don't need fluoride. I have my own toothpaste, I have a water purifier because of fluoride. I would appreciate pure water coming through the water and I can buy my own fluoride. And think of it like this way, what if you put vitamin D in the water when there's no sun or protein, if you're exercising, you would never do that. It's not for everyone. Fluoride is not for everyone. It's an individual basis. Some people need it, the majority of us don't we have toothpaste. Another point is imagine the money that you're going to save, taking out the fluoride. I heard earlier today, some of \$300,000 use that money for something else send toothpaste to schools, awareness. I just want to end up, I appreciate Griffin Cole. I learned a lot from him right now. A friend of Saddam I of course, Jeff even met Crispin. I appreciate your opposing view. Everything about this has been positive and I really appreciate everything. I want pure water coming through my pipes, thank you.

- Thank you, Aaron. I wanted to thank Gary too before for your testimony. Mr. I'm sorry, Mr.- But thank you, both of you. Alright, Celestine.

- [Celestine] Okay, next we have a Galaxy Two. So, can-

- [Diego] Celestine can you hear me?

- [Celestine] Yes, just give me one second. Excuse me, just give me one second. All right, please state your name and address for the committee.

- [Diego] My name is Dr. Diego Calderon. Currently I'm at South 1084543 Troy Road in Sanctuary, Wisconsin. Okay, I'm a doctor in between medicine and surgery, we does specialization in food, animal production, medicine, and surgery. I Have more than 30 years experience in my field. Also I have more than 20 years of experience here in, research. Currently I co related. with more than 10 different research teams, UW. However, I am expressing just my opinion here. I'm not talking in behalf of the university. So you may be thinking what they're in our industry talking about fluoride in drinking water. Well, we found out about the toxic effects of fluoride, just because the cattle was short of the severe damage in the main organs like kidney, liver, heart, severe skeleton malformation and damage of ligaments and tendons. decrease of a life expand especially in jaw animals and these are cure are in very small those, like 50 parts per million. Currently the approved for concentration of fluoride in public water it goes from 0.7 to 1.4 parts per million. And we're

talking about a cow of 900 pounds. Can you imagine the effects of a human fetus or a newborn baby? So they intake trench body a lot. Because filtration can be found in public drinking water, is all over the place, how we can warranty, that these levels are going to be low? I think it's time and I invite you to use precautionary measurements for the well being of the Green Bay citizens especially respecting mothers, their babies less a boy to put our citizens a risk of rise, toxicity. EPA already established it that fluoride should be managed as a hazardous material. So let's wait and see the results of new research. Thank you so much for your time. I am okay for any question.

- Thank you, doctor for your testimony.

- [Lefebvre] May I ask a question to doctor?

- Go ahead Alder.

- [Lefebvre] Yeah, I missed the first part. When did you do the study and you found out the effects on the cattle?

- [Diego] I have not done any study personally. But the effects of fluoride are known for a long time. Like seeing some the 1800s or even before that. Arthur is telling was asking before about the effects of fluoride in water. Some natural occurrence and actually that was one of the signs that people found in the cattle. And then the people that were looking at that discovered that it was because fluoride was personally in the water or the soil.

- [Lefebvre] Okay, thank you, thank you very much.

- [Diego] You're very welcome.

- [Celestine] Okay, the last person I have here is Nancy Quirk. She's the Director of our water facilities, Director Quirk.

- Okay, my official title is General Manager.

- [Celestine] Oh, sorry.

- No problem. I wanted to just say a couple of things. I'm hearing a lot of this testimony, and I think that hopefully Robin from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health will come on and Dr. Johnny Johnson too will come on to support what we've been doing. I want to assure you as the General Manager of the Green Bay water utility, my utmost concern is the health and safety of our citizens. We've taken one of the most aggressive lead service replacement programs in the country, and we're down to less than 100 lead services in our city and will be finished by the end of this year. So we take this very seriously the health and safety of our citizens. I've been in the water industry for 33 years. I just recently finished a term with the American Water Works Association on the water utility Council, where I was a regular taury chair. We work with the technical advisory groups for many issues such as plant compounds, lead and copper, microbiological activities, and fluoride was off often was on some of our talks. I want to assure you that during my tenure, six years, and I just finished at the end of June, there was no reports that were brought through the federal government or the CDC, while I was in tenure that would have alerted me to the fact that fluoride would be harmful to our citizens. I assure you that if a study would have come through, then it would have said that to me, I would have brought this to the Common Council because I will not protect our citizens for the health and safety of our of our people. Our chemical costs, I wanted to address that we lump them together because we have to report them to the Public Service Commission, but we have chemicals in our Ozone, which is a primary disinfectant that gets rid of all of our viruses we have some of that for some of the off gassing, we have coagulant chemical that we use to get particles together to get them settled out into the industry. We also have chemicals that will help with our filter beds, as we're doing our filtering in our final filtration process to cleanse the water. We do add chlorine in the form of a sodium hypochlorite to keep our disinfection out in the distribution system from protecting it from brain growth and other microbiological activities, and we do add a small amount of fluoride .6 to .8 is what's recommended by the CDC and we follow those recommendations. I'm a Professional Engineer by trade, and I've worked in Washington in Madison and Waukesha, and all those systems used fluoridated water and they kept asking us, children's health networks keep begging us to continue to add them. So I'm closely article Association, American Dental Association in the semi PA, I'm looking to those experts into the doctors and nurses that work in these areas for the best science that I can find. And I as I talked to Alder Steuer today, too I mean, I will look at studies, but as of now I have not seen anything credible enough for me to stop protecting our citizens.

- Thanks.

- [Celestine] Okay, Attorney Bungert needs to address the committee. Thank you, General Manager, Quirk.

- Thank you, Nancy.

- Alders before we move on, I just wanted to alert everybody as far as from a time management perspective, we have hit 10 p.m. at this point. We still do have three ordinances that are still on the remainder of the agenda along with two informational reports. Once we get to 11 p.m. I would strongly strongly recommend we at that point recess for another meeting date and the suggested time would be in the afternoon on Thursday to resume discussions simply because we are at point going into a realm of lacking accessibility for

public input with respect to the remainder of the agenda. So I just wanted to alert everybody at this point in our discussion and whether the Alders feel that we can complete the agenda tonight or if we would like to go ahead and recess at 11.

