MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021, 6:00 PM
Virtual Meeting. Public may join via Zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

1. This item contains instructions and information for the Zoom virtual meeting.

B. ROLL CALL.

All present.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

D. INVOCATION.

1. The invocation will be led by Alder Chris Wery, District 8.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. Approval of the minutes from the March 2, 2021 Common Council Meeting.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to approve. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

G. REPORT BY THE MAYOR.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

1. Planning Ordinance No. 01-21
An ordinance amending the Official Map of the City of Green Bay to revise the Greenway Boundaries along Erie Road.

no speakers

J. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING FOR ADOPTION.

1. Planning Ordinance No. 01-21
An ordinance amending the Official Map of the City of Green Bay to revise the Greenway Boundaries along Erie Road.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to adopt. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

K. REPORT OF THE IMPROVEMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE (MARCH10, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to approve the report, except items 3 and 4. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

1. To approve the request by residents of the Eaton Heights Subdivision for a sidewalk study on the east side of N. Huron Road from Humboldt Road to the STH 54/57 interchange and to include this

sidewalk installation in the 2022 work program.

2. To refer to staff to complete the sidewalk study and estimate the cost of installation on request to install sidewalks on the east side of N. Irwin Avenue from St. Clair Street to the East River and notify residents of the results. (Ald. Galvin)

3. To approve the request by Department of Public Works to award a Professional Engineering Services Contract to McMahon Associates, Inc. for Engineering Design Services for West Seymour Park Storm Water Facility in the amount of $27,000.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to suspend the rules to take up 3 and 4 together.
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, No- None, Abstain- None
Passed

Moved by Randy Scannell, seconded by Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve.
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, No- None, Abstain- None
Passed

Moved by Brian Johnson, seconded by Randy Scannell to amend and direct staff conduct a public information meeting once the preliminary design is complete
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, No- None, Abstain- None
Passed

4. To approve the request by Department of Public Works to award a Professional Engineering Services Contract to McMahon Associates, Inc. for Engineering Design Services for East Seymour Park Storm Water Facility in the amount of $25,000.

5. To approve the request by Department of Public Works to authorize Amendment No. 1 for the Professional Services Agreement between the City and Collins Engineers, Inc. in the amount of $51,050 for the design work for modifying the docking facilities in Leicht Park.

6. To approve the request by Department of Public Works to enter into a Master License Agreement with NET LEC, LLC (Cellcom) for the installation of small cell network in the City rights-of-way.

7. To approve the award of the contract PAVEMENT 1-21 GRAY STREET RECONSTRUCTION to the low responsive bidder, DeGroot, Inc., in the amount of $2,630,367.59.

8. To approve the request by Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for an Easement to facilitate expansion of Green Bay Water Utility at 631 S. Adams Street (Tax Parcel Number 15-36).

9. To receive and place on file the report of actions taken by Department of Public Works

A. Granting of Licenses

1. Sidewalk Builder

a. Andersen Basement Repair Inc.
b. Carter Trucking & Excavating, Inc.
c. In The Countryside Concrete
d. Quinn & Sons Concrete Construction, LLC

L. REPORT OF THE PROTECTION & POLICY COMMITTEE (MARCH 8, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

1. To approve "Class B" Combination license by Twisted Throttle Saloon, LLC with a licensed

premises description as "bar area, 2 bathrooms, basement," with the approval of the proper authorities. (Previously licensed as Baker & Mac Arthur, Inc).

2. To approve a request by Kokoro, LLC at 875 Lombardi Ave. to extend the issuance of their liquor license to May 15, 2021 (Granted at the10/6/2020 Common Council Meeting and extension granted to February 2021 at 12/1/2020 Common Council Meeting).

3. To receive and place on file the Liquor Violation Report for March 8, 2021.

M. REPORT OF THE PLAN COMMISSION (MARCH 8, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

1. To refer back to staff the request to amend Chapter 13-303, Land Use Definitions, Chapter 13-1606(j), Drive-through facility, Chapter 13-1714, Figure 2, Off-Street parking regarding requirements for drive-through facilities to find justification regarding the proposed drive through lane widths in the draft ordinance. (03/09/2021)

2. To amend Chapter 13-714, Table 7-3 Permitted accessory use regarding solar energy systems, submitted by the Zoning Administrator. (Public Hearing held 03/08/2021)

N. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (MARCH 9, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

1. To acknowledge receipt and receive and place on file the City of Green Bay's 10-33 program inventory.

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

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

O. REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (MARCH 9, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to approve. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

1. To approve the request to fill the following replacement positions and all subsequent vacancies resulting from internal transfers.
a. Parking Building Technician - Public Works
b. Neighborhood Compliance Inspector - Community and Economic Development

P. REPORT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MARCH 9, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to approve. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

1. For staff to proceed with negotiations as discussed in closed session on the request from Bank of Luxemburg for the City to continue to renew its continuing guaranty of the HCW, LLC loan for the property located at 301 N. Adams Street, Units 210-260 (the second floor of The City Center).

The Common 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, and Section 19.85(1) (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Common Council will thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wis. Stats., to take action on items discussed in closed session, if appropriate, and to consider the remainder of the agenda.

2. To adopt an Allocation Amendment Resolution and amend the Project Plan for TID Seven (7), Ashland Avenue and Lombardi Avenue Corridors to include an allocation not to exceed $850,000 to TID Twenty-Three (23), Legends District, for purposes of blight elimination and public infrastructure

costs, and forward to the Green Bay City Council and Joint Review Board for their consideration.

3. To adopt an Affordable Housing Extension Resolution for TID Seven (7), Ashland Avenue and Lombardi Avenue Corridors, and forward to the Green Bay City Council for their consideration.

4. To adopt a Termination Resolution for the dissolution of a Project Plan, for the closure of TID Seven (7), Ashland Avenue and Lombardi Avenue Corridors, and forward to the Green Bay City Council for their consideration.

5. To adopt an Affordable Housing Extension Resolution for TID Eight (8), Henry and Morrow Streets, and forward to the Green Bay City Council for their consideration.

6. To adopt a Termination Resolution for the dissolution of a Project Plan, for the closure of TID Eight (8), Henry and Morrow Streets, and forward to the Green Bay City Council for their consideration.

7. To adopt a Termination Resolution for the dissolution of a Project Plan, for the closure of TID Nine (9), State Highway 54/57 Business Park, and forward to the Green Bay City Council for their consideration.

8. To adopt an Allocation Amendment Resolution and amend the Project Plan for TID Twenty-Three (23), Legends District, to be able to receive an allocation not to exceed $850,000 from TID Seven (7), Lombardi Avenue and Ashland Avenue Corridors, for purposes of blight elimination and public infrastructure costs, and forward to the Green Bay City Council and Joint Review Board for their consideration.

Q. REPORT OF THE TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICTS JOINT REVIEW BOARD

(MARCH 8, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to approve. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

1. The Tax Incremental Districts Joint Review Board held their organizational meeting to discuss TIDs 7, 8, 9, and 23. No action was taken.

R. RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to receive and place on file. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

1. Building Permit Report for February 2021

2. Municipal Court Report for February 2021

S. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Consideration with possible action on allegations pertaining to the 2020 Election, including discussion about recent media reports and the March 10, 2021 Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections meeting.

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

--Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to Open the Floor
Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, Lynn Gerlach, No- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Abstain- None
Passed
--Moved by Jesse Brunette, seconded by Chris Wery to suspend the rules to allow members of the public to speak for more than 5

minutes.
Motion carried.
--Moved by Barbara Dorff, seconded by Bill Galvin to amend the motion for members of the public to speak for three minutes.
Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, Lynn Gerlach, No- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, John Vander Leest. Abstain- None
Passed
--Moved by Barbara Dorff, seconded by Lynn Gerlach to adopt and open the floor.
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, No- None, Abstain- None
Passed
--Moved by Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Jesse Brunette to allow members of the public to speak a second time.
Passed on voice vote.
--Moved by Randy Scannell, seconded by Barbara Dorff to close the floor.
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, No- None, Abstain- None
Passed
--Moved by Jesse Brunette, seconded by Chris Wery suspend the rules to allow alders to exceed the 5 minute speaking limit.
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, No- None, Abstain- None
Passed
--Moved by Randy Scannell, seconded by Lynn Gerlach to go into closed session. Language ready by Randy Scannell. 9:36 pm.
Yes-Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, Lynn Gerlach. No-Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, John Vander Leest, Mark Steuer. Abstain-None.
Passed
--Moved by Randy Scannell, seconded by Craig Stevens to return to regular order. 10:15 pm.
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, No- None, Abstain- None
Passed
--Moved by Randy Scannell, seconded by Kathy Lefebvre to hold this item until the March 30th Council Meeting.
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, No- None, Abstain- None
Passed

2. Consideration with possible action on a Resolution Expressing Full Confidence in the Administration of Green Bay's August and November 2020 Elections.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to refer to protection and policy committee. Motion carried.
Failed on voice vote.

Moved by, Barbara Dorff, seconded by Lynn Gerlach to approve the resolution.

Moved by Barbara Dorff, seconded by Randy Scannell to amend the resolution by removing Kris Teske's name from the resolution.
Passed on voice vote.

Moved by Bill Galvin, seconded by Mark Steuer to hold until the council has reviewed Attorney Chavez's report.
Passed on voice vote.

T. RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to suspend the rules and take up items 1 through 9.
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, No- None, Abstain- None
Passed

Moved by Veronica Corpus-Dax, seconded by Randy Scannell to adopt items 1 through 9.
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, No- None, Abstain- None
Passed

1. Resolution regarding an allocation amendment for Tax Increment District Number Seven (7), Ashland Avenue and Lombardi Avenue Corridors ("TID 7")

2. Resolution regarding an affordable housing extension for Tax Increment District Number Seven (7), Ashland Avenue and Lombardi Avenue Corridors ("TID 7")

3. Resolution regarding termination of Tax Increment District Number Seven (7), Ashland Avenue and Lombardi Avenue Corridors ("TID 7")

4. Resolution regarding an affordable housing extension for Tax Increment District Number Eight (8), Henry and Morrow Streets ("TID 8")

5. Resolution regarding termination of Tax Increment District Number Eight (8), Henry and Morrow Streets ("TID 8")

6. Resolution regarding termination of Tax Increment District Number Nine (9) State Highway 54/57 Business Park ("TID 9")

7. Resolution regarding an allocation amendment for Tax Increment District Number Twenty-Three (23), Legends District ("TID 23")

8. Resolution approving easement to Wisconsin Public Service at Tax Parcel 15-36.

9. Resolution approving dedication of City-owned lands required for an alley between S. Jackson Street and S. Van Buren Street from Chicago Street to 240 feet north thereof.

10. Resolution expressing full confidence in the administration of Green Bay's August and November 2020 Elections.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to hold. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

U. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to advance. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

1. General Ordinance No. 06-21
An ordinance amending Section 13-714, Green Bay Municipal Code, Relating to Accessory Uses in Mixed-Use Districts.

V. REFERRAL OF PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to refer to appropriate authorities

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, No- None, Abstain- None
Alder Brunette to I&S
Alder Steuer to P&P
Alder Lefebvre to TBP and to Sustainability?

W. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to adjourn. 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, No- None, Abstain- None

Minutes With Verbatim

- Yes, Clerk go ahead.

- Thank you. I have Alder Vander Leest in the meeting but Mr. Vander Leest, can you please find the city clerk. And then I do not see Brian Johnson, Alder Johnson in the meeting nor is he signed in the clerk.

- Alder Johnson's out of town in Arizona. So he said he would come into the meeting when I talked there and.

- Okay.

- I spoke to Alder Johnson about an hour ago and he assured me he would be at the meeting.

- [Mayor] Okay, well, we will hold a few minutes.

- Okay, thank you, Mayor.

- Fine, someone's later than me.

- what should I open next peanut Butter patties, formal delights or thin mints? What's next?

- Carmel. Carmel.

- I've had some of those already.

- Well, I didn't see that.

- I shouldn't asked. I shouldn't have asked.

- Peanut butter patties.

- All right.

- That's top of the list.

- For five bucks a box by the way.

- That's not gonna stop me.

- Did you get yourself?

- Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.

- I got nobody that sells anymore to me.

- You can buy 'em at a festival or different places.

- Alder Johnson just texted me that he's in. I just don't see him.

- [Celestine] Yes, I do have him both in the meeting and also civic clerk.

- Okay.

- [Mayor] All right. So everybody's in now clerk?

- Not quite.

- Okay.

- [Celestine] Give me one moment. Mr. Vander Leest. Can you please sign oh, hi, Mr. Vander Leest. Can you please sign into Civic Clerk?

- Oh, before we get ugly.

- That's your new baby grandson. Granddaughter, right?

- Yep, yep.

- Granddaughter.

- Nice. Very, congratulations.

- Thank you. She's so different than her brother. She sleeps all the time.

- How many do you have?

- Four and a half.

- Four, oh, okay. Well, I just got the two and I think it's too late for them to have any more. I just got a daughter, so that's it.

- Just keep pushing. Guys, I got surprised in your 50s.

- My mom did.

- They're gonna be grandkids for a while.

- I'll back you up on that one.

- Yeah, Hannah has to finish college first. Did she make it back okay, Chris?

- I think she's almost back, yeah.

- Okay.

- Chris, can you hear me hold Alder Vander Leest?

- Hey, John.

- Chris. Okay, can you hear me?

- Loud and clear over, roger, roger.

- Okay. Thank you, appreciate it.

- [Celestine] Mr. Vander Leest, can you please sign in to the Civic Clerk?

- Sure, I will. Thank you.

- Don't do that. She's always at meow on the computer anyway. She is trying to get . Come on cat.

- [Celestine] Mr. Vander Leest, I'm going to mark you present and voting.

- Okay.

- Mayor, we have all 12 present and all 12 are signed into Civic Clerk.

- All right, very well. Called order the meeting of the Common Council for March, 16, 2021. Clerk.

- All 12 are present, your honor and signed into Civic Clerk.

- Very good. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

- [Altogether] Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

- Now we have the invocation presented by Alder Wery. Alder.

- Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This is one that I use when I was scout leader at Anti Jackson School. It's called the President Truman's Prayer. Almighty and everlasting God, creator of Heaven, Earth and the universe. Help me to be to think, to act what is right as it is right. Make me truthful and honorable and all things make me honest for the sake of right and honor, and without thought, a reward to me. Give me the ability to be charitable, forgiving and patient with everyone. Help me to understand their intentions and their shortcomings. You understand mine. Amen.

- Amen. Thank you Alder. the minutes.

- second.

- Motion has been made to approve the minutes from the March, 2nd, 2021 Common Council Meeting that was made by Alder Dorff seconded by Alder Lefebvre. Any corrections? Seeing no requests, all in favor please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it, the of an approved agenda. Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Gerlach. Any changes? See no requests, all in favor, please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it the agenda before you has been approved. On to report by the mayor. So as many of you can probably attest, it's been a pretty crazy week for those of us who serve the city here. Too many untruths have been said and written to begin to count and the wanton disregard for facts displayed by people who should know better has been shocking. But I guess that's the state of our politics, rumor innuendo, hearsay substitute for arguments, character assassination is just part of the game. But this isn't a game. This is our democracy. For me, personally, I suppose I've signed up to be a target for all kinds of grievances. But that's not the case for our city employees or poll workers. Those who are involved in the November elections deserve nothing but our gratitude and appreciation to have their work demeaned, disrespected, and mischaracterized has been really tough to take, and we shouldn't take it. I'm glad to see the resolution on the agenda tonight. That's been brought forward by a number of council members a resolution which reasonably and forthrightly defends the integrity of our city's elections. And as the city's policymaking body this is an appropriate action to take. This council without a dissenting vote, accepted the assistance of the Center for Tech and Civic Life and for good reason. Without these dollars, we would not have been able to provide hazard pay and PPE for poll workers, higher voter navigators produce voter guides or purchased election related equipment. This council saw the wisdom and the application for grant dollars and they deserve . Nothing of human creation is perfect, but our election was pretty darn close. I was proud of our city's efforts and no pleased with the work done by poll workers and city employees to pull off a free, fair, safe and secure election in the middle of a pandemic. It was a sight to see a really beautiful thing to witness. And I will be forever grateful to each and every person who made Election Day successful for the people of Green Bay. With that, we will move on to the rest of our meeting. And we have announcements. Any announcements from-

- Mayor.

- Alder Steuer, go ahead.

- Thank you Your Honor. Little sad situation that happened yesterday in Green Bay. A friend of mine works Rockin Bellies and one of her employees got stabbed. She survived. Sadly, another person did not and you've probably heard the story and read it. I just wanna say I talked to her for a while she was very upset. And I just stated that you know, we're all thinking of you and your families and for the family of the person who died. We're very, very sorry will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. So I just wanna let you know I talked to her and I'm hoping that people will recover in time. Thank you.

- Thank you Alder.

- Mr. Mayor.

- Alder Lefebvre.

- Okay. I want to thank Alder Steuer for seeing that. Also, I want to remind everybody that I did send out your, to your email, the sustainable farming and your food what's happening in Northeast Wisconsin. We're doing the virtual program this Saturday. And if you hopefully you didn't, you kept the email, if you wanna join, you can still go on and watch the film first. And then we will have the panel and the discussion on Saturday, we started at one o'clock. But please watch the film first. It's an excellent, excellent film. It's about 70 minutes does take time, but it's very, I think everybody on the council and I also sent it out to all 26 of the Brown County Supervisors. It's got a lot of information in there that I think that you need to be aware of that we all need to work on improvements on things that are coming about. There's a lot of issues on it. So I hope everybody will watch that at least watch the film. And then hopefully you will attend Saturday's program. Thank you.

- Very good. Thanks Alder. Other announcements? Seeing no more announcements, we will move on to public hearings. So we have just one item here Planning Ordinance No. 01-21 An ordinance amending the Official Map of the City of Green Bay to revise the Greenway Boundaries along Erie Road. Is there anyone here who would like to speak to this item? Anyone here who would like to speak to this item? Is there anyone here who'd like to speak to this item? Hearing no speakers, let the record reflect that fact. Now we are on to ordinances second reading for adoption.

- Motion to adopt.

- Second.

- Motion to adopt made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Steuer. Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor that motion please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- I'm sorry, we do have to use the board here. That is adopted unanimously. Now we're on to the report of the Improvement and Services Committee.

- Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Dorff was it?

- No, it was not it was Alder Corpus-Dax.

- Alder Corpus-Dax and a second from.

- Second.

- Second by . That's a motion to adopt the report of the Improvement and Services Committee from March, 10, 2021. Any items here to be handled separately?

- Three and Four.

- Three and four will be handled separately. Any others? Pay none others, all in favor of approving the remainder of that report please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Oppose nay. The ayes have it, to report has been approved with the exception of items three and four which is on item three.

- Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Lefebvre. Item three was pulled by Alder Johnson

- If it would a piece whoever made the motion we can actually take these items up together.

- Motion to do we have to suspend rules for that or can we just?

- Yes.

- Let's just suspend the rules.

- Motion to the suspend the rules and take item three and four up with one roll call vote that was made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax. All on favor please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion to approve me into Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax. Alder Johnson, you have the floor.

- Thank you, Mayor. Is Director Grenier with us or do we have a proxy tonight?

- I believe Assistant Director Brunette should be joining us.

- Yes, I'm here.

- Okay. Assistant Director Brunette if you could just I watched the video on this. Unfortunately, it couldn't be at the meeting. But obviously this affecting a very large park in my district. Could you provide just a little bit more overview in detail about specifically what these amounts are for. And in particular, what I wanna be sure of is that, that we're just trying to, I guess, is the point that I guess the point in the process right now is it really to kind of figure out what's possible over there to fix the problem.

- [James] But the whole idea behind hiring Brian Kohler, right now would be ever I mean McMahon is to, before we can decide what shape these things will be, and what amenities we can put into pieces, the neighborhood and make them a little more, you know, more user friendly, that type of thing. We have to figure out exactly what size they're gonna be. So the period will take us all the way through design all the way to bidding and construction, but part of that process, it's gonna be an iterative process to determine number one, what will it take for these ponds? Will they be a wet pond? Can we do it with underground storage? And if so, what size? And then what are the elevations for the inlet and the outlet pipes, things like that. So we have to get the growth size of the pond done, before we can even discuss and bring in the other parties to talk about it. We're trying to do is get, first of all, get the consultant on board, get him to do the calculations. And then once we know the calculations, and we know some of the other parameters we have to work with. I mean, it may be where there may be too much area needed here. Or we decided not to go this route. And I mean, that's what the consultant needs to tell us.

- and then to that point. Is there a reason that we separated these degree at them is one where, you know, maybe we can be assessed separately?

- [James] I think we did it separately, just because it is two separate facilities. I mean, we normally try to do the facilities, one contract per facility.

- Presumed then that simply by having these separated, I presume the consultant would still be able to evaluate how these two facilities interact.

- [James] Oh, Exactly, yeah, it's the same thing consultant. So they'll be working together and also know how that works, so.

- Question, is we're going through this design process, will there be an opportunity for public input?

- [James] We, internally at DPW, we haven't talked about that. I know that in talking to Director that's one of his concerns. You know, obviously, we do want to involve the public. Because this does affect their neighborhood is number one, like you say that is you're going to lose some area at the park. But the other hand is this is also gonna help some of their neighbors with the flooding issues that we have. So it's kind of a two edged sword areas, which one do you want? So, but until we, like I said, until we figured out the actual area of the ponds, and if we can do underground storage, then we once we know those answers, then we can start talking to the various entities that are involved here.

- So from your professional perspective, would it make sense to have some community engagement after the plans are introduced or during that process, because you hit it on the head, my concern is to convey back received from the neighbors, which is the potential for significant can't boss parts of their park. So I'm just trying to figure out when the best time is to engage in that dialogue.

- [James] Probably would be after the consultant gave it to run the preliminary numbers and tell us the preliminary sizing of the devices at that point, because then we'd have the minimal amount of investment and consulting fees. And if it ends up being to the point where the devices are too large, then, you know, and I think that that would be up to Council and the mayor who may you know, decide if we want to go a different direction or not.

- And that would occur only partway through this contract. Is that correct?

- [James] These are claiming materials. So it's not like they're a lump sum contract.

- Right, okay. In which case, then I would offer up an amendment that when we go through those initial stages that we revisit in and I guess opened the door for community engagement to determine if we want to continue the finalization of that agreement. That'd be a formal motion, Mayor.

- Could you make it a maybe a bit more specific to direct the department or.

- I guess I'm gonna look maybe for some assistance then from Assistant Director Brunette a word, the timing of that, the way that he explained it. But basically I would like to do community input once that first phase is complete as Assistant Director Brunette explained.

- So direct staff to conduct-

- [James] Staff to conduct a public information meeting once the preliminary design is complete.

- Perfect preliminary design, that's what I was looking for.

- Okay.

- That is my motion.

- I will second.

- Amendment has been offered by Alder Johnson. I think Alder Scannell is first to second there. Further discussion on the amendment? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Altogether] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it that has been amended.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion to approve as amended, Alder Scannell?

- Yes.

- And that has been seconded by Alder Gerlach. Further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Altogether] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it and the item has been adopted. Just real quick from my point of view Alder Johnson agree completely with your sentiments, I think, you know, we actually have an opportunity here to create a stormwater facility that's a real amenity for the neighborhood. So that's certainly my hope is at the end of this process, we'll have something that'll be appreciated by everyone in the city, especially the neighbors. And then on to report to the Production Policy Committee. Motion made by Alder Stevens, second by Alder Lefebvre to approve the report of the Protection and Policy Committee from March, 8th, 2021. Any items here to be ? Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report please signify by saying aye.

- [Altogether] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it the report has been approved. Thank commission.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Alder Scannell makes motion to approve. That is to approve report the Plank Commission from March, 8th, 2021. Any items here to be handled separately? Seeing none. All in favor approving that report please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Oppose nay. The ayes have it. finance.

- Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Dorff seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax as to approve the report of the Finance Committee from March, 9, 2021. Any items here to be handled separately? Hearing none, all in favor approving that report please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it the report has been approved. Personnel.

- Move to approve.

- Second.

- Motion has been made to approve by Alder Corpus-Dax seconded by Alder Wery. Any discussion? All in favor please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. Report has been . RDA.

- Move to approve.

- Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Dorff seconded by Alder Gerlach. That's a motion to approve the Report of the Redevelopment Authority from March, 9th, 2021. Any items here to be handled separately? Hearing none, all in favor of approving the remainder of approving that report please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Oppose nay. The ayes have it. And that report has been approved. Report of the Tax Incremental Districts Joint Review Board.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion has been made to approve by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Gerlach. And that is the Report of the Tax Incremental Districts Joint Review Board meeting on March, 8, 2021.

- Mayor.

- Yes.

- Can we get a brief update from Director Stechschulte? I saw that there was no recommendation made just curious what if we brought all of our items forward to the JRB? And if so, why they chose not to take action?

- Yeah, absolutely. Director Stechschulte. Maybe you're muted.

- Thank you, Mayor. The resolutions are presented in draft form at the organizational meeting for the Joint Review Board. They will be meeting again at once again council takes action on that they will be actually reviewing to actually execute their full resolutions regarding this. Draft resolutions were presented. There was one comment basically on the two resolutions that they will be required to enact their next meeting. Simply it's being a little bit more specific on the projects in which the transfers from seven to 23 will be used for. So those changes have been incorporated into the Council Resolutions as requested.

- And those are projects that correct me if I'm wrong, but we have previously approved as part of our capital improvement plan.

- That is correct. All these were actually these were originally scheduled for last year, but they're designed to go on with the one of the legacy hotel projects being discussed that area obviously with COVID-19 that project is not proceeded as originally anticipated. We are in continuing in discussions with those are anticipating the project moving forward this year as well as the improvements as discussed.

- Okay, thank you, Director.

- Thanks, Alder Johnson. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it that report has been approved. Receive and Place on File.

- Motion to Receive and Place on File.

- Second.

- Motion has been made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax to Receive and Place on File, the municipal court and building permit reports for February 2021. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor approving those reports please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye. Nay. The ayes have it and those reports now. We are on to Committee of the Whole. So we've got a couple items here. We'll move of course, sequentially through them starting with item one consideration with possible action on allegations pertaining to the 2020 election, including discussion of recent media reports. And the March, 10, 2021, Wisconsin Assembly Committee on campaigns and elections meeting. I think to start things off, it makes the most sense for our city attorney, Attorney Chavez, to kind of set the table for both our council and for the public in terms of what the city's position is on some of these recent events.

- [Attorney] Thank you, Mayor. So in preparation for this evening's meeting, I had a couple of conversations, various holders and one thing that was requested on Friday was for my office to undertake, creating a report for the Council on what has occurred with regards to the election over the last year. On Monday afternoon. So yesterday about 24 hours ago, I provided you guys with initial draft, what my findings are, this is something that will ultimately become public record. It's not public record yet, simply because it's not finalized and said what we're talking about at this point is just my preliminary findings. So at the request of the council, I went through and provided an overview of what exactly has happened over, you know, the election season. So everything happening from the beginning of May, all the way to what happened through election night. And what I can tell you at this point is that nothing is coming up that even remotely points to any wrongdoing on the part of the city, much less city employees or even any of our contractors. There's been a lot of misinformation that is being thrown out there as far as actual facts that are not supported by any records of city or any recollections of any city employees. So I'll start with addressing the specific ones that have come up and then we can also move to questions and also about what the report will ultimately look like. So the first most important one, I think, is that the city clerk took a leave of absence. And on October, 23, and when the city clerk took her leave, by virtue of our statute or by virtual ordinated statute, the deputy city clerk steps into that role. In this case, the clerk was Kris Teske and the deputy city clerk was was the role of clerk at that point. Now, the clerk's office was already overwhelmed with work prior to departure of Kris Teske for her leave of absence. And so a lot of other departments were stepping in to provide assistance at that time. This included Celsion, Jeffreys and Rivetted Wagner. Wagner from the mayor's departments that are also included people such as you know, members of the law departments were providing physical assistance with processing valid people from BTW and parts providing assistance with processing valid CPW. There were numerous emails going out asking for assistance from various departments when they had time to provide assistance. And those things were already happening prior to the clerk's office becoming short staffed. The way departments were assisting varied, some were providing direct elections assistance, others were providing assistance by assuming responsibilities normally held by the clerk. Example, Deputy Finance Director Malley, I guess she's technically the treasure, the Treasure Malley stepped into assumed roles of clerk at the media, she was the one running the meetings so that the clerk's could focus on the election. And our department was also providing assistance directly I was having any of my employees who worked under a time crunch with a deadline were assigned to go with this with the clerk's office as well. So there were a ton of people who were assisting from the city throughout the entire election, the election season. So this was not an isolated situation, it's just that the clerk's office was overwhelmed, and had way too much work to be able to complete everything that was needed to run these elections. The next alligation that has come up is that we somehow empowered external people to run the election the deputy city clerk is actually the one who stepped in when Clerk Teske was on leave. And so it was her called, ultimately that were put into place if she was acting as the clerk at that point, that was by virtue of her position, she was a deputy clerk. And that was her role. I'm not really sure where the allegations that Mr. Rubenstein were, I don't know where those allegations came from. I think there's a handful of emails where he's clearly providing assistance to the city. But his capacity, sometimes as an adviser to the city, so he did a number of things at the request of the city, such as putting together a training manual on how to process things at Central Count. But that was ultimately provided to the deputy clerk and the person who ended reporting such account Jimmy's to review before that was actually even adopted. After those the clerk's office made the recommendation or two it before anything even happened to it. Mr. Rubenstein also was providing assistance by you know, just kind of acting as like an extra set of hands, I guess, is the easiest way to consider it. So there were a number of things that needed to happen to make the transition to KI work. If you guys will recall, you were noticed by at the end of October, that KI was moving, or the Central Count was moving to the KI. I believe it was the 22nd when that decision was made. And that was the data for Kris Teske, he took her leave. And the reason that came about was because the city was having difficulty accommodating social distancing, and adequate access for observation at the issue, you want to spread it over two floors. And we received a number of complaints about the potential for people to not be able to properly observe Central Count, including receiving a letter from a joint-letter from the Republican Party of Wisconsin and the Democratic Party in Wisconsin indicated that they felt like a central tenant needed

to be moved. So that decision was discussed at length before it actually went into effect. And in order to make that move happen, a lot of things had to fall into place. We had to make sure that the DS 450, which was a new piece of equipment that already had a test and would be merged and that will require recalibration. We had to make sure that the venue could be secured that there was adequate time to notice it. The WEC was going to be consulted and confer with our decisions ultimately or not find any issues with our decisions. So a lot of things have false which is why we didn't announce that KI was the official place for the election until I believe it was the 30th or so when the announcement of the move to KI occurred. So with all the stuff that was happening, Mr. Rubenstein as one of our advisors and another body on the ground was able to make contact with the KI that is really where his involvement ended. So he was doing things at our requests. And so once he made that contact confirmed all the different stuff that we needed. The actual agreement itself was trying to buy deputy, I'm sorry, Director Ellenbecker. And then the keys were picked up by then Chief of Staff Jeffrey. No key forever in the service . They stayed those cells to Jeffreys, pick them up, gave them to Director Ellenbecker and Director Ellenbecker to maintain those in her control for the remainder already had access to KI. On election day, there was one person in charge at Central Counter that was June Stevia, she was the chief inspector of Central Count. So Jamie was the one who was ultimately running for election and making sure that everything related to the election was happening the way that it needs to that decisions were being made in accordance with law. That was Jamie role. There were a number of people who were assisting it at Central Count, in addition to Jamie, but they were assisting Jamie ultimately. So this included not only was Rubenstein and Mr. Rivera , that we'll talk about in a minute, but also people such as Director Ellenbecker, and Treasure Malley, who will whatever Jamie needed assistance on they both worked selection previously in Central Count previously over the years. And so she was tapped in tapping their resources to have them basically running around and providing assistance. And then whenever anybody couldn't answer a question, they directed it to Jamie. And when Jamie couldn't answer your question she contacted back at City Hall. So the other people who were there were a Wagner and he was there, really acting as logistics. So there were a number of things that he was specifically put in charge of, none of which related to the actual election itself. That included checking people in making sure that people were given their parking passes, making sure that they were getting to where he coordinated lunch. He was making announcements when people lost phones and stuff of that nature. And then he was also in charge of coordinating with the media throughout the day. Mr. Rubenstein was assisting him with that because he was there as still as one of the city's advisors. So there is a lot of allegations that somehow because he was president that he was taking control, which is not the case. I've spoken to numerous people who were there. No interaction with Mr. Rubenstein. Instead, they said that, you know, they really had no interaction with him whatsoever, other than, you know, maybe him telling him that, you know, lunch was ready or something to that effect. There were questions as to what he was doing with the printer. Again, he was there as an advisor to the city. And he had a printer because there were a number of metrics that were being blind to determine. This is stuff coming from city staff. Okay, this isn't stuff coming from Mr. you know, we're gonna assume that his that he got interested in covering up this is directly from our city staff who've indicated that there were metrics as far as how many ballots we needed to process each hour, in order for us to be able to reach or set to gauge how long it's gonna take us to count all of the votes that day. And he was running those numbers to kind of figure out how we were where we are on track and stuff. My understanding is he never even will even use the printer that it was there but it never got turned on. There was a complaint made to the WEC. I have not had an opportunity to speak to the WEC at this point. I have reached out but we have not heard back. And then of course there are other people who made the complaint that we don't have that information, but essentially understanding that somebody complained to the WEC that Mr. Rubenstein was there, and the WEC called deputy directors and acting clerk can wait and informed her that they had received these complaints, and that they felt the most prudent course of action was for Mr. Spritzer to cease acting as an advisor. And instead just act as an observer. Director or deputy clerk wait contacted Jamie at Central Count told her of that director from Central from the WEC. And that happened around the noon hour. So as of that time, there was nobody there providing any advisory services or anything to the city. Mr. Rubenstein respected that. And that's without incidents when he returned much later that day, it was exclusively as an advisory or an election observer role. So with this, none of the allegations that are being made, have any basis in fact, we aren't finding any credible evidence of any of the allegations are my department has been on both feet and head, looking at all of the records that have come out contacting people

within our not just within the city, but also contacting people at WEC. I reached out to Mr. Rubenstein, myself, all of us are trying to get to the bottom of where the delegations coming from and is there any truth to it? My findings of things are indicating that there is no liability on the part of the city because we did no, we didn't do anything wrong. There's no negligence, there's no improper actions, whether or not somebody likes the way we administered the election. That's irrelevant to the determination of whether or not we did anything incorrectly. We did not. The city followed the state and federal laws in administering the election. And there are no records, no information, no facts which support anything to the contrary. So with that information, what I will tell you is that the discussion this evening should really be centered around any additional information you would like my staff to look into, as we are generating this report for you. There's I'm happy to look into any additional information you want looked into. We don't have any problem with continuing to determine the fact finding that we our investigation that we're doing. But really what we are looking at today is any additional facts that you have been made privy to, and what further information you would like for us to look at. Should there be any. With that, I will stand for questions?

- Thank you, Attorney Chavez. We also have a good number of folks who are attending from the public. I don't know if alders would like to open the floor now or engage in some questions.

- They're all going to be open.

- Your Honor.

- Yes, Alder Galvin. Go ahead.

- Thank you. I was told that there might be some people that wanna talk, but I think I would prefer and I think everyone should have a chance to talk. But because of the amount of after listening to Attorney Chavez said, I bolsters my opinion. There's a lot of misinformation out there. And I'm sure people have this, I've had some people call me that were pretty wound up based on misinformation. And I would prefer if it's possible, if everyone's in agreement that we ask the questions that we have our concerns of Attorney Chavez or other staff that were involved with this incident, this voting, and maybe that is some of the concerns or comments that people in the public wanna make. And maybe this would thus help them maybe formulate and maybe they still want to ask the same questions. Again, maybe they don't, but this might help it. So we don't have people asking questions that are gonna be answered later on. So we get all the information out there upfront, and then let them formulate the questions that they have for us, or the comments. And if you wanna make that a motion, if that needs to be or we can just continue on as we're going.

- No, no, no, it doesn't need to be a motion. It's always the council's prerogative to open here or not open the floor. So if you have any thoughts or questions to share Alder Galvin, go ahead.

- All right, thank you. This is for Attorney Chavez. And then I might need some of the other department heads might need to jump in. So as from what I've been reading, from information that has been put out there. There's actually like a chain of evidence or a chain of custody when it comes to the votes that the City of Green Bay receives, is that correct?

- [Attorney] Yep, that is correct.

- Okay. And for those people out there, a chain of custody chain of evidence means that people take responsibility for the votes and when they're passed over to another person in that chain, documents and forms have to be signed or initialed. For example, I was a poll worker and I brought all the votes from our ward down to City Hall, I had to sign several pieces of paper. And then everything was sealed and I had to sign the seal that contained the votes. I brought those down to City Hall waited in line until one of the clerks could take those from me break the seal in front of me and verify the bolts I brought matched up. And everything was squared away. And it doesn't seem as there's any sort of place at the wards or from the wards to City Hall, the concern seems to be what happened afterwards in that Central Count. So Attorney Chavez, once those ballots leave City Hall and go to Central Count, is there a chain of custody that takes place and who's responsible for that?

- [Attorney] So the way this election shook out was different from what has happened in the past. This is the first time that Central Count has moved out of City Hall. And so an abundance of caution what was implemented was first a real requirement that anybody who was gonna touch the ballots or the boxes of ballots were in or be part of the chain of custody absolutely had to be an employee of the city. And so the decision was made that Director and this was all based exclusively on who was available to do what. Director Ellenbecker assumed responsibility for meeting DPW at City Hall on election day. So the night before, Deputy Director, Deputy Clerk Wery and Jamie Tyagi locked up all the ballots, they taped them up, they got into the bins, and then they made sure that they were ready to go for election day. At six o'clock in the morning, I guess it was more like 5:45 or so. Director Ellenbecker met gentlemen from DPW. So our workers from DPW loaded up they arrived at City Hall with a truck for one of our DPW trucks to load the ballot, big giant boxes onto the truck and take them to the KI center. So, Director Ellenbecker was the one who initialed noting the all of the doc all of the locked ballots blocked and field ballot boxes. And then when they arrived at KI, I was waiting there so that I could note what they they had arrived. And I initially thought if she signed off on the initial part, I signed off but they arrived. And then as part of that, so after they arrived, we had to get them up into the elevator. Treasure Malley was the person who rode up the elevator with them along with our DPW employees. And then from there, they were placed into the Central Count room with where Jamie he was located. So at the end of the night, when I shouldn't say night, the next morning when everything was completed. I believe that Director Ellenbecker, assisted with getting those all back over there again. So there were she was the one who signed off. They were given to the DPW guys again to get to transfer back over. And she met them over there and actually signed off getting them back into City Hall. So at all times, those ballots were with city employees from the time they left the City Hall, the clerk's office in City Hall at 5:45 in the morning on election day until they returned the next day only because that's when the counting was completed.

- Were the ballots once the ballots left City Hall at 5:45 until they were done being counted, was there any time that the Central Count was left on attended by anybody?

- [Attorney] No. So Jamie indicated today that she was there from the moment that it opened until the time that it ended she actually was the last person to leave along with Treasure Malley. They wrap things up and were there the entire time she said that she never left for more than five minutes. She said she got one meal break and one bathroom break in that entire time. So she was physically present in that room for about 24 hours. And then there were a number of people in addition to Jamie Phoebe who were there such as Director Ellenbecker and Director Treasure Malley.

- Okay. And when you say employees, you're not talking about contract employees, you're talking about Green Bay city employees.

- [Attorney] Yeah, so and there were some personnel things that were happening to kind of make things work but we're talking about actual members, committed members and staff for not season who are not temporary. So one of the security measures that the city took. Because this was such a unique situation was for every person, there were about 100 people at Central Count as far as coworkers go. And what we ultimately did with that was, and I shouldn't say like, I didn't do this, this is city. So and they had very, very smart vision, a foresight to do this. But they assigned one city person, one city employee, with a non-employee, so that there was at least one person they knew working at each table, where the votes were being tally. So there's always two pairs of inspectors. And in each one of those pairs was a city employee. In addition, the person who was running the DS 450, was the Director of Public Works. The person who was assisting with, as I say that, who was assisting Jamie directly was Director Ellenbecker, and Treasure Malley. The people that were assigned to do reconstructs with a ballot for either former employees of the clerk's office who I believe had retired previously. And then the former clerk himself being she assigned it to city attorneys. And then there was, I believe, one more position that was, it was of IT, who were handling stuff with ballots at the tail end of things. So after the ballots had been counted, placed in those integers, I guess, the ballot counted boxes. So yeah, these are trusted members of the city who have everything to lose if they were to, you know, tamper with things. These are trusted members of City Hall.

- Right. When you say non-employee, you're talking about people like me, a poll worker that was hired by the city? I'm sorry.

- [Attorney] Correct. I'm talking about people who volunteer to distort the election, members of the community.

- Were observers allowed in the Central Count the entire time the ballots, were there?

- [Attorney] Yes, they were.

- And were there any complaints from those observers to staff?

- For my understanding, there were a handful of complaints about different things, whether it be about the lighting in certain areas, or people not speaking loud enough. And then there were other things that happened, external from Central Count itself. But as far as things that were happening, yes, there were some times there were complaints were made. And those were all directed to Jamie , as the chief inspector.

- Okay. And to your understanding where those complaints rectified, or at least the people were, guys, if Jamie wasn't able to appease them.

- [Attorney] So I'll give you. So I don't really know the answer to that one per se. I would, I can look into that for you. But what I can say is that the way that the statutes are set up, the chief inspector is really the ultimate authority at the polling location. They're the one who makes the final call. Now, outside of that is the clerk. So in this instance, it would have been it.

- Okay. And have we talked to Kim at all since she left the city about the November election?

- [Attorney] I have not I can't see for anybody else. But she is on our list of people that we would still like to stay to.

- Okay. Did you take in an oath when you became the city attorney?

- Yes.

- And what was the extent of that oath.

- [Attorney] I don't remember exactly. But essentially that I would do fulfill my job. More importantly, though, I chickened out as an attorney to adhere to all the laws of the state of Wisconsin and the standards of the State Bar.

- And what would happen if it was shown and proven that you had violated your oath as an attorney?

- [Attorney] Are you asking what type of discipline I would be subject to?

- Yes, yes.

- It would ultimately depend on the Ethics Commission and the ethics and I mean, that is the State Bar's Ethics Commission. So they have a number of people who've had hearings on that type of stuff, and then they recommended a penalty at that point. So it could be anywhere from a fine or a warning to disbarment.

- All right. And if you were found to have given false testimony here or false information, could you be charged legally?

- [Attorney] Yes, that's perjury.

- All right. Now what about the other people that were involved in the chain of custody, Director Ellenbecker, Director Malley or Treasure Malley and any of the other city employees that put their name or initials on any paperwork, verifying that what they were doing was legal and just.

- [Attorney] I'd have to look into so let me back up and explain why it is that this would qualify as perjury because I have taken an oath. I basically taken an oath of candor as an attorney, which is why if I'm giving testimony and on behalf of my clients, when I'm representing my clients, that's what I'm doing. That doesn't necessarily apply to other people per se. But that doesn't mean that things that they get off scot free. So yes, like the city could always take action against somebody. And if somebody is acting fraudulently, that is criminal misconduct, and that would be something that would be subject to criminal actions.

- All right. Going back to the DPW employees are transported the votes from City Hall to the KI staff. How many trucks were used to do that?

- [Attorney] I can't remember if it was one or two with a lot of commotion, when we were when they were getting dropped off. I wanna say it was one but they may have had to have them in a second one.

- But will Director Ellenbecker know?

- [Attorney] I imagine she would but she is not here tonight.

- What about Treasure Malley.

- [Attorney] She's also not here tonight, but I don't know if you would know that.

- Okay, and how many employees how many DPW employees were assigned to each truck?

- [Attorney] I'm trying to remember how many people were coming in and out, I'd say it was probably six or seven.

- Okay. All right. I don't have any other questions right now. I appreciate everything you've done with this and all the work you've done getting all the documents out there for the public put this on the city's page. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder Galvin. Alder Steuer.

- You're muted Alder Steuer.

- so good about that, thank you. Thank you, Your Honor. There's a couple of things here. I did work at Central Count for nine hours. So I that's a whole side story. I can talk about both those things that I will learn a little bit. But I've had a numerous of questions that have come forward from citizens and other people asking us of Attorney Chavez and if the mayor or anybody else wants to chime in, that's fine. Some of these will be one or two word answers. And we may have touched on some of them, but I'm just gonna go through these quickly. So Attorney Chavez these questions were all the funds from the $1.6 million election grant received and dispersed by the city treasurer.

- [Attorney] I would have to double check those but I believe the record. So I don't know if all the funds have been expended at this point is what I'm saying. But yes, all of the expenditures would have had to go through the treasurer.

- Okay. Next, who was responsible for maintaining accounting and disbursement of the funds? I presume that was the treasurer.

- [Attorney] That is correct. I spoke with her today and she confirmed that she was the one who was handling that portion of it.

- Okay. Not that it matters in the sense but how much money remains in the grant we still have money left, correct?

- [Attorney] I don't know the answer to that one.

- Alder Jeff, can speak to that.

- [Male] All right. Thank you.

- [Celestine] Thank you, Your Honor. Mr. Steuer, we were went in an extension of the remaining funds, which was $731,000. Just need to be extended by June, 30th.

- All right. Okay, I knew there was someone is left. I just wanted to check on that. Okay, is there a published and audited report on income and expense of the grant including details on vendors and personnel that received payment?

- [Attorney] A report was provided to the Finance Committee in February.

- Okay.

- Explaining exactly what expenditures have been made.

- And like I said, some of these answers might be known already, but the public is out there as well. So I'm trying to, you know, let them know as well, so.

- Yes, sir.

- Okay, who is charged with the responsibility of selecting the number and location of polling places in Green Bay as presumed that's the clerk?

- [Attorney] But this year was a unique situation, because of the way things ran out. So if that clerk I believe always brings the polling locations to the council for final approval, but it's really dependent upon what is available at the time. This year, there were the Ad Hoc Elections Committee provided assistance in locating the polling locations, just because there was so much trip difficulty in finding those.

- Okay. Moving on. Were Wisconsin statutory regulations regarding election management follow up in Green Bay?

- Yeah.

- Okay. Does the third in clerk's office performing the duties as required by Wisconsin state statutes?

- [Attorney] Yeah. And in her often it was in her absence, it was the deputy clerk.

- Okay. Did the mayor's office, and or the city administration supplant the City Clerk's duties in running the November election?

- [Attorney] No, they did not.

- I'm gonna keep moving on. Did the mayor's office and or the City Administration violate any state or local laws and ordinances with respect to the November election?

- No.

- Were the Wisconsin statutory regulations followed regarding bidding procedures required by statutes or ordinances in the selection of election assistance workers.

- [Attorney] I'm a little confused by that. Are they asking if we had to procure an election like employees, because what happened with employees that they were hired to be how to go through the normal, I don't know, the normal HR processes await right way to address it, but they did have to go through the hiring process.

- Okay. Was there any tampering or altering of absentee ballots or other ballots from the November election?

- [Attorney] No, there was not.

- Is there a list of any persons or organizations that were complicit in the alterations miscounts or the destruction of uncounted ballots?

- There was no alteration, tampering, nothing. No.

- Like I said, some of these questions are understood and a lot of people know them already. But I'm asking on them partly on for the public's purpose. Did any city administration member benefit financially from any of the grant monies barring the monies that they earned for working at the polls?

- [Attorney] No, the monies were used pretty much for buying supplies and then paying for services. But as far as benefiting financially, no, nobody actually, there was for I don't remember if employees receive hazard pay or not for working the election. But it was based on the election work that was completed. And those rates were established for every person who worked as a co-worker.

- Next, the Ad Hoc Elections Committee was set up in May of 2020 to assist with the August 2020, primary in the November 2020 election, was this committee helpful or detrimental in the workings of these elections? I think I know the answer. But describe the effect on the third Sophos by this committee both positive and negative.

- [Attorney] That's an interesting question. So is that in reviewing everything, going back and reviewing the Ad Hoc Committee Meetings themselves. And then also, the conversations that were had the Ad Hoc Elections Committee was implementing ideas to make sure that what happened in April was not repeated again in the City of Green Bay. And a lot of the issues that arose were because of the fact that there was such a limited amount of staff in the clerk's office to begin with to implementing those were difficult. So there were inevitably communication breakdowns just because of how busy everybody was. And so other departments like I said, we're having to help with all sorts of different responsibilities normally held by the clerk, and that included carrying out some of the requirements of the Ad Hoc Committee so looking for the different polling locations, looking for different types PPE, looking for different types of different equipment, things of that nature. So I don't know that it's fair to characterize it as either head nodes or help. It's just there was additional work. And it would have been very difficult to expect the clerk's office would admit able to handle that by themselves, in addition to what was already being done by the clerk's office. other staff for assisting.

- I know that in previous years that there might have been 3000 absentee ballots for election that there's so the August to 2020 primary saw 10,000 and this election saw 30, 33,000, so, I understand the dynamics because of that. I'm gonna move on again, thanks for your patience all. The Council unanimously approved the acceptance of the CTCL, the Center for Tech and Civic Life grant at Council on 721 2020. CTCL is a 501C3 nonprofit. In your estimation is the CTCL, democratic, republican or nonpartisan?

- [Attorney] By virtue of being a federal trade, the organization itself cannot be partisan, no active activities can be done, which would cast that would be considered politicking or electioneering or anything of that nature. It has to be nonpartisan in that respect. And from our review, so you will recall that we were sued by clients, Attorney Cardel. Who alleging that specifically, it was a democratic leaning organization. But what the judge in that case, which was Judge Griesbach, where he determined that there was no evidence of that, especially considering the fact that there were so many other municipalities just in Wisconsin at that time, he was over 100 other municipalities in Wisconsin, red, blue, purple, you name it, that we're receiving election grants, the same as the five largest cities in Wisconsin.

- I think that's one thing that needs to be brought for folks are thinking that Wisconsin Five those communities are the ones that go the of not all of the money, but it sounds like the result of over a 100 other communities throughout Wisconsin, all different political entities sizes, and that that they get that money, correct?

- Correct. So the Wisconsin Five is the five that keeps being brought up. It's the five . The five counties that were both Milwaukee, Madison Kenosha, Racine and the City of Green Bay. And the reason the base cities

were sued is because we were, I believe the first branch fees in Wisconsin. And in addition to that, we submitted the application jointly.

- Okay. I got a couple more and then I'll be done. You may have touched on this already, but you said there were allegations that Mr. Spitzer-Rubenstein was said there was a pronounced over time. What were Mr. Spitzer-Rubenstein leading up to the election day and on election day itself. I know you already talked about that a little bit sounded like after, you know, after no one when he was all the, just be an observer. Was there anything on tour before that you said he was more or less setting up logistics for Central Count.

- [Attorney] That is correct. He was providing assistance to the city in the nature of logistical stuff, he was helping coordinate and then he was running his own data as far as the numbers of the ballots, that literally just determining how far behind we're gonna be. And when we would expect to be complete with a stock they were going through the DS 450 versus the advertised number that it could actually count during at optimal usage. So that was really the only thing that he was doing. I think the there's the only other thing people recall him doing was telling staff, the hotel staff that they were free to set up for lunch. And then before that he was acting as an advisor to the city. And he would bring up recommendations. One of the recommendations he made was to change the flow of early voting at City Hall. After we have that first day where there was a lot of there was a longer wait time than anticipated. That was one of his recommendations was to change the flow. He made a couple of other recommendations and one of the cities of thought they were good recommendations. We accepted them.

- Okay. Did Mr. Spitzer-Rubenstein have any decision making authority of Central Count. I think you already mentioned that but I'd like to hear it again.

- [Attorney] He had no authority at Central Count. Much less decision making authority.

- Did Mr. Rubenstein represent any political party while working at Central Count?

- [Attorney] No, he was working for the National Voter at Home Institute, which is also a nonpartisan organization.

- Okay. You already talked about the keys. I think that was a big thing. I, some of the alders may have sat in, as I did to the meeting on March 10th at the Capitol, it was three hours and 45 minutes I sat through it to 12 pages of notes. And I guess the question I had, and maybe to the for the administration was that it was very, you know, the Republicans, conservatives, et cetera, they're very few, if any, Democrats or other party members that are, would just want to bring them to the democratic folks, some of the state reps did not go to the meeting. And I was just wondering, why some of the Democratic folks did not go to that meeting or

testify, because you know, we had three hours and 45 minutes on one side. And we just didn't get anything from the other side. So I'm just wondering if anybody can clarify that a little bit for me.

- Yeah, I mean, this is just me repeating what I've heard said publicly by some of the representatives, but I think part of it was the lack of masking at the committee hearing. So some avoided it for health reasons. And then a number of them also had conflicting committee hearings, and so weren't able to attend. But you're right in saying that it was solely republicans in the assembly who attended the hearing.

- Well, you and I understand some of that it was just disappointed for me as an observer, so to speak, to not try to hear the whole story. And that's why we a lot of times have to dig a little bit to try to get answers. But I appreciate that answer.

- And the other point that, you know, the administration, we were not invited to participate or told about the hearing in advance. So that's why when there was no participation from the city's end.

- I guess that's another thing I wanted to point out, I was wondering false or unguided or if they weren't, and you're saying that they weren't on invited. A couple more miles on . but I think you already answered that Mayor. I'll just talk a little bit just briefly, on my experience as Central Count, I worked there from 6:15 till about 3:30 in the afternoon. I was almost sitting at a table with my partner across the way, and we focused on getting 700 ballots. Absentee ballots cut, register looked at and moving forward. So I would say for the most part, from what I saw, that worked out pretty well, or there's some glimpse blips here and there, I'd think so I mean, a couple times where I heard Mr. Rivera Wagner kind of shouting and pointing at some people. And I don't know what was going on. There could have been observers, but I was focusing on my job. So there are people that saying, well, Mark wanted to get up and look and watch. That was not my job. My job was to count votes. And I did that. I did get up to look at the DS 450, when this new Director was running, things would be going pretty well, but there were some snafus with that there was some glitches, and some of the ballots were piling up. But then I was sitting close to that machine. So I didn't really see anybody coming around those . You know, they were, you know, they were kind of piling up in a box. I didn't see any of that. So I think, you know, like I said, I've a lot of I've got a lot of comments from both sides here. And we just want the truth. You know, I know that's a tough word. Sometimes, you know, everybody has a different version of the truth. But I think for now, I think I answered most asked most of the questions that I needed to. And I'll hold off for now. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. We have had a fair amount of back and forth and Q&A with counsel. We have a good number of folks who are waiting. So just asking the question again, if we would wanna open the floor and then you know, proceed-

- I have my light on to speak.

- Yep, I know. I'm just interjecting to suggest we the idea of opening the floor if Alders agree.

- I would like to speak before you open the floor.

- Okay. Go ahead, Alder Scannell.

- Yes, okay well. To me, this is very simple. And I feel like we're making a big brouhaha and nothing. I mean, was a crime committed yes or no? But what we're talking about here is illegal. If someone has evidence of a crime, anybody who's making these accusations, our first question to them should be, where's your evidence? If they got no evidence, we can shut them down. We can to respond to them. I feel in some ways I really appreciate staffs response in many ways, especially making all those documents available. I think that's really kind of cool. I'm not gonna let I feel we're giving too much credence to this. If a crime was committed, you need to report it. You've got evidence of a crime, you report that, if not, you're obstructing justice. You're part of the conspiracy to commit a crime, if you've got evidence, and you're not reporting it. And if you don't have evidence, fine, shoot your mouth off. We don't have to pay attention to that. We are wasting a lot of time, money and energy on this. I just feel like I'm being fluoridated again.

- Oh, don't bring that up.

- It's the same thing. We do not have to respond to every allegation out there and every, we are not a watershed for every conspiracy theory out there. If someone committed a crime, report it to the proper authorities we're not the authorities here there are property authorities to take this to. They can look at your evidence weigh it up and either say sorry, you got nothing here or there's enough here we need to investigate or they're gonna come at us with a charge and then we need to respond to those things. Otherwise, I just feel we are wasting way too much time here and on bogus crap giving it credence that it doesn't deserve, is very simple not partisan. Either way either a crime was committed or it wasn't. You got evidence of that crime, go to the proper authorities, and they can deal with it. We should be doing our city business. This isn't it. This isn't our city business. This is a lot of nonsense. And I just feel once again we're getting caught up in this and I just feel we've been a little too over reactive I feel we should be anybody coming in with an accusation. First question should be show me the evidence and then take it to the proper authorities. It's not us. So that's my two cents.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Brunette is next in the queue. Might ask you the same question if you'd like to open the floor here.

- How many Alders are still behind me in the queue?

- We've got Johnson and Galvin for a second time looks like.

- You know I have I actually cross off questions that I won't ask got an interest in respect everyone else who wants to speak so I'd be happy to make a motion to open the floor and wait to ask my questions after I'm fine with that.

- Okay.

- If I could real quick and this pertains to Alder Steuer. He asked the question about the money that we received and how it was spent. I do remember Alder Lefebvre had requested that. There was a document put out at our January, 12, Finance Meeting. There's a copy on the city page. It's five and a half pages long and it has a pretty detailed list of how $829,850.27 was spent, for anybody that's interested. I also didn't reach out to the police chief, Chief Smith. As of today, nobody has filed any complaints at all with the Green Bay Police Department making any allegations at all of any crimes being committed during the November election. He's still waiting to hear back from the Sheriff's Department. And this return let's say said multiple people have asked him to look into the election. He's still waiting for anyone to come forward with any kind of solid accusation or any kind of evidence. So he could start even started an investigation. Thank you.

- Okay. Thanks Alder. Alder Burnett, you had a motion?

- I'll be honest, could I withdraw my motion? I it's just myself and Johnson at this point, I can probably ask these questions. And this is the open floor within 20 minutes likely.

- Okay, go ahead.

- So it's withdrawn. All right, thank you. First question, first of all, before I do, so thank you to Attorney Chavez for preparing that document and answering these questions. First question is if the city is invited to testify at a future Wisconsin Assembly Campaign in Elections Committee, will the city attorney, city clerk and City Mayor participate?

- Yes, sir. Just from my point of view, I'd be happy to work with the committee if I were invited.

- Chavez, would you as well?

- [Attorney] I was going to say I can't speak for everybody else. But yes, absolutely. It is definitely important for the city to have legal representation anytime allegations are being locked at the city.

- Okay, thank you. That was kind of a follow up to other stories question that I thought was needing to be answered. From the west did Mr. Spitzer-Rubenstein offered to cure absentee ballot?

- [Attorney] He did he and I shouldn't say he's offered secure absentee ballots. He asked if the clerk's office needed assistance from his organization his hearing was declined as never.

- How would the organization cure ballots?

- [Attorney] They would send- During ballots at this very specific procedure involves insurance do the envelope itself that it arrives in has met the requirements. So there are state standards when it comes to curing ballots and really what it is curing on envelopes.

- Is it a state law or election law for a person who cures ballots to be a state resident or elector of the state?

- [Attorney] That I don't know?

- Why do you believe Mr. Spitzer-Rubenstein felt comfortable enough to ask that question?

- [Attorney] Mr. Rubenstein was providing assistance. However, the assistance needed to be provided. It was made from all the emails that I produced, that the role that the consultants were taking was whatever assistance the city needed, we just needed to ask. So one of the big things that the clerk's office was focusing on that time was curing ballot. And Bill, my understanding is that he offered .

- Okay, prior to being invited or allowed at Central Count on election day, did Mr. Spitzer-Rubenstein received training be provided a memo or sign an agreement from or with the city as to what he would be allowed to do that day and what activities would be prohibited.

- [Attorney] Are you asking if there was like a list of duties?

- Like a contract, an agreement, Mr. Rubenstein, this is what you are allowed to do today. Mr. Rubenstein, this is what you are not allowed to do today. Was that provided by-

- No. What can happen at Central Count is pretty much dictated by state law. And as I stated before, say the person in charge is the chief inspector of this tensive case it was Jamie . And so Mr. Rubenstein's rule, and everybody basically me working with him was that he was in an advisory capacity only. And so there wasn't an expectation as to him doing a thing in addition to that, like all of the work that needed to be completed had are pretty fish, so there wasn't a work assigned to Mr. Rubenstein.

- While Mr. Spitzer-Rubenstein was present at Central Count, did he have any communication with election officials or consultants at Central Counts in the municipalities of Madison, Milwaukee, Racine or Kenosha?

- [Attorney] I don't know that.

- What is the status and I had some correspondence with Attorney Bunker to do the demand of the law office at this point, I understand that she could not give me the answer last week. And I'm fine with that Attorney Chavez, but perhaps you have the answer. What is the status of unfilled election related open records requests? How many do we have outstanding that you're aware of?

- [Attorney] It's not . We've received like 75 and there's probably like, nine that are in some form unfulfilled whether it's pending, because you're waiting for additional information from the requester, or we're still going through emails or whatever it may be. It's a very small number. And I say I want to say it's more like two or three that we actually are able to fill without additional information from the requester themselves before we can move forward.

- Okay, so there are just for full disclosure, there are a few, so thank you. On Friday, a series of open records requests were posted on the city's website for the sake of desire transparency, which I like. Some I quested by the open records were posted, and I know we did that to clear some misconceptions. What are those documents that the city decided to post to the website that were not specifically asked for?

- [Attorney] The items that were added to the disclosures, or to the website I should say, where the contract is KI and the absentee ballot Chain of Custody log showing Director Ellenbecker's and myself initials, confirming that We had been the one who checked the ballots out of City Hall and received KI and vice versa.

- Maybe like we're there probably five to 10 documents or were there more?

- [Attorney] There were two documents that were added to that.

- All right, thank you. I didn't know if they were multi part documents. Has there been? Okay, so in the February, 2nd, complaint regarding former Clerk Teske, Director referenced a December, 14th, email from former Clerk Teske. Has that email exchange from December, let's just say 10th through 18 been requested by an open records request?

- [Attorney] I do not know exactly what was requested. I do know that the resignation letters have been requested, as has the document prepared by Director .

- Okay, but you're not aware if the document from communication from December, 10th through 18th between those two parties was released or requested? I can't get through. He referenced the email-

- [Attorney] was requested or is even releasable employee records are matters related to personnel matters, go through an entirely separate analysis before they get released. And I'm not the one who processes our records requests. Deputy Director, I'm sorry, Deputy Attorney is the one who does those. So she would be able to provide better determination as to what has been requested. I know generally what is requested, but I don't actually across the records request.

- Okay, thank you, a fair enough. Two questions left. Miss Sandy Juneau, she served two four year terms in the constitutional Office of Brown County Clerk. She commented that of the 24 municipalities in Brown County, only Green Bay, in her words when quote unquote, rogue, in comparison to past November elections to Green Bay have less engagement with the Brown County Clerk's office before during and after the November let election.

- [Attorney] I can't speak for the clerk's office. But I can tell you is that my understanding of the interactions between the county clerk and the city clerk has always been minimal. On the there have been numerous

instances where our former clerk was critical of the county clerk and vice versa. And so I don't know how much interaction the two of them have on a regular basis. So I wouldn't be able to tell you with all certainty that it improved or declined. But my understanding is that it's pretty much par for the course, as far as the two of them.

- Attorney Chavez last question, did you personally watch the entire hearing of the Wisconsin Assembly Campaign in Elections Committee.

- [Attorney] I watched all at the very beginning. I had another meeting as I hopped on as soon as I was able to I missed the very first part where Attorney Cardel went through his slides, but those were provided to me later, I should say the slide. A synopsis of the slides was provided to me later I also had Attorney Master watch the hearing as well, including the portions provided by at the very beginning regarding Attorney Cardel's testimony. And from what was stated, from what I watched as well as what Attorney Mather watched, it was very, very close to the allegations and the arguments that were made in the lawsuit that we had defended previously, which Attorney Mather had assisted me with, essentially.

- Yeah, thank you for that comment. You know, I watched it, and it was quite alarming. You know, I watched it be honest, I watched it twice and four, and three or four times certain parts, for a lot of that is shocking. And, you know, several hour hearing, there's a lot of things that were said and it's hard for us to sift through it. And, I know you prepared a document and I look forward to reading the final version of that document 'cause I read the draft earlier, yesterday. But the specific question does the mayor's office, clerk's office and Law Office dispute all the testimony that March, 10th hearing because there are some people in the community they say, well, that's just, you know, think someone here in the city administration call it a Stalinist choshi trial and three is still a government meaning of a higher level of government. So I wanna know is everything in that committee being disputed as nonsense, or were there some things in that Hearing that the city would believe to be true at this point.

- [Attorney] So the one thing that and and I discussed this earlier today. She, one thing that was brought up was that the front of the ballots were being looked at as Central Counts. That is true. But that is because there are requirements that have to be met in order for those to be counted. Like, for example, you're making sure that the clerk's initials appear on it. And you are making sure so there's there's no hard summations to look for. The iterators are things that you're supposed to look out on the run up checking if the people voted, or you're making sure that the ballot itself has the necessary documentation for it to be counted. So yes, that was factual, the way it was presented was not. There recitations of the law, necessarily argue with those. I think that they got the facts wrong, if every sense that they alleged we did, we had done there, right. So there's been violations of the law, but we didn't do those. There were a number of allegations, you know, poor customer service, essentially, and disagree with about how maybe they felt they should have happened. But again, those aren't necessarily indicative of anything that happened. It's just they didn't really necessarily get along with the person and felt that maybe customer service wasn't where it should have been. So I can't say that anything that was brought up, or everything that brought up was not true. But everything that was brought up that will actually affect the integrity of the election was not true.

- Attorney Chavez, I suspect that there are going to be continuation articles that are gonna be released, and the very first article that was released, I think it was Wisconsin Spotlight, a week ago today, I believe, is when this all started. The city, put it on their website rather quick on the mayor's page and the city's response, and then it was shared to the general government response. That day, there were two articles I noticed published, one, I believe was Wisconsin Spotlight. And the other was the Washington Examiner. And they the latest story is that the city was approached the day before the election, from a representative of one of the political parties in the state of Wisconsin, asking them asking the city to the city had decided to close the ballot of the dropboxes at eight o'clock. And they claim in this article, these articles that the political party representative asked the seven o'clock and claimed that the city would have a 15% chance of winning a lawsuit and possibly disenfranchising. They said hundreds and this is why you know, some of these articles you got to really look at because they said hundreds of 1000s were really if you look it was hundreds to 1000s or something. So anyway, so the point I'm getting at, did the city have inner any interaction with a state level political party, about paying closing the dropboxes an hour earlier than what the city had already planned?

- [Attorney] So the City of Green Bay has had numerous people threatened lawsuits against us for the contest the elections of April. And so I couldn't tell you whether or not anything affected anything that will we hit instead, what I can tell you is that each time something was brought up, we did we looked at it and determine what the actual law stated and what would what the proper approach was based on our reading of the law. And so ultimately, it was determined that the law stated anything received by the clerk by eight o'clock had to be accepted. And that is exactly what we did.

- Let's say, you know, base I read the email it just to me, it seemed like they're kind of putting a little pressure on the city. Did you feel that way at all?

- [Attorney] So there were actually discussions about this going back and forth, about whether or not we should close it early. In fact, I wanna say that Mr. Rubenstein was one of the ones recommending that we close it early. And we decided against it because we were following the letter. No, I wouldn't say that it was any of your pressure, or that we were folding to anybody's requirements or anything like that. I would say that what we did is we looked at the letter of the law. We consulted with the WEC. We reached out to see what other initial attorneys were doing across the state and then made an independent determination as to what was the right decision for the city.

- You find it was odd that they, and again, just sharing what the article stated, you know, take it for what it's worth, I'm just trying to understand. Do you find it odd that they copied numerous members higher up officials within that political party when they corresponded with the city? They had plenty of people that were carbon copied as part of a political party.

- [Attorney] I couldn't answer that. I'll be honest with you. I'm not very well versed with some of the important people in the parties are in Wisconsin.

- Yeah, I mean, at the time, I could completely understand that. But of course, hindsight being 2020, it creates suspicion when you have, you know, journalist now looking at who was copied in the email. So that's all thank you. You've been answering my questions. I appreciate it.

- You're welcome.

- To Alder. Alder Johnson.

- Director, Attorney Chavez, when there was a proposal brought before council to approve funding for essentially a PR campaign. One of the addendums that was put on to that request was that the PR firm would provide a report back to city council, to your knowledge, has that firm provided that report?

- [Attorney] I do not know that. That would not have come to my office. Find out about that but I don't know that.

- Would that be perhaps a question for Clerk Jeffrey's?

- [Celestine] Thank you Alder. There was we did have a follow up meeting with the PR firm. I would need to go back into my records to see if there was a follow up report. I believe we did get some consumables from them. But I would-

- Okay. Attorney , if you could do that Clerk Jeffrey's, because that was one of the requirements that we did put on the approval of that. So I would love to be able to see that report at some point. Attorney Chavez, this is a question that was presented me and I don't know the answer. The state statute requires city council to approve an interim clerk.

- [Attorney] So the appointment of a clerk in it's appointed by the mayor confirmed by the Council. And we have done that in the past, we've had to assign somebody to a deputy position so that they could fill positions in the past. But what we've always what we've had since and this happened a few years ago, when somebody was out, I don't know if they were busier out there. And then somebody else went out sick for a while, which was mentioned aspect. I don't recall the exact circumstances both since then we've always had a deputy clerk assigned responsibility so that we will have that second person always available. And that for the last. I don't know how many years, three years, maybe it's been him late.

- Okay, so City Council, I'm trying to recollect because I unfortunately don't remember. City Council, do we approve the deputy clerk when that's appointed?

- [Attorney] No, I believe under statute that is somebody that is designated at the clerk level, I'll have to verify that but generally be the clerk appointed party in the way with department head essentially a practical thing official, and then the deputy is selected by that person themselves.

- Okay, questions specifically related to the state hearing. Admittedly, I did not have an opportunity to watch that that hearing, though, I've certainly read plenty of reports about it. Do you know that the scope of that hearing did it include just the August and November elections or did it also include the April?

- [Attorney] So it's really unclear what the intent of that hearing was supposed to be, because the vast majority of what so there were things that were brought up by Attorney Carter, which are very related almost exclusively to the November election because of the CTCL grand extra that that also would implicate August. And then there was the testimony from the different the resident witnesses who were acting as election observers, that really pertained almost exclusively to the November election. from former county Clerk Judo that brought us primarily stuff related to April and then talking about the election from there on out. So it was a little bit of everything. So I'm not really sure what the scope of it was intended to be. But it was a little bit of everything.

- So that particular committee then, of course, you've acknowledged that they did not invite you to testify. But did they give you any type of indication whatsoever? What they were trying to uncover or achieve through that hearing?

- [Attorney] No, I can't speak for any of your members of the city. But generally, anytime they city will be under the under question, at the very least come to the courts, the city attorney said that we would pray to provide representation at any type of period. I've never received anything to this day indicating that the city was even supposed to be like I found about out about this from I think the news article.

- Okay. We've talked about the move to Central Count. And I know it's been referenced that it was approved by both parties was that were those local political parties that approved that state political parties, something else?

- [Attorney] They were local There were the local parties, yes.

- Okay. And I presume it was the to the primary parties, Republicans and Democrats?

- It was a letter from the respective chairs of the state parties.

- Okay.

- Okay. Thank you, Mayor. And then of course, following that decision, you did notify Wisconsin Elections Commission of your desire to move that and they confirmed and provided approval to do so, is that correct?

- [Attorney] That is a required, state law requires that we consult with them , before we make any changes to Central Counts. Right, so we can help it with them. And they indicated that they did not actually have to approve of what we did. We have to consult with them to address any concerns that they had, and they did not have any.

- Okay, good. Thank you. The YouTube video that was provided, we did a live broadcast that I believe was was quite lengthy. But to my knowledge, it was not archived. Could someone please comment on that?

- [Attorney] That would be a question for IT. But yes, we did livestream it.

- Okay. Does anybody is IT on the phone that could comment on why that wasn't archived? Or is it archived and we just don't know.

- I can comment on that. The video stream lasted longer than what YouTube allows us archive. We are going to our forum for videos going on 1.2 hours long. And they only archive I think only two, 12 hours. I can't be certain with that. But yeah, that's why it wasn't not archived on YouTube.

- Okay, so do we know offhand Director Hronek. If you know when you exceed that time limit, does YouTube give you the option to archive that first 12 hours or whatever that time limit is?

- I do not know that directly, off hand.

- Okay. Thank you. At one point, we talked about Clerk Teske having participated on the Ad Hoc Committee, all participants of that committee until her leave of absence.

- [Attorney] The way the Ad Hoc Committee was set up, she was a member of she was one of the nine members of the committee.

- Okay, and then when Clerk Teske took her leave of absence was interim clerk , or but did she then automatically become a member of that committee?

- [Attorney] She would assume the duty so yes, she would have automatically been made a member of that committee.

- Okay. And then Attorney Chavez, you referenced the report earlier that you were working on. However, I didn't catch this. And if you said it, please forgive the redundancy. But do you have a timeline of when that report will be complete?

- [Attorney] Yep and no, it ultimately depends on whether or not there are additional things that they would like added to the report. If the information that I've preliminarily given to you is satisfactory, I can probably finalize that pretty soon. I'm waiting for information from a couple more people before I can finalize things and then I do need to incorporate the interviews I've had with certain staffs, just confirming what their recollections were, and those new disappearances operated. So it ultimately depends on what this Council's pleasure is. So if what I've been provided to you so far satisfactory, I can probably have it ready for you to release to the public at the end of this week.

- Okay. And then just it is not a question but a statement because it was raised about how, you know, if there's a crime, you know, that position should obviously be laid out and should go to the proper authorities. But, you know, one of the things I wanna point out is that I think that there's this assumption that the only reason we're having this discussion is because of crime occurred. And I think that there are other reasons why you want to have this type of public conversation. You know, you could be wanting to look for the ability to improve a process. You can be looking at things like election or in while I would certainly agree that if a crime occurred, it absolutely should be going to the right authorities. But I do think that there are a lot of questions that the public has, and this is the appropriate forum for us to be asking these questions to be receiving those answers and to perhaps taking this information in a way that we can make changes to make that election process run more smoothly. Alder Scannell, I can see you don't agree with me, and that's okay. We'll agree to disagree. And we'll both agree that bees are still wonderful. So that's all mayor, thank you.

- I make a motion. I'm sorry. Go ahead. Well, Mayor, go ahead.

- Go ahead Alder Brunette.

- I was gonna make a motion but Alder Wery has his hand raised.

- Yeah, I couldn't. My button was impressed. I don't know if it's not.

- No, you're in the queue here. I think the question is whether or not we wanted to open the floor.

- Alder Wery-

- Mine will be quick. Mine will be real quick.

- Okay, go ahead.

- That way, we'll have all our questions, I think out of the way and most of them. Thank you. I appreciate a lot of good questions already. Most of them then crossed off. Just wanted to follow back quickly on that 150,000 that went to the PR firm, because really, back when we approved the grant, the part it was unanimous. But then when it actually came back with the detailed it was unanimous to take the money for the equipment, and for the pay and for the protective equipment. But it was the PR part that was I think, a nine to three vote. And I think it passed, as Alderman Johnson put in the rider that we'd be given a report of exactly how the money was spent. And a complete breakdown of that. I had asked actually Clerk Jeffreys on February, 12. Do we have the report on the money received for the election looking for a breakdown of where the money was spent, what groups or organizations or contracts were given to handle various parts of the election? And what did the groups do with the money and that was sent back a link to the video, which really just had kind of an accounting breakdown of dollars and where I would spend it wasn't at all the report we're looking for. And so I can we be assured that we're going to get that. was a qualifier for taking that money.

- Clerk Jeffreys.

- Certainly.

- Okay. So that's a yes. All right, thank you. And Alder Johnson, touch on this. I appreciate Attorney Chavez's the initial report that you put out, you know, looks like you've put a lot of work into that it's not complete yet, obviously. I think you've stated a couple times that there's a number of people you'd like to speak with, including Kim Weight, WEC. I would also recommend that you at least reach out to Chris Teske and , if we're going to do a report. Let's get their comments and concerns as well. So I would like to hear that. If that's all right, Attorney.

- I can reach out to them.

- Okay. And then lastly, and I think this one's just it's important. Earlier Mayor Glenridge dismissed Clerk Sandy Juneau's comments and concerns as she has an axe to grind and she is an extreme right wing activist. Attorney, is that also the seed Green Bay opinion?

- [Attorney] I guess I don't understand the question. Are you asking me if that was the city ?

- Oh no, is that also an opinion held by the city-

- A point of order. Are we supposed to be discussing the allegations pertaining to the 2020 election-

- Alder Galvin, one of the concerns brought up, please you don't have the floor. One of the concerns brought up was from Brown County Clerk Sandy Juneau, okay? She testified at the legislature, all right. And when asked about that, today on a radio show, our mayor said, "Yeah, he has an axe to grind. She's an extreme white ring activist." Now, I just wanna know, is that our city's position or is that just an individual's position, attorney?

- And if you could explain to me how that addresses the allegations against the city?

- Well, are is the city saying that she's some cook that we shouldn't listen to?

- Alder Wery, Alder Wery. I'm an independently elected official. And I'm free to speak on my own behalf.

- Yes, you can. I'm still asking the attorney though, is that the City of Green Bay's opinion?

- It's not. It's my opinion-

- I'm asking you.

- It's not a question.

- I'm asking the attorney.

- It's not a question for the city attorney.

- It is because I'm asking her.

- It's not.

- City Attorney Chavez is that the city of green Bay's opinion?

- [Attorney] The official opinion of the city of Green Bay is whatever this council decides per a vote.

- So the opinions that were put out on the web feed, the City Council never weighed in on any of those. No, you didn't wait for the City Council on any of those opinions. But this one, you're gonna wait. I just tried to figure out when something's put on the city website, as the official announcement from the city. It's really not the city, it's the Mayor's . Right, I just separate that. Announcements that come out from the city come from the mayor's office.

- [Attorney] Explanations of facts that came from my office.

- Okay, and the comments regarding Sandy Juneau did not come from the city, they come from one individual. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Dorff, and then maybe we can open the floor.

- Yeah, I will say that at the, again. I just wanted to make sure something was really clear with something Alder Johnson had asked because I was on the Ad Hoc Elections Committee and I attended every meeting. And yes, Kris Teske did attend those meetings, and Kim , usually attended as well. But by the time that Kim , became our last meeting was on nine, 10, 20. So that was it mid-September, that was the last time we formally met. So it wouldn't be accurate to say that she attended the committee after she became the clerk because we didn't have any more committee meetings. We were there then at if Clerk Teske wanted us to meet, we said we would come back at any time. But by that time, we had found the polling places, we had found the poll workers, we had done everything possible in our power to help and support the clerk's office. And at that point, there was nothing more that the Ad Hoc Committee could really do. So I just wanna make sure that was clear, okay? And then I just wanted to make sure it's clear that we all know that the Brown County Clerk was the chair of the Brown County Republican Party at one point before she came Brown County Clerk. I think Alder Wery real interested in Sandy Juneau's background so I thought we bring that up. Thank you. I'd like, now like-

- I will second. I'd like to comment on the mayor, if I could.

- Go ahead.

- Firstly, I think it's completely inappropriate for Alder Dorff to interject person politics, really we're trying to keep it separate from partisanship and you brought it in. Yeah, I think you're the first person who brought up the person cleaning up somebody I think it's deeply inappropriate for claim to be non bias nonpartisan like we are as a government body keep that partisan crap out of it. It affects-

- it's all right, it doesn't mean anything when Alder Wery brought up the far right that didn't mean anything.

- He was commenting on comments with the mayor made on a radio station, morning Alder Dorff.

- So that doesn't count because-

- Alders, Alders, Alders, let's minimize. Let's please. Let's minimize the cross talk and open the floor and get to our citizenry.

- I apologize, Your Honor.

- I would like to ask you, your you this is your prerogative as Chair. I don't think people should be limited to a few minutes to speak. I would hope that you would allow people at a minimum to speak five to 10 minutes. You know, this subject is-

- Yeah, I appreciate the sentiment but we're gonna keep it to two minutes tonight.

- You're only gonna hear from the at a time. I mean, in integrity. Are you kidding? You are completely out of line to hear from the public for two minutes at a time completely-

- I'll second it. If there's a motion I'll second that.

- Attorney Chavez can I make a motion from this position as Alder to to set the limit to five minutes per speaker?

- [Attorney] The council could suspend the rules to change the amount of time the speakers are allowed to speak.

- I would like to make it more than five minutes but I'd like to motion to suspend the rules to allow speakers of all opinions of all persuasions of all input from all corners of this city to speak any minimum of five minutes.

- Second.

- I'd like to amend the motion to make it three minutes.

- I'll second it.

- Second.

- A motion has been made and seconded by Alder Brunette, second by Alder Wery and amendment has been made by Alder Dorff seconded by Alder Galvin to limit comments to three minutes. Discussion?

- Yeah, I mean what a pittance here thrown to the people the people who owe this government by the way that you're only going to let them speak for three minutes when they were watching this hearing for the last two hours. This is how you treat the public who this government owns to that we're only going to hear from them for three minutes? What a joke this is.

- Alder Brunette, I think you'll recall that I attempted to open the floor at numerous points and you proceeded to move forward with your comments-

- You want to open the floor for two minutes. whatever, three minutes.

- Okay, so we have an amendment on the floor.

- I would like to.

- Mayor.

- And seconded Alder Lefebvre.

- Can I make a comment? We had an Alder Steuer and Alder Stevens can also attest to this. We went through a lot with the floor ride. And I believe we set it at three minute comments. So no, three minutes, I think is enough time to give people to speak. Be precise and don't repeat things that others talk. Put your points out. And you should be able to come across in three minutes, I think is more than enough time. Thank you.

- Thank you Alder Lefebvre. Alder Wery.

- I would remind Alder Lefebvre that this never went to a committee so they never had a previous chance at one of our committees to talk about this. I'm gonna vote no on to three minutes and then go back to the original motion. I encourage people to do that. Thank you.

- Okay, seeing no further comments, we'll have- Alder Scannell, go ahead.

- I appreciate the two minutes. I think two minutes is more than enough on this issue. I think this is a lot of conspiracy crap. Honest to God. We are not a clearing house. If someone's got evidence fine. What are we doing here? This has got nothing to do with us. You're talking about integrity. Integrity is on the accuser. If they've got that, where's their integrity? This is a waste of our. This is not good governance. It's a waste of our time, money and energy. It's just bad governance. And this is not an issue that we need to be a clearinghouse for. Two minutes, I like two minutes.

- Thanks Alder. There is an amendment on the floor to limit public comments to three minutes. Seeing no further comments, all in favor- Alder Steuer go ahead.

- Thank you, Your Honor. You know, I think part of this and Alder Brunette to bring up a good point we are the citizens elected us they technically are boss, you know, they want to hear they wanna be able to speak now. I think last we didn't open the floor one time, we were all worried that oh boy, it's gonna be another fluoride type of thing. And then it only took maybe 15 minutes. So I'm not sure how many people are out in the queue. But I think it's important that they have the opportunity to speak. And I would think most people can probably talk within two or three minutes on their own merit. But you know, to say you can only talk two minutes, and that's it. I mean, that's not democracy. So I really, you know, even though I didn't wanna to sit five hours of fluoride testimony, we did it. And we, you know, the both sides were satisfied that we were fair about it. And that's all. People just wanna be heard. And the fact is, we have so many closed session meetings, so many citizens felt left out. But I think it's important that we open the floor. They wanna speak for four and a half minutes, let 'em. That's my take. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Any further comments on the amendment? Seeing none all in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye. All opposed nay.

- [Alders] Nay.

- We will use the board on the amendment to limit public comment to three minutes.

- [Celestine] Mr. Burnett, please vote.

- I want to sleep. I am a no it just came up. Thank you.

- Passes seven to five. That was an amendment to the suspension of the rules. So I'll entertain a motion to adopt.

- Motion to adopt.

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Dorff seconded by Alder Gerlach All in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The floor is open. Time limit is three minutes for members of the public. So please just remember to state your name and address for the council-

- Mayor.

- Yes, Alder Lefebvre. I was wondering if I can make a motion that if somebody they speak for three minutes, and then they think of something later, can they go back in the queue and can speak again?

- Customarily, that's not how things work.

- Can I make a motion to that we can do that for tonight?

- Certainly could.

- I'll second that. If it's an order, great Alder Lefebvre. Let's hear from the people.

- Okay, motion has been made to allow for people to come back in the queue for an additional three minutes. All in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay.

- [Alders] Nay.

- Appears as though the ayes have it. So three minutes and please, you know, try to stick to that. But you know, we've got a lot of people who are interested in speaking and, you know, brevity is the soul of wit, folks. So I think you'll be able to, you know, hit on just about everything you'd like in three minutes.

- We're gonna make a 10 second comment.

- Alder, we really need to move forward.

- All right, that's fine.

- So the floor is open, please state your name and address.

- [Jaime] Thank you. First, we have John Shelton. If you could please state your name and address. And the timer will start after you state that.

- [John] Yeah. Hi, everybody, John Shelton, 1019 Emily Street. I'm a college professor at UW Green Bay, and also a member of my union, UW Green Bay United. And as a college professor, I was actually hoping to have I don't know, like 25, 30 minutes to talk about this, but I guess I'll make do with three. That's okay with everybody. I wanna urge the Common Council to pass this resolution. You know, as we've heard tonight, and I've been listening to this for quite some time, this whole discussion is nothing else but a desperate effort to destabilize our democracy. That's all I'm not gonna waste any more time tonight addressing these utterly ridiculous accusations about the election. What I am gonna do because I'm a historian is lay out why this bogus conversation is so dangerous. So as a historian, I know that our nation was built on really a very simple ideal. We make decisions democratically and we elect those to represent us. Across time Americans from the revolutionaries in 1776, who would have been hanged they lost the war against the British to women like Alice Paul, who went to jail and launched the hunger strike for women's right to vote to the African American civil rights protesters who marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama a little more than 56 years ago, knowing that white supremacists might very well kill them. Americans have fought for a simple principle that every person gets to have their vote count and no one is entitled to hold public office without the most votes from the most people. What's happened in this state over the past two weeks is an insult. It truly is an insult and a disgrace to the very foundation of what it means to be an American, just as the insurrection is did on January, 6, those people who hated democracy so much that they were willing to defile the people's house in our Capitol. The legislators in Madison who have made up these baseless conspiracy theories about the free and fair election and Green Bay this past November, they insult the memory of Thomas Jefferson, Alice Paul, John Lewis, and so many others who have risked their lives to make our nation freer and more democratic. That's why my union put together an open letter for all those who supported the work of the mayor and his team, and the hundreds of heroic poll workers who administered this election. Within just a few days, we had over 200 people sign on, and those who signed on did so to make a simple point, we will not let those who would put their partisan interests above our nation undermine our democracy. If there's anything worth fighting for, it's the idea that the people of this nation elect their leaders and that a small group of opportunists will never get away with reinstituting, the tyranny that so many Americans before us work to confine to the dustbin of history. That's why I'm asking you to stand with us and everybody who signed that letter to stand with democracy by passing this resolution. Thank you. I appreciate it.

- [Jaime] Thank you Mr. Shelton. Next we have Louanne Crowder. If you could just state your name and address for the record and your time will start after that.

- [Louanne] My name is Louanne Crowder and I live at 818 South Roosevelt Street. I volunteered with Brown County Covo Preen Pandemic helping nursing home residents registered to vote and doing the same at library schools and at the Green Bay voting mural. My husband Jim Wall, and I were poll workers for the April and November 2020 elections. We received wonderful training and we're honored to be able to serve. We all did an amazing job in the middle of a pandemic. I especially valued my time at City Hall during early voting for the fall election. Those voters were so grateful to the City of Green Bay for making early voting possible and eager and excited to participate in their democracy. I was honored that I was able to help. We were even able to offer voting without leaving your car. Many people are first time voters and I called out to my fellow workers that we had a first timer and we applauded. I told him that there was a huge mural for selfies just outside the door so that they could document their experience after they submitted their ballots. Voters were delighted to turn this after they submitted their ballots, especially designed I voted sticker. And so very gracious about having to wait in line as many had to do if they were not already registered. At the poll site in November, I was so proud that Wisconsin has same day registration, as many citizens took full advantage of that opportunity. One young man came to the table for a ballot and I had to tell him, he was not registered. I told him he could get in another line and register right then he came back later and said that he had to go home to get the proper documentation so that he could register. He was a happy and successful voter. No one could have come away from that experience without a profound respect for the way that our Wisconsin voting traditions were observed and honored. Please vote to defend Green Bay's elections, the voters, the poll workers, and the City Hall staff who worked so diligently to make November's election so successful in the midst of a pandemic. This was a safe, secure and competently conducted election. I know because I was there. Thank you.

- [Jaime] Thank you. Next in the queue, it looks like we have Ned Dorff. If you could just state your name and address for the record and your time will start after.

- Ned Dorff 1321 Emily Street. My students are a little younger than John. So three minutes is kind of a luxury for attention span of my audience. I volunteered on Election Day, as did many of you and I'm here to speak against what has become a growing culture of baseless conspiracy theory. Frequent spurious accusations have eroded our confidence inaccurate information, then have us constantly and unproductively retreating to our own camps. It shouldn't be this way, and it does not have to be this way. This culture of baseless conspiracy is neither novel nor cute nor intelligent. Rather, it is both lazy and dangerous. It feeds our worst impulses. What I see in these conspiracies about November are not honest questions or a genuine attempt to hold our elected officials and government staff accountable. I am disheartened by the prevalence of and weight given to claims unsupported by evidence about November's election. It has been a stain on our democracy from the National down to the local levels. In Wisconsin, we even have a sitting U.S. senator who continues to Trump at the idea that the Capitol insurrectionists are true patriots. These violent rioters acted on the false hood that our November election was tampered with the same conspiracy we're discussing tonight. That same U.S. Senator has gone further, and reaffirmed the long ties between this culture of conspiracy and the violent culture of white supremacy. Think birtherism by stating that ahead event Black Lives Matter protesters instead of the violent white supremacists who did stormed the Capitol, then he would have been concerned. Like you, I often try to divorce the ugliness of national politics from what is going on in our city. I think we do better as a city than most of our national politicians do. But our senator's statement belies some of the ill will that is filtered down into our local discussion. The conspiracy movement is inextricably tied with the white supremacist movement, as evidenced by multiple arrests of non adherence and white nationalists following the right at the U.S. Capitol. These ideologies are infecting every facet of our society. So please give their evangelists a strong rebuke tonight with your vote. I was a volunteer on November's election day in Green

Bay, locking and watching a dropbox my role was small, but I served with honor and the city workers, volunteers and elected officials with whom I interacted throughout the process also served with honesty and integrity. I personally expressed solidarity with those who serve in this election. And I urge the council to support the resolution expressing confidence in the way our city handled November's election. Thank you Happy St. Patrick's Day, I'd like to talk about fluoride with my last five seconds.

- [Jaime] Thank you, Mr. Dorff. Okay, if there's anyone wishing to speak on this item, if they would just raise their hand in Zoom, please.

- [Andrea] Is anyone there? Hello.

- Yes. Hie.

- Hie. I'm wondering, I don't know if there's anybody ahead of me, but I have no way to raise my hand except for unmute myself.

- [Jaime] Okay. That is fine. If you could just state your name and address for the record, and we'll have you next to speak. Thank you.

- Okay, thank you. My name is Andrea Johnson and I live at 387 Windward Road in Green Bay. I have several questions. I would like to know, at Central Count, why was there no training for the poll workers? Please don't eat up my three minutes, in consideration, please.

- Mayor Could I answer that a little bit.

- But I mean, typically just so members of the public know this is not a running Q&A. And there's an opportunity for you to offer your comments for counsel.

- [Andrea] Oh, so it's only comments, I can't get any answers?

- Right.

- Oh, okay then let me list my questions, please. All right, first, how was Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein getting information for his logistics? Who, since we have $700,000 left from the grant money, why did we rely on YouTube to give us video time? Why did we not create our own and publish it somewhere else? We had plenty of money to do that. Why was there no training for Central Count? What happened to the ballots once they were through the machine, did they actually make it to the machine? Did they stay in the machine? Or did were they pulled out of the machine and then set on a table? Where was the recording for Central Count kept? Is there a recording that whatever was recorded on YouTube? Is that saved somewhere on a thumb drive somewhere so that the city can view it? Or is that completely absent? At any time, was it okay for city staff to stamp or validate a ballot envelope with the city's address at Central Count? Why was the mail the ballot opening machine not set up prior to if Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein and or staff had access to Central Count and set up the tables? Why was at least one of the ballot opening machines not even set up? What was the age of the poll workers allowed? There was some teenagers there. Who decided the polls would go to two back in April, was that you Mr. Mayor? And why? That's a question I realized COVID but COVID or not we still have a democracy to run. My vote and my family's votes were disenfranchised. We received our absentee ballots in June. We stood in line but could not wait three and a half hours for various reasons. So we couldn't vote in April. So that is a part of the democracy that the previous gentleman claimed that we should protect and absolutely, we should but there's some disenfranchising that happened in in April. How many orders or at Central Count?

- [Jaime] And thank you, that was time. Okay, so next we have Renee below your hand, if you could just state your name and address for the record and your time will start once you state your name and address, please.

- That's Renee Gasch. I live at 719 Lewis Street in and I'm speaking tonight in support of the resolution expressing full confidence in the Green Bay's fall elections. So I voted to appear but I accompanied my family to early vote at Green Bay City Hall. And I also was an observer at Atonement Lutheran Church polling location as a de-escalation specialists, I was there to make sure no one was intimidated at the polls that would prevent them from voting. And my experiences at both the early vote location and at the polls, what I observed was democracy at its best poll workers suited up to do their patriotic duty to make sure people could vote, voters risked their lives to participate in our democracy. And that both early . I saw a few lines, people were in and out of the polls and typically 15 minutes, facilities were clean, people were working hard to get voters process safely and efficiently. And after the polls closed, I watched the Central Count live stream online, which I thought was a brilliant way to ensure election transparency for everyone during the pandemic. Elections are a non partisan issue and expanding voting rights should be a bipartisan issue. So in December, I was elected Chair of the democratic party at Brown County. And I'm proud that my party is working to expand access to voting so that all people can exercise their basic democratic rights, no matter where they live, the color of their skin, if they have a disability, or even what party they vote for. So the unfounded accusations that Democrats infiltrated the Green Bay's elections are based on right wing conspiracy theories that have already been thrown out of court. And I would urge the council to stand with your fellow residents, voters and poll workers in defense of our local elections, for the well being of our community and for our democracy. So thank you very much.

- [Jaime] Thank you. And next in the queue, we have Tina M. I will lower your hand. And your name-

- My name is Christina Mercier. My address is 845 Bader Street. And I am attending this because I think it's my duty as a good citizen to do so. I was very confused by the media presentation of this issue. I didn't understand what's going on. So I did some research. And it started to become more clear to me when I connected it with some articles in Time Magazine and the Atlantic that I've been hearing about, I believe the author of those articles was Molly Ball. And it was titled The Secret Shadow Campaign of 2020. At least in one of them. I'm not sure if it was the same title in both of them but I believe it was the same article. And it talks about how I what I think is this group behind the funding and the grant, how they were working around the whole country, this is larger than Green Bay. They were working around the whole country, they had an agenda. And I think it's important that we educate ourselves about these things going on, because it could be changing our government system of elections. And we aren't really having much say in it, as far as I can tell, because there's so little known about this, but they have a lot of money. They have an agenda. And I don't know that all of it is constitutionally based what they're doing. I don't I don't know if it's legal or not. I guess those things are to be determined. But I think we need to be willing to start getting involved. And to learn more about these processes, so that our election aren't changed to the point where we don't feel in control anymore, or we don't feel like we, you know, have much say. So, I think. Oh, and I wanna say that the article on the Atlantic was in there, either right before or right after their name was changed. And I don't remember exactly what the change was, it still has that Atlantic in it. But I'm hoping that people that are listening will look into this situation, and at least give it a chance. Because I've been trying to learn all sides of issues as much as possible. I think it's important for unity. And it's given me a much broader perspective. And it's still very confusing. I don't really see any black and white truth by any means. But I'm working on learning as much as I can. Thank you.

- [Jaime] Thank you. Next, with their hand raised is Karen. If you could state your name and address for the record and your time will start after you state your name and address. Can you hear me Karen? Okay. I will go on to the next one. That would be Kim Diaz. If you could just state your name and address for the record. Okay, is there anyone else here to speak on this item? All right.

- Excuse me, this is Kim Diaz.

- Oh, hi.

- [Kim] Sorry, I did not unmute.

- [Jaime] Oh, that's okay. If you wanna go ahead and state your name and address for the record, and we will give you three minutes to speak.

- [Kim] My name is Kim Diaz. And my address is for 1613 Avenue. And I wanted to say that April was the first time that I voted absentee. I was so grateful to be able to do so I was a high risk for COVID. And I was afraid

to be in a big crowd of people voting and I was so grateful that I had signed up for absentee ballot because, you know, the lines were so long. And so then, you know, when it came to the November election, I also voted absentee. And I felt very safe being able to do that, you know, I went to the box and dropped off my ballots. And it was really safe and easy. And I was grateful to be able to do that. And I wanted to say thank you to all of the I want to say thank you to all of the poll workers and the staffers to count the ballots. And, you know, I just grateful that you're all took the chance to do that, the risk of doing that. And for all the voters that voted. I wanted to say when I heard this come up, I was very angry, that someone is accusing our city of, you know, not having a free and fair election and some kind of fraud. And especially the Mayor, I was upset that they were accusing him of not doing a good job when we're in the middle of a pandemic, which is the first time that any of us has experienced this. And so I would think that they would understand that this was an exception. And I felt that, you know, we did it very safely. And I trust that, you know, all of the people that were doing this good work, were doing it with good intentions, and that everyone was working hard, long hours. And that I just really appreciate that. I was horrified when I saw what happened at the Capitol and the attack on our election there. And I see this as a extend, shouldn't have to, you know, disqualifier our election or somehow say that it wasn't accurate because somebody cheated or there was fraud. And that really makes me angry, because they're endangering our democracy. And I hope that you all will, you know, stick up for our democracy, and for our city, because I believe we're doing a great job. Thank you, everyone. I'm done.

- [Jaime] Thank you. And if MSTakuMusic would like to speak, I'm going to unmute you. And if you could just state your name and address for the record.

- Unmute, okay, can you hear me?

- [Jaime] Yes, I can. Thank you.

- Okay. My name is it actually is Ms. Taku. 'Cause if I don't have the MS in front of it, sometimes people think I'm a man. So my name. So anyway, my name is Taku Ronsman. And I live at 1688 Beaver Dam Drive. And I've been thinking about ever since the victory tour, and stop the steel rallies started, I've been feeling really angry having a lot of anxiety because our country is so polarized then it's like we're living in two different worlds.

- [Female] High student achievement and expanded-

- Wait, I'm hearing somebody else's computer.

- [Jaime] Sorry, let me mute and I have stopped the time for just a moment.

- [Female] I'm Gil and I speak super-

- Oh, are you stopping my time while that's going on?

- [Jaime] Correct, your time has been stopped and it has now been muted.

- Okay, the see this is that what just happened is like two different worlds, my world and then that world that was coming at me. And so I've been I've actually been seeing a counselor for the past few months to deal with the anxiety of what's going on, in the nation and in our community. I'm a person, I've lived kind of a rough life. And I'm proud of myself that I made it through college and in graduate school and I got to get to work as an educator and do and created my own music program. I'm proud of myself, but there's a part of me, that still gets filled with anxiety when there's fighting and like that insurrection as a victim of violence, watching. What happened was a very scary thing. And I'm seeing I think it's like an atom bomb went off. And now there's all this fallout all over the United States, excuse me. And I've been really thinking how can we come together? And I've been thinking about something that happened recently between me and Alderman Chris Wery. And I'm feeling real bad because in my anger, you know, I've been wanting to blame Donald Trump for everything but it's life is more complicated than that, we're you know, we're like ecosystem society is like an ecosystem and we affect each other and so right now I wanna apologize to Chris Wery and actually was going like this five five tonight. And I'm thinking and I'm looking at Alder Johnson and thinking about all the cool stuff I've gotten to do with on Broadway, with the multicultural music and stuff. And I got to sing with Chris Wery at an event. And it's like, sometimes people can really get along, but then somehow politics makes everybody crazy and primal. And it's like we're at war. Like literally, it feels like we're at war. And, so I wanna apologize to Chris for things that I said on Facebook about someone that's his hero. Just because I have a different viewpoint, you know, I took my anger, how I feel towards someone that he admires. But I know he feels the same anger towards some people I admire. And somehow we got to come together. So I'm hoping that you will support this resolution and start working towards finding ways to build bridges. And that's something that I think I'm good at with their programs that they do, you know, all the different.

- [Jaime] And you were at three minutes-

- You know, the earth's community has been doing a lot of cool stuff to bring people together diverse people together. So that's how I wanna close-

- [Jaime] And thank you for your time-

- Start working together more and building bridges and stop hating each other just because you have public-

- [Jaime] You have spoken for three minutes, I believe you are able to raise your hand again. Thank you.

- I don't need to talk again. I talked too much so. So I'm done. I'll mute myself.

- [Jaime] Thank you. Next, we have Heidi Sherman, if you could state your name and address for the record and your time we'll start once you state your name and address, please.

- [Heidi] Yeah. Can you hear me all right?

- I can, yes.

- Okay. My name is Heidi Sherman and I live at 612 South Bear Street, Green Bay. And I yeah, I agree with the speaker a couple of speakers back. Well, I mean, and also the previous one I was, I could not physically go to the poll because my husband had cancer and was very immune compromised, and, but it was really important for us to vote. And I was so happy that we could absentee vote. And I thought it was handled beautifully. And I'm just really, really upset that the divisiveness that has been happening around the country has made it to Green Bay. It's I mean, impugning our, the election process in Green Bay is just, I mean, is wrong. I also see the protests against the election process and against the mayor as an extension of what's been happening in other parts of the country, and it's just really sad. So anyway, I'm very the mayor and how things have been going in the city. And I think the election process here has been very fair. So thank you very much.

- [Jaime] Thank you. And let's see, it looks like we have Tina M for a second time.

- Excuse me, this is Alder Gerlach, Bill Loving has had his hand up for a long time. And he has not spoken.

- Okay. He will be next and thank you. And if you could unmute yourself and state your name and address for the record, please.

- Bill Loving watching the proceedings and join. This is Democracy. This is local government. And I've been sympathizing with the alders and staff and the mayor who have been dealing with these accusations. I voted in

the November . The faith that was what I understand that many people choosing their own remains that the election was done because it didn't win. And that's too bad. Because you can't change now. They are our attempt now based upon claims that the election was a proper run vote. City Council, the Common Council report the election process and guard against attempts to be allowed to vote. As Alder Scannell said in talking about evidence, six steel lawsuits filed by the republic Steve here in Green Bay were intimately familiar. In the lawsuits, the plaintiffs had to present evidence in support of their not knight who claim or question Scannell points out that's just a lot of anger. I believe in what the city has done, I believe in the process of the election, in Common Council to support the city, the staff, the election workers, because they have people question them. And the legislature is a slap in the face. I suggest that you keep in mind that members of the legislature both at the state and federal level truth. They're not under oath, they stand up and make their speech. Support the election process, don't subvert it, because do is to help repudiate the election process. And that would be a terrible disaster for the country. Thank you.

- [Jaime] Thank you. All right. So we have Andrea Johnson in the queue, if you could unmute yourself and state your name and address for your record. For the record, please.

- [Andrea] My name is Andrea Johnson. I live at 387 Lindbergh Road and I spoke. Maybe I was first. So just coming back around again, I wanna thank you all for listening. I don't think I think we have to be careful, as city council, as mayor, as citizens to assume that this is about trying to overturn an election in the way that I feel about it. It is not going to overturn any election. The goal is not to do that the goal is, however, to ask questions in a democratic way. And to have those questions answered in a democratic way. When we see things like third party money coming in, like understanding Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein's background, with the Democratic Party and helping when campaigns, we have to ask those questions when things don't line up. I'm sorry. But that's we have to ask them. And we do want answers to those questions, because that is how a democracy gets to stay a democracy. If we don't get answers, then it's not a democracy anymore. And although we all have feelings one way or the other, I can assure you that we're not looking to overturn an election, we're just looking to make sure that the election integrity next election, and that April election never happens again. I don't believe that I have seen anything from Mayor Genrich that actually apologizes for the way that was handled. And I would like to see it, in print. I don't aspire to Facebook. So if that's the only way that the mayor communicates printed form, then I'm hoping that he will do so in other venues. But I do appreciate your listening to people today. And I just have one other question that I would like to pose and hope that someday someone would answer it. Is that with all the money that was given to other municipalities, besides the Wisconsin Five, were their advisors, equal to Mr. Spitzer-Rubenstein, appointed to those municipalities, no matter their dollar amount donated? That's my question. And I thank you so much for all your time, and have a great rest of your week.

- [Jaime] Thank you. And next we have Jennifer Grant to speak.

- Hi, my name is Jennifer Grant and I live at 3425 York Sherlord. You know, I have to say I'm a little bothered by all of the name calling of conspiracy theorists, white supremacy, poor losers. You we talk about bringing people together. And this isn't about right or left. If we don't have voter integrity has nothing to do with right or left. I think people need to stop categorizing everyone. And Andrew, you nailed it. We're not asking for this to be overturned. We're asking for better training. Again, why was an outsider brought it in? There was no one local and why did someone step down that felt uncomfortable? There's nothing wrong with asking

questions. And why aren't we getting answers? Why was the National Guard was offered in April? What was the reasoning to not take that? And because of that, there was three hour lines. If you want border integrity, the voters need to be confident in what they're showing up to. And that is not giving us confidence. And I am not a conspiracy theorist, I'm not a white supremacist. I'm not a poor loser. But when I show up to vote, I wanna know that my vote is counting. And I'm not gonna stand in line for three hours. I wanna know that ballads aren't being corrected, that shouldn't be corrected. I wanna have confidence in the new way that we're doing things and I understand making flexibility for people aren't comfortable coming to the polls and making it safe for everyone. But gosh, when I even showed up to my polling place, I wasn't even asked for a voter or for my ID, that's a law. There needs to be better training. And because of what I saw this year, and because I apparently I've conspiracy theory thing to you guys. I am vowing to show up now on Election Day, and to learn more and be a volunteer worker, because I just I don't have competence. I'll be completely honest with you. And I am a young voter. So this does need to get better for the future, or I'm losing faith. That's all.

- [Jaime] Thank you. Next, we have Elliot Christenson, if you could unmute yourself, and state your name and address for the record, please.

- Elliot Christenson, 1988 Mulberry Lane, Green Bay, Wisconsin. I wasn't gonna speak tonight, but I noticed that I had to counteract some of the people that actually don't live in Green Bay that we're coming in to speak. So I figured that had to balance that out a little bit. So I'm not gonna say anything that hasn't been said already by me and by a million other people. So and I'm very disappointed in the three minute thing, as I've said before, and why you would squelch taxpayers and voters with their questions and comments. That's an affront to democracy. I'd love to have Dorff on here to debate him on that because I think that's completely an affront to democracy. And the other gentleman was talking about white supremacy or something like, you know, yeah, being limited to three minutes. I must be a white supremacist. That must be what's going on here. Oh, we have a historically bad election that the mayor has not apologized for that happened in April. We had a bunch of things happen that are questionable, including the resignation or firing or I don't know what happened. And I think that this is why it deserves some investigation and some reporting of our city clerk. I think that this deserves to be brought to light and the insults that are being hurled by the members of city council and by the people that are speaking on their behalf. In support, I think of this resolution is very confusing why we're having a resolution to express full confidence. That seems sort of weird. But apparently that's what we're doing. I don't understand calling people out for just asking for clarity and accountability. And I think if you check most of the people that are asking for clarity and accountability, I bet most of them went to public school. And that's our fault. That's our fault. If they don't understand if they don't understand how our elections work. That's our fault. Tell them, teach them. Show them again. Let's show them some clarity. Let's give them a report. Let's do it again. If they're still unsure, let's do it again. Let's keep doing it. I don't understand what the problem is with that. I do not understand why we would ever stop researching questionable activity. And clarifying for people that don't understand our election process, why would we not want everyone to understand how our elections work? Nobody's clarified that for me yet. I don't know why we limit people to three minutes. And we don't want people to understand our elections, we wanna keep this black box and lock it away, and keep it a secret. And that's offensive to me. I'd like to spend my last five seconds talking about fluoride. Thank you.

- Okay. Thank you. And next we have for the first time it would be Dan T. If you could see-

- Hie. Sorry, Dan Terrio, 1170 Minahan Street Green Bay. I'm gonna cut to the chase. This whole election theory that there was some sort of fraud. This is an effort to discredit the processes in which we have that are secure, which has been set up secure across the country. But it's mostly to disenfranchise voters, we had a record number of individuals vote absentee or vote for the first time, just so happens that those individuals are persons of color. What this is an effort is to disenfranchise them further by saying that this the vote in Wisconsin was not secure. And let's enact more voter regulations. And which is a lot of the reason why you see members of the Republican Party actively involved in this process. I voted absentee both times, I think that what happened in April was horrible. But what you saw in the November from what I heard from people who showed up to vote, it was safe, it was secure. And people were able to fully exercise their right to vote, their right to vote. And what we are doing right now by perpetuating these myths that there is some sort of fraud, is furthermore, doing exactly what it's intended to do is to get people worried that there's some sort of big steal here, when there's been proof, there's no proof that there is any type of fraud. So I'm encouraging you all, to take a stand, stand with your poll workers who risked their lives and give their time to this city to ensure that the vote was secure, and that every person that was able to vote was able to vote, to stand with those poll workers, to stand with those employees that stepped up to assist to make sure this election went smoothly. Stand with them and support this resolution tonight. That's all I gotta say. Thank you.

- [Jaime] Thank you. And next, we have Tina M for the second time.

- [Tina] Yes, my address is 845 Bader Street, Green Bay. And I wanted to reiterate about the articles that I had mentioned in Time Magazine by Molly Ball as well as the Atlantic, and that at least one from Time Magazine is also online. And again, it's called The Secret Shadow Campaign of 2020. And as I was listening to other people talk, I remembered something else I learned about that article, which I had forgotten to say is, although they had an agenda and a lot of money, it was not democratic. We based, it was not Republican base that wasn't, you know, by either of those two parties. The parties maybe didn't even know about them. I'm not really sure. But I think this is a very complicated issue. And I did not join in to support or not support the resolution. I'm interested in understanding what's behind all of this. Thank you.

- [Jaime] Thank you. And if there's anyone else to speak on this item, if they would, please raise their hand. And-

- I don't know how to raise my hand.

- That's okay. You can be the next one to speak if you could just state your name and address for the record and your time will start after you state that.

- [Edward] Sure. My name is Edward Jensen. I live at 541 . I've listened to a lot of these comments. And the thing that bothers me is it's not what happened in Washington D.C. on January, 6th, that we're even looking into. I drove 49 people on my bus from all over the state of Wisconsin, true patriots, they paid a lot of money

to ride the bus to go to Washington D.C. to participate in a rally and to offer their support for this country. And yes, they were very sad on the way home. I also worked the polls, and we're not talking about how the election process went that day. I worked there. I didn't see any irregularities. But it's about what happened, that Central Count that I don't know exactly what went on. And that's what I want investigated. It's the outside influence and the money. That's the problem. It's not the people of Green Bay that decided this election, it was decided from people from outside the state by putting in all this extra money, and sending people to work here and to work to get out the vote. Now, if we can't do that ourselves in the City of Green Bay, then we have no business running an election, I guess. And it's about what happened at the City Clerk's office. Why did we have a change? What went on there? I don't know. But I'd like to have those answers. Thank you very much.

- [Jaime] Thank you. And it looks like there's no hands raised in their queue. If anyone would like to speak if they could unmute themselves at this time and state your name and address. Okay, Your Honor-

- Can I say one more thing, please?

- [Jaime] Sure, if you could just state your name and address again, and we will start the time.

- Yeah, my name is Taku Ronsman still 1688 Beaverdam Drive. And I just wanna say is that was listening, you know, to what people were just saying now. And I still feel, you know, people still have, everybody has their own little story and view of what happens, you know, and what makes them happy or sad about what happened, has happened. And I'm thinking, I'd really like to see, I don't know who would get this started. But I remember when the oh, the board said big council that gets together the citizens. Do you know what they used to call it the mayor's council with all the neighborhood associations. That group, they would send people to get community training on how to be good community leaders. And I went to one of those, and it was really valuable. And I think it'd be nice to frame things locally, where people could get together and learn how to dialogue with one another and hear each other without telling people always, you shouldn't have said that. And you shouldn't be thinking that and we shouldn't be because it seems like it's really hard for people to just hear what people are saying and then try to problem solve. So that's my two cents I'd like to throw in that because I'd like to see our community move forward instead of staying divided because I feels like we're gonna be divided for quite a while. So that's all. Thank you. I'm gonna mute myself again.

- [Jaime] Okay, thank you.

- [Male] Oh, you can see me.

- [Jaime] Okay, if there's anyone who else who would like to speak if you could just unmute yourself at this time and state your name and address for the record, please.

- Hi, I'm Denise Gaumer Hutchison, 3184 Herman's Road in New Franken. And I am calling because I was I've been a poll worker for a number of elections now. And I just in this last election, and I sent all of you on the city of the Common Council a letter to an email tonight I'm stating mainly what I'm gonna be saying. But what was important for me to share is it was a very well run election. And people worked very hard to do things correctly. And a lot of people came through a lot of different areas, I had the opportunity to work early in-person voting at City Hall. I worked on Saturday for the drive thru election where Chris Wery and Silverstein and the mayor joined us to kind of supervise and review what was happening, people were thrilled with the opportunities they had for the alternative voting methods that allowed them not to have to get it out of there, it was ease of access to get into City Hall, we registered a lot of people to vote, there were a number of first time voters. I then worked at the Sears Building, where we had a number of precincts, and people were thrilled with how quickly they got through and how accurate and timely it was, we've registered a large number of people to vote on site there. After we close down that site, I had an opportunity to go at Central Count. And what I wanna say about in every one of these places, and including Central Count, there were people monitoring and watching us from, you know, different and everything that way. And it was very precise. And it was very careful how it was presented to us how ballots were brought to us how they were taken away from us, you know, after we were done, reconciling them and all of the different actions, and it was very carefully administered. And not once did I see any inappropriate or incorrect behavior. And I just wanna say that it's really a sad day in our democracy, when people are doubted and questioned by this because we wanders and so I really hope that you put the word out to people across the state of Wisconsin and really across the United States. That Green Bay ran a great election. And it was accurate, it was timely. It was transparent and it was well run. Thank you.

- [Jaime] Thank you. If there's anyone else who wishes to speak on this item, if you could just unmute yourself at this time. Your Honor, it looks like there's no one else here to speak.

- entertain a motion.

- Close.

- Second.

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

- [Alders] Aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The floor is closed. So I still have a bunch of people in the queue looks like from last time we spoke so if you just wanna check your buttons and make sure you still want to speak. Alder Brunette.

- No, I'll wait. I'll let someone who hasn't spoken. I had a-

- Alder Johnson. Alder Galvin.

- Well, my button is screen right now.

- Alder Wery.

- Mr. Mayor, if I could we are still on number one, correct?

- Yeah.

- Okay. Okay, just wanna make sure we didn't combine them, then. No, I have nothing else right now. Thank you.

- You bet. Alder Scannell?

- Thank you, Your Honor, I just like to address two points. One that, you know, this we're gonna improve our next election with this whole process. That's that's what's going on here at all. What was going on in Madison and by others, there's accusations that this election was inappropriate and illegal. And it's all is not there and catches in to improve our election is to discredit it. And if we want to improve our elections, there is a process for that I believe, our last city clerk after every election, problem solved and went over it the following election better and I believe our City Clerk will do the same. That's the process. This ain't the process of making an election better. That's not what's going on here. And this is a terrible process for that. And lastly, I can appreciate there's a lot of questions out there by our constituents. And, you know, they don't know how things work. But this is not a schoolhouse. This is not the venue for that. People need to learn how elections are run it or anything is run with the city. We should work on how we can inform our public, but really, we're here for city business. We're not here to play school. So I'm gonna spend the last few minutes talking about sorry. Thank you.

- Thank you alder. Any other comments from Council on this item? Alder Brunette.

- Mr. Mayor.

- Alder Lefebvre, Mayor you could go with Alder Lefebvre.

- Alder Lefebvre and then Alder Brunette.

- I just wanna say that, I don't know if I mentioned before, I was an SRD, a Special Register Deputy. And I could register people. And I just wanna mention something that people are very honest about voting. That's one thing that I really was blown away that they're honest about they always told me right away if they could not vote, could not register to vote or vote. And, you know, reasons that they were not through probation or that they were illegal. I never asked them, are you illegal? They just would just give it to me. So and I also wanna say that I know that the staff that worked on this and all the poll workers, everybody takes us seriously. They believe in our right to vote and our democracy. And I really I'm upset that people are really questioning this. With these and a lot of these accusations are bogus they're not right. And I just wanna say that people take our democracy, the majority people take it serious. And we did a very good job on this election. Thank you.

- Thanks, Alder. Alder brunette.

- Make a motion to suspend the rules to allow city council members to go over the five minute limit, please.

- Second.

- You have a limited mind alder.

- I don't know how long it will take me. I mean, I'm not gonna ramble. But I have a lot of points. I just want to add, and I just don't wanna feel like I'm up against a running clock. That's all.

- A motion has been made to suspend the rules. It's been seconded. All in favor will signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it, go ahead.

- Thank you Mr. Mayor. It's all to be reasonable. And I believe that the discussions up until this point have been extremely reasonable. We don't always agree as a government. We don't always agree as a people. We're a very diverse group of people in this community and in this country, and obviously two very partisan sides, I have very specific ideas of how the country should be run. We don't have a republican truth and there is no democrat truth, there is only the truth. And it's up to elected people, and people in government and all people to find that truth. And in a lot of times, the media investigates the truth, and they put something out and then it's in the public domain. And just because, you know, publications tend to be one way or the other. I really don't know if there's any non bias unbiased publications anymore. I mean, I really struggle finding one and so we have to understand how we got here, okay. For what it would, whatever the reasons, I was critical the April election, we, as a city made a lot of mistakes. And hundreds if not a few 1000 people perhaps did not get an opportunity to vote in the city. So then the city council agreed to start this Ad Hoc Elections Committee cluded Alder Dorff, Alder Wery, really stepped up and you lead on that and I'm grateful. So when we approved the first batch of the money from this Center for Tech and Civic Life, that was in July, after what happened in the April election, and we have this, you know, source of money where we were saying what we can pay for PPE and polling locations, and we can pay poll workers would take a lot the vote against that. You know, so it's true that the Council unanimously supported that money and I did too. And then when notice there was a special meeting to approve a second batch of that funding, in this case it was 500,000. And then also to approve $150,000 marketing contract or contract for a public promotions firm to promote our election. By this time, there were some suspicion in the community about the money, and specifically the sourcing. And although I supported the second bachelor money, the reason why I did that was we were told from our city staff, I would go for tablets and laptops and things that would help us not in just this election, but in future elections. What I really struggle with and what I voted about what I was very vocal about, was accepting the contract for the $150,000 for a public relations firm. The reason why I was really skeptical of that is the firm that we chose could not be very, that give very good straight answers as to would we use analytics where they use analytics to target voters. And the reason I say that is not because I don't want people to vote. I want everyone to vote, I said that at the meeting, I say that now every single person should vote. The issue is when you use outside funding from a third party source, in this case, Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, how can you ensure that that all voters will be targeted equally, I felt like a proper way to do that would be send a postcard to every registered address throughout the entire city. And I believe we were told that there wasn't going to be enough time perhaps to have that happen. So then the city did look at. And by the way, the City Council didn't necessarily make these decisions. Mayor said the city staff would make these decisions. And I kind of questioned that. How can we be completely unbiased and targeting or sending, you know, voter navigators or to the community because you want to reach everyone. But when you only, you know, particularly voter navigators focus on English speakers or Hmong speakers or Spanish speakers, there are a lot of Somali residents of this city here, a lot of Russian residents, a lot of, you know, a French speakers German, you have to reach out to all people and it's hard to do that. So, by extending ourselves to promote the election, which is not entirely a bad thing, but by using outside resources, it could appear to the public that that is electioneering. And I spoke about that you can all have different opinions about it. But that's what made me very

uncomfortable. And what I said was what happens at the point where we take money from, you know, Republican or conservative or wealthy business people, the next go round, maybe they want to help the City of Green Bay, are we gonna have the fortitude to say no, because the way that that would look to the other political side would be very suspicious. And that's where we're at right now. I hate the partisanship in our country. And I hate the partisanship that seeped into our local politics. What I find very concerning it you see it here in the response to the situation, you see what some of the speakers. And I, you know, I'm not a perfect person, I know that I know, I have my own vulnerabilities and things that I don't necessarily see I get that. Call me on and when I want to act on in that manner, but highly partisan people tend not to see themselves as highly partisan. That's the problem. Once I will blame the other and the other will blame the other and they don't understand the double standards in their own hypocrisy. And so you have this center for you have this, these emails. The reason why this is an issue right now is after the election, we had received multiple open records requests. You know, I put a little pressure I don't know pressures the word by but public awareness to the number of open records requests. It's not like I was trying to intervene or try to get the city to get caught up in some wrongdoing. But if we expected sign off on this election as being completely proper and perfect. The media investigates things, private citizens investigate things. Or to our credit of though it took like three or four months to fulfill all those open record requests. Our city Law Office did just that. Because we were probably one of the first municipalities to do so especially in the quote unquote, Wisconsin Five, that has attracted a lot of attention. It has brought a lot of attention to Green Bay. And although the publication's so far have been partisan in nature, let's be real. There's a tradition in this country of muckraking journalism, as intelligent adults we have to balance everything, we have to balance the right and we have to balance the left. Any person that only gets their news from one source is doing a tremendous disservice to themselves. And this builds this frustration and tension we've created echo chambers, okay. So there is no republican truth. There is not true, there is only the truth. I'm very proud of this council tonight because we asked so many good questions. So many good questions that the city attorney did a wonderful job answering most of them, but there are some that she just wasn't able to answer in the entirety. And I don't blame her. I mean, we're, heck we're talking and some of us speak extemporaneously questions come up. So we need to get some of those answers. When I sit in this seat, or when I sit at the seat at City Hall, when we are at City Hall, although is single person, the way I envisioned my role, is I always picture 8500 people sitting behind me, okay. 8500 people are the people I serve. That's always a visualization that I make in my head about, well, how I am representing people. So the 8500 people behind me, are made up of Democrats, Republicans far left far right, moderates, people who are, quite frankly, sick of politics and don't trust politicians. Now we see quite a few people that just don't even follow this stuff, right. They don't want to be in follow politics for a variety of reasons. So we have to ensure trust in our institutions. So we do have the open records request, there are still some pending open records requests, I don't know what will be reported or how it will be released. When we talk about this election, we have to not make false equivalencies, where we can't put ad hominem attacks by us asking these questions or for the public having suspicions about this election. They're not attacking the poll workers. They're not attacking the staff, many of whom work the election, but we're not involved in the decisions of administering the election. I think that that's a lot of the questions that people have, how were the decisions made in administering the election? This is not an attack on democracy as far as I can see, no one's looking overturn the actual vote of the election. I think I mean, if they put in all the other people were sworn into office, I don't hear from people in my district and my community that they're looking at this point to overturn the elect some point that was the conversation in some circles, of course. But this is not by asking these questions. We're not saying that people that work the elections, our staff, poll workers and community members were in wrong, we're not discrediting them, we need to understand that that's a false equivalency. It's not the right hearing. And it's this idea that we're undermining democracy by, you know, taking a second look at things and improving the processes. There's so many things that still need to be answered. 1000s of pages of emails were dropped, 1000s of pages of city records were dropped on the internet on the website, three or four days ago. Okay, I've reviewed a lot of them. I'm on the city council, public still has a right to look through those the purpose that the city dropped those open records on the website. So you know, before we rush into any, you know, I know we're talking about the resolution, but before we rush into any action, we have to understand that for many members of the public, this is not a closed issue right now, okay. 75, 500, 225 people showed up at City Hall, whether they were right or wrong, in your opinion, they still showed up

City Hall, frustrated with the City of Green Bay, and how, you know, the reports of the election how we ran the election, the mayor, perhaps City Council, I don't know I wasn't there. But that's something you have that many people in the public show up to process, something that is something and we can't just ignore as if they never showed up. It is possible the city will be subpoenaed to testify before the Wisconsin Elections Committee, okay? That was not a Stalinist Chol trail or a three ring circus that was a branch of a government in the United States of America in this state that the state of Wisconsin. They can't dismiss other levels of government as being a Stalinist show trial and still expect to you know, pretend you're some level of non partisan person. That was very just wanted to say that. So the 8500 people left right everyone in between I have a duty to represent them and not be swung to the extreme on either side. Continue to hear from people continue let this thing flesh out. There are other publications that are releasing articles. There were two that were dropped today. We have to get back to what this core function of the city of Green Bay is for elections is a core function of this, of this government. Real quick, I think that's it. So thank you for hearing me out on this. I was a little bit more rambley than I thought. But this is a big issue, you know, we have to represent all people and I'm not gonna be driven to the extreme on any side on this issue. Not gonna let people with false arguments try to, you know, sway me one way or the other I have to listen to all people because that's my duties and elected official, the City Council should be independent, okay. We are not involved in the day to day functions planning operation of the city. Some of us have a little more inside pull on the city hall, maybe I don't know. But, you know, because we are not involved in the day to day operation of the election. We have to ask these questions because it keeps people accountable. And I want people to keep me accountable by asking me tough questions. Why did you vote for this? Why did you say that? Why did you do that? That's government. That's why we do this. We represent the people for good government. So goodness gracious, and there's so much more I can say but allow other people to speak. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Gerlach.

- I just, I actually turn off my life because I have such a tiny little thing to say it's not at all philosophical, or political or anything, but it's just, I'll just share this with you folks. Because sometimes it's nice to have some concrete proof that the money we spent worked. And so you know, that $150,000 we spent for public relations. And I've heard several people mentioned that and what was that for? We had some wonderful brochures printed, brochures in English and Spanish and Hmong. And I heard what Alder Brunette have said about there are people who speak other languages, including Somali and I have Spanish speaking people who are very near me in my neighborhood. And I have Hmong speaking people very near me in my neighborhood, but no Somalis. And someone who works at City Hall was kind enough to drop off for me during the pandemic, a collection of these brochures in English, Spanish and Hmong. And I was able to take the Spanish ones out to my Spanish speaking neighbors and say here, if you vote, I don't know, I can't speak Spanish, but this will help you. And I was able to take some to Somalis neighbors and one young Hmong gentleman said to me, "This is wonderful. I'm gonna take it to the Hmong community center, and share it." And then one of my former Somali students from the Somali center where I taught citizenship classes, came to my home to visit me. He had voted for the first time in his life. I states and his wife had a question about voting. And I didn't have anything in Somali, but he knew English well enough. And we could communicate well enough that I could take the English version of the brochure and explain it to him and hand it to him and say here, this is the instructions for your wife. So I just wanted to point out that there was some tangible result in some of this that maybe nobody knows about. But those little bitty things really made a difference to some people. Thanks.

- Thanks Alder. We have a number of people in the cube I think we all have slice with the exception Alder Wery is your button still pressed other. No. So we have Alder Scannell and Alder Galvin, that would be for a third time, however. Any further comments?

- I do. If Alder Galvin can go first saw 'cause I'd like to go into closed session when I'm done.

- Just after listening to Alder Burnett, talk about representative 8500 people and as we all do, we all have 8500 people standing behind us. When I heard the accusations being made about the election by a governmental body of the city of , I was disappointed though I mean, government, good government. Just like you argued today, several the alders argued for even more time for people to talk. Good government listens to everybody. And yet here we have a government body that didn't even have the courtesy to invite members from our city government. Or made it very difficult for members from the opposing party to be present at this meeting. Very one sided, very skewed. There's been several state legislators that get up on their soapbox and have made pronouncements demanded arrests, demanded people to resign. They've given no evidence when I'm reminded of Joe McCarthy. I have here the names of 30 people that altered the Green Bay City election. I'm not gonna tell you the names. I'm gonna tell you on them see what sticks. Get everybody all fired up and create an uproar over a turnout in the end with Mr. McCarthy, nothing. I don't read a lot of different periodicals that are out there. Like Alder Burnett said many of them are skewed one way or the other. What I rely on, and maybe this is from being a cop is I go to the source, where did it happen? And we've had some very good conversations tonight with city Attorney Chavez. Some very good information is put out. But also because of the responsibility we have those 8500 people standing behind us. We have participated in how many meetings over the last year as council members, as committee members, listening to Ad Hoc Committee members talk about the election process and how it was progressing. And what was happening, Alder Lefebvre as for an accounting of the money that was spent, you see a very detailed list. And as we break this thing down, you know, now suddenly, we're not upset about a million plus dollars. Now we're upset about 150,000 use for an advertising campaign. And we're waiting to hear what the answer is exactly how is it used. But so from all this upset over a million dollars, now it's down to 150,000. From all this upset about this Mr. Rubenstein, three people that I trust, and I trust, a lot have told us that he had nothing to do with the election. And quite frankly, that's what I wanna hear. That's the information I wanna hear. Either he did or he didn't. And that's what I'm gonna put my weight on is what the city employees that we've hired that we've met that we trust that we've worked with for years. That's where I'm gonna put my trust. I'm not gonna put my trust with a bunch of politicians in the state that don't need us to come and give our fair side our fair version of what happened on the election day. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Scannell.

- Wow. I just knew he sent it off. Thank you Alder Galvin. He said exactly, McCarthy. And I'll just hammer again, evidence show me the evidence, is all based on blather. It's all smoke. And it's the if you follow they say there's where there's smoke, there's fire. You follow the trail of smoke and where does it lead? Not to evidence. It leads to people lying their pants are on fire. So think Alder Galvin, put it very well. Thank you, sir. And I'd like to go into closed session

- Alder Scannell makes a motion to go into closed session.

- Second.

- Second by Alder Gerlach on the-

- I would like to make one comment, Mayor.

- Yes, Alder Vander Leest, go ahead.

- You know, the money that we received from the Zuckenberg's. I think the city should be reluctant in accepting money that, you know, he didn't offer us the money to fix their sewer problems. But he wanted to get in our elections. In other words, you want to have influence on the elections. And you have to see that for its merit as well. That, you know, he didn't say, "Well, I wanna help Green Bay, or I wanna help , I wanna help these other cities." But he did offer the money for the elections. And that's something that we have to look at as well. And that's a problem. I think that you know, we exempting the money. In other words, people accept money, they expect things, you know, they expect influence. And I'm not saying that, you know, that's the case. But I'm just saying that it was a targeted venue as far as you know, they wanted to give the money for the election. They didn't want to help us in other areas where we have needs, but they wanted to jump in on the election part of it. So I want the city council that keep that in mind when you accept money from outsiders. We probably know better locally, if we have outside input from people from other other words, people from New York or wherever they might have been from, you know, coming in and trying to help us with our election. And I think they've handled these elections for years. We probably need their help at all be honest with you. That's my thought. And, you know, they offered the money and we took it and the money's caused some of the problems. And that's my they'll say that's just what it amounted to. In other words, the influence the money is an influence. And sure, you know, we accepted it, but was it wasn't. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder.

- Alder Wery, your point of order.

- Alder Johnson and go ahead .

- I did just on the motion itself. Obviously there's a motion to go into closed session. If I'm not mistaken, the purposes of going into closed session have to align with why we've posted is the alder able to share, I guess, just enough information for me to make an informed decision about this vote to determine if this warrants going into closed session.

- Yeah, I mean, it's stated in the language.

- That's why I want to go into closed session. I wanna see what we can do our response to this.

- [Tina] Can we hear from the gentleman who still has his hand raised? Jim Ridderbush before that?

- Oh, well, the floor is closed currently.

- Do we need to make a motion open the floor for three minutes?

- Looks like-

- Motion the floor motion

- Hold on, hold on. Hold on. It looks like he. It looks like he lowered his hand.

- [Celestine] We do have a motion to go into closed session. Just to remind you.

- Yes. Yes we shared. Do we have a motion and a second to go into closed session? On that motion Alder Wery.

- Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Yeah, I was also Alder Johnson, that that the esteemed member of District seven representative, could you explain more why we're going into closed session that I know, there's

some nebulous terminology, but is there something specific that he's doing somebody that I don't know about or?

- I think I would like to speak freely and openly about our options to is in response to the accusations made? Which may, I don't know what, but all that include, so we need to go into closed session, because I'm afraid some of that might be a strategy that staff might take up. That should be in closed session. I don't know if it will, you know, I just like to look at the options. I don't know what options we have. So I wanna be able to free look at all of them.

- I appreciate that. Are they options?

- The staff feel we should go into closed session.

- They put the language there's-

- Attorney Chavez, any comments or counsel?

- [Attorney] The reasons the public and sorry, the closed session was added to the agenda was so that the council could discuss what options they wanted to take moving forward, whether that be actions against anybody, or actions that we wanna take with respect to like further investigations . So the sole purpose is to confer with legal counsel, with respect to litigation that we could potentially be involved in.

- Attorney, are you aware is there are we looking to sue somebody? The State of Wisconsin we-

- [Attorney] If we were that is something we would discuss in closed session exclusively.

- And we even sue a legislative bodies that, you know, like the assembly, you'd be looking more at a person, correct? Not a body.

- Isn't that where we need to .

- No, this is an open question. You know, can we as a city, sue a legislative branch of this data was or are we looking at individually? And that's just an open question. That's nothing secret about that. Attorney?

- [Attorney] Are you can you provide a legal opinion?

- [Alder] Yeah.

- [Attorney] I would recommend we go into closed session to discuss it.

- [Janet] Could the floor be open please. This is Attorney Janet Angus.

- The floor is closed currently. Alder Brunette.

- Motion to open the floor.

- Second.

- All in favor of opening the floor will signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay.

- [Alders] Nay.

- Point of order. We did we ever finished the motion on the floor, does this one take precedence?

- We're discussing it I guess. Right we're under discussions. Could we board that vote please?

- [Celestine] Forgive me, I would like, mayor. We do have a motion to go into closed session and that from Attorney Chavez of us does a motion to open the floor, then supersede that.

- [Janet] This is Attorney Janet Angus. I would like to ask-

- The floor is closed.

- [Attorney] Those are two separate motions. They're both main motion.

- I think someone would like to discuss going into closed session. So it's pertinent.

- So with two main motions on the floor Attorney Chavez which one has precedent?

- [Attorney] The first one, the second one-

- Okay, thank you. So we need to dispense with the motion to go into closed session first. On that motion-

- Then we always make a point to open the floor on a main motion.

- Normally.

- No other times we do.

- Not on a motion.

- You can.

- Alder Brunette on the motion to go into closed session.

- I'm against it. You know, friends here, we have a lot of people on the public that don't trust the City of Green Bay right now. You can ignore it if you want. But that's the reality. And for us to go into closed session with some vague language about possible action is the thing the city's business right now the people's business. And if there's a question of intent, it stinks that the state talked about this, it's stinks that the articles have been written, I get all of it. But that's part of this process, all right. We have to admit how we got here. And that is a good number of the people in this city, due to the publicity that this issue has received, have a lot of questions and will put a lot of scrutiny on what we do and what our decision is. So it's for us as a body to go into closed session with no real specific options that we will be discussing that's relatable to the public. I think it's a travesty. And I would be very careful. It's not that I'm going to retract that sounds like I just I don't think it's appropriate. So I guess what I will ask the Attorney Chavez the questions that the issues that we will be going into closed session about, is this a strategy that is being provided by the city attorney's office or the mayor's office?

- I wanna find out, I wanna propose some things.

- Answer Attorney Chavez, Alder Scannell, obviously can offer some things. But the options that we have, will that be an option presented by the attorney's office or the mayor's office? Or did you coordinate with Alder Scannell to provide some-

- Alder Brunette, I don't know what rabbit hole you're going down here, but it's not appropriate.

- The truth is always appropriate, mayor.

- There's no truth.

- Right.

- Wow.

- Thank you. Thank you. I'm very interested in going into closed session, I have actually called and asked what can we do? I actually talked to Attorney Chavez and said, "What can we do?" There are some blatant lies false accusations being laid against the City of Green Bay. And I wanna know what recourse we have. And perhaps it's because I asked that question that we will be going into closed session because we can talk about recourse in closed session. That's the appropriate place. And that's the appropriate place to identify what exactly do we want to deal with which of these accusations which of these people, so I want us to go into closed session for that reason.

- So there's been a motion in a second to move into closed session.

- Point of order mayor. I don't believe I've received a ruling from the chair on my last point of order, which was the motion to open the floor. We always make that motion on a main motion. So I'm looking for a ruling on whether or not that is an appropriate motion to make.

- And Attorney Chavez said that the motion to go into closed session takes precedence.

- That's not what she said, she said they were the same.

- And she said it was offered first so it takes precedence. So we will vote on the motion. But first, Alder Scannell read the language, if you would.

- Certainly. The Common Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 , Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Common Council will thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85 , Wis. Stats., to take action on items discussed in closed session, if appropriate, and to consider the remainder of the agenda.

- Thanks Alder. We will use the board. That is seven to five to move into closed session. Just hold your comments until folks have been moved out of the room.

- [Celestine] Mayor can you just give us a moment to do that. I would appreciate it, thank you very much.

- How do I get out and then come back

- [Celestine] Ms Ronsman we will admit you back into the main room when we are finished in closed session. So right now waiting room.

- So right now I press leave.

- [Celestine] No, if you press leave you'll stay out so we'll put you in the waiting room and we'll let you back in when we're finished.

- Oh okay.

- [Celestine] Okay, session, Mayor.

- Okay, I'll entertain a motion to return to open session.

- Motion to return to open session.

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Stevens, all in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it open session.

- I'd like to make a motion to hold this item until our next meeting.

- Second.

- Motion has been made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Lefebvre to hold item one until the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it item has been held until the next meeting. On to item two consideration with possible action on resolution expressing full confidence in the administration of Green Bay's August and November 2020 election.

- May I speak on that?

- Alder Dorff, go ahead.

- Thank you. Thank you, Your Honor. Thank you, Council. Last week, I will tell you what the inception of this resolution and talk about a bit about the two other Alders but I'm going to let them speak for themselves that helped on. After I watched the hearing I was pretty upset about the allegations, certain ones that I absolutely knew to be false. I spent a great deal of time working with elections, I propose the Ad Hoc Election Committee. I was involved on with weekly hours and hours long meetings, and in addition to things outside to try to support the clerk in the clerk's office, along with other alders and other people. So it was pretty appalling for me to sit and listen to just one side of what was going on. But it really didn't know what to do. That was Wednesday. I thought about it and I thought about it. And then Friday night I got a call from another alder and this alder spoke with me felt much the same I did. We talked a bit about what the possibilities would be in the idea of a resolution was born. The next day, I contacted another alder told this alder about the idea. And we set to work to come up with a resolution that was contained this thick leaking about five hours of writing the resolution. And that didn't include the additional four hours of rewatching the hearing, for which I

paid $10 for that privilege, because you have to pay if you want to watch that recordings on Wisconsin I. So during the five hours of working on this resolution, and looking up, I looked at, we looked at different meetings that were held, we looked at motions that were passed, we looked at alder lips as they move to see did they really vote on the motion when things weren't displayed on the board? And so that we were quite confident that everything that we put into this motion, all the warehouses were facts, these are things that actually can be proved. Since that time, all of us have received I believe, all of us got these emails, probably 100 emails, begging us as city council members to defend our city to speak God, to tell the people of this city that we held a fair election and saying, "Alders, you must do this for us. You must not let our city be torn down by people who don't know the truth, and who are just listening to allegations you must clarify this for the public." And that's why I think this resolution helps. What we do at our next meeting will also help. But I am asking, I'm going to ask the was at the kitchen table with me to please read this resolution out loud and agree this resolution.

- Your Honor, do you want this to be shown on the screen with someone or do you want people to just listen?

- I think it would be fine if you were to just read the resolution, alder.

- Resolution expressing full confidence in the administration of Green Bay August in November 2020 elections. March, 16th, 2021. The Common Council of the City of Green Bay, whereas in 2020, Green Bay faced pandemic conditions for the first time in 100 years, forcing city staff and the Common Council to reconsider all election processes and procedures and for the health and safety of our citizens adapt to federal and state health guidelines. And whereas all of Green Bay's 2020 elections were administered by the City Clerk's Office according to Wisconsin statutes. And whereas the clerk staff has attested to having properly maintained control of all election facilities, technology and ballots. And whereas the Common Council in May of 2020, from the Ad Hoc Committee on Elections called the Committee for the purpose of ensuring safe fair and legitimate elections during the pandemic. And whereas them Clerk Kris Teske, was a member in good standing of the Committee and attended meetings thereof. And whereas the Committee working with the clerk's office approved the purchase of voting technology, PPE for poll workers, funding for communication campaigns for early in-person absentee voting and absentee voting and ballot drop boxes. And whereas in June of 2020, the clerk staff along with the clerk staffs of Racine, Milwaukee, Madison, and Kenosha, prepared a template for a safe and fair election. And whereas on July, 21, 2020, this Council unanimously approved the Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan and acceptance of grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life, CTCL, in the amount of $1.093 million. And whereas on September, 24, 2020, this Council unanimously approved acceptance of an additional grant from CTCL, in the amount of $522,200. And whereas the Center for Tech and Civic Life stated that its funds, quote, "Must be used exclusively for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in the City of Green Bay, in accordance with the Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan 2020." And whereas the Committee ensured that expenditures of CTCL grant funds were consistent with reductions commission as well as with CTCL statement and where as such expenditures of CTCL grant funds were also approved by this council paid per standard and customary city procedures by appropriate city staff and have been made public. And whereas city staff participated in security planning for the November election with the Green Bay Police Department, which included training related to securing polling locations and security training for poll workers. And whereas allegations have been made publicly calling into question the propriety of election administration in Green Bay, following acceptance of the CTCL grant. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Common Council all of this only asserts that the August and November 2020 elections

administered by the City of Green Bay, were properly executed in an accurate, safe and secure manner, and hereby rejects allegations to the contrary.

- Thank you alder.

- Your Honor, may I make a few quick comments of my own?

- Yeah, absolutely. Go ahead.

- I have been wonderfully quiet tonight, you've noticed, thank you. My colleagues know that I do my homework. And that I really am interested in establishing a fundamental understanding based on facts of everything that we have to go and for help all the time. And when I go to committee meetings, and I go to every committee meeting I can. I can watch solutions being developed. And so when the Elections Committee was formed, I wasn't on it, of course, I was brand new. Almost every single maybe every Elections Committee meeting, and, you know, I might have even in some of the members of the Elections Committee. And so I listened and I questioned, and I saw , and I saw very perspectives from a really very group of people. And I saw a constantly growing list of things that had to be done. And during that time, and listening to those meetings, I never saw anyone tried to usurp the authority or the responsibility of the clerk. What we have now, months after it all ended, is two diametrically opposed stories about our elections last year, we have the story of what actually happened. And we have a story that has been admittedly, openly politically motivated, that tells a different story. I know what happened, I am confident in what happened. And I would ask my colleagues to support this . And so we can put an end to this finger pointing and move forward and get busy on the business of our city. And before I asked you to accept this resolution and to sign on to it, I would like to ask our third co sponsor of this resolution, Alder Lefebvre to tell us why she felt that we must not sit still and be quiet, we must have a response to that, Mr. Mayor,

- Sure, Alder Lefebvre.

- Thank you. Apologize, I did not listen to the testimony at the Capitol. I didn't see the notification when it was going on. So I missed it. But then I did read in the paper and some of the stuff and I became very, very concerned, because I do believe in the integrity of all the people that were involved in this election, that they stepped up and they did their job. So I was very, I contacted Alder Dorff, and express my opinion that I felt very upset what was going on in our state capitol. The attacks on our honor. Actually, they were attacking the honor of this city. And I was very upset about it. So I had a good discussion with Alder Dorff, and she said that she was going to look into some things and she was gonna get back to me. She was very wise and contacting Alder Gerlach because she's very, I know from a lot of our meetings, her discussions are very well done. And they actually did the work of coming up with this, the wording of this resolution and I really, really time that they spent on it, and they asked if, you know, I could my name could be put on it, although I just pushed for it, I guess. That's basically what I did. And I thank them very much for what they did. Thank you.

- Excuse me, thanks Alder. Alder Steuer.

- Thank you, Your Honor. No, I know, you three put a lot of work into this. I understand that. But like I said in closed session, I guess the point that I was trying to make-

- Alder Steuer, Alder Steuer, please don't say anything you talked about in closed session. Oh, I apologize.

- I don't think I think it's okay for him to say what he's going to see if I find any confidential information that-

- Right, it's-

- I don't think I was gonna do anything like that. I you know, I will stay-

- whole session is sacrosanct. I think it's just- I think-

- I need some cookies. All right. Can I just continual, I'll be good, I promise. All right. Like I said, I sat through the three hours and 45 minutes. So that meeting in Madison, I took 10 pages of notes, I touched with Attorney Chavez and we talked about a lot of this. You know, there's a lot of things here that just said all that's not true, not true, whatever, blah, blah, you know, we went through things. But I didn't go through all 10 pages. So part of me is saying that, you know, we have this meeting coming up on the 30th. And Attorney Chavez is still working on a number of things. And, all I'm saying is that it would be nice to have these 10 pages of notes, we can look at them, you can say this is true, this is not true. Because it was something like that. So you know, so with the resolution I'm in favor of Green Bay is a great city, and then we are good. And we're trying to do the best we can and we need to be for the people . But the one point is at the end your last note, therefore, you know, I have just a little concerns within only because we still have a couple of open threads here. And I don't know if any of the other alders would agree with that. I mean, a lot of the other whereas is are basically fact. You know, I understand that. And we're you're just stating fact, but at the end is saying that everything was perfect. And maybe in some minds that was but I think a lot of folks are thinking it was not perfect. So before we do that, I would feel more comfortable just, you know, getting all these other questions answered. Before I fine this city up. I totally agree with that. That's just the way I feel right now. Maybe somebody can change my mind. That's it for now.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Brunette.

- For those who wrote the resolution, why would you add Clerk Kris Teske's name to the resolution? What's the reasoning behind that?

- So it was one of her name was brought up quite a bit in the testimony. So we just put it in there to show that she did come to the meetings.

- But you don't think it's inappropriate to mention a former clerk who left the city under the conditions that the emails claim she left?

- Obviously I didn't or I wouldn't have put her and I did check with legal obviously, I thought it was okay. But I did check with legal before we put it in there. And yes, I do think it's okay to have that in there. But I'm not completely opposed to editing on this resolution.

- Yeah, I mean, editing would be great, express full confidence. Quite frankly, I don't have full confidence in just about anything alive. Because there's so much that we don't know about everything. For me to express full confidence in anything is a bit of a stretch and so that should be kind of, you know, edited out I don't have the resolution and supportive, you know, poll workers, people who worked hard PPE pandemic there's a lot in here that makes sense. But to me, it reads like we're trying to and delivering that everything about the election was proper and correct when there are so many open things right now.

- What Vanessa told-

- One second Alder Galvin, Alder Brunette still has the floor.

- What's not open? There's plenty of that's not open that there are several 1000s of pages of records that were released. There are other open records requests that have not been fulfilled again, not saying that they're, you know, going slow. We may be surprised at a hearing and who knows, maybe city council members may be asked to you know, testify. There are a lot of open questions, but those are the main ones. I'm not saying we didn't eat them or that this is what I'm saying I don't like the partisanship. I don't like how that hearing took place where only the republicans showed up, the democrats were invited, but they didn't show up for whatever reason, they didn't show up. Five witnesses testified, people are calling for the mayor's resignation before investigation could even happen. There's a lot that I don't like about the process from all sides. I don't want people to attack the city. But I don't wanna say have full confidence in something when there's so many open things that we as a council are not aware of. It's just open things. So I wanna support our employees. I wanna support those who work very hard. But if you're saying we have full confidence in the

planning of the election, I mean, honestly, we didn't know a lot about what happened until that, you know, news story broke a week ago. You know, we I didn't know that tension between the clerk's office and the mayor's office. We did many of you know, the details that were how in the world would you know that if you unless you had access to the emails that were shared in the open records. I mean, anyway, so-

- I can answer that.

- I'd like to make a motion to refer that to the policy committee for review and edit again.

- Second.

- A motion has been made to- There's been a motion made refer the item to the Protection and Policy Committee. Motion was made by Alder Brunette and seconded by Alder Wery comments on that motion. Alder Dorff.

- No, I don't think it belongs there. I think that we've been asked to take action by lots of citizens. I'm sorry that some members of the city council were not as involved with elections as other everybody should know everything. But I do expect that if you weren't as involved, they would take the word of the people who were very deeply involved with these elections, and were on this committee and worked with us for hours and hours and hours every week, I can assure you that everything in this resolution is true. I think now is the time that we say we are standing up for our city, we are standing up for our elections. So I don't want it to go to production policy. I will definitely be voting against that. It belongs at a council meeting.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Galvin.

- Thank you, Your Honor. You said I was seeing at the Police Department when certain media stories would come out or things never let the truth get in the way of a good story. And I think that's what we've got here. Now you look at all these people making the accusations based on cherry picking certain parts of certain emails, certain rumors, innuendo, and you know, and the thing I find somewhat disturbing here is that as alders we're privy to more information timely than anyone else on the street out there. And I know some of you are busting at the seams to make even more of it more public and transparent. And I agree. It'd be amazing if people would get as involved as we get in city government. So they're not out there speculating, stuff that they see on social media, or as some organization puts out to support their beliefs and their theories. But this to me after listening to our city staff talk, if some of us have questions, or concerns, why weren't they voiced? I didn't hear too many voice tonight. And if we're gonna wait for every unit in organization out there that has an agenda out there to come down to the finish their investigation, I mean, look at look at making a murder, Steven Avery murder trial. Years later, some attorney comes out starts dragging about information and time

and time is wasted, made some people a hell of a lot of money. But in the end what was the end result. After all that anguish, all that agony putting everyone through the wringer again and again and again. And I this is what I see the same thing here. We've got people with an agenda. And it's not the agenda is not to help the City of Green Bay or look better or anything else is just to push their own agenda forward. And they're gonna do it any way they can. And the way people have learned to do this is the throw mud and just keep stirring it up and keep throwing it and who cares who gets hurt on in the meantime. We have a resolution here. I agree with it. I think we did a good job. I believe the staff that we have, who said everything was above board. I didn't hear anything tonight that made me think anyone did anything wrong or illegal. The rumors out there that I've been hearing the most were answered, you know asked an answer. If you didn't like the answer, why didn't you ask more questions? I mean, this was the forum to do it. And when we hit we're out in public here. And the city, you're gonna sit back and wait for, how many organization is gonna sit back and wait for? How long are we gonna sit and wait for? I think this resolution doesn't put us in a bad position. And if someone could show me some evidence that anybody did anything wrong, I'll be the first one on board to say, do the investigation, get the conviction, fire and put them in jail, whatever needs to be done. I'll be on board with that right away. But I haven't seen anything yet. The DA is still waiting for people to come to him with something. I also found out that the Sheriff's Department hasn't been approached with any kind of violations. But for all these people yelling about violations, and investment firings and corruption, what have we seen yet? And yet, we're sitting here twiddling our thumbs waiting for someone to come up with some evidence so we can move forward and do something, do what, with what? We have nothing. And I'm quite frankly, I'm tired of seeing the city and its employees and its processes dragged through the mud, I have no problem with reviewing what we did. We did a crap job in April. And we fixed it. And we spent a lot of time and a lot of effort fixing it. Was it the best? I'd like to think it was the best we could do. Could we do better? You can always do better, which is why we should always review our processes, and listen to complaints and take action on those. But I'm not seeing anything here with what has been alleged that has any kind of ring of truth to it at all. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Johnson and .

- So I'm gonna, you know, have some comments that my comments are in the motion as a whole not a referral. So I'm just gonna hold, mayor.

- Okay. Alder Gerlach.

- Just a couple quick points, to respond to some of the things that were said. It's just a shame that we're so late in the evening now, because so many of the people who spoke in open session said, "Please support the resolution, please support the resolution" and the notice they're all gone to bed now. And and they're not, they're not here when we do discuss the resolution. I want to just mention in response to what Alder Steuer said, we are not saying in this resolution that it was perfect. What we're saying is that those two elections August and November, that's what this is about. Were properly executed in an accurate, safe and secure manner. We're not we didn't use the word perfect. And as far as using Clerk Teske's name, I would never ever write or say something bad about Clerk Teske. But those of you who didn't see the fact that her name was invoked over and over and over again, to denigrate the City of Green Bay, and she was twice in that hearing called an Election Superhero. So to simply state it, you know, in an accurate way that she was a member in good standing of the committee and attended the meetings, I think is important, because so many of the decisions were made in those meetings, despite these decisions of how to respond to an emergency situation.

- Thanks Alder. On the motion Alder Brunette.

- Mayor, thank you. Former Clerk Teske in that hearing was called an Election Superhero because in the opinion of that attorney, she stood up to the mayor's office for issues that she did not feel comfortable with. That was why did they call her Election Superhero, whether you like that label or whether you agree with it or not. That's why they call her an Election Superhero. So now we're just thought she was in a good, it just seems weird to me that we would include a former employee who left under the conditions that she claimed existed within City Hall, as proved by emails, or at least indicated by emails now we're gonna include her in a resolution that's just it's really strange. Imagine how you would feel if you were her. You know, the City of Green Bay passes a resolution that mentions me but doesn't mention the reasons why I left the city. This seems strange. That's all I'm for my referral back to protection and policy and we did this. The moment their aim here went their injection or conjecture can gesture this thing is full of conjecture. And we're gonna say this is full confidence. How can you possibly say full confidence when Attorney Chavez is still gonna give us answers to some of the questions that we had today. That is not her fault. She didn't have answers to some of the questions that we propose. How can you say you have full confidence if you don't have all the answers? You don't have all the answers, you think you have all the answers. You're basically, to me, it seems to me the loyalty pledge, either you're on board with the election and everything about the election, or you're some crazy person that's lumped in with all the conspiracy theorists on either side, quite frankly, I'm in the middle of saying, hey, we don't know all the answers right now. We are still waiting for many of the answers. We may be investigated from an age we're not yet but we may be tempted to lump to jump to a conclusion that we have full confidence in something that we don't have all the facts yet. It shouldn't I'm not gonna I support our staff. I support people, poll workers, poll volunteers. I support a lot of people watch this election. But full confidence right now. Thank you.

- Thanks, Alder. Alder Dorff.

- Yes. It's well, I guess it's not about referral but to explain my why, many of the allegations were that the clerk's office wasn't involved, that this the election wasn't run under the province, the clerk's office, I guess that particular line demonstrates that, indeed, the clerk's office was involved throughout the process. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. On the motion any final thoughts or comments? Seeing none, Alder Corpus-Dax

- Thank you, Mr. Mayor. You know, ultimately, I do believe that the other elections administered by the City of Green Bay were properly executed, accurate, safe, in a secure manner. A group perfect. None of it ever gonna be perfect. As much as we may try and as much money as we can, as a city trying to dump into making it perfect. It's never gonna be perfect. There's always gonna be issues. But I do believe that they were executed in an accurate, safe and secure manner. I stand behind a staff that worked the election. I don't believe any of them would put their jobs in jeopardy would intentionally do or even yeah, they wouldn't do anything to

jeopardize their positions. You know, I was actually personally insulted by some of the allegations that are made about the elections because I worked. After seeing what happened in April, I worked the August election worked in November election. I worked this past February, and I plan to work in April. Again, it basically planned it work every single election that I can. So I felt like I was being targeted as a poll worker. So I also want to stand up for those poll workers who work those elections. So yes, I support this measure. That's it.

- Thanks Alder. So there is a motion on-

- One last question.

- Alder Wery.

- Thank you. One last question. Did the two people who are most involved, Clerk Teske and Clerk , did they sign off on this, but they helped create it?

- Of course, not, they don't work here anymore.

- Okay, thanks. Thank you.

- Okay, we have a motion to refer. All in favor will signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay.

- [Alders] Nay. Here's the nay have it. Motion fails. Looking for a motion.

- I move that to approve the resolution.

- Second.

- Motion has been made by Alder Dorff seconded by Alder Gerlach to approve the resolution. Alder .

- Was that to me, Mayor? Sorry, you broke up?

- Yeah.

- Okay. Thank you. So I supported referral, largely, in part because I wanna get to a position where I feel like I can support this particular resolution. I think it's important that most of council supports this. And they feel like that there are some unanswered questions that deserved an appropriate amount of tension. I mean, we gave this was posted 24 hours ago. I mean, that is a very short window for the general public as well as counsel to have an opportunity to digest this and think about modifications that might make it a stronger document. So the one thing I wanna say and I'm gonna merge some of my comments regarding Agenda Item number one with this particular resolution. The first thing I wanna point out I wanna thank the members of the public like this tonight, as well as the many people who call or emailed to perspectives on both sides of this discussion. Alder Dorff was absolutely right mentioning that. I mean, there was a coordinated campaign that yielded probably, I don't know, dozens of emails of template message in support, but I also received a lot of custom messages. And there, he both equally important people are willing to put their name to whatever that statement is. And so I found personally this feedback to be non valuable. And I find it incredibly important when making well informed decisions. And wanna point out, though, that I also fully support our poll workers. I was one of them. I volunteered at both, or worked both the August and November elections. I offered to help out in April, that didn't happen. But I've never seen or believed any evidence to suggest that this conversation was meant to be solved for contributions. And I also fully support our staff and I know personally that they work tirelessly to correct the mistakes that were made in April. But I'm going to err on the side of patience. And I'm also going to argue that we're debating the wrong issue. Personally, I feel no need that to prematurely declare condemnation, just as I see no value to rush to declaring vindication. In fact, it was said earlier tonight, that we don't need to respond to every accusation made against us yet promoting acceptance of this resolution is doing just that. We have serious problems and issues that are being discussed in our community and the most significant, one of which is a lack of trust in what happened. No resolution, I do not believe feels that trust. The appearance of Republican hearing does not look good. The appearance of a person administration does not look good. The appearance of a self investigation meant to exonerate does not look good. The appearance of a partisan investigation field through open records requests with one sided input does not look good. And I hate to be the one to call out the partisan actors claiming this is not a partisan issue. The irony is palpable. This partisan issue will not be resolved in more partisanship, two wrongs will not make a right. Our community needs healing. And that doesn't happen when this body in our community are given 24 hours to respond to a resolution designed to silence those who simply want to ask questions and have them answered. This is a PR campaign disguised as a resolution that reads like an affidavit. We need foundational facts to support the claim that you're sadly lacking. In fact, there are several opinions used in the recitals or statements provided without substantiating documentation. And the pronouncement at the end provides broad sweeping assumptions which we do not know. Perhaps we were too naive and trusting to

believe the acceptance of this grant would not become partisan. Even though we asked the questions and to some extent, I think we've invited this on ourselves. I do not believe the election results are compromised or tainted. But this is about process and trust in a very important institution within our democracy. that right now does not exist and will not be restored through a resolution without substantiating facts. And they also do not believe that there was any malfeasance involved in the election. I'm gonna say it, again with any malfeasance involved in this election. In fact, at the first meeting after the election, I commended the mayor and noted that he was the subject of unfair criticism carried over from the April election. However, I cannot reasonably conclude that inadvertent mistakes are not made based on the information we've seen and been provided. Perhaps a final report and not a draft or an independent investigation free of partisanship. If I'm but we can improve, we can always improve, and it starts with open community conversations about concerns chaired by the public. Again, you should be made clear that my opposition to this resolution does not mean that I believe anything wrong happened. Rather it signals my support for a patient process with a request that council this administration, redirect their attention to what truly ails us. closing the door to dialogue by definitively declaring everything was perfect does not help us heal, even though it may bandage the wound that is not actually causing the pain throughout our community. Thank you, Mayor.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Scannell.

- Well, first of all, it doesn't say everything was perfect. And second of all, so to think that there's just been the problem I'm having with giving any credence to the accusations is that not one of them is based on any fact, not one of them. So by giving them credence by saying we need more time to sift through the smoke, it just goes against me. And they say that accuse someone of bipartisanship because they stand up to defend what is wrongly accused by another party. I think that's kind of perverse too. And I also find it amusing that so much has made about this money, like Zuckerberg is some great flaming liberal. Are you kidding me? The man is only interested in his bottom line. He defended Danny's lies on Facebook because it was making the money. And liberals are young enough to take it down. And he didn't because it's making the money. And it made him money to look good to support, give money to support these elections in the pandemic. It's got nothing to do with liberal or conservative when it comes to Zuckerberg, it's his bottom line. So there's just been so much smoking, twisted and perverted. And it's just, I'm just trying as a whole thing. To me, this puts it to bed. There's nothing in the statement that's not factual. There's nothing in this statement that I have any problem with whatsoever. I'm tired of playing games with people blowing smoke. I'm not gonna play that game. I support the resolution, and I vote for it. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Steuer.

- Thank you, Your Honor. You know, as far as the Ad Hoc Commission, I went to numerous of those meetings as well. I worked at Central Count for nine hours, I listened to testimony, you know what I'm not. I don't want to pat in the back or anything. But I'm just saying a lot of us as alders have done a lot of work, we have listened to a lot of things. And, you know, our workers did a fantastic job. You know, I was there nine hours, I thought things went pretty well. You know, they were some allegations, they were some personality conflicts, they was some shouting a little listen that but you know what, did that affect the vote? I don't necessarily think so. But, you know, what is the harm? And, you know, we got a council meeting on the 30th. I don't see what the harm is to get a resolution there that we can all agree with 100%. Alder Johnson brought up some very good points, and also, I commend the three for putting it together. But I still feel that there

wasn't a perfect election. But you know why signing this, we're basically saying everything's fine. And we're just gonna move forward. And we still have some, there are still some open questions. So I'm not gonna support it at this time. I'll wait for two weeks, and I hopefully I'll be able to change my mind. Thank you.

- Okay. I hope we still can vote on it tonight. And I'd like to mandate this by saying on picking out Clerk Teske, his name that seems to be a problem for two people. So I just would like to state that the clerk was a member in good standing of the committee and attended the meetings because of the accusations that we did things behind the back of the clerk so I would like to amend this resolution and take out the words then dash Kris Teske and just have the clerk was a member in good standing.

- Second.

- I second that.

- Motion was made and by Alder Dorff and seconded by Alder Scannell discussion on the amendment. Seeing none. All in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it that amendment has been adopted. Motion to approve is on the floor. Alder-

- Mayor. please.

- Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

- Sure Alder Wery.

- Thank you. Alder Johnson, really, and Alder Burnett stated most of what I was gonna say so I'm trying to pare this down here. Sometimes you can you know, the resolution is definitely the word smithing is commendable. And then as you can see a lot of factual things but omit things. There's no mention really of our

clerk and assistant clerk leaving. And all that made it pretty clear why they left and there's a lot of unanswered questions there. County Clerk Juneau voiced her concerns at the state hearing. So there's a line besides the one where we have the full faith and confidence because it is difficult. I don't know everything. I'd hate to say my name is something and then some of these accusations come through and like well, now there's . They is one part, whereas the Center for Tech and Civic Life stated that its funds must be used exclusively for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in the City of Green Bay in accordance with Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan. Well, that's true, but it's not all the truth, right. I mean, they had other goals, and it's clear, if you look at the application we sent in, they asked a lot of different questions and this goes to that $150,000 that was not unanimous. It was a nine to three vote on that part of how that money was going to be used because the Center for Civic Tech and Life really wanted to target certain populations and looming, we asked who and where and why. And we were told you get a report later. We're still waiting on that. But some of us had concerns with that, because it wasn't laid out. So really, that was part of their goal. That's not stated here. I mean, that's, that's more nebulous part of what happened. So this looks bright and cheery. But there were other things that had happened. Obviously, I worked the election too. And where I worked at the polling, things went smoothly, it was great. Superheroes and brilliant, hard working election workers. Incredible. Proud of the work they did, proud of the work the Ad Hoc Committee did, I'm glad Alder Dorff brought that up, 'cause we really plowed through a lot of difficult things in a short amount of time. I would like to, as we talked about earlier, Attorney Chavez has a report that's not complete, we saw kind of a draft. But we even heard there's other people that you'd like to speak to, and I would like to hear the comments, hopefully, you know, former Clerk Teske and Kim Wade, and Sandy Juneau, would weigh in, and maybe fill out some of this picture for us. And so I'd like to get that report before I vote on this, and maybe the state legislature will invite the city down and allow the city to present its case and clear the air. So this might be a little premature. So I'm gonna vote no, because I don't think it's the right timing. And I think it's a little too perfectly worded. Thanks.

- Thanks, Alder. Alder Gerlach.

- I'm just throwing this out to anyone who can answer what could happen between now and March, 30th, that would change your mind by March, 30th.

- You might want to direct that to somebody, Alder.

- Well Alder Wery, Alder Steuer. I don't know.

- I would have is, but I would think our report would be back in two weeks. And if it's not, that's fine. But you know, but I would hope that at least, would help. And then maybe, you know, we'll hear more from the state if they're going to have any more or not, or if it's just gonna be a one sided well.

- I can answer too.

- Alder Steuer, go ahead.

- Like I said, yes, thank you, Your Honor. Like I said, I mean, a lot of you know, the election, you know, I worked. You know, I think a lot of things were done very well and the workers did well. I just feel that with this open with this report that the Attorney Chavez is working on. Chavez is working on that there's still a few things that we need to close up. The fact that there was a four and a half, four hour and 45 minute meeting at the state that I witnessed, that seemed to be one sided. You know, I'd like to see other things come into play, I would like us to go into it with an even playing field. I know that's not always easy. So that's all you know, and if I can wait two weeks to get that information, I'll be more than willing to support something but they're just a couple of you know, I just want some closure. That's all. That's it.

- Thanks, Alder. Alder Lefebvre.

- I hope Alder Dorff and Alder Gerlach, get mad at me. But listen to people. I want this resolution to be voted on. I think it's a good one. But I want a vast majority of us voting on this. I'm afraid it's going to be it might pass maybe didn't have enough voting yes. I not sure. But if we don't, if we're so close, even six or seven, the five or whatever. I'm afraid people are gonna then really go after us and say oh, look at you know, we got these are liberal ones that on these are the you know, the liberals that are voting for this and they're going to go after us as I don't know. I just have concerns now about how this is gonna be perceived. So when what others want to maybe we should wait, wait the two weeks and bring it back? And actually we can also maybe work out a little bit better? I don't know. I just, I'm conflicted right now.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Dorff, and Alder Galvin.

- I'm okay with bringing it back in two weeks on. I don't think that there will be I do believe there'll be certain numbers on this council that no matter how long we wait, it will never be long enough. No matter what we get, we will never get every answer that they want. However, since you are one of the co-authors of this the co-supporters of this. I wonder if someone would like to make a motion to hold it for two weeks.

- Mayor.

- Yeah, Alder Galvin, go ahead.

- Actually I'd like to not two weeks I'd like to make a motion that we hold this until Attorney Chavez's report is done and we've been able to read through it. And then there was some good arguments made towards that end. And anyway, that's my motion. Hold until Attorney Chavez's report is done and we've been able to read through it and then we can meet again and make a decision.

- I will second that.

- Motion made by Alder Galvin, seconded by Alder Steuer. Any discussion on that motion? Alder Scannell.

- Just that the motion is to hold it. And I'll support that. But I am a little confused. There are some alders who seem to think there are questions about our former clerk and assistant clerk that we don't know the answers to, I can understand the public not knowing the answers, but we know the answers. We can't discuss it. So I'm a little confused by some of my fellow alders who think there are issues that they certainly involve before when we could have discussed these things and found the answers if there was a question they had we know what went with our former clerk and assistant clerk there's no problem there that we know. So I'm a little disappointed people are because they seem to be playing in to the public pandering there. I can understand the public that known but we can't talk about it, but we know and it's not okay. That's all.

- Thanks Alder. So we do have a motion by Alder Galvin, seconded by Alder Steuer to hold this item until city attorney's report is ready for Council.

- Could you say until for two weeks till our next council meeting? Alder Galvin?

- Well, I actually, I'd love to see if Vanessa is able to talk to the people that she wants to talk to, and so that we can finally get out of their mouth what they feel and then that would be to me a complete report. I trust Vanessa to do a thorough job, to do a great job. And I think that what she gives back to us is, I think hopefully gonna convince anyone that might be on the edge here, what they need to hear they have their mind-

- That could be months.

- Well, I hope not. You know, I know the Attorneys Offices is under a lot of pressure to do a lot of things. But I'm hoping that they're invested sunlight, you know, she couldn't guarantee two weeks and that's why if this comes up again in two weeks where and we have no new information. What do we do? So I mean, Vanessa Sana, like she was going to put together a pretty thorough report. Try and talk to people that everybody would love to hear from.

- Can we ask her? Would it be done?

- Absolutely. Sure.

- Attorney Chavez.

- It is my intention to get that completed this week. I don't know that for sure be done this week, but I can't imagine that will be longer than the 30th.

- Okay, so with that knowledge, are we ready to vote on this motion?

- What is it again? Can you repeat the motion of Alder Galvin?

- Yes that this be held until after we've had time to read through Vanessa's report.

- Okay, that motion has been made and seconded. All in favor will signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it and that item is to be held. On to resolutions.

- Motion to suspend the rules.

- Second.

- So we have a motion to suspend the rules and take up we'll say one through nine with one roll call vote. Does that make sense to all?

- Yeah.

- The motion was made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax. All in favor the motion please signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it The rules are suspended.

- Motion to adopt.

- Motion made by Alder Corpus-Dax seconded by Alder Scannell to adopt resolutions one through nine and we will use the board.

- Mayor can I ask about number 10 is maybe I'm missing something or we're loading on that-

- Just held it.

- Okay. I'm just asking.

- Mr. Galvin.

- All right.

- And those are adopted unanimously. On to ordinances first reading.

- Don't we sit down handle number 10 don't have to hold it or something.

- Oh, yeah. Good point.

- That's what I asked.

- Second.

- Motion made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax to hold the item T10 until the report provided by Attorney Chavez is ready. All in favor will signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The ayes have it that resolution is held. Ordinances first reading.

- Motion to advance.

- Second.

- Motion to advance made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Stevens. Any discussion? All right, all in favor of the motion will signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed nay. The motion is successful and is advanced to a second and final reading. petitions and communications. Alder Burnett

- Improvement in services to for discussion and possible action on a constituent idea to improve fall loose leaf collection to remember that.

- Thanks Alder. Alder Steuer did you have them?

- Yes I do. Thank you, Your Honor. This kind of a combination is law or Protection Policy that we both can discuss if one was to revisit with possible action the January 2020 ordinance dealing with the delivery of advertising materials often wrapped in plastic. As an environmental nuisance and safety hazard is materials are often distributed onto lawns and driveways of mostly residential units. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Any others? Alder Dorff.

- Yes, I have two. The first one goes to the traffic bicycle in protest. Excuse me, it's late. You know what? To look at the installing rectangular rapid flashing, big beacon. And it's called an RRFPB for safe pedestrian crossings from Bay Beach, sidewalk and wildlife sanctuary entrance on EShore Drive. The second one I'm not sure where it would go. It's a long one. As Green Bay for the sustainability commission who's one of stated goals is to establish a baseline for any possible carbon reduction goals. And as several U.S. cities have already established those goals and have banned all new drive throughs I'm asking Green Bay to consult on a ban on new drive throughs for 2021. Our reference to the city's Minneapolis, Fairhaven, New Jersey. I have trouble pronouncing this one city in Missouri, Long Beach, California and South Los Angeles. The reasons curbing carbon monoxide emissions, improving pedestrian safety, reducing litter and enhancing walkability. I think these are all goals that the city adheres to. And I think that this is something that we should look into. I don't know which committee that would go to.

- Would that be maybe clan Attorney Chavez or where would you recommend sending that?

- [Attorney] I'm not really sure at this point. If you just want to read, if you wanna refer it to commit, we can designate the committee after we decide that-

- Okay.

- where it'll belong.

- All right, thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Any others?

- Alder Vander Leest.

- Yes, go ahead.

- Thanks, