



MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020, 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

I. Please find information and instructions about this Zoom meeting.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

C. ROLL CALL.

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

D. REPORT BY THE MAYOR

E. INVOCATION.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

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

I. April 9, 2020.

G. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Consideration with possible action on the Bellevue Interim Fire Chief Services Agreement.

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

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to go into closed session at 6:15pm.
Motion carried.

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

Ald. Barbara Dorff read the closed session language.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to return to regular order of business at 6:34pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Randy Scannell to approve item 1, the agreement as presented in closed session. Motion carried.

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

2. Receive and place on file the Resolution Suspending In-Person Voting in Accordance with Executive Order No. 74.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to open the floor for discussion.
Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to close the floor for discussion.
Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to receive and place on file item 2.
Motion carried.

3. Consideration with possible action on amending GBMC 27.101 to include the Wis. Stat. sec. 252.25 pertaining to violations of law relating to health.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to approve item 3. Motion carried.

4. Consideration with possible action on amending GBMC 33.01(9)(d) relating to Class B (liquor) licenses to include the sale of intoxicating liquor in the original package or container for consumption off-premises.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve item 4. Motion carried.

H. ORDINANCES - FIRST AND FINAL READING FOR ADOPTION

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to suspend the rules to adopt Ordinances First and Final Reading 1 and 2 with a 2/3 vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to adopt Ordinances 1 and 2. Motion carried.

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

1. General Ordinance 10-20

An ordinance amending GBMC 27.101 Adopting State Statutes.

2. General Ordinance 9-20

An ordinance amending GBMC 33.01(9)(d) Class B (liquor) license.

I. REFERRAL OF PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS.

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

A request by Ald. Randy Scannell to the Protection & Policy Committee for the City to adopt urging our State Legislature to establish and allow an all-mail-in ballot for the next elections.

A request from Ald. Chris Wery to the Protection & Policy Committee or Committee of the Whole requesting the Wisconsin Elections Commission to investigate the administration of the election and conduct of officials for April 7, 2020 and report its findings to the Green Bay Common Council.

A request by Ald. Mark Steuer to the Improvement & Services Committee to have the City of Green Bay look at docking facilities at the Green Bay Metro boat launch, and see about alternatives to the existing docks including portable docking systems such as those Brown County facilities, Allouez and DePere.

A request by Ald. Barbara Dorff to the Protection & Policy Committee to form an ad-hoc elections committee for the duration of the Covid 19 National Crisis. The purpose of said committee, under the direction of the Green Bay City Clerk, would be to proactively assist the Clerk to plan for the November 2020 election and have the primary goal of obtaining positive suggestions and action items to improve the process of holding elections that occur during the Covid 19 outbreak. This committee could be composed of city staff, to include the city clerk, the deputy city clerk, and a city attorney, Alders, and interested citizens from Green Bay and should be approved by City Council. This committee could review what happened during the in person voting in Green Bay on April 7th, 2020, as well as what areas of planning for a future election might be changed or improved and could include such items as:

1. The communications to the public regarding early voting and absentee ballots.
2. The mechanics and logistics of the April 7th election and what can be done now to ensure a more successful and efficient election in August and November.
3. If needed, the committee should make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council and determine if recommendations or requests should be made to the Wisconsin Elections Commission in advance of the August/November 2020 election.

A request from Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to the Finance Committee regarding Zoom having multiple security issues, the City of Green Bay should look into Cisco Webex which Brown County is using.

A request from Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to the Protection & Policy Committee for a resolution that the City of Green Bay ask the Wisconsin Elections Commission to investigate myvote.wi.gov, regarding requests for absentee ballot failures. Citizens filled out the request, only after weeks of not receiving their ballot they went back to check their status only to find out their request was not filled.

J. ADJOURNMENT.

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

VERBATIM MINUTES

- City Council for April 9, 2020. Clerk?

- All 12 are present.

- Very good. Up and stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and by unanimous consent I'm gonna switch the order here and bring the invocation up just behind the Pledge of Allegiance. Gotta a little thing out of order here so.

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

- By way of an invocation I would just ask all alders and all members of the community to keep in mind those who are dealing with COVID-19 in our community and around the state of Wisconsin. There's one individual in the Green Bay Police Department who has been diagnosed with corona virus as many of you probably know. So wanna keep this person in particular in our prayers tonight. Also just wanted to pray for guidance and wisdom and tolerance in these difficult times ahead. We are moving towards a peak of cases here in the state of Wisconsin within the next week or two or so. And it's gonna be a really important time for us all to be pulling in the same direction. So praying for that this evening. Now we are on to report by the Mayor. Just have a camera right here. So I wanted to, of course, touch on these elections which just occurred on Tuesday. I was talking to a local business man and he offered some advice about how he analyzes things after the fact. So it's a pretty simple way of doing it but what happened, why it happened and what can we do differently in the future. So I'm gonna run through that analysis for you. And then get on to the rest of the meeting. So what happened? So we were forced to administer an election in the midst of a pandemic. Something obviously none