- I would like to continue not at all committee.

- I like to continue on. Alder VanderLeest?

- Okay.

- We would we like to resume that discussion at 11 to see where we are with our agenda?

- Yes.

- Okay.

- We have a citizen with his hand raised.

- [Celestine] Yes, except for the fact that there are other people ahead of him. So, Dean Hoegger, I do see that you have your hand raised. Thank you very much. I'm gonna go on to Mark David Zahn. Can you please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee.

- Hello, my name is Mark David Zahn 1100, Chantelle Street, Green Bay. Since we are entering the realm of sleepy time, I'm going to keep this relatively short and sweet. I'm generally in support of keeping fluoride in the water. From my own research on the topic, most of the science that I've seen is kind of been in at best and requires a little bit more study before I wouldn't kind of go in that direction. And my suggestion, I don't know exactly how all the inner workings of city government work but I would propose that, why don't we put this to a referendum? Let the citizens weigh in and make their own decision as far as whether this is something they want or don't want. I know we've had a lot of people come here tonight that are clearly all embedded in trying to get this removed from the water. And I would personally like to see my ability to have a say in this and have other people in the community give their own opinion through their vote. So that is all I had.

- Thank you, Mark. Actually, that has been talked about a little bit and I appreciate you bringing that forward. So that is something that we will discuss.

- [Celestine] Okay, Chair, we have three other people who have raised their hands.

- So Paul Connett. Connett can you please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee? Mr. Connett I know you've been waiting all the time.

- Yeah, hello?

- [Celestine] Yes, I can hear you. Please give your name and address for the committee.

- My name is Paul Connett I live in Binghamton, New York, 104 Walnut Street, Binghamton, New York 13905. I'm a retired Professor of Chemistry who specialized in Environmental Chemistry, and Toxicology. I spent the last 24 years researching fluoride toxicity and co authored a book on this subject in 2010. Excuse me. Okay, water fluoridation has never been science based. It is authority based or belief in authority based. It began in 1945. And it was endorsed by the US Public Health Service in 1950 without a single study having been completed. Endorsements are not the same as science. We've heard a lot about endorsements tonight. But that's not the same as science. Saying that fluoridation is safe and effective over and over again, doesn't make it so. I will argue that the evidence that fluoride poses a risk to the fetal and infant brain is far stronger and more significant from a public health point of view than any evidence that ingesting fluoride benefits teeth. Here are some undeniable facts. The placental membrane does not protect the fetus from fluoride. Result, the highest dosage of fluoride in milligrams per kilogram body weight per day, goes to the fetus. The blood brain barrier is not fully protective until six months of age. And again, the second highest dosage goes to the bottle fed baby. A bottle fed baby in the fluoridated community gets between 100 and 200 times the amount of fluoride a breastfed baby gets. Between 1990 and 2017 there were many human and animal studies that showed that fluoride had the potential to damage the brain. But the bombshells came as you've heard since 2017. Since 2017 have been too rigorous NIH funded studies that show that fluoride exposure to women during pregnancy is associated with IQ loss in offspring. versus 2017 Green 2019, the first in Mexico City, the second from Canada. Another study in 2020. Another rigorous NIH funded study shows that Children who were bottle fed, as babies in fluoridated communities in Canada had lower IQs than children who were bottle fed as babies in non fluoridated communities. That's till 2020, nine IQ point difference. Meanwhile, no scientific study has clearly established that fluoride benefits teeth at the fetal stage or before the teeth have erupted. Most agree that the predominant benefit is topical and occurs after the teeth have erupted. Even if a very small benefit to teeth accrues during fetal infant development, it would be a very poor Public Health Policy to seek such a benefit at the expense of damaging the fetal and infant brain. Now the National Toxicology Program has been reviewing this issue for three and a half years. And in their draft review which was published in 2019 they concluded-

- [Celestine] Thank you Mr. Connett your time has expired.

- I thought somebody gonna ask a question about that.

- Well, we may just stick around.

- Thank you.

- Thank you for your testimony.

- [Celestine] Next we have Johnny Johnson. Mr. Johnson if you would, or Dr. Johnson, can you please unmute yourself and state your name, you kind of already did but just state your name and your general address for the committee.

- Okay, thank you Johnny Johnson, P.O. box 2450, Chiefland, Florida. I with the American Fluoridation Society and I am very much enjoyed the meeting tonight. If you ever want to go back and take a view at this type of meeting and all of these same arguments by Paul Connett and others here, go back and watch Calgary Alberta's meeting back in October of last year, which was a nine hour meeting strictly on fluoridation and Calgary was considering refluoridating it after a period since 2011, that they had stopped. They had, in the first three years and 146% increase in cavities come and compare to continuously fluoridated Edmonton. Now, let me fall back. There are a couple of other wonderful unfortunately I say wonderful because they are cessations that have shown the absolutely cavities do increase exponentially once fluoridation has stopped. Okay, let me go back. I thought that this meeting was about the emerging and what was used in the EPA case, I will like just kind of mention that the green Nedel study, which I think we should probably listen to the authors of that study in this case, which was what about the toxic substance act not about actual fluoridation. The primary authors were Till she was the primary author, Christine Till, and it's called The Green Nedel Study. We'll be getting that to you. And a co author Angeles Martinez Meyer, who I know very well she also served as a co author on the Mexican studies. Mexico uses fluoridated salt, not the same as the United States we use fluoridated water as Canada does. Christina Taylor jumped out of the blocks after the study went on Canadian TV and stated how millions of IQ points were going to be lost across the world by fluoridated water and then we were gonna have more people on the low end of the spectrum and less high in people of high IQ. A few weeks later, Angelica Martinez came out and said, "I do not agree with Christine Till that my pregnant mothers can drink fluoridated water." A week later, Christine Till came back out and says, "I think I may have been misunderstood. Yes, they can drink fluoridated water." So I don't see why we're arguing about something that the authors themselves say, is okay to do. And now I would be happy to go through any of the questions, any of the comments, including a filter that sells for 160 bucks that takes out 87% of your fluoride. There is no known fluoride allergies to scan ever. I have a reference on that. Thank you for letting me speak to you keep your water fluoridated, please.

