



MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020, 6:00 PM

**Virtual Meeting.
Public may join via Zoom.**

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

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

B. ROLL CALL.

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

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

D. INVOCATION.

I. The invocation will be led by Alder Veronica Corpus-Dax, District 2.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

I. Approval of the minutes from the November 10, 2020 Common Council Meeting.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to approve. Motion carried.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

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

G. RESOLUTIONS.

I. Resolution of recognition Mahon Creek Neighborhood Association.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. Presentation by Green Bay Police Department on equipment for police officers.

I. REPORT BY THE MAYOR.

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

K. APPOINTMENTS.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to confirm the re-appointments. Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff , seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to confirm the new appointments. Motion carried.

I. Reappointments

On Broadway Business Improvement District

Kurt Schwiesow, 142 North Broadway, Green Bay, 54303

Term to expire: December 1, 2023

Brent Weycker, 500 Eliza Street, Green Bay, 54301

Term to expire: December 1, 2023

Brendt Peeters, 117 S. Jackson, Green Bay, 54301

Term to expire: December 1, 2023

Stephanie Bruss, 4504 Wyandot Trail, Green Bay, 54313
Term to expire: December 1, 2023

Military Avenue Business Association
Ralph Jensen, 3246 W. Point Road, Green Bay, 54313
Term to expire: December 1, 2023

Olde Main Street, Inc.
Tiona Petrouske, 306 N. Van Buren, Green Bay 54301
Term to expire: December 1, 2023

Ryan Kuehn, 401 N. Quincy, Green Bay, 54301
Term to expire: December 1, 2023

Downtown Green Bay, Inc.
Jesse Wotruba, 1638 Cady Lane, De Pere, 54115
Term to expire: December 1, 2023

New Appointments

Downtown Green Bay, Inc.
Greg Babcock, 417 S. Adams, Green Bay, 54305
Term to expire: December 1, 2023

Ian Griffiths, 1023 S. Van Buren, Green Bay, 54301
Term to expire: December 1, 2023

Olde Main Street, Inc.
Patrick Stoa, 1138 Main Street, Green Bay, 54301
Term to expire: December 1, 2023

Green Bay Sustainability Commission
Stephanie King, 1656 W. Marhill Road, Green Bay, 54313
Term to expire: December 1, 2023

L. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING FOR ADOPTION.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to suspend the rules and take up Ordinances 1 and 2 with a roll call vote. Motion carried.

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

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

1. General Ordinance 39-20

An ordinance amending Section 29.208, Green Bay Municipal Code, relating to parking regulations.

2. General Ordinance 40-20

An ordinance repealing Chapter 13-1716(e) Green Bay Municipal Code, relating to game day parking.

M. REPORT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NOVEMBER 10, 2020).

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

1. Informational Only: To award \$138,050.00 of CARES Act Homelessness Assistance Activities funds to Newcap, Inc.; \$80,000.00 of CARES Act Homelessness Assistance Activities funds to Legal Action of Wisconsin; and \$100,000.00 of CARES Act Essential Front-line Employee Relief funds to Newcap, Inc.

2. To approve and recommend Common Council adopt proposed allocation of 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV3) CARES funding of Five Hundred Sixty-six Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars (\$566,729.00).

N. REPORT OF THE PROTECTION & POLICY COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 16, 2020 AND NOVEMBER 19, 2020).

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve with the exception of item 6. Motion carried.

1. To approve a request by Kokoro, LLC at 875 Lombardi Ave. to extend the issuance of their liquor license to February 2021. (November 16, 2020)

2. To refer to staff a request by Ald. Chris Wery to review, with possible action, Ordinance 8.16 'Practice of Massage or Bodywork Therapy Requiring State License' and any other related ordinance. A revised ordinance is needed to combat actual and potential escort service and prostitution masquerading as massage business. (November 16, 2020)

3. To approve an appeal by Robert Haglund regarding the re-inspection fees at 800 N. Platten St. and reduce to \$250. (November 16, 2020)

4. To receive and place on file a request by Ald. Randy Scannell to have a police report on the compliance and policing of the mask mandate. (November 16, 2020)

5. To receive and place on file The Liquor Violation Report for November 16, 2020. (November 16, 2020)

6. To receive and place on file a request by Ald. Galvin, filed on behalf of constituent Brenda Staudenmaier, that the City consider taking fluoride out of the treatment process for the City water. (November 19, 2020)

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve receiving and placing on file item 6.

Moved by Ald. Chris Wery, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to open the floor. Motion failed. Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, No- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Craig Stevens, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, Lynn Gerlach A vote was taken on the original motion and motion carried.

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

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

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

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

P. REPORT OF THE PLAN COMMISSION (NOVEMBER 23, 2020).

Moved by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to approve with the exception of items 1 & 2. Motion carried.

I. To allow the property owner to continue to rent the subject property, 1135 Shadow Lane, under

the conditions of the Short Term Rental Permit (STRP) and that any further substantiated claims or violations reported, within the next 6 months, shall be brought back before the Plan Commission for further consideration and potential action.

Moved by Ald. Chris Wery, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to refer item 1 back to Plan Commission. Motion carried.

2. To allow the property owner to continue to rent the subject property, 1136 Shadow Lane, under the conditions of the Short Term Rental Permit (STRP) and that any further substantiated claims or violations reported, within the next 6 months, shall be brought back before the Plan Commission for further consideration and potential action.

Moved by Ald. Chris Wery, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to refer item 2 back to Plan Commission. Motion carried.

3. To receive and place on file the Housing Market Study.

Q. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (NOVEMBER 17, 2020).

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve. Motion carried.

1. To approve the purchase of LifePak Cardiac Monitors and AED's from Stryker for Green Bay Metro Fire Department for the sum of \$441,828. Sole Source and supporting documentation attached.

2. To approve the purchase of LifePak Cardiac Monitor from Stryker and mounts for Bellevue Fire Department for the sum of \$32,938.25. Sole source and supporting documentation attached. Item to be purchased by GBMFD and passed through to Bellevue using their funds.

3. To award a contract for Green Bay Police Department Tire Contract to Goodyear, piggybacking off State of Wisconsin contract from 1/1/2021 through 3/31/2024. Estimated annual expenditures is approximately \$55,000.

4. To refer to staff a request by Ald. Wery to the Finance committee which states: "Due to ongoing reasons of 'inadequate staffing' and 'prioritizing of tasks' in our Law Dept, I am requesting we hire

City Ethics Inc, or a similar qualified party, to draft revisions to the city's Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct as recommended in their 2018 findings paid for by the City of Green Bay" with request that they return to the next Finance Committee meeting with an approximate window of how long it will take to complete the project internally in addition to providing recommended actions should we need to outsource the service. Motion carried.

R. REPORT OF THE PARK COMMITTEE (NOVEMBER 18, 2020).

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

1. To refer to staff to organize a collaborative meeting between area agencies and municipalities to explore ways to mitigate flooding concerns along the East River Trail.
2. To accept a donation of light pole banners and up-lighting from the Whitney Park Neighborhood Association for installation at Whitney Park.
3. To refer to staff to work with the neighborhood, stakeholders and fat tire bikers and to report back at the first Parks committee meeting in January for discussion with possible action on the use of fat tire bikes at He-nis-ra Park.
4. To approve to accept a donation of \$15,500 from the Navarino Neighborhood Association to fund the entire cost of installation of 4 new Wisconsin Public Service owned lights in Navarino Park.
5. To approve the request from the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation to facilitate a controlled burn in the Baird Creek Greenway.

S. REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC, BICYCLE, AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION NOVEMBER 16, 2020).

Moved by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to approve. Motion carried.

1. To refer to staff the request to install a marked crosswalk across East Mason Street at Goodell Street.

2. To postpone to the January 2021 meeting of the Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission the request by Ald. Lefebvre to review and potentially change the SPEED LIMIT 25 zone on North Webster Avenue from Pine Street to University Avenue.

3. To deny the request to establish a 3-WAY STOP condition at Western Avenue at Maryhill Drive and maintain the existing 1-WAY STOP control (Maryhill Drive traffic stops for Western Avenue traffic).

T. REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NOVEMBER 9, 2020).

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

1. To enter into professional services agreements with GEI Consulting to serve as the primary qualified environmental professional (QEP) and Stantec to serve as secondary QEP for Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF).

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

U. REPORT OF THE ETHICS BOARD (NOVEMBER 12, 2020).

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to hold until the January 19th meeting and accept written comments by January 13th at 5:00pm. Motion carried. No vote by Ald. John VanderLeest

1. To adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the matter of the Ethics Complaint against Alder John Vander Leest filed by Tarl Knight under the City of Green Bay Code of Conduct for Elected Officials.

2. To dismiss the Ethics Complaint filed against Alder Vander Leest by Tarl Knight.

V. REPORT OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (NOVEMBER 19, 2020).

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

I. To hold the report of the Green Infrastructure Code Audit to the December 16, 2020 meeting.

W. RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to receive and place on file. Motion carried.

I. The Municipal Court Report for October 2020.

X. REFERRAL OF PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS.

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

A request by Ald. Kathy LeFebvre to the Parks Committee to put the replacement and relocation of the playground equipment and splash pad at Farlin Park on next year's replacement list.

A request by Ald. Brian Johnson to the Personnel Committee for an update on the alderperson orientation program that was submitted approximately two years ago.

Y. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Kim Wayte Green Bay
Deputy City Clerk

These minutes in their entirety, are available in the City Clerk's Office and on the City website at greenbaywi.gov

VERBATIM MINUTES

- All in and how to explain to our friends or family or children, what was occurring. Let's take a moment to appreciate the good things that have happened and what we can do to make 2021 a better year.

- Thank you, Alder. On to approval of the minutes.

- Motion to approve.

- I move.