of us has ever really imagined happening. The experience was an abysmal one for voters and a very challenging experience for all poll workers. And again I want to apologize to and thank each and every person who participated or assisted with the election on Tuesday. Why did it happen? To provide some background, the biggest logistical challenge we encountered as a city was the dramatic decline in poll workers. Polling locations also dropped out but that was not the controlling factor. Nearly 95% of our poll workers became unavailable in the days before the election. And forced us to dramatically alter our plans for Tuesday. So once we hit what we thought was rock bottom in the neighborhood of what I believe was 38 poll workers. I reached out to Superintendent Langenfeld to see if we'd be able to access all four of our high school gyms in the city. And they graciously agreed to that request. Unfortunately the number of available poll workers continued to decline which necessitated the final consolidation of polling locations down to the ultimate two that we had at East and West. So that probably prompts the question why didn't the city recruit younger volunteers and possibly city workers into the process. And from my perspective I was never willing to press city employees into service, in harms way, potentially infecting them and endangering them. And I was unwilling to actively recruit citizens into this process either. People will get sick and some may die because of Tuesday's in person election and I was unwilling to play a part in implicating additional people into this public health disaster. And I want everyone to know that I take full ownership of that decision. On the question of National Guard involvement, there are two overarching reasons why we didn't ask for more assistance, in my mind anyway. There was training and there was timing. So as our city's election administrator, Clark Tesky, did not believe the training provided was adequate, the equally important factor however was timing. We received a call from the county clerk late last week and more detailed message from Representative Dave Steffen on Sunday night informing us of the National Guard's availability. Both messages were received after we made the decision of consolidating down to two polling locations. We contemplated their use to assist us with the enforcement of social distancing guidelines. Which I think had been done in a number of other municipalities. But as you know, our police officers had been asked to provide this service and did so on election day. So moving forward what can we do differently? Of course I've been mulling over and second guessing every decision that we made leading up to Tuesday's election. There's plenty that can be learned from the experience and used in the future to lead up to our elections in August and in November. For example as an organization we must figure out how to provide the assistance that will be necessary to handle a large number of absentee ballots this fall. The clerks office is not staffed at a sufficient level for this purpose. And can't expected to be able to handle workload without help from others who will have to be trained and certified to perform this work. In addition I'm hoping we'll be able to have a much better understanding of how many members of the guard will be available to us and for what purpose they can be put to use in the event we need external help in the fall. I also believe you as members of council and I should advocate for policy changes at the state level that allow for appropriate accommodations for our voting process if the Corona Virus remains a threat to our community in August and in November. So in the weeks ahead, Clerk Tesky and I will provide a full and transparent debrief on the election for members of council. I invite you all to start thinking seriously about what we can do best to administer elections in August and in November. Finally, I want to reiterate how terribly I feel about the experience of voters on Tuesday. It was painful to watch and I'm sure more painful to experience. And I wish it had never happened as it did. So I take full responsibility for the decisions I made. In the days ahead this community will be stressed in ways never imagined. We lit the city bridge. City Bridge is again tonight to honor the blue army of medical workers who are combating COVID-19 as we speak. Their jobs will only become more difficult as we move toward a peak in cases in Northeast Wisconsin in the coming weeks. So now more than ever we need to be focused on the monster at our door, COVID-19. Regardless of the position that you hold or your political leanings, this is the common enemy. So let's keep that in mind tonight and the weeks ahead and do everything we can collectively to slow and stop the spread of the virus that represents a direct threat to the health and to the life of community members. That's it. And now we're on to approval of the agenda.

- So moved.

- Mr. Mayor, point of order.

- Yes Alder Wery.

- I'm wondering what happened to the announcements. It's normally at this point. I don't think I've ever seen announcements not part of an agenda.

- Sure I appreciate the question Alder. Our last special council meeting would have been the last time you saw that on an agenda with the absence of the announcements. So with the special committee, or the special meeting of the council rather, not all items are necessarily included. This is in keeping with the way that we, the way that we noticed the previous council meeting.

- I think this should always be in there. It really does rob the chance for Alders to announce things. And I think it should always be part of every single agenda of the common council. No matter if its a special one or a regular one.

- Okay, appreciate that Alder. Approval of the agenda. There was a motion by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder. Yep.

- Seconded.

- Seconded by Alder Dorff, all in favor please signify with saying Aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it, we are on to committee the whole. And I'm just gonna, since we have a fairly limited agenda here, I'm just gonna take them one by one here. So we have consideration with possible action on the Bellevue Interim Fire Chief Services Agreement. And I'm gonna go right to Chief Litton for description. Go ahead Chief.

- Good evening everybody, I think that you got a copy of the proposed Interim Fire Chief Services agreement with the village of Bellevue. I know that there's probably gonna be many questions. While I can outline what's in the agreement, certainly don't want to get into a public question and answer session on things that could potentially come up during this discussion. So I will just review what's in that agreement right now and then I'd ask Mayor if you would go to executive session. So we were approached, the Fire Chief of Bellevue has resigned his position in Bellevue and took a position of a lower rank with the city of De pere. We have known that was potentially gonna happen for several months. An administrator for Bellevue reached out to us six weeks ago to see if there would be a potential for us offering and or performing Interim Fire Chief services for the village. I discussed that issue with the Mayor, was given and speak with them. And so over that time frame we have been working behind the scenes to gather what they need. What they needed, what they're gonna need, to determine if we could actually accommodate them as a staff. We did feel that we can accommodate them without taking away anything that we're doing here in the city of course. This is just a situation of providing Interim Fire Chief. The agreement is for a period of 90 days. It can be extended by mutual consent if you approve it tonight. There's a fee of \$3,000 attached to that. That number was determined by using a formula that is currently in the Allouez agreement for our services there. It's a percentage of what could potentially be a full on contract. So that's basically we use that number and that's how we arrived at the \$3000 per month figure. We will provide oversight as we do here in the city. Just the same, more or less the same duties. Those will be shared duties between myself . There is one caveat that we will have our Battalion Chief, one of our Battalion Chiefs on structure fires and emergencies of a greater nature. Just as they are dispatched here in the city, they'll be running down to Bellevue to provide oversight as a safety measure to the personnel in Bellevue during this time. It won't take away from anything that we're doing here in the city. The three chiefs here, myself and the two assistant chiefs, we be able to prevail over in the middle of the night. All those things we are notified so. Um, with that, that's basically the core of what's in the agreement. We will be providing some oversight under training for them. We will be providing some oversight on their inspection program. Which much like ours, has been put into hold status because of the Corona Virus issue. But that's really the nuts and bolts. And again before we get into any questioning I would request that we go into executive session if it heads down the road.

- Entertain a motion.

- I'll still move to closed session. I'll read the language when I get a second.

- Second.

- I keep forgetting.

- I got second.

- I got thirds.

- Do I need to read the language?

- Yeah, go ahead Alder.

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- Very good, so Alder Dorff you made the motion and Galvin second, is that correct?

- I think so.

- Yeah.

- Okay, and then we need a roll call on this vote so use the board, use of a click please.

- Okay, Mayor so we just have to, if you just give us one second to display the vote.

- Very good.

- Is it this one? Okay, just give us a few more seconds. Okay, just bear with us a couple more minutes. Uh, Alders Corpus-Dax and Wery, please vote. I know, yeah I know that, yep. They can still hear me. And 468-6191, who are you?