- Thank you Director.

- [Lefebvre] May I ask a question?

- Yes go ahead Alder.

- [Lefebvre] Miss Johnson, the fluoride if we decide, say the whole country decides not to chlorinate their waters, what are you doing to product? Does it have to go to a special landfill or can it just be dumped anywhere?

- Well, the product itself does not have to be disposed off. I live here in Florida. And if you drive by where Mosaic or any of the other companies we have what's called Bone Valley here, we have a large resource of calcium carbonate, which contains fluoride and phosphate. And that is something that is what is not used. What is left over, is sitting in what's called slag piles. They're sitting in piles around the plants. Now we do get products, it's called a toxic waste by product by a lot of people but it's a co product. We're using phosphoric acid from this same process. If you look at your sodas, phosphoric acid is in your soda. That's what gives it to bite. It's also phosphate that we're getting to feed our animals and fertilizer, which in turn, turns around as well as drywall gypsum comes from this product. So it is a usable product just as you would turn around and say, cow is a toxic waste byproduct of the meat industry, we get pastures, we get cheese, we get milk we get all these different organs and things. It is a misnomer purposely said that way, and fluoride does not only come from phosphate industries, it comes from two other sources, but the primary amounts comes from the phosphate industry it's a very pure and a product that's very cheap. We don't have to mine, rock and treat it which would give you the exact same acid, that fluoridation acid to use, it is something that we can buy in expensively and it's pure, it's tested by The National Sanitation Foundation, American Water Works Association and has to meet the strict requirements of the EPA or it cannot be used. This is not some willy nilly process.

- [Lefebvre] If your spank pile ended up completely going into a water supply, a river stream whatever, would the EPA come in and say that's a toxin and you have to take care of it?

- Oh, if was any, we face chlorine or anything that is controlled by the EPA. And that's happened in area in Louisiana. It was not a fluoridation phosphate industry. It was some other industry there. They take precautions to line these piles with so that it does not leak. They also put berms around it to raise the area so it does not breach. Breaches happen, only one that I know of here in Florida but yes, the EPA would rush in and take care of that. This is not something that's just off the wall. Well, let's just do this and we'll turn around and sell it make some money. I had been called a shill for the industry I don't take a penny for what I do. I'm a retired disabled dentist and I am giving back to my community and those around the world to help have better

teeth than I did growing up without fluoridated water. Fluorinated water does reduce cavities, by 25% more than even on top of fluoridated toothpaste, fluoridated products and juices and halo effect. It's an additional-

- [Lefebvre] I'm sorry, but you just stated that it's not a toxin. But if you're slaying piles ended up contaminating a river going into a river wherever that it would be ending up, the EPA would say it's a toxin that you cannot put it in the water.

- You cannot dump anything in the water without appropriately treating it. We cannot dump raw sewage into water without appropriately treating it. So yes, ma'am, anytime you have, I didn't say it was a toxin. I said it is a product that cannot be dumped into any body of water as others have said they can't dump it, so they get rid of it by selling it to us and telling us it's good for our teeth. You cannot dump any product into water without first neutralizing it, and through proper protocols.

- Hello, I would give that pass?

- [Celestine] Yes, yes.

- Johnny I was gonna ask a couple questions, too. Are you done?

- Yes.

- Okay, well, in 2000, you testified in Green Bay three years ago and you put in quite a bit of information. I just got to ask a couple of questions. And it's basically your testimony, but I just wanted you to expound on it a little bit. Fluoride is a mineral that exists in all water around the world, as well as the soil and the air, sea water has fluoride levels at 1.4 parts per million which is twice what you put in your water. I've heard people say that it's a neurotoxin, I've heard other people say it's a natural element. it's a little confusing at times.

- As far as tea having fluoride in it, you're saying?

- Sea water.

- Oh, sea water? Yes sir. Sea water has natural fluoride levels between .8 parts per million and 1.4. Tea, if you asked about tea-

- I don't ask about it no, I didn't.

- Okay, I'm sorry.

- I did fluoride.

- And you guys have been going at it a long time.

- Yeah we have. Go ahead.

- Yes, it is naturally occurring as Matt Crespino said and all water naturally in ground water, surface water it is typically at levels too low to prevent cavities. We discovered the benefit of fluoride back in 1901, quite by accident. And we did not know that it was fluoride that was helping to prevent cavities. But yes, there was a 30 year research project to go on and look at what was helping those teeth have less cavities, but to have some stains on them and the Public Health Service found that once a probe was invented to fluoride in 1930, they tested areas where there were brown teeth in low cavities, and they tested areas that had good looking teeth and low cavities. And they saw that the areas that it was too high without too high, but it was at levels of two to 12 parts per million, you would get a brown stain on your teeth called severe dental fluorosis. And at low levels, you would have reduced cavities and that's when the project for Mother Nature teaching us was started in 1945. And that's when it showed us that huge cavity reductions occurred. Now the National Research Council has been mentioned a lot in that 2006 committee. That is a totally different subject than water fluoridation that is naturally occurring, fluoridated water at two to four parts per million and above completely different conversation.

- Well, I'm almost done here. I think it seems like the Calgary Edmonton studies seemed to be a real big one. And I don't know if there's any else or any other ones around the world that we can look at but it seems like that, for some reason, that one seems to really stand out. And I-

- 1.3 million people it makes a huge impact when you've got people being put in the hospital to be put under general anesthesia because of the fluoridation having been stopped. There's also Juneau Alaska also had a cessation study that was out recently, as well as Windsor Ontario, Canada had a similar situation and Windsor Ontario restarted re-fluoridation once we discussed it with them, and so has there's their cities that are on

their water Calgary is halfway to looking to restart as well. The science, nobody has ever stopped over the science. It has never been stopped in any community over the science of fluoridation. That is crystal clear and it continues to be studied. The overwhelming abundance, overwhelming body of literature is what we base our information on. Not one or two new studies, and they add to the body of literature and those are good researchers that did these. Bu they did not measure what happened between birth and three years old. There was no measurements of what those kids had in their diets, whether they had arsenic, whether they had anything else that could have affected their IQ. There's holes in these studies, and we wanna know what the bottom lines are as well, but we can't place our hat on work, two studies that hadn't been repeated and done differently,

- If there's information to that effect that you can share with the council, I would appreciate it.

- Absolutel, yes sir.

- I was gonna ask Mr. Connett, if I could- Mr Connett did you wanna reply to that? I mean, you've been kind of leaning forward. I just wanted to hear what your comments were on that question I asked.

- [Celestine] Alder Steuer, I'm sorry. No, no, I just want to make you aware that there are three other people who have-

- All right.

- [Celestine] Yes.

- All right well, Mr. Connell you can hold. I just gonna ask him, I just need a maybe 20 seconds.

- Yeah, 20 seconds. Chris Neurath was on earlier he testify, Chris wrote a paper which was published in the same journal, which ripped apart this so called Calgary Study. I urge you to read Chris's critique. Chris Neurath's critique of the Calgary study.

- Thank you go ahead, Celestine.

- [Celestine] Okay, thank you very much. Thank you, Dr. Johnson.

- Thank you folks.

- [Celestine] And the next person is Dunk Rd. Dunk Rd, please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee.

- I'm actually the chief data officer of signal cancer, and I'm here to speak on behalf of fluoride in the water. My address would be the one Wes Wilson, Madison, Wisconsin and the Department of Health Services. And I'd like to thank the committee for staying on so long with this with this lengthy agenda and still saying away.

- Yeah, thank you.

- One of the things my colleagues Dr. Johnson mentioned was the Windsor as their study that occurred in Ontario, Canada. And just to get a little more information on that, in 2013, the City Council there voted eight to three to remove fluoride from the water, but to do a five year study, so over the course of time, then in 2018, they voted the same level eight to three to put fluoride back into the water system. And the reason being for that is because of the severe complications that they noticed, as a result of having removed fluoride in the water system. One example was that they estimated the average total cost for emergency dental visits within a hospital system was over \$500,000 per year because of the events felon section senator because of a lack of fluoride in the water system. Another study that's been talked about is the Green Study and the Lambo study that was done in Canada based on the IQ. Some things that haven't been pointed out is that the average IQ change that they were talking about in young males was from 108.07 versus 108.21. That was the different change in the IQ status that they had. But they also did mention or bring out in the study was that what happened is, it was not gender specific, for example, women or the girls had an IQ that was actually higher in the fluoridated group versus a non fluoridated group. Other people that have looked at this study have also said that, it was done on a spot urine analysis. Well, if you're gonna study any kind of substance that has a very short half life, you have to do the study as a 24 hour sample minus one urine sample, three reactor. So as you Dr. Johnson pointed out, there was a lot of flaws in these studies, a lot of holes that couldn't be justified or couldn't be. And that's what we need to look at when we're looking at these studies. Just looking at them closely and look at the true science. And I thank you for your time.

- Thank you doctor.

- [Celestine] Okay, next we have and I haven't forgotten you Mr. Hoegger. Next we have a Robin from- I don't see your last name. If you could please state your name and address for the committee.

- My name is Robbyn Brewster One West Wilson, Madison, Wisconsin. I am a registered Dental Hygienist in the Fluoridation Program Coordinator with the Wisconsin Cardinal Health Services Division of Public Health. I work collaboratively on this issue with the Department of Health Services Staff including The state Dental Director who just spoke. I'm an epidemiologist and toxicologist on community water fluoridation and appreciate the opportunity to provide your committee with a statement on this important topic. The mission of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is to protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Wisconsin. community water fluoridation is a key component in our effort to reduce the burden of oral disease. Studies confirmed that those living in a community with fluoridated drinking water have about a 25% reduction in cavities over those living in non fluoridated communities. Water fluoridation is one of the most equitable ways to improve the health of children and adults regardless of income, insurance, status, race or ethnicity or ability level. In Wisconsin, over 3.5 million people, or almost 90% of the population living on public water supplies have fluoridated water and in Brown County with only three public water systems not adjusted for fluoride, 96.3% of the population on a public water supply has access to fluoridated water. As the State Fluoridation Program coordinator, I manage the fluoridation data in the water fluoridation reporting system for the CDC. A review of, I should say for the data that feeds into the CDC. A review of the fluoridation data for Green Bay clearly demonstrates that this community consistently receives the recommended level of fluoride for optimal oral health. The quality of the operations within Green Bay water utility should be commended and recognized. The beauty of science that we are always learning. Fluoridation is an area of active research for federal programs. They have panels of experts with knowledge, formal training and various health and scientific disciplines and the capacity to review, interpret and analyze hundreds of research papers. After 75 years of research and practical experience the consensus of scientific evidence indicates that fluoridation of community water supplies is a safe, effective, and well tested public health program. The level of fluoride used in drinking water .07 milligrams per liter, in other words, a very tiny amount does not pose appreciable risks of harm to human health. Everyone in Green Bay benefits from fluoride in the drinking water including children, adults, those living with developmental disabilities, nursing home residents, as well as those that have private dental insurance, Medicaid or uninsured. Available data does indicate that cavities remain a public health problem affecting many people. Fluoride has been proven to protect teeth from decay by helping to rebuild and strengthen tooth enamel but the health benefits of fluoride include having fewer cavities, less severe cavities, a less need for fillings and removing teeth, and less often-

- [Celestine] Thank you so much your time has expired.

- Thank you, Robin. I actually have a quick question, Robin for you. Thank you for your testimony. As far as the state of Wisconsin goes, what percentage of communities have fluoridated water? which ones don't? I mean, can you give us a number as far as who fluoridates and who doesn't in the state of Wisconsin?

- Probably the best number that I can give you is of the entire population in the state that served by a public water supply 90% of that population has access to fluoridated water. The exact number of communities that fluoridates versus the number of public water systems that don't, I don't have that off the top of my head. Certainly most of the bigger communities are adding fluoride it's economically.

- I read some things about Fond du Lac, they had issues of whether they wanted to keep fluoride or not. What is the status of Fond du Lac as far as fluoridation?

- So Fond du Lac has complex infrastructure that we're dealing with there. They have a lot of wells at least well, 27 wells, 26 I want to say I'm not even sure the exact number, but it's a lot of wells. And they all have different levels of natural fluoride. Some of them have natural fluoride above the amount above that 0.7 parts per million and some are lower than that. So it's a Fond du Lac complex.

- Okay, all right that's good. That's good for me. Anybody else otherwise Celestine go ahead.

- [Lefebvre] Can I ask a question?

- Go ahead Alder.

- [Lefebvre] Yeah has your group done any studies on the effects of the fluoride on the developing fetus, or the children, the babies that are being bottle fed? Because I do know that children are affected by chemicals a lot more than adults. There is a big, I know that studies done that the body weight and development of a child differs from an adult. Have you done that?

- So I can tell you that the Department of Health Services looks to protect all of the citizens in the state. We do not conduct any research we really rely on our federal partners for doing that. And I think like I said in my testimony, they're the ones that we have to do that they have the expertise from the panel of experts that can really look at that. So we really rely on our federal partners to guide us in that way and to look at the science and help us make Public Health Policies that promote the health and protect all Wisconsin residents. They certainly look at that research and take into consideration the most vulnerable populations, including babies and infants, that population is considered when that research is done when that research is reviewed and analyzed.

- [Lefebvre] So you'll have seen the NIH last two studies?

- I have seen them and I can certainly tell you that the federal organizations that are looking at that looks seen them as well and are well aware of them and have not changed any policies or any recommendations on what we should be doing with water fluoridation. And research would come out. We welcome that research and if any new research would come out to suggest or to support, that there may be populations that would be

impacted by something such as the fluoride in the drinking water, we would certainly look at that and consider our policies as well.

- Okay, so good chance. All right go ahead Celestine.

- Yes, thank you Alder. And now on Mr. Hoegger If you would unmute yourself, Dean Hoegger. Maybe it's Hoegger but if you would unmute yourself, and please state your name and address For the committee.

- My name is Dean Hoegger I live at 3731 Big Rock Place in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. I'm the Executive Director of clean water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin, where we have about 200 members who live in the Green Bay Area. In 2012, the Clean Water Action Council passed a resolution opposing the fluoridation of water, municipal water. We looked at the issue and prior to looking at it from a number of different points of view, my dentist had brought the issue up with me and when she did, I said why I have a well so it's not really something I should be concerned about. And then she went on to explain that the many different products that contain liquid, most likely have fluoridated water and whether it be soda, concentrated beverages, or beverages made from concentrates, any of those kinds of things, soups and so forth that are processed come from areas where there's typically fluoridated water. So the board looked at this issue and when they saw that the CDC was saying that the fluoride was most effective when after cavities, excuse me after teeth erupted, and that it was effective topically, not systemically, the board pretty much felt like that was enough information to realize that the City of Green Bay was using it as a drug to treat cavities, to try to reduce cavities. And after looking at this and realizing and what explaining or having what my dentist explain it to me that there are lots of different ways that you get this fluoridated water, that dosage would then be uncontrolled. And different people would be getting different amounts of fluoridated water, especially people who might not be able to afford higher cost products, they might not be able to buy that natural juices, they might have to buy juices and sodas and so forth that had more fluoridated water. So it also became a social justice issue, where people who couldn't afford to purchase unfluoridated water and use those in their homes for things like infant formula they were subject to no choice. They basically had to add fluoride systemically to their diet. And yet the effects apparently were more if there was a pot effect it was topic. So when my wife comes back home, who's a Oncology Nurse and talks about like young people now that she sees in her Oncology Clinic with different kinds of cancers, it's a concern to me that we need to eliminate just this extra chemical that we're exposing the citizenry to, thank you.

- Thank you, Dean.

- [Celestine] Okay, and next we have David D. David D, can you please unmute yourself and give your name and address to the committee.

- Yes, it's David De Sham 21 silver Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54302. I kind of just want to chime in great conversation on both sides and it's a very good learning situation. And I get kind of just as a citizen really want

to chime in a thought process of buying as hearing all this and really hearing on one side that this is the recommended amount that should be in the water to provide perfect oral health treatment. And that's just kind of really interesting because anytime you do go to the dentist, they are still offering this fluoride as a purchase product to, put on topical. And if you really are getting the perfect amount, as they say, or why are they still offering additional fluoride at that time? So it's just kind of another thought process of, why do they keep pushing a product or something that's already supposedly being offered at the perfect level. You know what, it's determined to be safe. So that's all I have to add. And just thank you everybody for their insight in this topic.

- Thank you, David. David, just one question as a citizen of Green Bay, would you entertain the thought of a referendum at all or not?

- Yes, I definitely think that's a very valuable thing. I do think that would be a good route to go in my personal opinion, as long as there was a lot of open discussions or forums where people could become knowledgeable about the subject.

- Thank you for that. Thanks for staying up.

- [Celestine] Okay. And next we have- Well, Paul Connett has already, Connett has already spoken. So I'm gonna take him last. There's Kim S. Who's next. Kim S, as in Sam, can you please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee?

- Yeah, so my name is Kimberly Smith, and I live at 775 in Bear Lane, here in Oregon, Wisconsin. And I just want to talk about something that nobody else has, well, I guess Dean Hoegger kind of spoke on. And that's the civil justice issue. In a memorandum back in 1962, it was said, Dr. Russell told me today that Negroes and Grand Rapids had twice as much fluoride as others. So this community has known that the black community is affected by fluoride at double, twice the rate as whites. So now they're asking, should we change the optimum fluid levels? Does it indicate more studies? Were there more studies done? because I've never seen them. So I just wanna kind of leave you with a quote from Dr. Aveda King, who is a niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She wrote, "the fluoride gate scandal continues to unravel all water fluoridation legislation should be repealed in all states that enacted fluoridation. Generally people with built in biases in support of fluoridation have been controlling the discussion about harm from fluorides. The Centers for Disease Control has clearly been trying to preserve fluoridation at all costs. But the fact about fluoride harm are coming out anyway. This is a civil rights issue. No one should be subjected to drinking fluoride in the water, especially sensitive groups, like kidney patients, diabetics, babies in their milk formula, or poor families that cannot afford to purchase unfluoridated water. Black and Latino families are being disproportionately harmed." And I like to expound on that. As a single mother in Madison for five years and I wanted fluoride out of my water, I knew the dangers and it was expensive to remove. So, fluoride works, at what cost? How can we get the same results without damaging the rest of our body? And I haven't heard anybody asked that. I think it's a cheap way to, fluoridate everyone versus pinpointing those that need it. It's the cheapest way out. And I think that really needs to be addressed. So I would like the Public Health agencies and dentist to stop speaking for people of color.

Oftentimes, we don't want that in our water. So, thank you very much. It's really really I need to head to bed. So all right, take care.

- Thank you, Kim. Kim, I was gonna ask you a quick question. If you have any information that you have that you could share with our Alders.

- Yeah.

- If you could send it to our Green Bay City Council.

- I did send you guys a PowerPoint just-

- Did you?

- I did yeah. If you'd like any more, let me know.

- All right, then that may suffice. If you feel that there's more that we can look at, please send it.

- I will. Like I said there weren't any studies to observe the, twice as much fluorosis in the black community. To my knowledge, I'm sure that there are other people who might know that better than myself so-

- Okay, well, thank you for your testimony.

- Thank you.

- Celestine?

- [Celestine] Okay. Now we have Dean Murphy. Dean Murphy, can you please unmute yourself and give your name and address for the committee.

- My name is Dean Murphy. My address is 2835 Make erland Road Rockford, Illinois. I just wanted to give you kind of my take on where I was coming from. I wrote the book, "The devil's Poison" that the ultimate I've already mentioned. And it was just kind of the journey that I had gone through and I wanted to just try and briefly comment on that and two minutes that I have, but I'm practicing orthodontist. I've been one for 33 years now. And why I wrote the book was I saw these marks on kids teeth. That's what I do for a living I dry teeth off and I put braces on them but most of the time they're dehydrated or dried. I can look at the enamel and I was looking at the enamel and I couldn't figure out what all these marks were and it's much worse than you see when the teeth are wet, how much damage there actually is on these teeth. So I was giving out fluoridated prescriptions to a lot of my patients for bad brushing. And that's what I was taught in dental school. And I was challenged one day by a mother and it still affected me that I started doing my own research. And I knew I was taught the last, six years of my education and I had to do my own research myself. And that's where I got back, ended up doing research for about 15 years on the subject. And I finally compiled it all put it in a book. And I wanted to teach the dentist, dentists that I know in my area, dentist that I, had gone to school with, and that's a lot of my time talking is with groups of dentists now. But in a nutshell, the little white spots, all the dentist fluoridations in any type of fluoridation I would say that it's hypo calcification, and there it is, but they never get any deeper than that. And the reason that those parts are there is because the substructure is faulty. The collagen that was laid down first by the ameloblasts was faulty, they were poisoned. Fluoride is a metabolic inhibitor. It lacks cellular respiration. And that's why those cells and that collagen becomes distorted. And then when the mineral goes to attach to the collagen, it ends up being defective. When you drink fluoride doesn't just go to teeth, there's no magic bullet and it goes to the brain, it goes to the bones, it goes to all the different systems in the body. And that's the real problem with fluoride is that it's a general poison. It's not a specific one. And it's so small hydrogen radius similar to it, it ends up crossing the blood brain barrier and the placenta. So that's what I wanted to bring up all the time I have but it is a poison, look into it and you'll discover it yourself. So thank you.

- Thank you, Dr. Murphy. I did go to your website and take a look at issues. And I just one of the questions I had I have a few dentists, giving information via phone, etcetera, that we're afraid to speak, here and you you're not so I guess the question I had is, I think there may be deserved for retribution by some dentists maybe to speak on this because of the sense of-

- My first talk on society they wanted to stop me at the last minute. The group of dentists got up in front and wanted me to just, they just told the president they want to stop me from using up this topic. And it was a group of close to 100 and some dentists. And the President knew me and she knew my integrity. She knew my intelligence. And she said, no, I'm gonna let them talk and I did. And I can Florida mall because of the information that I had in there, and they started realizing that they really don't know the truth behind it. And they really don't know we get so much information across our desk from public health, from the ADA. And it and it is what it is a lot of it is propaganda. There's a deeper part to this monetarily. And if you start digging, you'll find it. And that's what I keep telling these people. It's one thing to be told but it's another thing to start digging on your own and looking for it, you'll find it. And then it starts to make sense.

- How long did this take all the research for the book?

- 15 years before I wrote it, I wrote it in 2008. And at the time, I had told one of the first dentists or first authors to say that this is a neurotoxic agent. And at the time that I wrote it, there was five studies. They're all in China at the time that it was no toxic and the reason it's neuro toxic is because teeth are derived embryologically from neural ectoderm. So there's a strong connection between teeth which are nothing more than calcified neurons and the brain itself and the nervous system itself. And by the time you'll now today there's at least 65 studies out saying that it's neurotoxic. So I put my reputation, I put my thoughts and intelligence on the line back in 2008. And it's true and that's one of the reasons I wrote the book and got it in print, was to say, look, these are facts. You can't deny it that way.

- Well, thank you for your testimony.

- [Celestine] Okay, Alder Chair we have no one else who's raised their hand.

- Come on, Rick North. Rick North is raising his hand. You wanna-

- [Celestine] I am not seeing him.

- Rick blue shirt.

- [Celestine] Oh I see, okay, all right.

- Nice library.

- [Celestine] Just give me a second. Mr. North, please state your name and address for the committee.

- Yes. My name is Rick North. I live at 17070 southward

- [Celestine] Go ahead.

- I'd like to start by just introducing who I am. I'm the chair of the Advisory Committee for the Fluoride Action Network, the largest organization in the world opposing fluoridation. Not been a volunteer on this issue for 10 years. My background, I worked for the American Cancer Society for 21 years in management, last five as the Director of the Oregon Division. Before I retired, I worked seven years for the physicians for social responsibility. Heading up nationwide to save food program. So I'm not a doctor or a scientist, but I just work with them, my entire life just about. I always favor fluoridation until a friend called me about 10 years ago and said, "would you actually just look at the science on this?" I said, "Okay, I will." And when I did, I was just amazed at how many serious health risks there were. And the evidence was so strong that I just changed my mind. And the main science of this has been mentioned before, but here I'm gonna little show and tell. This is the National Research Council's study 2006 fluoride and drinking water. It is true, they didn't take a position on fluoridation one way or the other. But what they also did was look at the toxicity of fluoride, and of course, if you put it in the water, there's no way to control it. So just a couple of quotes, by the way, can you just see me? Those are all red flags and I saw just a couple quotes the unequivocal nature of these fluoride interferes with the functions of the brain and why is an endocrine disruptor decreases thyroid function increases the severity of some diabetes. There was no doubt about this back in 2006. And still fluoridation has continued. So I just wanted to bring that to light and just a couple others that because the narrative you keep hearing is that this stuff has been proven safe for everybody well, Noah has and I'm just gonna address some of the points that have been brought up. The Calgary have mentioned study that's been you know, what you've heard is pretty way up after some fluoridation it did. What you didn't hear it have been going up just as much before they stopped fluoridation. Be happy to send you that. These scientists in a bad quarter and I think misrepresented. I will give you the quotes of these scientists themselves that have taken part in these studies and let you hear from them themselves. And this one or two studies, that's all they got. The original petition to the EPA against allowing fluoridation 57 out of 61 studies, higher the fluoride, the lower the IQs, so-

- [Celestine] Thank you very much your time has expired.

- If you care to send that to our council I'd appreciate it, what information you have.

- I will be happy to send that and you were talked about the attacks on the dentists, the threats. I've actually prepared three pages of evidence, short quotes on how many scientists and dentists have been attacked for their stances against fluoridation. And this has been taking their jobs away.

- [Celestine] Alder, Mr. North's time has expired.

- Thank you, right just send me that information.

- I will send that to you, thank you.

- All right, anything else Celestine?

- [Celestine] I do not see anyone else who is, lemme just take a look here. Oh, I do see one person Keith Decker, whose hand is raised. Mr. Decker can you please unmute yourself Thank you already are and share your name and address for the committee.

- Keith Decker, Bristol Mountain Trail. Thank you for, you can hear me?

- [Celestine] Bristol Mountain Trail and-

- Green Bay, Wisconsin 54313.

- [Celestine] Go right ahead.

- Well, thank you for dealing with this important issue. Please give it your thorough consideration and care. And please go to greenbaywater.org. To hear what I have to say about it beyond this time limit. I'd ask that you please speak further with the internationally renowned experts that have joined in today. Paul and Michael Connett in particular, they know this issue inside and out, including the details of the science and the law. There's a lot of different angles you can approach the topic with, and a lot of details to dive into. But as I see it, the bottom line is that public water fluoridation is unethical, unsafe and unnecessary. Because, number one, that it is intentionally as in the whole purpose of it is to be a forced mass medication, violating an individual's right to consent and disregard individual appropriate dosage. That sense alone is reason enough to stand in opposition to fluoridation. It should not be the role of government to force innocent people to ingest the medication against their will. No one should do that. Fluoride is not a benign substance. It's not a nutrient. It's not used to treat the water quality. It's a prophylactic drug intended to medicate children indiscriminately applied to everyone in the community. If a citizen forced the politician to take a drug against their will they be in jail, because it is inherently a violation of a person's body. And it is obviously wrong to act as if one owns the body of another person, much less the entire population. If there's anything a person can rightly own, it's themselves. The sanctity of one's own body, is why rape is wrong. Self ownership and free will or something sacred and that's why fluoridation contravenes multiple major codes of ethics and law. The very first sense in the Nuremberg Code is the voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. In UNESCO's Universal Declaration on bioethics and human rights, it explicitly states, "in no case should a collective community agreement or the consent of a community leader or other authority, substitute for an individual's informed consent." To circumvent that is a moral crime. Fluoride added to the public water cannot be avoided as it cannot feasibly be filtered out and it goes anywhere the water flows. If there is anything a person is entitled to its elemental sustenance, water is a vital necessity of life. And it needs to be available free from

drugs. It's not an appropriate way to treat a disease and you cannot control the situation. So please stop it. If it's morally wrong, don't do it. I have more to say but greenbaywater.org.

- Thank you, Keith, we'll look at that. Thank you. Celestine? Celestine, are you there Hello?

- [Celestine] I'm muted. It is done on wait.

- Yeah, I know.

- [Celestine] I know that you wanted to couple things. So I know attorney Bungert wanted to address the hour and meetings laws. And so I'm gonna give attorney Bungert the opportunity to do that.

- Yes, so we have hit 11 p.m. And it appears our discussion or at least the public portion is completed, on the fluoridation issue. I believe we still do have three ordinances remaining on the agenda along with two informational reports. So I'm not sure what the committee's officials are at this point, whether we'd like to recess, or-

- Alder Stephens. I'd like to say one thing quickly. I know Alder Dorff you've been hanging on for quite a while for your item. Are you okay with if we went to Thursday with that?

- That would be an excellent idea. I have quite a bit of information and it would take a long time.

- That's why I wanted to check. So Alder Stephens, do you wanna go ahead?

- Yes, we need to make a motion to close the floor.

- Okay once you do that.

- [Lefebvre] I'll second it.

- Okay made by Stevens, seconded by Alder Lefebvre. All in favor?

- [Group] Aye.

- All Opposed? Okay. Go ahead Stevens.

- So because of the 11 o'clock hour, I suggest that we convene until Thursday.

- I would like to make one statement Mark before we close.

- Yeah, go ahead.

- We should vote on the fluoridation tonight after all this discussion. I oppose the fluoridation in the water. I make that motion, I oppose it.

- Alder, I was thinking about this. We're all real tired. I think it would be nice to have some finalization tonight but we are holding off on three other items.

- We talked on this item Mark for a long time. I think we should make it a lot of things will be missed. I heard the discussions tonight. I feel that we should vote on this right tonight. We don't ship around.

- Hold on a second, okay just calm down.

- [Lefebvre] Can I ask a question? Alder VanderLeest, would Thursday be okay 'cause we're gonna get all this information that these people are gonna be sending us?

- No, I wanna vote on this item. This item was brought on for a long session, and I wanna vote on it tonight. That's only fair.

- I do follow his reasoning on that. I'm so awake, I don't- Alder Dorff go ahead.

- I would like a full and rich discussion from the Alders on the committee that it just shouldn't go right to a vote. You guys should have time to discuss this and to think about it and to talk about it. So if you want to stay, on in and and do that, that's right.

- Let's be honest and talk about this right now then.

- I think it's not a good idea to do that. I don't think you should be jumping to a boat. And I think you have learned so much information that to process it until Thursday, might be a really good idea, thanks.

- [Lefebvre] I concur.

- Mark, I just like to make a comment quick.

- Go ahead.

- I've listened to Alder's arguments on both sides. I don't have to wait till Thursday to make a decision. I'm tuned in on what's going on and what's been presented. I wanna vote on this tonight, and I oppose the fluoridation in the water will be picking it up at council anyway but I oppose and I'd like to vote on it tonight. I make that motion.

- Let me ask Alder Stevens and Alder Lefebvre, are you off for this tonight? Yes or no?

- [Lefebvre] I'm not, no.

- Alder Stevens?

- [Lefebvre] But I'd like to get some of this information and go through a Kip. And I'm sorry, it is really late for me and I have to get up early tomorrow. I have to go to Sturgeon Bay and I wanna be awake.

- Alder VanderLeest I appreciate your intensity on this but Alder Dorff brings up a good point that we're gonna be discussing this for probably at least a half hour. I mean, if we're gonna do it right, if we're gonna do it justice, I know you have your mind made up. But I've done a lot of research on this as well. I've got-

- I've done this as well Mark.

- Right, I understand. I understand, I'm not diminishing that by any means, but I think it's important that we have a clear head when we decide on this. So I'm- I'm willing to go to Thursday. I'm sorry if that disappoints you, but I'm willing to go to Thursday, so Alder Stevens do you wanna go ahead?

- I would like to thank everybody for speaking tonight. I greatly appreciate it.

- I would definitely like to wait until Thursday.

- Okay, make that motion.

- Alders we do need to set a specific date and time my proposition would be 2 p.m. Because staff does need time to go through the minutes. This is a very, very lengthy meeting. The minutes and the report in order for it to be ready in time for council report on Tuesday. It's still gonna be a bit of a race. Because we do not have any committee meetings on Thursday for that reason. However, that's the only time that we would be able to do because of the other standing committees that are set for tomorrow and Wednesday. So my suggestion would be the latest 2 p.m. The date is the 13th, 14th through the 16th of July, and it will be a Zoom format such as this. Thank you.

- All right Alder Stevens this is on your motion.

- Two o'clock on Thursday.

- Yes.

- Recess to 2 p.m. on Thursday, July-

- 16th

- [Lefebvre] I'll second that.

- Seconded by Lefebvre.

- Throw you a second comment.

- Yes, go ahead.

- Your committee obviously you can pick whatever you want. But just remind the committee that you're here for the public. Now this is a public meeting. Many city council meetings have gone until morning hours. One two in the morning. So, again, your committee but you have a lot of people on this call right now, from all across the country with a lot of different perspectives and expertise. Just being mindful that recessing to a later time, I don't think is appropriate, considering the fact that you could settle this issue now, having just heard a couple hours of public testimony and just laying in and push it again. personally but we answer to the public, the public has just provided the comments for several hours. I think you owe it to them to settle this issue around and move forward.

- Alder Brunette you know, if that's the case, then I would, there were a couple of citizens that talked about a referendum. I would opt for something like that. That was something I wanted to talk about, but I wanted to hear that all with a number of the Alders.

- Just a minute please you have a motion on the floor to recess and I try to hijack your meal.

- No, but I understand.

- Alder Steuer is that your recommendation?

- Yeah, that would be my recommendation.

- I would second that.

- Okay, we'll put it the referendum. Anybody else?

- Being a on a referendum? I think we should address the issue right now. A referendum we can do in the future. We can get that done in the future. But I think we should deal with this situation right now. City Council should speak up and say what they want.

- [Lefebvre] I'm sorry. If the if the council then says yeah, let's take fluoride out then there's no reason to have sorry, I'm so tired here and-

- I think fluoride is a big issue and I think the city council should weigh in on it. Period.

- [Lefebvre] Well they will.

- We vote on this right now tonight. All the people that time down on the public. I think we should vote on it right tonight.

- [Lefebvre] Why?

- And get the votes out right now.

- Well, Alder VanderLeest, like I said.

- Alders we do have a motion on the floor.

- Yes.

- Request to recess until Thursday at-

- Yes, we'll just take a vote on that Alder VanderLeest. Hold on a second. The vote will be for Thursday to get this information out. I know the people, a lot of folks are here. They really want to hear what we feel tonight. I want to make sure that we're at a sharp mind and just do it at that time.

- My thoughts are my mind. My mind is sharp right now and I would'nt wait till Thursday.

- I don't know what you had for dinner, but I could use some of that. Like I said no matter which way we go on to someone's likely to be happy. I know-

- Alders we would like to do a voice vote on the motion the floor, okay. Alder Stevens?

- Yes.

- Alder VanderLeest?

- Nay.

- Alder Steuer?

- Yes.

- Alder Lefebvre?

- [Lefebvre] Yes.

- All right. The motion to recess to 2 p.m. On Thursday, July 16, passes three to one with Alder VanderLeest voting no.

- Thank you.

- All right.

- All right, we will pick up the remainder of the agenda on Thursday and that meeting will be noticed and agendas posted.

- Thank you all for all your testimony and time and everybody get a cookie and some milk or something, because I'm going to.

- All right, good night all thank you.

- [Lefebvre] Not a cookie, not a cookie.

- Yeah, you're all right.

- [Celestine] Is this meeting adjourned?

- How do we call it Attorney Bungert?

- I believe because we are recessed it's essentially a pause and then we would resume the meeting.

- [Celestine] Okay, so this meeting is officially recessed, is that accurate?

- Yes, it's getting recessed, correct.

- [Celestine] Thank you.