- Motion made by Alder Dorff. Seconded by Alder Wery to approve the minutes. Any corrections that need to be made? I see no requests. All in favor will signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The minutes have been approved. Approval of the agenda.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Stevens. Any changes to be made here? Seeing none. All in favor of agenda, please signify by saying, aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The agenda has been approved. Now we're on to resolutions. We just have one resolution this evening but it's a big one. This is a resolution recognizing the creation of the Mahon Creek Neighborhood Association. As the first neighborhood association created under my tenure. I wish we were able to be together in person to celebrate the achievement. But we will recognize you nonetheless virtually by reading this resolution and having it adopted by our Common Council. So with that said, I will read the resolution. As I said, "Resolution of recognition "Mahon

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Creek Neighborhood Association "by the Common Council of the City of Green Bay "where as the mayor and Common Council "of The City of Green Bay, "along with its staff and citizens recognize the importance "of developing and maintaining healthy neighborhoods "throughout the community. "And where as the City of Green Bay have met "and wishes to reach out to all segments "of the community by supporting the formation "of effective neighborhood associations. "And where as the Mahon Creek Neighborhood Association "has been organized by residents of The City of Green Bay "with the mission statement as follows quote: "The mission of the Mahon Creek Neighborhood Association "is to bring neighbors together "to foster community, create unity "and provide a supportive environment for families. Unquote. "Where as the Mahon Creek Neighborhood Association "will serve residents of The City of Green Bay "and the neighborhood bounded "by East side of Nicolet drive to the West, "the South side of Scottwood drive to the North "The City of Green Bay city limits "and the West side of Bay Settlement road to the East "and Highway 54/57, to the South. "Now therefore be it resolved that The City of Green Bay "who's mayor and Common Council "are here in assembled, officially recognizes "the Mahon Creek Neighborhood Association. "And be it further resolved "that the mayor Common Council and staff, "the city of Green Bay hereby pledge "their support and cooperation in addressing the needs "of the citizens of this neighborhood in particular "and the community in general." So I just wanted to extend my thanks and appreciation to those folks who organized and created the Mahon Creek Neighborhood Association Alder Dorff, and I and some city staff had the opportunity to be out there for their first meeting where that creation took place. I think we're well known across the state and probably even country as a city that's incredibly supportive of our neighborhood associations. Really values the work that they do and what they contribute to our city. So really appreciative of the efforts of these citizens in joining together and forming this neighborhood association. Alder Dorff any comments as the Alder for this?

- I was very pleased to see this happening. I mean, it's been in the works for a number of years. I think that brings to number 10 of the neighborhood associations in my district have. This is the district of neighbors and neighborhood associations and people that care about each other. And I'd like to make the motion to adopt. Is that appropriate at this time?

- Absolutely.

- Motion to adopt.

- Seconding.

- Motion made to adopt the resolution by Alder Dorff seconded by Alder Stevens. Any further discussion?

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- [Kathy] Mr. Mayor?

- [Eric] Yes, Alder Lefebvre, go ahead.

- [Kathy] Yes. I also want to congratulate them. And not all of that neighborhood association is in Alder Dorff's districts, some of it's in mine. It borders on the East Shore Drive Neighborhood Association. And I do know people up there and I think it has expanded in homes from what it was years ago. And I know some of them had asked to join us but it was kind of a Nicolet, it's kind of a weird situation the way it is for our neighbors association. So I'm glad that they finally got to have their own neighborhood association. Congratulations.

- Very good. Thanks so much for those comments.

- [Celestine] Mayor, it's Celestine.

- Yes.

- [Celestine] Hi, I'm not sure if any of the founding members are here with us tonight. If so, just start talking. I don't think so, but I just, what we normally do is to have the members of the neighbor association come forward and we have the chance to applaud everyone. So I'll just read the officer's names if that's okay with you mayor.

- Yeah. Sounds great.

- [Celestine] So the president is Portia Georgia. The vice president is Brittany De Villeray. The secretary is Amy Besaw and the treasurer is Megan Tashkinov. And so I just wanted to read those names out loud since we're doing this virtually. Thank you.

- Yes. Thank you, Ms. Jefferys and everyone else, residents of those neighborhoods who made the creation of the association possible. So with that, we do have a motion to approve the resolution and a second, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The resolution is adopted and the neighborhood association is created. Onto presentations. We have a presentation in concert with the Green Bay Police Department on equipment for police officers. will offer us a little bit of an intro.

- Sure thing, thank you, Mr. Mayor, Alderpersons. This has been a long time coming. This is a presentation on body cameras and it's been a long time coming. More than five years ago, The Green Bay Police Department started to looking into body cameras, needed a full review of them and made recommendations or even proposing to move forward with body cameras 2015 and '16. However, because of the price and because of some concerns that we had we elected not to move forward at that time. Those concerns were most specifically the amount of time that they had to be retained. And more importantly, what kind of rules there were for recording people in their homes, recording juveniles, recording victims. And we were really concerned about privacy rights for people. So we met and they clarified that. So the beginning of this year the legislature passed a couple of bills. Act 108, which enacted statute 165.87 which calls for among other things a written policy for the department to have body cameras. Retention requirements, limiting it to about 120 days in most cases, which is much more reasonable than the old system was and clarified what is necessary and what needs to be released and what does not have to be released and what has to be redacted. So it did a lot to help make it clear what the rules were. And I think it's between that and between the support that we've been getting from The Packers on this particular venture. I think now's the right time for us to move forward on body cameras. I'm joined today by Captain Ben Allen. Who's kind of spearheading this project for us. He's working in Detectives. Mr. Jason Beerman who's one technology wizards that we have there. Commander Warych as usual is of course here. And I'm joined by Kelsey Donahue. She's from Axon Corporation. And we did a review in 2015 and Axon came out on top. We did another review with all the vendors that we found that were out there and we looked at four and again, Axon came on top. We looked at Axon, we looked at WatchGuard we looked at G-Tech and we looked at BodyWorn. Ben Allen can expand on that if you'd like to, after Ms. Donahue does her presentation. But really for the Green Bay Police Department the comprehensive package offered by Axon which is the cameras, the storage, the tasers, the in-car video, really, we think rose above all the rest of the competition that's out there. And unless you have any specific questions for me at the beginning, I'll turn it over to Ms. Donahue. She's from Axon Corporation. She's got a brief PowerPoint presentation. She can walk us through and kind of talk about what the whole system entails.

- Very good. Thanks Chief.

- Perfect. Thanks Chief. I'm gonna attempt to share the screen now. All right. Can you see the screen that says Green Bay PD and has the crest and everything? We're good?

- Yes.

- All right. Perfect. So real quick, I just wanna thank everybody for their time. My goal is not death by PowerPoint. I do not learn best by PowerPoint. So I'm more conversational. So if at any time you have any questions that come up please feel free to ask. This is a very brief overview of kind of the partnership that we're hoping to establish here with Green Bay PD and The City of Green Bay as a whole and the community as a whole. So with that, I will go ahead and get started. A little background about me just for your knowledge is I've been with Axon for eight years now. So not a short time, I'm of our veterans here and I do happen to live in Michigan now. So that's why you see that beautiful, big M behind me. So I'm only about a five-hour drive from Green Bay and I've been out there many times.

- And as a Badger, I'll try to look beyond the backdrop there.

- And with our performance against Wisconsin a few weeks ago, then that's fine. And I'm actually an Arizona State fan. I moved from Arizona two years ago to Michigan so.

- Oh nice.

- All right, perfect. So we're gonna get started here. So Axon in case you didn't know used to be known as Taser International. So it really began our partnership with law enforcement with the tasers back in 1993. And so as we started to evolve into this technology company we just didn't feel like the name Taser really fit us any longer. And it didn't really give us the identity that we were looking to have as the leading technology provider for all of law enforcement. Our mission over these years has been to protect life. That has never changed. And that's to protect the life of the officers that we're providing these tools to, and also protect the life of those citizens within the community as well with less-lethal force options. And the other motto that we have here that we don't list often is protect truth. So, we're really looking to provide transparency and accountability for all with this program. To date, we have over 225,000 lives saved with our less-lethal taser devices. It's the most widely used and most studied less-lethal device in all of law enforcement. Axon's, the way that we view Axon is as a cohesive network. So we view this as a connected ecosystem. And it's comprised of the devices like

the tasers, the body cameras, all of the hardware pieces, the applications that run them which are built in-house here at Axon. We don't acquire any the other briefing from the ground up. And then to the people that actually are going to utilize these from officers to people, we might not think of often like district attorneys that need to get their cases resolved quickly. And now you're receiving this digital evidence. So what We're looking to do here with Green Bay PD is called our Officer Safe. This as Chief mentioned, is what's going to combine all of those resources together into one cohesive package. It also makes it really easy for cities because it puts it onto one contract. So it's one line item every year. That's direct feedback we've had from law enforcement agents. This Officer Safety Plan is going to include the tasers which I'll let captain Allen talk about in a little bit are needing some upgrading. The body cameras, which you don't have today, and then upgrades for your in-car cameras, because there's a few issues with those at this time as well. So I'm gonna start with the taser piece, and this is gonna be pretty brief. The new taser is called the TASER 7, and we operate on the three CS here, which is Confidence, Community and Connectivity. The confidence piece is to give officers confidence to deescalate dangerous situations with the most effective CEW ever. So what we did is we did some surveys with law enforcement and we found out that the majority of situations are within a four to 10 foot range. So we're thinking traffic stops and any close contact you have with the community. Traditionally, our tasers did not accommodate that well because you had to be about eight feet away to get a full foot of what we call spread, where the probes are gonna be top and bottom. And then it's gonna complete a circuit and create that Neuromuscular, Incapacitation or NMI. Now, with this particular tool, we have two different options where they can have a close quarters option which is about four foot radius. So that gives them a little bit more confidence to utilize this and know it's actually going to be effective. And then there's also the standoff cartridge which is good at 22 feet or further. I've seen that actually personally be used with the department. They had a suicide call, suicide by cop call. The guy had a knife in his hand. There's great video of this online, by the way from Taylor PD here in Michigan. And they were able to utilize this TASER 7 with those standoff cartridges, subdue subject, pull the knife from his hand and save his life. The community piece is showing the community that you have commitment to safety with de-escalation tools. So one of the pieces of the TASER 7 is that it has this beautiful warning arc on it. So the big black button right here so you don't actually have to fire a cartridge. The officer has the ability to actually press this button and it will produce electricity across the front of those cartridges without having to take them out. It's loud, it's bright, and it can typically deescalate a situation and not make it go further into actually deploying those probes. So that's gonna improve the user and the citizen. Another part of that is what we call our Immersive Training or deescalation training. We do provide an Oculus system, that's going to provide virtual reality empathy training for the department. This is not to replace any of the CIT training that the department has today but it will supplement that. So we're really targeting mental health scenarios. Right now we've got autism, schizophrenia and suicidal ideation loaded into our system with PTSD to come shortly. What that provides is a way for an officer to put on this Oculus and have a VR opportunity to be in the position of the officer that's on scene for a schizophrenic and then also put themselves in the shoes of the schizophrenic, hearing the voices in their head, having a screwdriver in your hand and trying to see what it's like to be in that person's shoes. It's a great training tool, takes all of like three minutes versus a full day in a classroom. And so that is like I said included in what we're trying to accomplish here as well. And then the last piece is the connectivity. This doesn't matter as much for the city but it matters a lot for the department because it makes the workflow that much easier for these tasers. So it gives them more time back on the street 'cause they can just dock this battery, pull a new one and walk back out the door and it's gonna automatically pull the logs. You can attach it to reports, to cases, anything that you need with an evidence dock problem. And that's what we call a Dock and Walk Workflow here. So it saves about four man-hours per year, per weapon, which that's dollars saved over time. The