- Kathy Lefebvre.

- Thank you. The vote was 11-1 to go into closed session. Okay, so um. Yeah, all right.

- [Eric] You just want to move some folks to the waiting rooms.

- [Female] Yes, um so thank you Mayor. So what I'm going to do is if I do not recognize who you are, I'm going to move you to the waiting room. Those of you in the waiting room you will not be able to hear the deliberations because of the closed session. So Mayor if you would just give me a few minutes to do that.

- So we're waiting on the waiting room? Heavy. Get it, weight, heavy.

- Uh, Alder Dorff I have Edward Dorff here.

- Well he's downstairs, not near me, I can't see him.

- I'll put him in the waiting room, thank you. Okay, and let me just double check.

- Who is Dandy and Patrick Buckley?

- Dandy is Dan Ditchheight and Patrick Buckley.

- Is Patrick Buckley.

- I thought I put him in a waiting room. Is Patrick Buckley.

- That's who I thought he was, he just was still there.
- Dandy is Dan Ditchheight.
- I like Dandy better so I'll call him that for now on. That's great.
- All right that is it.
- [Dorff] Would you like a motion, are we back?
- [Mayor] No I think, I think Ms. Jeffreys needs to move everybody from the waiting room back into the meeting and then we'll have the vote.
- Do we need to move to go into open?
- Yes.
- Okay.
- Okay everyone is back in.
- I move to go back into open session.
- Second.
- Alder Dorff seconded by. I'll go back into open session. All in favor signify by saying aye.

- [All] Aye.

- The ayes have it and we are back into open session.

- I move that we approve the agreement as presented in closed session.

- [Several] Second.

- All right Alder Dorff moves approval of the agreement. Seconded by Alder Scannell. Any further discussion on the management agreement? All right all in favor please signify by saying aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Oppose nay.

- And the ayes have it. On to item two, Resolution to suspend in person voting in accordance with executive order number 74.

- Motion to receive and place on file.

- [Several] Second.

- Motion to receive and place on file made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Lefebvre. Um, if there are some points to be made about the election, Alders can feel free to chime in. Um and just give me a second to pull up the speakers list. We've got Alder Brunette.

- Yes, thank you Mayor. What is the purpose of receiving and placing this on file?

- Yeah, so it's a law. So the resolution itself is mute as a result of the state supreme courts action to overturn Governor Evers' executive order. But we are required to bring it to council and .

- Um, you said we could ask questions about the election Mayor?

- Yeah, as I've, I think I expressed to you prior to the meeting, Clerk Tesky is not here. I know she's still working to administer the election because it's really not finished until April 13th which is now the deadline for reporting. So any very detailed questions about administration, you know I'd want to consult with her and have her provide those answers. But if there are points that alders want to make this would be the time.

- Um, what is the date that you would be, I had recommended that an agenda item be placed and I'm glad that you're taking questions now. I thank you for that. But what is the date that your full report on the election with Clerk Tesky will be provided to the citizens?

- Yeah, so I asked, I discussed this with Clerk Tesky and asked that she be prepared to provide some of that detailed information for our next full council meeting.

- April 17th?

- Uh, yes.

- Okay, I see there are plenty of people from the public who are in this zoom meeting. I'm curious if I could make a motion, would you allow a motion to hear from interested parties if that's possible.

- I mean it's always your right.

- I don't know if anyone would entertain, would want to discuss their experience voting. But I would make a motion to hear from interested parties.

- After we vote I'd like to say something about that.

- Sure.

- Second Johnson.

- All right a motion was made by Alder Brunette, seconded by Alder Johnson. Please signify by saying aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Oppose nay, the floor will be open after Alder Galvin's comments here.

- Thank you your honor. I, we're gonna be hearing from maybe quite a few people. And I understand they certainly have a right to be heard. They definitely have some emotion and feeling about what occurred on Tuesday. But I'd like to limit the list to, I think it's three minutes we can limit it to.

- Correct.

- And then we have to move on because if everyone I've seen on social media gets out here and starts talking we're gonna be here till next.

- All right, thanks alder, well made point. I will try to keep time here. Does anyone from the public who would like to speak?

- Uh, you can unmute yourself.

- And then if anyone does want to speak, just state your full name and your address for us. Anyone out there who'd like to say something?

- Okay, I see Elliot Christenson, is that correct? But I can not hear you.

- Yeah, I'm not getting any audio either.

- Uh, Mr. Christenson you are not on audio. You are unmuted. You are unmuted, I can not hear you.

- Okay.

- There we go.

- Yep, okay. Uh, so I guess I really just want to.

- I'm sorry you need to state your name and address for the record.

- Oh, I'm sorry you just did.

- But your address though.

- Elliot Christenson like it's printed on the screen. Address is 1988 Mulberry Lane, Green Bay, WI. Beautiful, snowy Green Bay, WI. Uh, I'll start my minutes. So, as, I guess I would like to have a clear explanation, I can wait till the 17th but I feel we're owed an explanation as to why the public was not informed ahead of time about the lack of volunteers. About the opportunity for them to step in and volunteer. The media is begging for opportunities to talk about. There's no excuse for not letting, just tell them. Just say, you know, we lost 3/4 of our volunteers, we lost all of our volunteers, mention it to them. Nothing was said, there's zero transparency in this administration, zero. And it's extremely frustrating. And I understand that we're in tough times and it's tough for literally everybody. So cry me a river that the tax payers should feel sorry for the city employees that the employees shouldn't step up. Fine, allow the volunteers of Green Bay the opportunity to

step up. Because we would. And I would be willing to bet, if I just poll the audience, that the people on this call would have all stepped up if given the opportunity, if asked. That to my understanding did not happen. And in fact people were turned away. And I would like an explanation as to why I am not given the choice as an American as to why I can not volunteer but other people. I would also like to see a clear explanation as to why Green Bay's rules for polling locations are so much more complex than every other municipality in the state of Wisconsin. Why are Green Bay's more complex, why is it so hard? Maybe we need to fix that. I don't understand why trained National Guard members who had several days of training. I know this because I had students who were in my class who had to come to me and say, hey I'm gonna be out of class for the week, for the week. Can you make sure to give me extra time, provide me with extra recordings. I had to do extra work so they could work for you Mr. Mayor.

