



MINUTES OF THE PROTECTION AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021, 5:30 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: Craig Stevens, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, Excused:

Also present: Deputy City Attorney Joanne Bungert, Lt. Nate Allen, City Clerk Celestine Jeffreys, Alder Gerlach, Alder Brian Johnson, Alder Barbara Dorff, Alder Chris Wery, Alder Randy Scannell, Alder Jesse Brunette

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

I. Approval of the minutes from the February 8, 2021 Protection & Policy Committee Meeting.

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

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. For consideration with possible action a request from Alder Chris Wery, District 8, that the Green Bay Common Council be comprised of fifteen members and to implement with the current (2020) census redistricting.

Motion to hold item until after discussion and action on Item 2.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to bring back in May a request from Alder Chris Wery, District 8, that the Green Bay Common Council be comprised of fifteen members and to implement with the current (2020) census redistricting. Motion carried.

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

2. For consideration with possible action a request from Alder Chris Wery, District 8, to discuss the 2020 Census as it relates to redistricting City Aldermanic Districts for 2022. Include a timeline and process for study, proposals and implementation.

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to hold until second meeting of May 2021 a request from Alder Chris Wery, District 8, to discuss the 2020 Census as it relates to redistricting City Aldermanic Districts for 2022. Include a timeline and process for study, proposals and implementation. Motion carried.

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

3. For consideration with possible action a request from Alder Scannell to create a consent agenda for the Green Bay Common Council meetings.

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to receive and place on file a request from Alder Scannell to create a consent agenda for the Green Bay Common Council meetings. Motion carried.

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

F. INFORMATIONAL.

1. The Liquor Violation Report for February 22, 2021.

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to receive and place on file the Liquor Violation Report for February 22, 2021. Motion carried.

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

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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- We're recording. Okay. All right. We can open the meeting.

- All right. Hello, all welcome to protection policy for February the 22nd. Roll call. Alder Steuer I am here. Do we have alder Lefebvre?

- Yeah.

- Alder Vanderleest?

- Yeah.

- Alder Stevens? Alder Stevens?

- Or he muted?

- No I see him. Here's here. All right. All the present and accounted for.

- All right. Approval of the agenda.

- Okay. Do we have an approval for the agenda? A motion for that.

- Motion to approve.

- Backing.
- Vanderleet, seconded by Lefebvre. Any other discussion. All in favor, please say aye.
- Aye. All opposed, that passes unanimously.
- All right.
- Okay
- Approval approval of the minutes.
- We have a motion for approval of the minutes by Stevens. Do we have a second?
- Second.
- Oh boy.
- Either way.
- Lefebvre was the close one. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say aye.
- Aye.
- Aye. All opposed, that passes unanimously.

- All right. And on to item one

- Item one. For consideration with possible arch in the district eight. That's the Green Bay Common Council be comprised of 15 members and to implement with the current 2020 census redistricting Before we get into the site I just talked to Alder Wery. He said, try to make the meeting but this slope that he wanted to direct this to staff. And before I do that or have any comments that I don't know, if anybody would like to make a comment right now.

- Do we have it backwards one and two. Should maybe two move first and then because we are... It's basically deciding what we're gonna do and how do we know how many we're gonna need. And tell me what the census is.

- Yeah, I guess, I don't know. Attorney Bunker. I mean, that's okay.

- Right, what we can do is we can just hold on this item and then pick up item number two and discuss item two. And we resume back to item number one.

- All right. I guess we can do that. Alder Wery is here, so. All right. Why don't we? Okay. We have a motion to hold. Did somebody to make a motion?

- Motion to hold.

- Motion by Stephens. Seconded by VanderLeest. All in favor, please say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye. All opposed? That passes. So alder Wery we're gonna take two first and then ones. So, it's I don't know. Kathy LeFebvre brought it up so regardless. All right. Are we ready?

- One sec. Yes, we are ready.

- All right. Item two, agenda item two. For consideration with possible action, a request from all the alders district eight to discuss the 2020 census as it relates to redistricting study automatic districts for 2022. Include a timeline and process for study proposals and implementation. Alder Wery you are here. You know, you were part of, you're the only one on council that went through all the redistricting. So you have a wealth of info and experience. So I'll let you add it, go ahead.

- Thanks Mr. Chairman, yeah. I think I'm the only one standing from, from 2010 that's left. Basically. I think it would just be good for council to be aware of a timeline and a process. You know, back then it was kind of, for me, it was kind of. It was my first time, so we didn't know what to expect and I think it would be good to know ahead of time. I know the census isn't settled yet but it would be good to know, okay. When it's done. what domino's happen. What committee does it go to? And I believe last time it was the planning department and I think Kale Decker, one of our attorneys was assigned to I believe. And then they brought us back I think two or three plans that we chose from. But it would just, be like, we need to know, when we should do it. Well I sat next to my staff but I thought we should get ahead of it earlier than later.

- Right. Do you remember the timeframe roughly that year? Kind of what the timeframe was that did go down as far as, when the census was finished and all that?

- I think we started early, but we ended up kind of running up right against the deadline because dangers kept being made. So the earlier we start the better. I know we have to wait for the official numbers but...

- So you're saying, right to the point where the election is, or, you know what sort of timeframe? How long before the actual election?

- Well,

- Finish.

- It was late fall because, you know, people were wanting to file for, you know, running for council or any other seats, supervisor. And the borders were set so,

- So you didn't know what the,

- I think that's when, back when, when Joe Moore ran for council. He didn't know if he was gonna be in like a alder Lefebvre district or if he was gonna be in alder Gerlach district or where he was gonna be even, but.

- Well, it seems to make sense to me.

- Mr chairman

- Yes alder Lefebvre.

- I did mention, Chris called me too 'cause he wasn't sure if he was gonna be here. And I mentioned, I think things changed too for the city because the County remember was cut. Their numbers, the board was cut. And I think that changed the city. So the districts got bigger because that happened was that that was after the census. I'm trying to remember exactly when that happened. And I know that changed the dynamics for the city.

- It could be... But I don't think, I don't, I'm not sure. But I don't think the County is gonna change. I haven't heard anything.

- You know, we had all the worry. We had 24 districts, correct at one time.

- Right back. I don't know about that, twenty-five years ago. I don't know when it was exactly. There were 24 alders and then it got cut to 12th. So the districts doubled in size literally overnight.

- Yeah. And Mr. Chairman, I believe the County was 36 went down to 24. I think something like that when down to 24.

- All right.

- Yeah. Well, you know, there's good arguments for both sides. I mean, I've been used to having, you know, all of us all of us alders. We've had 8,700 constituents roughly, you know. If you divided up the population by 12 and pretty hard to hit all 8,700, you know. There's just the fact of voice, you know and so alser Wery. When you said there were 24, you know, the population was smaller. Plus you had twice as many alders. So you're thinking it could have been four, maybe the four to 5,000 that you'd be representing. A lot of user to deal with. But you know, I think one of the things that alder Wery mentioned and council can weigh in on this. He's around. I think that's one reason why alder Wery wanted to send us the staff to look at to see what other communities have done, how big their districts are, you know, just information that we can have as alders going forward. So I don't have a problem with that.

- It'd be curious to see, I'm sorry.

- Go ahead, no. Go ahead. I'll get alder Dorff.

- Its interesting to see what Some of the, you know, other sized cities, part-time, all these. 'Cause you don't wanna look at the full-time. That makes no sense. I would feel probably on the larger end of district.

- Right.

- And keeping in mind as well, the bigger the district, the more that money can play a factor right? In a race. If you can't hit all the doors well, and believe me somebody can send three flyers to that far. Now, nothing will ever be doors, but smaller the district, the more you really truly represent those people in that it makes you get more.

- That's it.

- The data would be good to see.

- Okay. Alder Dorif?

- So I just thank your chair. I just had clicked on one of the links and I see that because of COVID, they're gonna be later than they thought in getting that number out to us. I think it said September. So we know we may not be able to get ahead of it. So that's something in it. And I guess that was looking a little bit at other

cities like Kenosha has 17 and Racine has 15 and Appleton has 15. But they make quite a bit less. So I guess we'd have to look at dividing the amount that we make as 12 into those smaller portions. So we would probably be talking about we wouldn't want to raise the taxes in my mind. It wouldn't be, you know, I don't think right to do that with his economic. It wouldn't be fiscally responsible. But then again, too, we may wanna step up and just keep going with 8,700. I guess we have to see how much we increase. Which we don't know that answer. So, it's hard to get too far in advance of it but it's probably good to have it on the radar. Right?

- No I think so.

- I agree.

- Mr. Chairman?

- Alder Lefebvre. Elser Lefebvre.

- I got a question for Tony Bungert. If it's gonna be in September we have to file by December. How difficult is it going to get something done between that time?

- I will actually defer this to clerk Jeffreys. I think she had a little bit more information as to what all goes into with the redistricting plan per the census.

- Okay

- Good evening.

- Good evening.

- So this is a clerk Jeffreys. So essentially what we receive from the government is data. And we take that data and we work with our IT department to plug various schemes into a database and we get a map. We get several maps. There are rules, obviously that we have to abide by when we are constructing those districts. The other issue from 2010 was that the state actually created their districts before we did which is not usually

how it works. I don't have information as to whether or not the state is going to do that this time around. But certainly in terms of how it's done, it really is a matter of we get the data from the census. We plug that data into the maps, we use the rules in order to ensure that we are abiding by them. And then we, as I said, we construct various schemes for which there is an approval process. So that is essentially how it works.

- Okay.

- Do you think that timeframe is too tight to try to get some....

- Well, unfortunately alder, we don't have a choice. We can't get the data. You can't force the federal government to give us data that we don't have. And so it will very quick work at the end of... I would say the beginning of the fall. But a lot of quick work.

- Yeah. I was gonna ask alder Wery. You know, when in 2010, I mean, you were saying that the district that you had, half of it went to another district. And can you describe briefly what happened? I mean, it sounds like you lost half your people. Kind of sense.

- Yeah, my district used to run from Lambeau field all the way up to Mather. It was a long narrow one. And then it got chopped at Ed Shannon and it grew West instead of North.

- Right. I mean, I know things are gonna happen. Things are gonna switch around, but you know that's quite a bit, that's quite a chunk.

- I mean, everyone else has generally stayed the same but I think mine was the most. Yeah. Well, I think that, I think we're all interested and we'll how that all will all develop. Other alders. Anybody have a comment about any...

- Would you mind if I'd like to mention one thing?

- Go ahead John.

- Would we wanna just hold this for like 120 days and then we revisit it or what do you wanna do, Chris?

- And that would be fine too. I think it would just be good for the community and the council to know that process. And I thank you for asking, for laying it out there. It would be good to know though. Who does it go to? And then what committee does it go to? You know, just what parameters are involved? What...

- Purely Alder, I would say that we could have an answer as to who is involved, which committees it goes to, what members of the community need to be involved, et cetera, et cetera. I would say we could have an answer for you at the end of May.

- Perfect, yeah, I think that's great. Just so we're all knowing what's coming up, yeah.

- So that's, well surprising. Alder Wery?

- But for me, that's perfect. I don't know what everyone else is looking for, yeah.

- All right.

- Mr. Chairman.

- Yes, go ahead alder.

- I got another question. Would the state, they do theirs and say it is, I know the governor can veto it and then does it go to court or something? Will that hold up any of our process?

- I don't know. Well, I haven't heard that happening, but...

- Unfortunately I don't know. Attorney Bunker, do you know?

- I do not know that, no.

- So alder, we can certainly get that answer for you when we report back at the end of May.

- Yeah.

- So if the state does the same processes as they did in 2010 and if there's a kind of vetoing, what does that do to our process? Essentially is that your question? Okay.

- Yes.

- Let us get that answer for you at the end of May.

- Okay.

- All right alder Gerlach.

- So. could I please ask for a very very basic piece of information? I have no idea what you're talking about. What is this thing that does it have to be done every time the census is taken and using it to redistricting the boundaries due to where the population has shifted? And is that, does the law say that we have to redistrict according to the population?

- Yes, indeed.

- And is there anything else the law says we have to do?

- Yes, the law says that we, districts have to be compact that so they contiguous which is the same thing as compact I think. And there's one other standard that is escaping me right now. So yes. And in fact that the purpose of the census is for counting people for political representation. We use the census for lots of other really excellent data and information about ourselves but ultimately the ultimate purpose of the census is to count people where they are. So that we can figure out what the representation is. And so, you know, I think at the end of May two, I'll be better prepared to provide a more comprehensive, so alder Gerlach, I think you asked a really good question. You know, people, they completed the census. Our completion rate was actually pretty good. But people don't necessarily know why. So let me include that in the presentation for May. Alder Lefebvre question, alder Wery's question and some basic information about why the census? What does it do? And what standards do we have to use in order to construct the districts?

- Okay.

- Thank you.

- Can I answer something else?

- Okay, alder Gerlach hold on. Alder Stevens wanted it. But before Alder Stevens I just had one comment. So alder Celestine, could you, for the end of May, it would be nice to have maybe a small presentation either a PowerPoint or just something that, you know you could present to the committee, whatever.

- Good, absolutely.

- Put it together. And then, you know, then the council can get it and then we can all be on the same page.

- Yes, that sounds fine.

- All right. Alder Stevens.

- There's one thing that has not been mentioned on here yet. But once we get the census data at the end of September, what is the state timeline for us to start finalizing the redistricting. Two months, six months, a year?

- Yes, unfortunately I don't have an answer for that either. What the state's timeline is, which I think is part and parcel of alder Lefebvre's question as to what would happen if something goes awry at the state level with the governor and their maps. I would imagine that the timeline is pretty swift because we all have elections in 2022. So there are four elections, you know, two primaries and two generals in 2022. So I'm guessing it's gonna be quick. I don't think we're gonna get a dispensation to 2023. I don't know that for fact. I absolutely will.

- Yes, thank you alder.

- Celestine.

- Yeah, I'm sorry.

- Hold on, hold on, hold on alder Lefebvre Alder Stevens, go ahead. Are you finished or you got something else?

- I just think because I have this information by May so we can determine what we have to do in 60 days or do we have 120 days? Because we all filing in December, and that's like 60 days. So, how do we get that information?

- Yeah. Well she'll bring that for us.

- Yeah.

- All right. Thank you alder Stevens. Alder Lefebvre again.

- Yeah, you were talking about...

- Hold on, hold on alder Lefebvre, I'll get you next.

- Okay, okay, go ahead.

- Go ahead, I'll do the tape.

- Go ahead.

- Okay, I thought, you know, some of the parameters too they were supposed to, I think follow like like my district. Years and years ago, a long time ago, having the 70's, it was split down dance. There were two alders that represented East shore drive which was the, our neighborhood association too. So we had two alders to deal with when we had any issues. I thought they were looking at something like that. I know Dan's, isn't specific more like Randy Scannel. Alder Scannell right now you have some Eastern and West of the river and I'm not sure if that's still, you know that they would still do something like that. Or if that was taken into account now. They're supposed to use, how do you wanna say it? Like rivers.

- Well

- I can't think what you call that. There was a name for it.

- Right. One of the issues we have is that there's more population on the East side now, too. So that's where the East West thing comes. And, you know, I don't see that changing, you know, the populations could have grown to the East. We don't have as much room in the West, one side.

- Yeah.

- Alder Dorif.

- I just wanted to follow up with alder Gerlach for just a second that, you know, there's a lot of talk about fair maps and gerrymandering. And that's why the districts are to be contiguous compact. So that, that kind of thing doesn't happen. And also it's not... You're not required to change the numbers of alders at that point.

We could decide to redistrict into smaller but it that isn't a state requirement. And I just wanted to make sure you understood that. That's just something we're bringing up as a possibility. Okay.

- Okay.

- We'll be talking about that. We'll talk to them, you know, as far as the 15. Alder Wery, alder Wery. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yeah, I was gonna say back 10 years ago, I remember Alder Oh, he's always complaining that he had 11,000 people in his district and it was huge. And so that's why everything shifted East for the first time. And I think forever, we had a... We used to have six on the West side and six on the East side And then Randy's district crept over to the East side. I have a feeling it's gonna keep going that way.

- Randy is bragging I see. Anyway. Okay, alder Scannel.

- Right, alder Dorif first.

- Right, what...

- Okay, okay okay, I just to say, you know, on Broadway we are getting, that's starting to build up. So there might be a balance, you know, so.

- No.

- That's true.

- I don't know

- Randy, you'll be on the West side only. That's not gonna be counted in time.

- The west side or the city as a Jedi and the East side of the Sith or for those who are...

- No, no, not. Seeing Mr. Weary is that East is best, best as less.

- All right, guys, we're slipping. We're slipping. Alder Bungert, alder Bungert.

- Yeah. And thank you, alderman Wery. And thank you Celestine. I was at the wrong pronunciation of the name. I would think so that correction last time. So anyways, thank you for doing this or putting this on the radar because I think our redistricting on the municipal level all the way up to the federal levels should be as nonpolitical as extremely possible. And the reason I say that I have have experience. 10 years ago at this time I was on the Brown County board and that that body went from 26 County board districts to 26. But what changed was Green Bay lost one County board seat in the city of Green Bay. So the County board went from 12 city of Green Bay representatives down to 11. And that caused a tremendous amount of shift within Green Bay awards and city council districts because we kept the 12. And so, you know, I don't believe in us getting too heavily involved in picking basically the fear and the thing that I experienced back then was on the County board levels. You had County board members picking their constituents rather than their

- That was back then.

- And because I didn't play the game, I really firmly believed that. I hope you all understand my ethics when I say this. And this is the truth, because I did not play the game of picking my constituents and drawing maps in a way that would benefit me. My house was made the very my County board district, because they wanted me to not run against a certain somebody else. And so I know how this thing can turn really political and I trust that our council will not involve ourselves in that. So one remedy to that is trying to keep the... I don't know, if staff determines this, this is part of process I know. So just wanted to let your personal experiences with it, feel free to call me. I just, I wanna make sure we don't go down that path. And I don't think we will.

- Thank you alder. Alder Gerlach.

- Who draws the lines? Who draws the lines.

- Celestine.

- Does Celestine draw the lines or is Celestine...

- There you go.

- Yes, she draws the lines.

- There you go, Celestine draws the lines.

- She draws the lines.

- So it is... As alder Dorif had alluded to and alder Bungert have alluded to, there's a lot of conversation around fair maps. And some States, some localities have actually constructed groups of people who decide on which map to use. So essentially it is plugging data in and abiding by the rules and coming up. And I use scheme in a very vanilla kind of way, right. To coming up with different schemes that would then be acceptable to wait, hold on a second. Derek, could you not do that girl. That would be acceptable to various entities in our community. So that's who ends up. So that the line drawing is essentially IT and data, putting everything together. But it's about the decisions that we make for which schemes would work best. Does that answer your question alder?

- Sort of. I think you said earlier that a group is formed, like...

- Could be.

- A formation or something.

- Yes.

- And that would, of course be formed before anyone has any data so that it's not skewed, right?

- So the group could be formed at the same time as, and this is something that, you know we need to noodle a little bit. 'Cause the data exists right now. We just don't have it in our hands. So cause the Census Bureau has the data and they just haven't given it to the States because of the plague essentially. So the group can be formed and then receive the data and make the maps that can all happen. Or the maps, like I said, we meeting staff can put together several schemes for the group to review. And then, you know, where it has to go to an approval process would, which essentially means that the city has to adopt those boundaries and we also have to work with the County for their boundaries.

- So would it make sense to think that alders are not part of that committee that draws the lines but ultimately the council has to approve it. Is that how it works?

- That is I think a fair assessment of how it could work, yes.

- No, I think that's a good point. We all will. I'm not saying we have our biases, but you know I kinda like the district that I have right now it works pretty well for me. But I know that may change. So it is what it is. Anybody else?

- We'll go ahead alder VanderLeest. And then I gotta stop there with you.

- Can I make a motion now?

- Alder, hold on a second John. Alder Lefebvre you have one more comment? Otherwise we're gonna move on.

- Yes, and there has been some discussion a while back on the County board and several have mentioned too that they don't want people picking their own districts. This was a while ago. And I agree with them. Yes, I do like my district and I think I'm kind of I have major things hemorrhaging my district in is the East river or the Fox river. I meant the Fox river, the Bay, the end of Esher drive and UWGB. They're big section there comes back down university pretty much. So I'm pretty much... I got all these major constraints almost to my district. And I like my district, the good people and, but I'll take what, you know, I know for the city they threw me some on the side of up on, what does that area up there? Just a few houses. A few houses. Yes. So yeah, my city does not match my county.

- Okay. Alder VanderLeest, you ready?

- Yes, I am. I make a motion that we hold it til the end of May until Celestine, our clerk Celestine Jefferys has all the information and the data. And then we can, you know, be presented to us and then we can present it in a city council. The information that we received.

- Sounds good. Do we have a second?

- Second it.

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

- Aye.

- That passes unanimously.

- Okay, we can go back to item number one.

- Okay, and again, thank you alder Wery for bringing this forward. Number one for consideration with possible action. A request from Chris, alder Chris Wery. District eight at the Green Bay, common council will be comprised of 15 members sent to implement with the current 2020 census three district. And before I go to alder Wery, you know we talked a little bit about this. This is something that might be tied in with the meeting in May or do we need to discuss a little bit more on that. Alder Wery?

- Yeah, up to you, you know this something that's been brought up over the years and I just told them these people had put it on the agenda for discussion, you know, I'm, you can take it or leave it. It's, you know, it's an interesting idea. I can either put the data together or we can ask. Ask to like you said, the populations of different cities, how many alders do they have and maybe their pay and then just compare it. Maybe you don't wanna mess with it but something that's been kicked around. And this would be a time to look at it.

- Okay. All right. Alder Scannell.

- Yeah, I'm just wondering if the alder would like to, we could amend it to, I mean, why 15? Why not maybe 13, 17. Why not just Why put a number on it? Why not just say we'll look at it.

- That's fine. Yeah, I totally agree. Yep.

- Okay.

- That sounds good.

- I agree with you, Randy.

- Come on, what time is it? What time is it? I'm gonna write that down, anyway.

- Okay, alder Doriff. Did you have a question?

- I was in shock because of this agreement. I almost fell off my chair, so I was trying to sit up.

- It's 6:01 PM

- That was what was going on.

- Write it down. Alder Gerlach.

- So can I just ask alder Wery why, I don't know anything. Why do you even, why are you bringing this up? What is the problem to be solved? Or are you saying maybe there's a problem? I just don't know.

- Well, I hear a lot of stories relayed to me from these council people who were counselors when they were 24 and we had a smaller city. And they would say, you know, their area. They really could get to know everyone. And it was easy to campaign. And big money, any money, you know, it was more on you earning your election. Not outside money. And you really represented your people better. When the districts got so big overnight, it just changed. And now I just thought it'd be worth looking to me like these large, large districts that, I mean we all have to admit, there are a lot to take care of, especially campaigning. They're very difficult. Maybe we like it that way, but maybe there's a better way. That's why.

- Alder Gerlach, that's good. Okay. All right. Anybody else? Alder Lefebvre.

- Yeah. And then I know the County. When they also were talking about this, they had mentioned there's a possibility they would maybe add a district or take away a district or two. It depending on the, what census came out with. And we might have that situation here too. I don't know. Or shrink or get bigger. I don't know. I wouldn't want to get bigger. I hope not. So then we might have to add. But I was wondering, would we, 'cause right now we got even. We got six on each side. Wouldn't we one even again.

- well, it depends on the population. It's shifting and, you know Green Bay has grown in that tremendously, you know, each is sheer. I mean, I think we're at a 106,000. We might be at a little bit more. But you know over the last five years, it's just been a very slow growth. So it's not, you know, I don't think it's a tremendous. It fills 10 to 15,000 people more. I could see more issues coming forward but somebody else has figures. You know, it's been just a slow, steady growth. Anybody else? Anybody else? Otherwise my thought would be to bring this forward. My thought would be that, okay, we'll have that Celestine is gonna bring the information forward in May. We'll have a better handle on it. And I'm thinking, you know, I like the fact, you know, all this Scannell brought that out. That was just not put a number on it. It was just, you know, if it works out that way I think, you know, we should at least consider that. So, you know. Yes, go ahead.

- I just want to be clear that what I'll bring forward in May really has to do with the census and our process and not so much about the number of alders that we have.

- Yeah, I don't think I was asking you to do that.

- Okay, just wanna be clear. Thank you.

- That sounds good. So, Lefebvre, do you have any other questions otherwise?

- No, Mr. Chairman, I just wanna say I think we all have to do with what we get.

- Right.

- Yeah, we just have to wait and see. Yeah, right. I don't think, we don't have, we can't discuss the how many alders now until we get all the information.

- Right.

- Yeah That's something I think everybody will have to talk about later on. So I guess a motion. Do you want me to make a motion? I guess this item would be...

- What would be the best way I mean if we're not receiving place some file or hold it till that time? What's your thought

- I mean, it's at this point is this something that the committee wants to move forward it's just contingent on getting other information.

- Yes, I think so.

- You can just refer it to staff. We can refer the request to staff, or if I guess if the committee wants to discuss it further once the additional census information is provided or once that presentation is given by the clerk's office, then at that point you can make a more definitive decision as to what you want. And I guess maybe a little bit more direction to staff as to what to look into.

- So referring to the staff.

- It sounds like maybe a motion to bring it back following the presentation from the clerk's office at the end of May.

- That sounds good.

- Okay so just...

- Committee, one of the committees.

- Hold and bring back after staff gives us information.

- Well, it won't. It'll be on the radar to coincide with the discussion with the census.

- Okay, I like that. Alder Lefebvre, is that your motion?

- Sure.

- Then where was that, we might have to read it back. I understand that context, but we'll help her. Okay. We have a motion. Do we have a second. Second by Stevens. Any other discussion?

- Just a quick one Mr Chairman. I know the attorneys office has a lot of things to do. But if you need help putting together that information let me know. I would have done it if I had more time. But I'll gladly help take some of the cities that look, if you need help out.

- I like doing that stuff too. So I'm a geographer.

- Absolutely.

- You put in mind. All right. So we have a second. Any other discussion? All in favor please say aye.

- Aye.

- All opposed, pass. Thank you again alder Wery for bringing it forward. Very good discussion. Thank you.

- Yes.

- Are we ready? Okay. Number three, for consideration with the possible action or requests from alder Scannell to create a sense agenda for the Green Bay common council meeting. I need to be out here. So alder Scannell do you wanna start with this?

- Actually this has gone through the committee once before, and, but I need to first explain to everybody what a consent agenda is.

- Please do. For all of us. Do it again.

- Okay, consent agenda is for the common council. If you know, now we report out by committee. And you still report out by committee and we might pull an item or two, and then we pass the rest of it. And then we work on those items. With the consent agenda you would set those items aside and keep going through everything until everything is passed. And then you take all the items that had been pulled and then, make the chair would make an agenda as to which ones might be more important Which ones might have more people here to talk about it. And you could then even, it goes at a committee that was reported out later. Maybe that item might be put up at the top of the agenda depending upon. So you make another agenda out of all the items that have been pulled. The chair would put that together, then he would have, the council would vote on it and make any changes, have any discussion. And then you would then proceed with the meeting going through those items that have been pulled in whatever order is decided.

- When you, I'm assuming a lot of time that way. Or I mean, I'm just looking at that as one of the aspects.

- I think it's actually gonna be a lot quicker and more efficient and we can help, you know, Peter said instead of having people waiting around, I mean, we used to have people wait until midnight, remember?

- At times.

- This would certainly help with our our constituency. We'd be able to take those items first and help people

- So, when would these be pulled? Would these be pulled before the meeting or what what's the timeframe on something like that? Would it?

- It will be pulled the meeting. Just like, nothing else really changes.

- Okay, you just take everything and just kind of move it to the backend. Hmm. That's interesting. Alder Lufebvre?

- Am I understanding this then. What you're saying when the meeting, okay, is called to order and everything and then alders will say that they want, because there's, you know, we know that there's people waiting for certain items that we're pulling this item out of this council meeting. I heard before you even get to the different committees. Is that what you're saying?

- I just wanna clarify a little bit, because I did discuss this item with city attorney Chavez and it's not white exactly. It doesn't operate quite exactly like that and the consent agenda allows for things to be grouped that are of routine nature. So things that don't require discussion. Things like the municipal court report or departmental reports and updates like the finance director's report. Things that are essentially just received in place on file at the committee level and have no discussion. Those would be put in the consent agenda. So we would still be the opening of the meeting roll call, the indication, and then consent agenda and then appointments and things like that. It wouldn't necessarily be in the middle of the meeting that essentially we kind of already operate with the consent agenda in the sense that in a way. It's kind of a hybrid, but with the way that we currently have our agenda set up and we have our committee reports, the council already consent to approve and can and frequently does, if there isn't anything that the council wants to discuss further and approves an entire report in one boat. That essentially operates like a consent agenda would versus moving everything. It wouldn't necessarily be moving it into the consent agenda. You would have a heading that has consent agenda and it would have handful of things. But the way that our council meetings are structured, it wouldn't necessarily move as much into the consent agenda portion, as I think, as we would like it to in order to have that effect of speeding things up.

- Well, attorney Bunkers. So let's say you would look through the committee reports before the agenda would be put together for council. Not just maybe not view per se but whoever would look at it.

- Fine

- And for all that out, ahead of time so that we could see it, you know.

- The difficult parts and at that point it really has to be routine. Like absolutely routine items. And there's no way for staff to anticipate what an alder wants to discuss and what alders, there might be items that are important an alder wants to discuss. And those same items to other alders can be noncontroversial or they may not want to discuss. it may not care either way. You definitely don't want that discretion either at the staff level. It would literally just be limited to things that really do not require any discussion like standard reports from departments, municipal court reports, things like that.

- Well, if that's the case, I mean, it does really matter. You know, if those things pass quickly, people aren't in the audience that are really clear other. It would pass quickly, regardless whether it's done in the first third of the meeting or toward the end of the meeting

- Time management for the agenda. That is something that staff and clerk Jefferys manages the council agenda. That is something that we are cognizant of. So depending on how committee meeting goal is, we kind of are aware of what things kind of blended to more lengthy and robust discussion and things that we anticipate a lot of public input on. And so then we will arrange like if you've noticed the committee reports aren't always in the same order. On agenda, as those do move around based on time, or if there's something where, you know we have our council coming in on. So we want them early on their meetings so that they're not, you know, sitting through the whole meeting and we're paying for their time. So we do time manage as much as we can. And then there's always the option as well, right? To amend the agenda and move certain things up earlier later, whatever we feel or whatever council feels necessary based on if you know something developed after the agenda published was and it needs to be addressed sooner or later in the meeting in that concern.

- Alder Scannell

- Then just a question then. I mean, when I, years ago, when this first came up, I was talking to the clerk about this This is the way she described it as we would pull, items that were pulled would be set aside and then the new budget. So that's not how it works 'cause that's how she explained.

- Yeah. That is not how it works, no.

- Well then if that's not how it works out .

- The consent agenda is for routine items only. So, reports sometimes appointments but sometimes appointments with County council does want to discuss appointments from time to time. A lot of times they are routine, but again, we wouldn't as staff want to be, at that point it would be falling on discretion as to whether we think an appointment is gonna be routine or whether a council member would like to discuss it up what's, right. So that's why it really has to be limited to just routine items that are just. There's no discussion or action. It's just kind of informational reporting out to council as an FYI, receive and place on file. No actual discussion occurs.

- I don't see any point in that at all. I mean, what I had been told it was apparently is not what it is.

- So yeah, I don't know.

- I think... Alder Gerlach. Alder Gerlach. Did you have something?

- No I just given alder Scannell a thumbs up saying, yeah, let her go.

- It's not what I was told it was.

- Okay. I appreciate the thought, you know, because let's face it, we've been in meetings in the past where you see somebody sitting out there. Of course in the days when we were in person. It was a little easier. And you see somebody out there and then you realize that they've been waiting for three hours to testify a one item. And then that's not a good feeling, you know, that we have when people go through that. So and through the Zoom, there was no way that we as alders can see all the people that are out there. So it's hard for us to really determine any of that. But we really rely on the attorney's office and Celestine's clerk's office for help on that matter.

- Mark I'll make a motion.

- Yes, go ahead.

- To achieve in place on file.

- Okay alder VanderLeest, do we have a second.

- Second of alder Lefebvre any other discussion. All in favor, please say aye.

- Aye.

- Thanks Randy.

- I would just go and say it's us up to us alders to be on our toes, kind of. To really look at things and say, you know, I think then we could ask at the beginning too saying that we think there's an item on the agenda that there may be people here willing, wanting to speak. Would that be something that we could ask the clerk to ask at the Zoom?

- Alder Lefebvre, we can always amend the agenda. So if we have someone or item that we think we want to, you just amend the agenda.

- Oh.

- That sounds great. Celestine, are you good with that.

- Yeah, yes. Thank you alders. It would, in Zoom it's a little difficult to sort of open up and have everyone speak at once. In the before times what we used to do was and this goes to something that alder Steur had asked us to create which we did. And we're still working on it. we had a comment form that we've, that I, as the chief of staff would give to people attending our meeting. So we would have some sense of what items people are interested in talking to or providing comment on. So, you know, I think there's a way for us to do it, little difficult in Zoom. I think more anything than that I'll just let you know. A little bit more about our process. We do as a senior staff, go through the agenda item by item, report by report so that we have an understanding of where the conversations were in committee. And then we bring that forward to the council agenda. So at the last meeting, we moved the finance report up. Cause' there is no legal order to which reports go first. Just everything has to be on public hearings kind of need to go in the beginning, but there's no real, you know, demand for a certain kind of order. So we do attend to that. And of course, you know, you as alders, you have the best communication with our residents. And so you should have an understanding as to what issues people are interested in, especially from protection policy, because we have people coming for liquor licenses or operators licenses that were denied a committee or approved a committee and need to be approved at council, so...

- That's a good point.

- Yeah. Thank you.

- That's good information. All right. So we approved, we had a motion and a second, right. Did we vote? I'm trying to remember.

- Yeah.

- Okay. All right.

- We can move to the liquor violation report.

- All the liquor. So Lieutenant Allen is gonna take this one, huh? It is one of my favorite parts of the whole meeting.

- Okay, go ahead with it.

- We don't have any liquor law violation reports this week and this month.

- A motion to receive at place and file.

- All right, VanderLeest. Do we have second? Second by Stevens. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye. All right. Who wants to, they'll want us out of here.

- I make a motion to adjourn.

- Okay, alder Lefebvre. The second.

- There is a first one.

- Second by Stevens. Say aye.

- Aye. All right, our next meeting. Don't runaway. I've got March 8th.

- That the city council.

- March 8th. Oh yeah. That's right. Yeah, we have in February. I was going into March.

- Yeah, I might have double checked it. The council's on March 2nd and the 16th. So we have March 8th. I actually took my whole calendar and put all the meetings. Then I'm finally efficient.

- When did you get all the meetings all scheduled? Cause we had received before. Remember last year a sheet and a stated when you know all the committees and we didn't get it for 2020.

- Well, you can look online and then go forward with it. And I think that's the way I did and I just looked at.

- It doesn't go the whole year though.

- I think it does now.

- It does, oh, okay. I'll go back, okay.

- All right, goodbye everybody.

- Goodbye.

- Hey, good meeting. Let's have more like this

- Yeah, let's have fun. Okay, bye-bye. Thanks.

- Bye-bye

- Yep, let's see. How do I get out of here?