other thing that's great about these tasers is they're signal enabled. So signal is auto activation. So when a taser is activated, so when the safety is disarmed, it will also activate their body cameras. This can be set up to be activated as a one-to-one. So that taser will only activate that officer's camera or it can be set up to activate any cameras in that vicinity within a 30-second period. This is great because it provides the opportunity when there's a high-adrenaline situation for the officer to be thinking about what they should be doing to respond to that rather than turning on their cameras. So it will automatically do that for them. There's also a buffer built into the camera that can go back anywhere from 30 seconds to two minutes with or without audio that will also provide the context that led up to them having to draw that taser. Another piece of the signal is the Signal Sidearm. So this actually goes on the outside of the duty holster. You draw your gun, it activates your camera, same concept. This is one that we're seeing used everywhere at this point. And I think everybody can understand with recent events that this is a highly sought after tool for law enforcement. You draw your weapon, it activates your camera. So with that, we'll go into the body camera. I'd like to say so with body cameras, the hardware is kind of hardware, the camera's are very similar. What's going to set this apart is going to be what we're doing behind the scenes with evidence.com or Axon Evidence as we call it. And we'll get into that here in a little bit. And that's the management, the storage, the whole program after the video is recorded. But this Body 3 is a fantastic camera. It's a 12-hour shift life. So it's going to last through their whole shift here. It's going to allow these officers to take back time because it's gonna automate a lot of those time consuming tasks. A couple of other things that are really important about this are what we call Axon Respond. And so this is gonna provide GPS tracking when the camera's activated. There is an option that it can track cameras off, but that is something that they would have to discuss as a department. We don't see a lot of departments use that. We typically see it when it's just activated. You can live stream into any camera that's recording if you have the privilege to do so. That means that you're part of the command staff or the admin staff there. You can also offload critical incidents in the field. These cameras are equipped with dual Sims. So that means that it's using LTE or cell service in the field. This is no additional cost to the department. Axon actually covers the cost for those SIM cards. So if there is a critical officer involved shooting that Chief needs to see right away, they can actually push that off load in the field and Chief can have access to it within evidence.com in minutes. And then there's also officer gunshot activations. Those involved in a shooting and it's in close quarters. The camera will activate a recording and it will also send an alert to command staff or whoever set up in evidence.com to receive that alert and say, Hey, there's been gunshots detected. This is not shot spotter, but it's really into something that's more in close proximity with the officer. A real story about this. I know I used one with Taylor PD in Michigan. I actually had a phone call last night from one of my departments here in Michigan. And it was a Sergeant. He said, "Hey, we just put these cameras out on the street. "I've got two officers they're lost "in 15 miles of dense woods. "They have no phones, it's dark. "There are no landmarks, we don't know where they're at. "They're chasing a stabbing subject and they got lost. "There's nothing, they can't hear the highway." And so I got Respond loaded onto his phone 'cause we actually have an application for that to track everybody into live stream in. And he was able to pull it up and see his officers. And he goes, "I found 'em." And I'm not gonna say the words he said, but he said this is bleeping awesome. And he found his officers. I mean, they found them in minutes. So thinking about this as an officer-safety tool is huge. We think about it a lot as dispatch can look at it and dispatch the appropriate officers to the scene. But in that situation, you're really saving these deputies. So it was a really cool call to get. Well, scary call to get last night, but also cool that it turned out very well. As for the in-car, our in-car's, very different. We call it Axon Fleet 2. It's very different than your traditional system. This camera is very small and you see it at an angle there. It sits right up behind the rear-view mirror. It's gonna give you a front camera and a rear camera. So you will see the passenger compartment as well. I won't go into full details on this 'cause

that's not really what matters, but it's also going to connect into evidence.com. So we give ongoing support and partnership. And like I said, everything is built in-house. But this is really where everything comes together. So Axon Evidence, or we're used to call it evidence.com is our DEMS solution. And that is a Digital Evidence Management System. So once all of this data is recorded, it goes into Axon Evidence for review, for sharing for making cases, for whatever we're looking to do with it at that point. I'm also gonna backtrack for one second. With the Fleet system, the in-car system, there are a number of signal triggers with that as well. You flip on light bars, there's a crash, there's high speed, a gun lock, take the rifle out of the car that will also activate your in-car and your body cameras as well. Same with others that pull up on scene within that specific range of time. So When you go into Axon Evidence, there's actually the ability to do what we call Multicam Playback where it can identify that there have been multiple incidents in the same area. So multiple recordings of Axon Body Camera footage or in-car footage, and you can pull four of those at one time to be able to watch simultaneously and review. So it's a really great time-saving feature. It's also going to integrate with the CAD system. So it's going to communicate with the CAD system and pull their call for service data to the videos and automatically tag those for them. So that it's consistent recordings and consistent metadata within evidence.com. But two of the biggest things that we talk about that are huge for departments are Redaction and Transcription. When Chief was talking about release of information or FOIA here, Redaction is big for that. It's built in to evidence.com. So it's not something that they have to go somewhere else to do, and it's automated. So they can start an automated Redaction in the background and go do something else that they need to be doing and come back to it. And license plates, faces and MDTs, or the computer screens are automatically redacted out. Now they get to choose what they keep and what they don't but it does provide a relief automated feature for that. And then they can also go in and redact any other items in there that they need to as well. The Transcription is something that they can hit Auto Transcribe on a video, and it will automatically go through and identify all the speakers and attempt to transcribe that video. What's really interesting about that is it's hypermedia linked. So if they're looking for something where the suspect says knife, they can actually search for the word and it takes them to that portion of the video. So it's a really, really great tool for. And traditionally something that you don't get. I mean, the whole idea here is that everything's talking to each other and it's all coming together in Axon Evidence. Axon Performance is part of this as well. I don't always talk about this, but I think it's really important to talk about. What this is, is it is a software platform, that's going to make it easy for the department to use their data, to ensure compliance with policy. So constant changing, or, adding these bills to say that you have to have policy around body cameras. This is really helpful to make sure that the department is adhering to that. So, with Performance they'll have a supervisor that navigates through it, gets information that's really easily digest and it's going to be automated. So everything's randomized, it's automated. They can review random videos and make sure that they're providing adequate training as well. So this is going to reduce the amount of review time for supervisors and keeps everything fair for everybody as well. And then one of the last things we'll talk about here is Axon Citizen. So there's two different versions of this. This is really cool because there's a one-to-one version where an officer can be, let's say on a scene with somebody and somebody says, "Hey I have cell phone video of this." Instead of having to take their phone or go over their shoulder, like I'm sure Chief Smith knows that they've had to do many times and take your cell phone and like point it at their cell phone. They can actually text them a link and it creates a false number. So it's not exposing the officer's number and have all the information put in there automatically that citizen can then upload it to Facebook or anything else into Green Bay's evidence.com account directly. They don't have any access to evidence.com. It just upload those for them. And then the department can review it quickly. It goes into a triage site. The other way that we see this is citizen for communities. And this is a larger scale. So think Packers game when we can have

fans again, right? And we're tailgating and a fight breaks out 'cause they're playing The Bears and you've got 20 plus people with cell phone videos or pictures of this fight. You can create a link, a custom link for that put it on social media, which I know you all use often, 'cause I follow it and say, "Hey if you have any video or photos of this incident please click on this link and submit it for us." And it automatically goes to evidence.com. And that's where they can go in and share it seamlessly with digital or a district attorneys with your prosecutor's offices. We actually set your prosecutors up with their own free version of this account, which is fantastic. So that they'll get their own copies of all of these videos and their own copies of the cases as well that they're gonna be able to create. There's no more disks that have to go back and forth. There's no more flash drives. It is all seamless and it's all tracked by an audit trail. So it shows chain of custody all the way through. So that's the end of that part. There's one last thing that I did want to touch on very quickly. So I'm gonna stop the share on this particular screen. And we have a campaign right now called Sprint For Justice, and it's our way of supporting law enforcement but also supporting social justice because we know that that's a big need at this time. So let me share this particular screen. So we have these Sprint For Justice features. We have a few things like Use-of-Force Dashboard which is gonna give the department a lot more information on their types of use-of-force and be able to categorize that. Peer Intervention Training on virtual reality, which I touched on briefly, with the PTSD part of that. But what I wanna touch on is this Replay Coaching which is the officer self review. So Axon as a company is actually in talks with The Packers there and they are looking to be our first partner for Replay Coaching. So we're looking NFL teams to come on board and kind of give their take on what this does for them when they watch film of themselves, whether it's a good play, a bad play and how that makes them better. And the idea behind replay coaching is that we do the same sort of thing for the officers. They can actually get better at what they do. No longer will they be afraid to put a camera on because they think if they say the wrong thing, they're gonna get punished. It's more of a training opportunity for the officers and the community as well. So with that, I've talked enough. And I think Captain Allen is going to follow me up here unless anybody has any questions for me. I'm happy to answer anything.

- Any questions from the Alders, from Ms. Donahue? Thanks so much for that presentation, very informative. Alders.

- Alder Galvin.

- Alder Galvin go ahead.

- I'm sorry, Ms. Donahue. So your company will also have a copy of all of these videos that's...

- So Axon Evidence is housed on Microsoft Azure which is also the GovCloud. So we have zero access to this. This is all your own data. So when I say your own, I mean, Green Bay PDs, own data it's on their own site. Think of it as your mobile bank account. I have zero access to it.

- Okay. So when the 120 days is up and evidence has been determined to be destroyed then it's gone forever, is that...

- So that's all based on policy and I'll let the department talk about that a little bit but the way that this works is everything that we're providing here is gonna give them unlimited data storage. So they can store anything indefinitely within evidence.com but based on particular policies or state law and regulation, they'll have certain retention periods set up for certain types of videos. Videos that are ingested into Axon Evidence are going to be tagged with what we call a category. And that will be assigned that retention period. So it will automatically start to purge some videos for them or keep them for extended periods of time. Before anything gets deleted in Axon Evidence, it goes into a deletion queue for seven days. So nothing gets deleted right away, it's all for it goes. And then, Oh, go ahead.

- But once it's gone, it's gone.

- It is. I mean, once they deleted it is gone. So if there's something that you need to keep for 20 plus years and you wanna put that on physical medium you can, I do have departments that do that but we also have departments that have been on Axon Evidence for 10 years.

- [Alder] In the health department

- Okay. And then as to the equipment so our department is looking at car cameras, body cameras, new tasers, all around. And then also, I imagine they'll have to buy a brand new holsters then from your company. So that it has that the system that activates the cameras as soon as they draw their weapon.

- No, sir. So a few things to note on that these are fairly universal. These signal, sidearm mounts they actually go on their existing duty weapon holsters. The other thing to note is that there are upgrades throughout this program. So with the body cameras at year two and a half and year five of the contract, which year five is the end they're going to get brand new upgraded equipment. That

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includes the cameras and the docking stations that are utilized for those. And then for the in-car system we're also going to upgrade that hardware at the end of the five-year contract as well.

- Okay. And just to be upfront with you I used to be a taser instructor for the department like a hundred years ago. And so there was a warranty program for the tasers. I mean, the reason why we have some of the tasers now that are as old as air is because costs and everything else with rolling them over. But it sounds like you have a better system in place now that's much more cost effective at least for the department.

- Yes, sir. And this was actually direct feedback from law enforcement right. We have enough partners now where we've been able to say, Hey, what works best for you when it comes to purchasing this equipment? And we found that purchasing it over a length of time over five years, which by the way this is not a lease program. We just allow flexible payments for law enforcement over five years. It's in our terms that it's owned from day one, that we figured that it was a better pricing model for you all. And it just made it a better experience with making sure that the gear is refreshed when it's supposed to be. Because I'm sure being an old taser instructor, you know that there are tasers that are still with the PD that are like 10 plus years old and our recommended useful life on these are five. So we're trying to get into this idea of a five-year replacement cycle and help make that funding a little bit more feasible.

- And that sounds like what, what you're doing. And I think that'll be a huge benefit for the department. Thank you.

- Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Other questions from the council?

- [John] Mayor Genrich, John Vander Leest.

- Yes. Alder Vander Leest go ahead.

- [John] I guess I'd like to ask her what it costs to equip one officer with the equipment and his squad? What would the costs be on one officer and the squad as well?

- So we're actually gonna save the financial discussion for next week when we take it to the finance committee. So there are a number of different ways to look at this financially and, because we're including so many different things here and there's a lot of moving pieces with the funding aspect of this. We're gonna save that conversation for next week and then bring that forward in the following meeting if that's appropriate.

- Thank you.

- Absolutely.

- Other questions on the presentation from our council?

- I did have one, Mr. Mayor.

- Yeah, go ahead Alder Wery.

- Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Donahue for the presentation. And forgive me if you already covered this. Is the camera only activated when the weapons drawn or can you self activate it if you feel like you need to record?

- Absolutely. So I never take manual activation off the table. There are going to be those times where there's an officer-citizen interaction where something hasn't been activated, like the taser, the in-car activation systems or their... So never take that off the table. It's as simple, double tap of the middle button. It's a recess button and it's got a nice lip around the outside. So when it's nice and cold up there in Green Bay and they've got gloves on they can actually feel it. And all of this by the way is developed because of voice of customer. We've actually had law enforcement worked with us on the development of all of our products. And this is all feedback from law enforcement. There's a way to turn lights on and off so that they don't become a target at night. And there's no flashing lights like you're Iron Man. There's a mute function on these so that they can discuss tactics but not have a

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break in the video, which is very important because that can be called into question. So there's a number of things I didn't cover. And I'm sorry, cause it's a lot of detail but hopefully that helps you.

- Perfect. I appreciate it. Thank you.

- Yep.

- Thanks Alder. Any other questions? All right, with that, we'll go to Captain Allen. Any comments from you captain?

- So as Chief said, this has been a long process really starting about five years ago but then with the events of this year, law enforcement has had to change. And one of those big changes that we're seeing really is coming across the country is legislation that's mandating body cams. The latest one was out in New Jersey. One that is almost all the way through and ready to be written into law is in Illinois. So I think one of the big pieces for us is really to get ahead of that process and really show that we are a leader in law enforcement that we provide our officers and our city and our community members with the best possible technology that's out there. So we reviewed like Chief Smith said we were at four different body camera systems. And before we started that process we sat down with our IT staff. Some of our SWAT members, other members of the command staff and talked about what's important to us. And as we were going through this process of reviewing some of the available systems that were out there, it was very clear to us that Axon came out on top. Our SWAT team, which is comprised of officers from all of the departments from various different positions were able to utilize the system and test it out for a period of time. We found it very valuable and very useful with a lot of the technology that Axon provides. For many years now the Green Bay police department was tasked with investigating critical incidents for the Appleton Police Department. One of the more recent ones was when a firefighter Mitchell Lundgaard was killed in an officer-involved shooting. And we were able to utilize their body cameras to investigate that incident. That was huge part of the investigation. And it helped us get through that investigation rather quickly Appleton PD has had body camera system for about 12 years now. In the last seven to eight years they have utilized the Axon system. So we're able to partner with them not only for investigative purposes, but also to go through the system all the good, bad and ugly of it. And to be quite honest there was really no bad or ugly about it. The system is really a quality system, not many issues for... Not any issues, as far as the technology piece goes, the user-end of it. We talked from the Chief down to the patrol guys and they all had, they loved the system. But I think that was one of those big pushes for us why we were looking at the Axon system.

- If I could jump in for one second, Ben. We also looked at the possibility of trying to save as much money as we could and build a system on our own. That means buy a body camera from one of the

vendors, use our own IT staff, whether it's Mike, Ronic, Jason Beerman or any other folks we have, and build a system ourselves. The problem was for us to build a system and then to build a storage for it or to connect it to the cloud. We probably would have had to hire additional IT staff just to run that particular system. And after a while, after we looked at it and gave it a hard look, it really didn't seem like it made sense for us to build it ourselves. And again, Axon rose to the top of all the companies that we looked at.

- Any final questions from council for either Chief, Captain Allen or Ms. Donahue?

- Mayor.

- Yeah. Alder Steuer go ahead.

- Thank you, mayor. Well, Chief and Ben, thank you for this and Ms. Donahue, thank you as well. I suppose it's too early to ask what have you talked about over the last five years when you were looking at this is there any way to put maybe a little handle on as far as what kind of savings there might be? Ben, you mentioned something about, certain discussions or events that are going on that you can discuss and get through fairly quickly with this type of equipment. I suppose it's too early to really tell but do you have any kind of a feel for what kind of time savings there will be for the department that way?

- Yep, absolutely. So one of the key things that's really stuck with us when we reviewed some other agencies that have these. Complaints on officers went down 75%, from having body cams. Initially things kind of say the same for agencies that just got body cams. People would come in to complain about officer conduct. The supervisor was able to review the video immediately then review with whoever was making a complaint on the officer. And those things just started dropping way down as far as the complaints on officers go. So the word got out that agencies are have these the footage of the incident is caught on camera. So that alone saved a ton of time. Investigative pieces that like I talked about the investigations that we do for Appleton PD related to critical incidents, typically those investigations can go on for months up to two months, three months, depending on what type of investigation it is. In this case with a officer-involved shooting, the investigation was done in less than a month. And one of the key pieces to that was having that body cam footage of the incident right there in front of us to look at. In fact, when we got to Appleton for that incident, within five minutes of walking in the building, they had the video pulled up for us and the investigation started. So there's that time saving. When you think about the liability end of things civil lawsuits, criminal lawsuits, those types of things and having that footage right in front of us can really put an end to those things rather quickly.

- And if I can add to that captain, just to help you out we have had studies that were done independently by departments that have deployed body cameras that have actually measured the ROI or trust investment here. So it showed the time savings for officers with these complaints like captain was talking about here. Another thing is, like he said, the litigation time. So I've had departments where they said it took six months to clear somebody for a shooting where it could have taken days with body camera video. And they were absolutely certain of that. So if you'd like, I'd be happy to follow up with material to the department to provide to you that have those case studies in there. They are published case studies.

- I think that would be helpful. And, I think just looking forward, with this type of equipment, as far as what we could delegate officer time on other areas that we need help as well. So I can see some possibilities here. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Any other questions or comments from council? I again, wanna thank Ms. Donahue for joining us. Thanks to Chief Smith and Captain Allen, the rest of the command staff for leading this effort. Just to echo Chief Smith's comments. I think the timing is right for this step. We'll have the opportunity to get into the financials at a later date, but really appreciate the information that was offered tonight. Looking forward from my point of view to acting on the recommendation of our police department. Moving forward, given the partnership that we are developing with the policies that have been put in place as Chief Smith indicated at the state level and the need. I think there's been a call from our community. To community members, but also offers that to our officers as Captain Allen indicated. So with that, we move beyond the presentation, but thanks again to our police department and Ms. Donahue from Axon for participating.

- Thank you.

- Thank you.

- Thank you Mayor.

- Now onto a report by the Mayor. I'll make this brief 'cause we've got a big agenda in front of us. I'm just hoping everybody from the public and from our council had a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday. We also had Small Business Saturday and today is Giving Tuesday. So just asking, all members of the community to really think about our local small businesses, as we move closer to Christmas,

really focus as much of our buying activities on local businesses, on small businesses. It goes without saying that many of them are really struggling given the impact of COVID on our economy and some of these businesses. So just calling on everybody to do what we can to resist the urge to buy everything from Amazon and instead focus our buying power locally. As I said, it's also Giving Tuesday today. So I'd encouraged people to reach out to some of our local nonprofits, our food banks, food pantries in particular are really being stressed and called upon to meet the needs of some of our more vulnerable residents. So I would asked council and community to take a look at our food pantries, our homeless shelters, and all of our local nonprofits that are doing really important work, more important than ever this time of year. So with that, I will conclude my report and move along to announcements. Announcements from council. Okay. Seeing no announcements, we will move along to appointments. I'll entertain a motion on reappointments.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded, by Alder Dorff to confirm the reappointments. Any discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed, nay. The ayes have it. And those reappointments have been approved. Onto new appointments.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Dorff, seconded by Alder Scannell to confirm the new appointments. Any discussion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. And those new appointments have been confirmed Onto ordinance a second reading for adoption.

- Motion to suspend the rule.

- [Kim] You mean under suspension of the rules take up items one and two with a roll call vote.

- Second Alder Scannell.

- Motion to suspend the rules made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff. all in favor...

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay.

- Motion to adopt.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion made by all Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Steuer to adopt items L one and L two. We will use the board.

- [John] Mayor, I'll have to make my vote verbal.

- And what is that vote Alder?

- [John] That would be aye. Thank you.

- Thank you. And those ordinances are adopted 12-0. Onto Redevelopment Authority.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Dorff to improve report M which is the report of the Redevelopment Authority from the meeting on November 10, 2020. Any items under this report to be handled separately? Hearing none. All in favor of approving that report please signify by saying, aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. M has been approved. Onto Protection and Policy.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Lefebvre to approve report N which are the reports of the Protection and Policy committee from the meetings on November 16 and November, 19, 2020. Any items here to be handled?

- Number six

- Item six will be handled separately. Any others? Hearing none others. All in favor of approving the remainder of that report please signify by saying, aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The report has been approved with the exception of item six.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax. The item was pulled, I believe by Alder Wery. Alder you have the floor.

- Thank you Mr. Mayor. I could be wrong but I think some people here would like to speak to this. So I make a motion to open the floor.

- Second.

- Motion to open the floor made by Alder Wery seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax. Before we move to that vote. I have the opportunity like many of you on council I think to witness a lot of the testimony offered on this item. I certainly didn't have the chance to sit through all of it, but I know that many have I sat through several hours myself I think in total there were between nine and 10 hours of testimony offered on both sides on this issue. I think a lot of good work was done at the committee level thanks to Alder Steuer and members of our committee for waiting through comments on both sides of this question. So I believe that we've had a pretty robust discussion on this item but obviously this is something for council to determine whether or not we open the floor. So having said that I will go to our council President Alder Brunette and our council, Vice President Alder Dorff for some comments on this question as well.

- Yeah. Thank you, mayor. And you're correct. I think it's up to each Alder to vote yes or no on opening the floor. I almost always vote for opening the floor to hear from interested parties because that's who we report to that's who owns the city of Green Bay Government. We have to be understanding of hearing those voices. But on this particular issue I'm gonna vote against opening the floor just for the very reason that, I've listened to hours of the testimony, I've reviewed all of the documents, received hundreds of emails on this, received comments from constituents. I really don't know what more public input we will receive that will change opinions. I could be wrong. Each Alder needs to vote for what they believe. But I don't know. We've really litigated this to a great degree and I'm gonna vote against opening the forum to hear from the public.

- Thank you Alder. Alder Dorff.

- Thank you mayor. And I will have to concur with Alder Brunette. We have, I have personally attended hours and hours of communications. All Alders had that opportunity. And if they weren't able to be there right in as it was live, they had the opportunity to watch all of this evidence and this testimony at their leisure. I've received emails on a daily basis for months. I have enough information from the public right now and I am going to also vote against opening the floor. Normally I would not vote against opening the floor, but in this situation, I believe I have heard all I need to hear. And I've had the opportunity to hear all I'd need to hear. So I will be voting against opening the floor. Thank you.

- Thank you Alder. Any other comments on this question of opening the floor?

- I originally had the floor, so.

- Yeah, Alder Wery go ahead.

- Thank you. I would just remind everyone. There are people here who now going on an hour waited to speak to this item. This is still the United States where people can speak before their representative body. Yes, they may have come before the committee. Some might not have, maybe this is where they held their comments for because they know this is where the ultimate decision will be made. I would be ashamed, very ashamed if we don't open the floor. It'd be a sad day, if people show up for our meeting. I wish we were in City Council right now not virtual so that you can look into the audience and tell them thanks for coming, go home now. So just keep that in mind. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Scannell.

- Yes. I'm not for opening the floor either. This has been vetted to death and I also I'm going to it now, but I believe it's extremely inappropriate that this is even before a council. This is not something we should be hearing. This is a matter of science for scientists. Not legislators, not courts. And I cannot believe that there's gonna be any comment from everyone that hasn't been heard already. There's been how many hours of testimony given that the protection of policy they had? How many extra meetings to accommodate people? I just see no reason to break this out any further and believe the whole proceeding is... I can go into that later. I see no reason to open the floor at all. Thank you.

- One more Alder.

- Thanks Alder. Any other comments on this question?

- [John] Mayor Genrich, Alder Vander Leest.

- Yes. Go ahead.

- [John] I'm in favor of opening the floor. I think the public has a right to air their grievances or their concerns. And I think that's where we can do it. Opening the floor gives them a chance to be part of our government. Thank you.

- Thank you, Alder.

- Mayor.

- Yes. Alder Steuer.

- I guess the question I have is, I mean, as far as what we're voting on, whether it's fluoride or not or if it's a receiving place on file I guess I just wanna make sure that, legal could tell us exactly what we would be...

- Yeah. I mean, the item before us currently is to receive and place on file the request of Alder Galvin.

- So that's it, okay.

- Yep, but the question we're obviously discussing right now is opening the floor.
- Right.
- Okay. Any other comments from council?
- Please record the votes, so everybody can see appropriately how their--
- Yep. Absolutely. Request for a recorded vote has been made--
- No democracy, no problem.
- and we will record the vote. So please use the board. And this again is a question whether or not we will open the floor to public comment. An aye vote opens the floor and no vote keeps it closed.
- Why wouldn't it even be questioned? You guys are crazy. People be would killed for less than that.
- [John] Mayor, my vote will be an aye. Alder Vander Leest will be aye to open the floor.
- Thanks Alder. That motion fails six to six to open the floor.
- [Chris] So this means we don't have the floor?
- We're on receiving place on file Alder Wery.

- Thank you. I'm very disappointed in that vote. I hope everybody remembers that at election time. People can show up and voice their opinion at this meeting. And you just denied them of that. That's disgusting. Now getting onto the commentary here. If I mean, we can still handle the item. We don't have to receive it in place in a file. My commentary will be like everyone here. I mean, I think this is my third time voting on fluoride so it's certainly not new to it. Like everyone here, we've all been inundated with studies, counter studies, evidence of every time, some of the discussion and debate was pretty fiery and lively which is good for democracy. Obviously water is essential for us to survive. The Water Utilities purpose in providing water to the community is to avoid patchwork of wells, some of which weren't reliable or safe. We needed clean, cheap, reliable water. Our goal in providing water should be very simple much like the doctor to do no harm, provide water. Once we start adding anything, we are indeed starting to play doctor. We are administering a treatment to everyone regardless if they need it or not. If that's the case, why not add vitamin D? Very good for you. A lot of people are deficient. It would do most people good. How about probiotics pour some of that in there. Give some antidepressants for me during the COVID times they're doing little cocktail on our water. Why not? Fluoride can be detrimental to infants or people with thyroid issues. What about those who drink far more water than others or the myriad of fluoride products in addition to fluoridated water? Since we are now the doctor, giving people a prescription of fluoride which they didn't ask for and many don't need are we monitoring their health and effects of fluoride? Of course not, we're just hoping for the best, I guess. I believe the decision to use fluoride should be up to each individual. Most probably don't even know what's in their water. If dentists are concerned about cavities and step up their game and expand programs in the community perhaps use the money spent on fluoride for dental wellness. Everyone I know has access to fluoridated toothpaste and other items. Let people decide for themselves how to care for their teeth. It's time to remove the fluoride and take the do-no-harm approach with water The basic singleness of life. And let's not do the, it most likely does no harm in most people mantra. So who are we to play doctor with such a basic requirement water? I would say that we not receive in place that final vote against that. And then we can truly discuss what we should do with fluoride. Once again, I'm ashamed of this council for not opening the floor.

- So are there other comments?

- Mr. Mayor.

- Yeah, I do.

- Alder Stevens and then Alder Scannell.

- Regarding Alder Wery's comments I'm kind of taken back from that. I lived and went through every single meeting and I have listened to everybody talk, each side of the scenario. And he has the right to state that we didn't open the floor. I chose not to open the floor. I already listened to everybody through Protection and Policy. So I kind of take it back by his comments that are being made towards this Common Council.

- Thank you, Alder Stevens. Alder Scannell.

- Yes. I will dig a little deeper into life. This should never have even come before us. This is not a matter of legislation. This is a matter of science. We are not scientists. This is grossly inappropriate to be bringing this to us. If you believe fluoride is wrong, you take your case to the CDC, which the anti fluoride people have been doing for years and years and years a decade. And they still haven't... I am not a scientist. I am not qualified to make any decision here. This was decision was made in the '30s to add fluoride for health purposes. The CDC considers it one of the 10, modern best medical things that has happened. And I'm sure they're taking evidence from the conditions of people's teeth before then. And it's a whole different world. Certainly things have changed. And maybe there's an argument to be made to as they've done in Europe where it's a personal choice and fluoride is put in other products. That is not something we can do at this level. People who want to follow that need to take their game to a different body that can do that. At this level, all we can do is follow the science. And science, I believe in science, science is a methodology. You have an hypothesis, you conduct an experiment you take the results and then you weigh how your hypothesis came through. And then you peer review that. And peer review is through the bodies of organized science the CDC, the EPA, the AMA, all the alphabet soups. That's the authority we should be following that is science. Anything else is anti-science. That's not science to cherry pick your scientists. Oh I like this study, this nice. This is a scientist over here, that is not science. For those who are anti fluoride. and you have a medical body, you have the knowledge behind you the degrees shame on you. What are you doing bringing this to us? You should be going to the CDC, the EPA that's where your fight is not with us. And for all those citizens who are jumping on board, this I don't understand what you're doing. It's such a waste of your time, your talent, your intellect, your energy. You're not a scientist either. We should not care as citizens. We should not care what the science is. We should be following the organized bodies of science recommendations which our water utility manager is well on top of and will bring to us the moment there is anything that needs to be a concern for us to act on as legislators. This is just a waste of everyone's time. And we've done this, how many times now? I will be putting into communication in an email tomorrow so we don't have to pay for it. Hopefully providing future Alders some guidance on this topic so that they won't have to keep doing this over and over. It's just wrong. I mean, I've been thinking a lot about this job as an Alder the expectations that we should be putting on alders and expecting an Alder to play scientist is just flat out wrong. It's like asking me to fix your car, to fix the roads. That's not appropriate. This is not an appropriate item to come before us. It's just not, this is a matter of science. Science then you take the scientists, duke it out. And when they get it all worked out, then we can act on what they decide. And what they have decided for decade after decade after year after year is that there is a benefit to fluoride. And the only debit is with, fluorosis which is unfortunate but considered the benefit you gotta weigh your pros and cons. I don't think it's worth taking the fluoride out of the water. So I'm totally against this item. I'm hoping we're never seen this again. It's just, I believe wrong to bring this to us. Thank you.

- Thanks.

- [John] Sir, I'd like to make a comment Alder Vander Leest.

- Yep. Go ahead.

- [John] This item is before us for a reason. This is our job to vote on it. We heard all the arguments on both sides and I'm not for re putting this received in place on file. I think we should take this to a vote. I heard all the information that was given from both sides. I don't support adding fluoride to the water. I've talked to a number of dentists. I've talked to a number of people that are on, in the science community. And basically it's in front of our City Council for a reason. We're gonna vote it up or down. In other words, we either want Florida or we don't. I'm not supporting fluoride. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Other comments?

- Mayor? I should say--

- Alder Brunette.

- Yes. Thank you. I'm not sure Ms. Chavez the city attorney's on the line or if Joanna or someone else from the city legal staff is on the line but that's my question to that person would be what exactly the motion on the floor is to receive then for now would basically end it. That doesn't mean it's gonna never come up again where it won't pick another Avenue to get there. That's where my question for the city attorney's office is. I mean, isn't it a simple vote of, Hey, we decided as a council to remove fluoride from drinking water or is there more legality that we need to consider? Because I believe that the motion that passed the committee was kind of done under the pretense that there's some litigation or court case or some legal whirling in the future that might change what we're able to do. Could you tell us.

- Sure. Yep. So with respect to fluoridation my understanding is the city's decision to fluoridate The water was done by resolution. So any action to reverse that would also be done by resolution. As far as the action taken at Protection and Policy, the committee's discussion led towards the decision that they wanted to essentially keep the status quo and not make any changes to the current fluoridation process in the city's water. Accordingly, the recommendation was to receive in place on file. As far as pending court cases, my understanding of that is that that is a court case that is pending in Northern California. It would not have any jurisdictional precedence over the state of Wisconsin and over the city of Green Bay. Whether other cases come up in the state and other litigation comes up that would be a different situation. And if there are federal rulings that do apply to us and that precedent does is applicable to us, then at that point a resolution that currently stands fluoridating the water would not be effective any longer and you'd have to abide by whatever guidelines the EPA or other federal agencies provide or federal courts or state courts provide. If there's motion to receive in place on file passes, it's possible that the group who is wishing or the people or individuals or groups, you name it who are in favor of removing the fluoride could they pursue another avenue to get there outside of the City Council? Like could they go to public referendum? Could they put it before this body to consider a public referendum?

- There are certainly are options of public referendum for citizens to put forth to council whether or not that is applicable to this particular issue, I can't speak to that.

- Okay. That's fine. That's fair. I guess my point is, I don't take this vote lightly to not open the floor. I really don't. I think I've never done that and I'm getting to the motion Mayor, but so I understand where you're coming from Alderman Wery, but we have 50 attachments to the agenda item, multiple viewpoints. We received hundreds of emails, all of the different speakers at the committee level. To make a decision on something like this that's as divisive of an issue. And then to explain it to the entire city that as a body of 12, we made this decision. It's hard to make that decision because the two sides seem to be at odds. And I don't quite go as far as where Alder Scannell went with his frustration, with the issue but am I the qualified person to make this? It's a matter of public consumption and almost to the point where it should go to public referendum. And I'd be in favor of that. The public should be able to decide this not necessarily a body of 12. Of course the argument goes enough about this issue to make that vote. Well, if I'm saying that I know enough to make that decision I certainly would trust the public to make this decision through direct democracy. So this doesn't die a motion to receive on place on file. If that's what the vote is, it doesn't necessarily kill it in the end, but we had to look at Alder Galvin's requests. He filed on behalf of the constituent that the city consider taking fluoride out of the treatment process for city water. I think we considered that, but I'm not at the point now where I can overturn, 50 or so reputable organizations. We received a letter late today from the Oneida Nation and their health department in support through their chairman. And so I'm not an ignorant person. I'm not being dismissive or I'm not ignoring the really pressing issue of the time. If we're putting things into our body that don't belong there, I take that seriously. We're not at the point now where I can say, I know more about this issue than the majority of the public. So my vote would be to receive and place on file, fully acknowledging that I don't know if this will be the end of this. If this group is really active and pursue a different Avenue to make it work but I'm not comfortable removing fluoride at this point. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Gerlach.

- Thank you. I have to say that all the Scannell's speech really kind of sounded like it was directed at me. So I'm going to go forward. I think that what Alder Brunette said too, made me feel like I need to speak out because in spite of my age I am the junior Alder here and I might be the only one who's never been through this before. So I would like to share with my colleagues how I went about this. And by now they will not be surprised to know that I did my homework. I have spent hours and hours and hours studying this over the past few months. And I have attended all of the testimony. I've listened to everything people had to say. I took a phone call at home today and listened and followed up on the study that the man wanted me to read. I've received all those emails everyone else received. We were told in those emails, follow the science not the lobbyists and not the politicians. And I have to tell you, I was rather surprised that sometimes I received the same email from 10 different people and very same email. And then I received a different one from eight different people. And some of them started out by, "I live in your district. I am your constituent." Roll down, looked at their address. And none of them lived in my district. And some of them I responded to and I said, "I'm sorry, I'm not your Alder. Perhaps it's Alder Scannell. It might be Alder Galvin." Nobody responded to me. There was one woman who sent an email that named five specific studies that I should read. So I emailed her back and I said, please send me the links to those studies so I can read them. She sent me the links, every single one of them went to the same website, fluoridealert.org. There was a whole list of studies. They seem to be hyperlinked. I tried to read them, not one link worked. I couldn't read them. And then I wondered whether she had read them. There was another gentleman who sent us an email. I'm assuming everyone got the same emails I got. And he said, "there are all these very prestigious 'organizations supporting our movement to end fluoridation "of water and you should check them out." And so I did. So one of them is the Center for Health Environment and Justice and their stated mission on their website is quote: "To train and support local activists across the country "and build initiatives that win on issues." Folks that aint science. The Environmental Working Group says on their website: "We drive consumer choice and civic action." That aint science. There's one called the Institute of Neurotoxicology and Neuro Disorders. And their stated goal was: "To distribute scientific information." So I was really interested in that one. And as I explored the website I found out it's just a website of one, Dr. Stephen Gilbert, who's marketing the books he's written. One paper back cost \$46. There's another one that I was told, supports this movement The American Academy of Environmental Medicine and they have published positions against water fluoridation. They've also published positions against wireless radio frequency radiation in schools, electromagnetic fields genetically modified foods, chemical sensitivity, molds and mycotoxins, mercury and more. And then finally, I was told to check out The International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology. And I did. I checked out their website and I found on their website, a store where I could actually order brochures against fluoridation. I could even order anti fluoride t-shirts. I could have business cards printed. And I suppose say, I am whoever I want to say I am. There was one person who sent an email about how Dr. Christine Till whose work regarding the negative effect of fluoride on the IQ of young children is being demonized for her work. And I did some research. I found that researchers from six countries have written her university which is not in the United States to complain that they cannot even attempt to replicate her study because she will not offer up a complete data set. They asked, and I will quote them. They asked in their letter, whether "Etiology is being misrepresented "as science affecting public health "and harming the reputation of

your university." And there was another person who sent me a passionate email about what the civil rights leaders say about fluoridation. And I'm thinking that aint science, that's politics, that's philosophy. And finally, we were encouraged to take the advice about fluoride from Nobel Laureate, Dr. Arvid Carlsson. That's one of the more recent emails I received. So I checked him out. Dr. Arvid Carlsson is a Swedish neuropharmacologist who won his Nobel Prize in 2000 for his work on dopamine and its effects on Parkinson's disease. We've heard a lot from Dr. Johnny Johnson. He is the pediatric dentist, and he's a member of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. And he pointed out that in the late 1950s most Americans aged 65 or older had lost all their teeth because of tooth decay. And he says, the portion of seniors with complete tooth loss has dropped a 70%. And so I would like to end by telling you my life experience. I was born in 1949. None of my grandparents had teeth. All my grandparents put their teeth in a cup of water when they went to bed at night. Now I was raised out in the country and we had our own private well. We did not have fluoride. Appleton had fluoridated water. Green Bay had fluoridated water, we didn't. By the time I graduated from college I had a cavity filled in every single tooth. My children were raised on military installations around the continental United States all with fluoridated water and they were raised in Green Bay. When my children graduated from college each one had had one cavity. I really believe that I have lived the value of fluoridated water. And I have found that many of the studies quoted have experimented with very high levels of fluoride. And they've had extreme, I would say disqualifying facts about their studies. I think maybe we've been snuckered. And so that's the report of the person who has never done this before, did my homework. And I think I would absolutely feel comfortable voting to keep our community water fluoridation program.

- Thank you so much Alder for that work, and for those comments. Alder Dorff.

- Thank you chair. It really, it's hard to follow up after that. Alder Gerlach and I have talked about this a little bit, and she just did a fabulous job of explaining some of the things that she found and that I also found in doing the research having attended personally those hours and hours of meetings that other Alders did not attend and even criticize those of us who did attend at this meeting for not opening the floor. They really should have been at these meetings where they could have heard these things and ask the questions because that is what committee meetings are for. Alder Gerlach you did a fabulous job. Thank you so much for sharing that.

- Thanks

- Mayor.

- [Eric] Thank you Alder. Alder Steuer.

- Thank you, Your Honor. I've been kind of holding off in comments. I share the P and P meeting committee. So I was at every minute of every meeting. Some people might like or dislike the fact that I tried to be as democratic as I could be. I opened the floor to everybody. I tried to remain transparent. I could have very easily cut meetings short or just got to the point. I guess what I wanted to do is allow folks to speak and do what they believe in with as far as fluoride goes. I've dealt with this in 2013, 2017, and now 2020. There is a court case going on as was mentioned. And we looked at every other alternative. Alder Brunette brought something up as far as a referendum, we had talked about that and I approached both sides on that and they both kind of poo-pooed the idea because how many people are gonna take the time to go through the 2,160 pages that's on our agenda tonight or all these reports right here. I've got many that I've printed up. And Alder Gerlach probably read most of them. So I've read them too.

- I did.

- I read them too. And it really gets down to the point where you look in the mirror and you say, what is right? What isn't? What do you believe in? I agree with Alder Scannell in the sense that scientists. We are not doctors. We are not attorneys. And they throw it at us. The teams like locally, we as Alders has been tremendous as far as the amount of pain with some issues that we have to deal with that we didn't really deal with years ago. I mean, people have to remember that fluoride is just one issue that we, as Alders, look at. There's another 60 issues that we've dealt with this year or more. We put our time in. And whether you agree with us or not that we vote yes or no on this topic we did our homework and you can't fault us for that. So, the court case in Northern California might not hold sway over us. If the court server tell us that you gotta take fluoride out of the water, we have no choice. And I think when our committee voted three to one that was kind of the impetus that we came up with. That if the courts decide differently, we'll go that route. But I kind of accorded to being a coach at a football game throwing up the red flag, picking out, is there enough information there to overturn how we feel and believe on this? And I can't fully be convinced that there is. So I don't know how we're gonna have to vote on this but I voted to open the floor, even though it's suicidal for me in a sense, because I've gone through it too much, but we are public servants. And I've tried to maintain the same setup in my meetings as Alder in council. So I'm okay with that. But if it doesn't pass that we don't open up the floor I'm fine with that as well. So I said my 2 cents and I'll move on. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Any additional questions or comments from council?

- [Kathy] Mr Mayor.

- Alder Lefebvre.

- [Kathy] Yes. I'm also on the Protection and Policy. And I had went through all the testimony and emails and I got some different emails sent to me and I checked some of the people out and I found out there were reliable people on the other side too, both sides. And that's the problem. Try to go through this and try to make sense of that. Yeah. I'm not a scientist, but I'm not a scientist. I don't have this type of background. So at the Protection Policy, I went along with the receiving in placement file because I was so conflicted. I didn't know really in a way how to vote on this because I have a question. I wonder, how can we put fluoride in the water for a one size fits all? I do believe that children are more susceptible because infants, they consume more water than a lot of people, adults would consume the water. So I had qualms with that. Yep. I didn't see anything that was for the amount that we put in. And a lot of these studies, I think the amount was higher and that's where I had the problem. And I do know there are some studies out there and that case out in California, the judge had to do one thing that he didn't put it as a ruling but he did mention from some of the from the information that he was receiving the testimony that he felt that it looks like the EPA should take a second look. And that's, I think what we need because remember with smoking how long did it take for us to finally realize the really bad effects of smoking even secondhand smoke? And remember back in the '50s, '40s and '50s I believe it was doctors were promoting smoking. 'Cause it would calm you. So this is something that we have to I think it does have to be looked at, but right now, I'm really conflicted. And I do say one study that I found was the Harvard study in there. So what was it called? Healthy something. Anyway, they had two charts and the one showed the countries that do fluorinate their water and the ones that do not. And the majority of them are in Europe. There were 17 European countries and then there was Mexico. I think there was Greece. And let's see if I can get the other one. And the fluorinated countries, all the cavities came down loss of tooth, cavities it all came down. And then in the unfluorinated countries, all the cases came down. Only one went up, started to go back up, and that was Mexico. So I was trying to think, well, why are those going down? 'Cause they don't fluorinate they never did. And if you think of Europe. They got of one of the best healthcare systems and they also have health issues, initiatives that they put out. I know that scotland, I believe has one. They do not flourinate. And what they do is they have a program where they teach the children in the school how to brush their teeth properly. So they use the fluoride that way directly onto the teeth. And they talk about healthy eating. This is something we don't do here. And I don't know how we can we may can't do it. We don't have the money to do a program like that. But this was something I think that has to be taken into account. We eat sugar like crazy in the United States. You go to the grocery store, go down the cereal aisle. A good share of the cereal to go to the candy aisle, the cookie aisle. It's bigger than our fruits and vegetable area. I think a lot of it has to do with that. And we could redo some of this. But right now I'm gonna say that too I'm still a little conflicted on everything but I think we can't do what Europe's doing. I do believe that we do need some more definitive testing studies done, and maybe we'll come up to the realization, that maybe the fluoride is not right to put it in our water, there's a better way we can do it, but we're not there yet. So. Okay. Thank you. That's all I got to say.

- Thanks Alder. Any final comments on this question of receiving and placing this item on file?

- Mr. Mayor.

- Alder Wery for a second time?

- Yes. Thank you. I'm not gonna go into all the, be it on fluoride, obviously, because it'll take a long time. We don't wanna listen to the people who showed up. So the science is not clear, it's not. It's not a 100% clear. Anybody who says it is, isn't telling the truth. There's a lot out there that would beg to differ, if he would look for it. My last thing is besides having us use the board on this vote, I did want to apologize to those who wanted to speak to those who showed up. And I've been on the council since 2002 minus a short time. I'm trying to remember a time we didn't open the floor. And we had some really, really contentious issues that we really didn't want to hear again. We heard them over and over and over but people took the time out of their life to show up and be a part of our democracy, our Republic, and speak, and we opened the floor. And so just moving forward, remember that. It you could be you on the other side next time and all, for whatever reason you couldn't make it to committee or there's a new point you wanted to make. Go to council. We always see a committee. Hey, you know what? What we do here at committee goes to council. There's your chance to make your final case I guess now Protection and Policy or some of these other committees you can't say that. You're gonna have to tell them we might not open the floor. So I apologize. The council, obviously I hate to say it, may be too arrogant or too lazy or both. I wanna listen to you. So with that, let's use the board.

- Alder. If there aren't any final comments we will do a recorded vote.

- Just one remark.

- Alder Scannell.

- Yes. I would just like to bring up that I would not support a referendum on this either since that was brought up. Science is not a democracy. That's my biggest gripe here. This whole thing is inappropriately before and this should just be cleared off the table as quickly as possible. Science is not a democracy. Science is a process. And the process is you take your study to those bodies and you argue it there. They've done that and they've lost. If losing is the way to look at it they haven't made their case. And so they're doing an and around going to courts and legislators. And that's shameful. That is wrong. That is not science. Anyone who believes in science, this is an easy vote. Because the science, the EPA, the bodies of science, the science, without which science doesn't exist it's just cherry picking. You follow whatever scientists you like. The EPA, the CDC, all those say we

should be fluoridating our water and to go against that is to go against science. No matter what you say, that is science. There's a process, and the process isn't legislating it because you don't make your case against the science bodies. So I would be against a referendum or ever seen this come to any council or court again. It's just not appropriate. This is a matter of science. You take it to the scientific community. You battle it out there. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. We do have a motion and a second to receive and place this item on file. There's been a request to use the recorded vote which we will do.

- What about opening the floor, is that on this?

- We already discussed that alder and that motion failed. The question is receiving and placing on file.

- Mr. Mayor, just for, as it flashed down there really, really quickly. I think it was a six, six tie. So you voted not to open the floor?

- Yeah, the motion failed six to six.

- All right. Thank you.

- So we will use the board

- [John] Mayor my vote will be a nay.

- Alder Vander Leest.

- A nay?

- My vote will be a nay.

- Thank you.

- Alder Vander Leest.

- Thanks Alder. So the motion succeeds nine to three to receive and place that item on file. Onto the report the of Protection and Policy committee, granting operator licenses.

- [John] Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Vander Leest seconded by Alder Stevens to approve Report O, which is the report of the Protection and Policy opening granting operator licenses. Any names you'd like to be recorded as abstaining? Any names to be handled separately? Hearing none, all in favor of that report, please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. Alders the report has been approved. Planning Commission.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Corpus-Dax, seconded by Alder Scannell to approve report P, which is the report of the Planning Commission from the meeting on November 23, 2020.

- One and two.

- And then it's one and two will be handled separately. Any others? Hearing no others, all in favor of approving the remainder of that report, please signify by saying, aye.

- [Alders] Aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The report has been approved with the exception of items one and two. Your wishes on item one.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax. Item pulled by Alder Wery.

- Thank you, Mr. Mayor. My motion is gonna be the same for both of these to refer back. It's not really time-sensitive in any way. More residents wish to weigh in. It was during a kind of a holiday time hunting time. There were a bunch of people who could make it and there's some additional

information I'd like to share, really nothing time-sensitive about it. We could refer back to the Planning Committee.

- Second.

- Second

- Motion has been made to refer the item back by Alder Wery seconded by Alder Scannell. This is just on item one. So we'll do a separate vote on item two. But all in favor of referring back will signify by saying aye.

- Aye.

- Separate.

- Yep. Before we go to the vote, Alder Corpus-Dax.

- So is it Alder Wery, are you looking for an ex... Like right now we have it set that they're under this condition for six months. Are you looking to extend? What really are you looking

- No. Not necessarily. I think just that the fact that several residents didn't have a chance to and they'd have some information that didn't come up at committee and they wanted to perhaps look at a different option and they really are two different addresses, so.

- Okay. I mean, are they here tonight that they're interested in speaking to open the floor?

- We can ask. I don't know, they might've been scared off by people not being allowed to talk earlier. So I don't know.

- Are there any residences here that are--

- I told them we would refer it back and just talk about it still. They might've stuck through it. They knew the fluoride issue was gonna be first, so.

- Okay.

- We do have a motion and a second to refer the item one back to committee or Planning Commission. All in favor will signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. That has been referred back. Item two Alder Wery.

- Motion to call.

- It's the same motion to refer back, same reasons. Two probably get across.

- Okay I can do it.

- Motion made to refer this item back to the Planning Commission seconded by Alder Scannell. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. Motion retreats.
- Appreciate.
- Onto the Finance Committee.
- Move to approve.
- [Veronica] Second.
- Motion made by Alder Dorff seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax to approve report Q which is a report of the Finance Committee from the meeting on November 17, 2020. Any items here to be handled separately?
- Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report please signify by saying aye.
- [Alders] Aye.
- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The report has been approved. Report of the Park Committee.
- Motion to approve.
- [Craig] Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Stevens to approve report R which is the report of the Park Committee from the meeting on November 18, 2020. Any items here to be handled separately? Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report, please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The report has been approved. TB and P.

- Motion to approve.

- [Bill] Second.

- Motion made by Alder Corpus-Dax, seconded by Alder Galvin to approve report S, which is the report of the Traffic Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission from the meeting on November 16 2020. Any items here to be handled separately? Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The report has been approved. Economic Development Authority.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax to approve report T which is the report of the Economic Development Authority from the meeting on November nine, 2020. Any discussion? Hearing none all in favor of that report will signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. That report has been approved. Onto the Ethics Board. And before we get into this item, I just wanna go to attorney Bungert who can give us a little bit of an overview a description for council and the public so that we have a good understanding of what's in front of us tonight.

- Yep. Hi. So following the filing of the Ethics Board's, findings and conclusions, the clerk's office received a filing of written objections presented by the petitioner which is allowed under our ethics code that either party has the ability and the opportunity to file written objections and to present arguments in support of those objections to the council. So with that written objection, filing the recommendation with these items at this point would be to hold to the January meeting in order to prepare in order for the parties to be able to prepare their arguments. And then also a decision is left to council to decide whether it wants to hear those arguments. So these are arguments in support or in opposition to the objection itself. Whether they want to hear those orally or written or both. So that would be the recommended action this evening to hold and to decide how counsel wants to hear those arguments presented to it.

- Okay. Thank you, attorney Bungert. With that, we'll go to Alder Galvin, who does serve on the Ethics Board not to get into the substance of the issue, but to weigh in on the question that attorney Bungert posed for counsel.

- Exactly. And if anyone's looked through the minutes of the meetings, those ethics meetings, and then the facts and conclusions that were made, it was not an easy decision for... Those meetings to get all the information from the attorneys and to sift through it and decide what we did. My recommendation would be based on everything that we went through. I think it would be in our best interest if we had the interested parties, submit written arguments say to receive them by the 13th of January. So that they could be submitted to us in time for our meeting on the 19th. And then I would also strongly recommend that you go through the audio and video or at least the read-through the conclusions and findings of facts that we came up with as you review that I think it would be a lot easier than listening to the back and forth of the verbal arguments. I think it's just gives you a better chance to go back and forth when you have it in writing as opposed to having it early. And then I think it'd probably take us a whole nother meeting to sift through the written and then try and come to a conclusion. Thank you.

- Thank you for that Alder. Is there a motion?

- Yeah, that would be my motion.

- Very good. Is there a second for Alder Galvin's motion?

- Second.

- Second.

- Seconded by Alder Dorff. Discussion?

- Mayor.

- Alder Wery go ahead.

- Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. For the attorney, perhaps there I have a statement from Wendy Coriell who was a named witness without her consent. And she had wanted me to read this tonight. Would it be appropriate tonight or would it be appropriate to just write into committee? She wants her name removed from the complaint because she did not give even know about it.

- That would be most appropriate at the time when counsel is actually considering the substance of the report and the findings of fact and conclusions of law that are being presented by the ethics board.

- Okay. So I will hang on to this for that time. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Are there other comments on the motion?

- Alder Gerlach.

- Mayor.

- Alder Gerlach.

- I have a question, I'm so confused, I'm sorry. Maybe you could just explain this to me. I'm reading in the agenda that number one says to adapt the findings of faculty conclusions. And number two says to dismiss the ethics complaint. And I did read what was in the packet. So I do feel like I was able to follow those quite long but I did read it, I thought I understood it. I don't understand what you're talking about now as far as listening in January, I just don't understand.

- First, if you could just go over that again, real briefly.

- Yeah. So essentially what you're voting on right now is to hold action on both of those items to the January meeting in light of the fact that a written objection was filed by the petitioner to those findings of fact and conclusions of law. So he is objecting to the Ethics Board's report and recommendations which he has a right to do under the ethics code. Also in conjunction with that he has a right to present arguments to the council in support of this were filed this morning. So that is why staff is recommending in order for those arguments to be presented in written fashion as the council is electing to do and for the parties to be able to prepare those arguments and present to council, we are holding the item to January and having them submit their arguments in support of the written objection or in opposition to the adoption.

- And that is because the objections just came in this morning. Okay. I understand.

- Of course.

- Thank you.

- Thanks Attorney Bungert. Thanks Alder. Any further comments or questions?

- Mayor.

- Alder Lefebvre.

- [Kathy] Yes. I will vote to hold this over till January. But that's one of my issues that we are dragging these things out. And I did mention that to the law department that when they're redoing the code, the ethics code and I believe that we need to move this stuff along. It's dragging things out for these Alders and sometimes it drags into the next election and this could hurt someone that maybe people take it differently and it might hurt somebody. So that's why I do object sometimes to this being dragged on. So right now, I guess I will go along with holding it.

- Thank you, Alder. Any final comments?

- Mayor.

- Mayor again, this is Alder Vander Leest

- Alder Vander Leest go ahead.

- [John] I accept what one and two says to dismiss the ethics complaint against Alder Vander Leest. And I'm thinking that they had enough time to look it all over. And I think that what they're presenting in, how they're going about it is in other words, they want it in other words, move forward. And in other words they voted to dismiss it. And I think that's fine. Dismiss it and let's move on.

- You need to recuse yourself

- The website is down. There's nothing on the website. And any constituents that wanna call me or talk to me about any issue, all they have to do is call me. And basically the site has been removed and that's it. There's no activity on the site or anything like that. And anybody that wants to--

- Alder, just, I understand your position on this but we just wanna make the point that the motion in front of us is to hold these items until the January 19th meeting and accept written comments in regard to that objection. That's a part of our ethics code. And in light of the fact that we received this objection this is what's being recommended by our law department.

- [John] I'm not willing to accept it. So I'm gonna vote nay on that. Mark me down as a nay, as far as I'm thinking the findings that around one and two and that's fine with me. So I'm not supporting that.

- Okay. Understood.

- Thank you.

- Mayor.

- Alder Galvin.

- Yeah, just for Alder Lefebvre and maybe I misunderstood the thrust of what she was saying but the amount of time it took for this case to move through the system was in no way a fault of the law department or anything else it was merely that Alder Vander Leest's attorney and the complainant they had the right to make their case which took several days to do it and to do the written briefs that were required so that they could be reviewed and case law on that could be taken into consideration. So in this instance, this had nothing to do with the law department or the way the ethics code is written or anything else like that. It was just any other kind of case like this. It would have taken this amount of time or longer. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder.

- Your Honor here, one thing.

- Alder Scannell.

- Do we need to decide right now also whether we want to hear written oral or both?

- Yes. So Alder Galvin has made the motion to accept written comments.

- Okay. Good. All right. And has it been seconded?

- It has been yep.

- Okay, good.

- Mr. Mayor.

- Alder Lefebvre for a second time.

- [Kathy] Yes. I just wanna say no, no I don't fault anybody with this. It's because the way the code is written and I just wanted to say that sometimes, not always, but sometimes it drags out too much and we have to tighten it up, I believe just to move things along. That's all I wanted to say. I do not fault anybody. It's the way the code is written. And a lot of departments, follow the code and the rules. And no, I do not fault anybody on that.

- Okay. Thank you Alder. So we do have a motion and a second on the floor. The motion is to hold these items till our January 19 meeting except written comments by January 13 at 5:00 PM. That

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motion has a second. If there isn't any further debate we will go to the vote. All in favor will signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed, nay.

- [John] Nay.

- The ayes have it. And these items are held to our January 19 meeting. Report of the Sustainability Commission.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion made by Alder Dorff, seconded by Alder Scannell to approve report B which is the report of the Sustainability Commission from the meeting on November, 19, 2020. Any comments? Hearing none all in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. That report has been approved. Receiving place on file.

- Motion to receive and place on file.

- [Mark] Second.

- Motion by Alder Scannell seconded, by Alder Steuer to receive and place on file. The municipal court report for October, 2020. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The report has been received and placed on file. Petitions and communications.

- Mayor.

- Alder Lefebvre.

- [Kathy] Yes. I have one for parks. After my meeting this morning with Dave Hansen with the Traffic Bicycle and Pedestrian Lieutenant. I'm not sure if I can say his name right. S-O-B-I-E-C-K with the police department and Justin Linzmeier with parking, it came to that, there was no good solution to the parking issue on Smith street and the 1500 block. So I am now requesting that the parks put the replacement and relocation of the playground equipment and splash pad at Farland park on next year's replacement list.

- Okay. Thank you Alder. Any other communications?

- Mayor.

- Alder Johnson, go ahead.

- Thank you. This is a referral to personnel for an update on the Alder Orientation Program that was submitted approximately two years ago.

- Thank Alder. Any others?

- Mr. Mayor.

- Alder Gerlach.

- have no idea if this is appropriate. I don't want to do anything official, but there's something that we had in the agenda that we approved and didn't get any kind of comment. And I would just, if this is an appropriate time to say that I have read the Housing Market Study, we approved, we received it and placed it on file and I just don't want it to go unnoticed that there's so much for Alders to learn in that report. And I would just urge everyone to read it. It just gave me a whole different understanding of Green Bay.

- Absolutely. I would certainly second that. Any other communications?

- Motion to refer.

- [Mark] Second.

- Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Steuer to refer all their petitions and communications to the proper authority, all in favor of that motion, please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. And those communications have been referred. Adjournment.

- Adjourned.

- Woo!

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff to adjourn all in favor, signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. We're adjourned! Thanks all.