- Mr. Christenson your time has expired.

- Okay, so yeah, well I'm gonna have some more for you next week.

- Sounds good, thanks for your comments.

- Any other members of the public?

- Uh, okay, Mr. Moore would like to talk, hold on one second. All right Mr. Moore you are unmuted. Please give your address.

- Thank you, Joe Moore. 1009 Day Street, Green Bay. I've obviously been pretty critical online and on social media. My family is one of those that spent over three hours in line at East High. You know I don't really want to get into why all this went down and I think I'd like to see some kind of a plan of action on what we're gonna do in the future. So instead of putting all of our eggs in one basket to rely on postponement or what's currently being discussed with mailings for August and November, that we have other plans in place. I think we relied way too much that this was gonna be canceled or postponed and there really was no, there really wasn't a good plan in place after that. When the data showed there'd be 30,000 voters and we had 14,000 plus absentee ballots. And everybody knew we were gonna try to funnel 15 or 16,000 people through two locations. And we should have obviously seen that that wasn't gonna work. So look, my wife and I, we both volunteered to be poll workers in the next two elections. I hope more people will do it and I hope that you will. Look there's a lot of political infighting. I see a lot of Republicans and Democrats are so worried about each other that you're leaving the citizens in the dust. And I don't want to see that at the local level. That's all I have, thank you.

- Thanks Mr. Moore. Any other comments?

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- Anybody else?

- All right, seeing no other members of the public.

- Motion to close the floor.

- Second.

- Motion by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff to close the floor. All in favor please signify by saying aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it, we are back to regular order here. I believe Alder Steuer is in the cue here. Alder Steuer.

- Okay, thank you, thank you your honor. Um, well in briefly, I've been in touch with you with your office. I've also had a chance to talk to Chris Tesky, quite a few citizens, any number of folks. And I'm thinking moving forward, it's gonna be important to get some transparency with what happened on this election. It was unique in many many ways so we can't get around that. But for me, I think the big thing is that with the facts that were out there. There's 52,230 registered voters, 14,376 absentee ballots were sent through the clerks office. And according to Chris Tesky, she said that if they had two more days they could have gotten those other 3,000 out. So I guess the big thing is a lot of citizens are looking for responsibility and accountability here. They don't want finger pointing. I would appreciate if people could put down their partisan flags and just look at the logistics of this election and what happened. You know, I mean it happened. So we can't go back but I think it's important moving forward, we don't make the same mistakes. And that we really look at it statistically and see how we can do better. So I have other comments as well but that's. Thank you Mayor.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Dorff.

- Thank you Mayor. I do like what, I see someone was ahead of me on the, on the ball. I can talk like. Um, I like the comments that Alder Steuer made. Definitely looking at responsibility and not focusing on blame. Looking at how things can be changed and be better in the future is what I believe we should do. And I'll be putting a communication to that effect later on under petitions and communications. So it was not a good day. I'm sad that anyone who wanted to vote didn't get a chance to vote. And we will do better. I know that we're capable of doing better. We may have to put more money into the clerk's office. We may have to vote for more money to go into the election process and hire more staff to make sure that it gets done well. I also would ask that people, before they rush to judgment, wait to hear the report. I think that they will find some things that will be very interesting to them as explanations and not as excuses. I think there are some good explanations out there as to why things happened the way they did. And that will be coming up in few weeks. Thank you Mayor.

- Thanks Alder. I think Alder Wery is up next here.

- Thank you Mr. Mayor. Um, yeah I have a few things to say. I just really wanted to thank the clerk staff first of all for all their hard work. Especially with those thousands of absentee ballots. Major kudos to them just to start off with. And then the hero poll workers who worked 16, 18 hour days really not getting up very much. They barely took a bite to eat and went to the bathroom. They were super dedicated. Incredible job. And then last, the dedicated patient citizens who came out to vote. It was incredible to watch them wait 3, 4 hours to exercise their right to vote. And they made it known to you. Believe me I heard it and I saw it. They were proud to do that. They were not going to miss it no matter what. I had a lot of people call me who were really quite upset this would be the first vote they'd miss in 40, 50 years. And some of them were near tears. Um, that was very sad. I was at East High, thank you for letting me volunteer there. I wasn't a poll worker but I helped them as much as I could. And I saw first hand the that went on. I wonder how the rest of Brown County even the rest of the state, really seemed normal if you take out Milwaukee. You know, places like Appleton had 15 polling locations and things seemed like a normal election. It just really was kind of disgraceful for our city and to all be on that. You know as an Alder person, we are each responsible for thousands of people in our districts. We're the voice. And after this past election I think we've all heard from them. That voice is one of anger, one of frustration, all of those. I think we've all heard it over and over by email, social media, phone calls, in person. Being inundated with this. And I know for me to ignore that voice means I'm not only ignoring them, but I'm probably flipping them the finger. And I'm not gonna do that. So they want answers, triple explanation point. They want answers. So yeah we need to look for it because we sure as hell can't have this happen again, right? But we also need to look back, because in the name of accountability, we are fully required to look back at what happened. And I'm glad you apologized Mr. Mayor, I apologized to all the citizens on behalf of the city. This should never happen, never should've happened. No matter what happens at the state level, blame whoever you want, don't care. No matter what happens there, we run our own election, we do. So whatever happens really we take blame for that. We had weeks to prepare and I think we dropped the ball. People didn't get their absentee ballots, people didn't vote, people are afraid to vote. You name it, there's more. I'm gonna ask the city council to endorse a request to have the state elections commission to investigate this past election. They're independent bodied, this is what they do. They will review and provide us information to evaluate, take corrective action regarding our shortcomings and to assist in creating an action plan to avoid any future failures. I think it would be good to have someone else look at it. If we are reviewing ourself we might miss something we didn't even think of. So I think it's important to have the people who are in charge of it at the state level take a look at it. Thanks.

- Thanks Alder. Uh, Alder Johnson.

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- Thank you Mayor. Much like Alder Wery alluded to, a huge thank you obviously to the staff who worked tirelessly. Poll workers and the people who showed up to vote. Clearly that was a really important part of our democracy. And in spite of the fact that we did lose significant numbers, there were some people who really stepped up to help fulfill that very significant need. I was going to submit a communication at the end of the meeting which I think I'm going to forgo now recognizing the things you do, that Mayor you do intend to do some type of presentation at the next council meeting. We appreciate that. One of the things that I would ask that you include as part of that presentation which will then prompt me to not submit this communication, is just an outline and timeline of events, decisions, modifications. Not only to the April 7th election day but as well as to the in-person absentee voting and to the absentee voting process. I do wanna make sure that we're looking at this holistically because it wasn't just the delays that occurred on April 7th. It's really all of those things and I think it's important that we are assessing the challenges that arose from this. I do think it's important that retribution is not a course of action here. That will get us nowhere. But I do think it's incumbent upon city council to obviously ask questions and get answers to some of these very important questions so that when we start to formulate a plan of action moving forward that these are mistakes that we don't make in the future. And then I would just, also I really do think it's important that we separate the state politics from the local side of this. It really is the state's authority to determine whether or not the election occurs. It's our responsibility to ensure that we are administering an election successfully at a local level. And so I just, I make that statement because I think it's a really important one. Because much like all of you I've seen a lot of the chatter on social media and there is a lot of blaming and a lot of finger pointing. And at the end of the day the execution of our local elections falls exclusively with us. So that is the side of things that I would personally really like to see focused on when that presentation comes before council. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Lefebvre.

- Thank you Mayor. I wanted to bring up there's another issue that I think some of you are not aware. I had people call me and I heard from others that they went on, requested their absentee ballots through the Wisconsin, I believe its myvote.gov, and they didn't receive it. They did it like three weeks before the election. So they went back and checked where their absentee ballot was and it showed that they did not even request it. So I think our problem is also that a lot of people did not receive it. Not just because of the overload at our city clerk's office, it's also the website. And I think that the city council should do a resolution, send it to the Wisconsin election commission, asking that they check out this site and see if they can find out if there is a problem. What's going on with their site. This is real important also, I had several people telling me that they had trouble with myvote.gov.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Scannell.

- Uh, thanks your honor. I'm also going to put in a communication for a resolution through the state legislature that we have a mail-in ballot elections. Um, I completely, this election was awful. This election was terrible from every angle you look at it. Even any village or city you want to pick where it went smoother. Every person was at risk for being infected with COVID-19. There is no doubt some people were infected. There is no doubt that they are spreading that disease and that some people are going to die. That's ridiculous, that's

insane. There is no reason why we should not have a complete mail in ballot. It's been said that we're responsible. That we are in control of our election. No we're not. If we were in control, we would've done a mail-in ballot. We would have taken people's safety in concern, and our worker's. We don't know yet the effects of this election. Whether it went smooth at a polling place or not, doesn't mean that they didn't get infected. We're gonna see that down the road. And I'm hoping that our next couple of elections that we don't have to put anyone in harm's way. That's just, I don't understand why we're doing that when we don't have to. That's just insane. So I'm hoping everyone agrees, that can get behind this resolution, that the safest and fairest way for our upcoming elections is to have a mail-in ballot. If they will support the legislation, I'll urge the legislature to do that. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Brunette.

- Thank you Mayor. I'm not going to beat my chest and try to score political points. We all know the election was a disaster. I do want to separate the politics from the governance. The governance side is what we are responsible for our city. The constitutional right and expectation that folks have an opportunity to vote, quite frankly the city failed. I do give the Mayor some leeway in that he did say that he would have a full report on the 17th of April. And I don't question that you're good, true to your word that that will happen. I will save a majority of my questions at that time. But I will say that over the last two days I have fielded calls, texts, Facebook posts, you name it. And it seemed to me that one experience got worse one after the other. And I can't believe the things that people were doing and going through at the polling site. And we need to prevent that. And people are calling for pretty harsh retribution, you know resignations and impeachment. All kinds of things like that that at this point I don't feel comfortable doing. I've never been comfortable with that sort of politics. I think anyone who is responsible for short comings needs to take responsibility for it. But I also think in this day and age, and I say this and I might get criticized by some, but when people are waiting at the polls and going through those experiences. And sitting in wheelchairs for four hours and being cold and all those things that we're gonna discuss further on the 17th. I do also think that we have to fully hear them and understand them, acknowledge what they went through. And it's very heart warming for me as an American when you see so many people who take their duty as citizens in this country. That they'd be willing to go through that and risk exposure to a virus in order to exercise their right to elect their leaders, including everyone who is on this call right now. That is a very proud moment for me as an American. And the city can never do this again. We can never stand in the way of someone exercising their rights as an American citizen. So we will look forward to that report on the 17th. If it doesn't meet what I would expect from the Mayor and the city clerk at this point, then I'll question it pretty harshly at that time. Furthermore I do think that during the time that we're all going through this virus and experiencing hardships and scary moments and teaching kids from home and loosing jobs, and all those things, we also have to be united as Americans. And show a little bit of charity towards each other as well. That doesn't excuse what the city did. If the 17th, the report comes and I'm not happy, I'll be first to admit that action needs to be taken to get through this as a community. And I'm being redundant and repeating, it's just because I'm worked up because I have received so many calls from so many people and we can never do this again. Thank you Mayor.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Glavin.

- Thank you your honor and if you want I can send you an email with this request. I don't think I need to. But what I'm asking for as part of that, and maybe before we get the report, if all of us could get a detailed Minutes of the Common Council

summary of what the process is for absentee voting. Basically if you get it from the clerk or from the state. Who actually produces that ballot, who goes over it. If the clerk's doing it, how long does it take? And who sends it out to the voter. And then the process once they receive it back, to process that vote. Along with that I'd like a detailed description of the process of what it takes to train a poll worker. Time, documentation that they need, things like that, descriptions. And then what are their duties? How many people do we need to do everything at a polling center? So that when we do get your report, if I have that information, it'll help me understand a little bit better some of the explanations I think going forward.

- Thanks Alder, yeah absolutely. Alder Scannell for a second time.

- I take umbrage at saying that this is partisan, I'm playing partisan politics. I don't give a damn who's in office. There's a lot of talk about accountability. Why is the state legislature, I'm not proud of this election at all. There are people who are going to get sick because of this election. That's nothing to be proud about. I don't get it. This election was insane. This election was completely unnecessary in-person voting. And the people, I don't give a damn what party they're on. The people who did that should be held responsible. In fact our citizens should be doing all we can to urge those people to behave responsibly. I don't care what party they are. It's unconscionable when you know in a pandemic, that people out congregating like that, someone's gonna get sick. That's gonna get passed on, some people are gonna die. That's unconscionable. I'm not proud of any part of this. Whether mostly or better or whatever, certainly we need to try and do that. But first and foremost let's try and protect the health of our workers and our fellow citizens. And urge whoever is in power that is making these decisions that they make responsible decisions so we can have a safe and fair election through the mail. That just seems practical, non-partisan. Because I'm not telling anybody how to vote. That's just practical, safe, responsible action as far as I can tell. If I'm wrong there show me where I'm wrong.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Steuer.

- Uh, thank you chair, not chair I'm sorry, thank you Mayor. You know in my last comment I forgot to mention all the great work that the clerk's office did and all the different people that helped here. And that will all come out hopefully in the report. I did a bunch of my own research too in talking to not only to the Mayor but also to Chris Tesky. And Alder Galvin asked things I found out from Chris was from that each ballot takes about 5 minutes to process. With a minimum of six touches by a clerk. That comes to a total of almost 1200 man hours for the 14,376 absentee ballots that were handled. Just the math, it's daunting. So you got that, I was gonna say how much does each absentee ballot cost in terms of material and postage. Who pays for it, what budgets are we dealing with? We have to look at that. Mail-in ballots a minimum of 32 clicks it takes in order to process the application, that takes time. With all these man hours that these other departments inspections, parks, other city personnel, fire department. All people pitched in on these 1200 hours and I wanna see an accountability as far as break down of what the other offices did in terms of time. Folks worked nights and weekends, I would like to see a breakdown of things on this. I wanna compare the absentee ballots of this election to the last in 2016 and see where the difference was. And do some calculations. You know, we can talk about all the anger and all the things that have been going on with the social media mess. I've read a lot, I've gotten probably 30 phone calls in the last two days. We've all dealt with it. This is very painful for all of us. You know I wish I could have gone out to the polling place like Alder Wery did but I'm a little bit older and I have some health issues that I'm not allowed to do that. So I'm stuck and that makes it even worse because I really wanted to help. I think a lot of us wanna help. So let's take that into account. And like Alder Brunette
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said I definitely want to see this report come out. And we need to draw together as a council. We need to draw together as Americans and do the right thing. The citizens look to us and we need to be the best examples we can be as we look for the accountability and responsibility here. Thank you, that is all.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Dorff I think for a second time as well.

- Yes, um just briefly. This thought kind of occurred to me. I've lived in Green Bay now 29 years and I'm a voter. I vote, I go to all the elections. And I really do want to give a vote of confidence to our clerk Chris Tesky and her office for all of the past elections. Just to change the quote a little bit. The best predictor of future performance is past performance. And past performance for elections, until this one in these extraordinary, strange, emergency circumstances, her past performance has been excellent. And I wanted to make sure that she knows that I appreciate her. I appreciate the work that they've done not only for this election but for all the elections that I've gone to and voted in, in Green Bay. And I believe firmly that if you look at past performance we are not going to have a problem with a future election. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Wery for a second time.

- Thank you Mr. Mayor I do look forward to your report as well. However I strongly reiterate the importance of an independent review of what happened. For full transparency, the fox does not get to give a report on his visit to the hen house. This needs to be independent. Thank you.

- Alder Corpus-Dax.

- Um, I same as all the other Alders want to thank everyone. Poll workers, volunteers, everyone who was able to help make this election passable. And I thank you as well Mr. Mayor for taking responsibility for how the election went down. I'm in the same situation as all the other alders in receiving calls, texts, emails from constituents who are angry with how things went down. I had as well, I let them know that I'm in the same situation as they were. Because absentee ballot over two weeks ago, I never received it. So as of Tuesday I had to make that same decision do I cast my vote or don't I. It was a no win situation. I didn't want to go out but I had to. I was able to and I don't take that for granted. You know the election should've never happened the way it did. Our citizens absolutely deserve better than this. I look forward to the report along with all the other alders because I think our citizens deserve answers to what transpired, when it transpired. What I also think is important is that we as a council come up with a plan moving forward to prevent this from ever happening again. I think that's probably the biggest take away is prevent this from happening again. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. We do have a motion placed on file.

- Mr. Mayor can you hear me?

- Yeah.

- I'd like to make a comment.

- Okay, go ahead.

- You know when you pursued the lawsuits, two different lawsuits. The city council was really never even tapped in as far as you were moving forward with the lawsuit. I think there's a breakdown of communication between your office and the alders. If you're gonna move forward with lawsuits I think the city council should be able to weigh in on this. You know, to me it's not a good way to do business if you leave us in the dark. And I think that's some of the reason that, I've been in favor of getting the guard involved and getting the. You know we didn't have any communication as far as really how the things were going forward. There was very quick movement and no communication. You know if you wanna have good results you gotta have communication. And I think there was a major breakdown of the communication between yourself, maybe your staff, and the alders for sure. You know just for example, we've known one polling location. We should've took some advice from the county as well. And I'd have been in support, you know we should have had that all on the table with a discussion. And I feel that some of the breakdown was not a good communications skills being passed on to the alders. And we could've weighed in and maybe we could've changed the direction of how things went before that happened. And before the planning got into effect. So I'd just like you to keep that in mind. And other people that I talked to in my district, they weren't happy with what went down. And I do thank the people that worked. I saw Mr. Buck there, he works in the planning, I think he's in planning. And I saw him at the West High School. And you know the people that were handicapped people they should have been allowed to go in right away. They shouldn't have to wait in their cars for three hours. So I hope we address that issue as well. You know and I think the bank would have been available to help out with the absentee ballots too. So keep those things in mind as we move forward. I think the biggest this is the communication, more communication with the alders and the Mayor's office as well in order to make good decisions. So keep that in mind and thank you.

- Thanks alder. Alder Wery, you've spoken twice already.

- No, my apologies you can remove it.

- For a second time.

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- Um I just wanted to say that I had, because of my age and my conditions that I have, I could not go to the polls at all. So I realized early and I contacted Chris Tesky in her office. And they were very helpful and I did get my absentee ballot. It took over two weeks to get it, we did get it in time. And I'm grateful for that because there's no way we could've gone to the polls. And I did feel bad that so many people, when I saw on the news the lines. I felt really bad that all these people had to go. And yes we are probably gonna have people getting sick. And this was terrible. And this is something that I'm glad I heard your explanation. And I think we find out more on this that there's things that we can do to make sure that in the fall if this comes up again, this type of situation, there are lessons and we can plan more than enough ahead that we can have a decent elections. That people feel safe to come out and get their vote in. Thank you.

- We do have a motion to receive and place on file. It's been seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. It has been received and placed on file. On to item three, consideration with possible action on amending GBMC 27.101 to include the Wisconsin statute section 252.25 pertaining to violations of law relating to health. Uh, yep go ahead alder.

- I was just gonna say move to approve because I read it over but go ahead if you want to do us an explanation.

- Yeah, well I think we'll go to some combination of Chief Smith and Commander Warych to just lay things out for health here. Chief you can go first. Oh, just one second Chief. He's muted, yeah. You're still muted here Chief.

- There we go. Hey one more time on what you're looking for sir.

- So we're just on item three here. Um this is pertaining to violations of law relating to municipal enforcement of violations of the Governor's order, the safer at home or stay at home order.

- Right we had a couple of things that we want to point out. Number one was prior to the Governor's order. We did and we cited some individuals at that bar that was open and got cooperation after that. Since the order's been open we did have one bar that had opened up and had a number of patrons inside. We issued a Minutes of the Common Council

total of four citations for that and based on those four citations they closed down. And we had an incident at the park the other day they might have seen on social media. That was a group of young men that were harassing a woman who was walking by. She called us because of the harassment, asked that the police talk to the young men and say hey they shouldn't be talking to women like that. Our officers responded, found the kids playing in a park, playing basketball in the park, which was against the Governor's order. And based on that they asked for voluntary compliance, didn't get it. Gave a direct and lawful order to try and get the youngsters to comply and leave the park and stop playing basketball. They generally refused and one of them was real adamant about refusing so the officers began escorting this youngster out of the park. He became resistive, they put handcuffs on him, ended up putting him in a police car, took him to his house. He was not cited but he was given a warning and his mother was explained to what the rules of the Governor's order is. Other than that we've been getting a lot of voluntary compliance. If we find someone that's in violation we'll give them a direction and they're very compliant. Any questions we have we refer back to the city attorney's office and the office of the Governor and try to get a little bit of clarification. But so far it's going pretty well. Am I missing something Kevin?

- Thanks Chief, Commander Warych.

- Yeah, the purpose of this proposed ordinance is the chief's right, we field a lot of complaints. We've had two bars where we've had to refer charges. Citations, meaning charges, to the Brown County District Attorney's office. This ordinance, excuse me proposed ordinance just makes the city adapt so that if officers go to future businesses that they have the ability to write a municipal citation and run it through municipal court versus running it through the Brown County District Attorney's office. This will help the officers' time, it will increase the officers' efficiency, it will save time in the District Attorney's office and the citation is more applicable through muni-court. That what this ordinance is for.

- Right and the District Attorney was consulted with this? This addition to our municipal code as well, correct Commander?

- Correct I was in contact with District Attorney Lasee. He fully supports this. He even provided, in addition to his support he also provided that is doing exactly what we are doing, or has done. So he said based on his case load, it would be more appropriate to run these charges through municipal court versus the District Attorney's office.

- Very good, thanks for the synopsis there Chief and Commander. Just trying to pull up the speaker's list here, just give me a second.

- Second, I'll second it.

- No speakers, Alder Johnson.

- Thank you Mayor, just by way of understanding. Because as I'm looking at this there's obviously no text that explains what this is. And again I just want to understand. Is this already, when we're looking at this list of all these things that are contained within this document. I presume then that these are lists of all state laws that we're just adopting into our ordinances and that's what allows us to handle these cases through municipal court as opposed to the District Attorney?

- That is correct.

- Yeah, so in order for us to be able to actually cite under our ordinances we have to have those actually pulled into our ordinances otherwise they are strictly criminal. These are making them civil violations as well.

- Okay, perfect thanks for the explanation.

- Thanks alder. Any other questions? All right we had a motion to adopt by Alder Dorff.

- Second.

- Seconded by Alder Scannell. All in favor please signify by saying aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed nay.

- The ayes have it. On to item four, consideration with possible action on amending GBMC 33.01 e related to Class B liquor licenses to include the sale of intoxicating liquor in the original package or container for consumption off premises. Motion made by Alder Scannell.

- Second.

- Seconded by Alder Steuer. Discussion here, any questions. Law, um either Vanessa, or Attorney Chavez rather, or Attorney Bungert just to explain what's going on here.

- Yes, hi good evening everyone. This is attorney Joanne Bungert. This ordinance amendment is basically enacted under state statute. Under chapter 125 the city can enact an ordinance that allows the sale of intoxicating liquor in the original container for off premises consumption. So this ordinance would allow Class B establishments, essentially bars and restaurants, to be able to sell their liquor for carry out orders in the original packaging.

- Great and just to add to what Attorney Bungert has said there. You know if this were something that we were planning to adopt indefinitely, I think obviously a robust policy discussion would be in order. We should certainly have a discussion tonight, not suggesting otherwise. But the reason that this is before you is obviously because of the Governor's order that has essentially shut down bars and restaurants for regular business. This gives taverns in the community an opportunity to sell liquor in it's original package and it's not a big money maker for these folks given the margin. But it does offer them the opportunity to continue to bring some revenue in the door. Alder Galvin. I think you're still muted here Alder.

- Um my question is for Attorney Bungert. And I don't know if it's changed but back when I was in uniform, if someone had a six pack and a can was missing, or a 12 pack and a can was missing, it was considered an open intoxicant. So I'm just wondering does this ordinance cover the single sale of you know single bottles, single cans?

- So this applies to only intoxicating liquor first. So this would be bottles of distilled spirits like vodka, whisky. Chapter 125 already allows for the sale of fermented malt beverages for off premise consumption. And that provision under state statute doesn't have the original packaging requirement. Which so that essentially allows fermented malt beverages, things like beer and malt beverages, like wine coolers and things like that. That can be sold in the bottle that it comes in or it can be sold in like a growler for example.

- Okay.

- But this particular provision applies to just intoxicating liquor. That requires it to be in the original sealed container. So this can't be like a mixed beverage that's sold in a to-go cup. It would have to be in the original sealed bottle.

- All right, thank you very much.

- Mm-hm.

- Thanks Alder. Not seeing any further discussion here. Alder Lefebvre.

- Me, yes thank you Mayor. Yes, I would vote for this as this is unusual circumstances. And that is the only reason I would give a yes vote to this. Thank you.

- Thank you alder. Seeing no other speakers here. We have a motion and a second. All in favor please signify with saying aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. So obviously we've had the discussion on these two items but Attorney Chavez correct me if I'm wrong under agenda item H, the two ordinances for first and final reading. We do need two-thirds votes?

- That is correct. Um, so the to take them together. But to actually adopt them it does require a two-thirds vote for both of them. Tonight, to adopt them tonight.

- Right.

- Suspend the rules.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff to suspend the rules and take these ordinances up with one roll call vote. All in favor please signify with saying aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed nay? The ayes have it. So we will use the board because it does necessitate that two-thirds vote on both items one and two here.

- And then Mayor we're going to, just give us a few minutes to display that vote.

- Sounds good.

- Oh sorry, we need a motion and a second on the envelope.

- Motion to adopt.

- Second Steuer.

- Motion by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Scannell. Did I say Scannell twice? Scannell and Steuer.

- Scannell, Steuer.

- [Clerk] That motion passes 12 nothing.

- [Mayor] Very good. Thank you clerk. On to referral of petitions and communications. Excuse me. Let's see, let's have. I'm having a little trouble bringing up the list here. Alder Scannell you mentioned you had a communication I believe.

- Yeah, a resolution for the city to adopt urging our state legislature to establish and allow an all mail-in ballot for the next elections. That would go to protection and policy I guess.

- All right very good. Thanks Wery, did you also have a communication?

- I did, thank you Mr. Mayor. Protection and Policy and or committee to whole whatever's appropriate. Request the Wisconsin elections commission investigate the administration of the election and conduct of officials for April 7th, 2020. And reports findings to the Green Bay common council.

- Thank you alder. Um, I'm not seeing this list so anyone else just chime in if you have.

- Alder Steuer first, go ahead.

- Thank you your honor. This one I believe is to INS. It's to have the city of Green Bay look at docking facilities at the Green Bay Metro Boat Launch. To see about alternatives to the existing docks including portable docking systems such as those Brown County facilities in Allouez and De Pere. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Dorff.

- Thank you. Um, this would be to the appropriate committee, it possibly personnel. So to form an ad hoc elections committee for the duration of the COVID-19 national crisis. The purpose of said committee under the direction of the Green Bay City Clerk would be to proactively assist the clerk to plan for the November 2020 election and have the primary goal of obtaining positive suggestions and action items to improve the process of holding elections that occur during the COVID-19 outbreak. This committee could be composed of city staff to include the city's clerk, the deputy city clerk, the city attorney, alders, interested citizens from Green Bay and should be approved by city council. This committee could review what happened during the in-person voting in Green Bay on April 7, 2020 as well as what areas of planning for a future election. It might and could include such items as one, the communications to the public regarding early voting and absentee ballots. Two, the mechanics and logistics of the April 7th election and what can be done now to ensure more successful and efficient elections August and November. And three, if needed the committee should make a

recommendation to the Mayor and City Council and determine if recommendations and requests should be made to the Wisconsin Elections Commission in advance of the August, November 2020 election. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Any other communications?

- I would say that would either go to the P&P or the Mayor's office.

- Then I would, okay, I'd like it to go to the Mayor's office then.

- Okay, sure why not.

- You can decide.

- Well I mean, we're certainly happy to have involvement with that discussion. But if we want it to go to a committee to entertain action there.

- Well I thought personnel because we're pulling city staff. But it can go to P&P, that's fine.

- Okay, we will do that. Additional communications?

- Alder Lefebvre.

- Go ahead.

- I have two. The first of them I'm not sure where it to go, I'll read it. As zoom has multiple security issues the city of Green Bay should look into Cisco Web EX which Brown County is using.

- Okay.

- I'm not sure which committee that should go to.

- Uh, attorney Chavez?

- I didn't gather what the offer was for, I just heard Cisco EX and county's using it.

- For our meeting, for council and committee meetings to use a different platform.

- Oh, that is finance then.

- I think that, can I mention one thing. I think Mike our IT person would be very instrumental in handling that as well. He should be in on these discussions.

- Yeah, that makes sense alder but you don't have the floor here. But good point.

- Just making a suggestion.

- Yeah, very well. Alder Lefebvre, you had a second communication.

- Yes, this is a resolution. The City of Green Bay asks the Wisconsin Election Commission investigate myvote.gov re: requests for absentee ballots failures. Citizens filled out the requests. Only after weeks of not receiving their ballots, they went back to check their status only to find out their requests was not filled.

- Thank you alder.

- Would that go to INS or Protection and Policy?

- Protection and Policy.

- Protection and Policy, okay thank you.

- Thank you, any others? All right, hearing none I'll entertain a motion to refer.

- Motion to refer.

- [Several People] Second.

- Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff. All in favor please signify by saying aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Nay? And just before we get to adjournment here I ask for a little latitude for an announcement. I did get a message from Chief Smith. During the meeting some very unfortunate news that we have experienced our first COVID-19 related death here in Brown County. So obviously we knew this crisis was real. Its even more real now. So I would just ask you to keep the gentleman who passed away, a 58 year old male, and his family in your thoughts and prayers tonight. On to adjournment.

- Motion to adjourn.

- Second Alder Lefebvre.

- Motion by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Lefebvre. All in favor please signify by saying aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed nay. We are adjourned. Thanks alders.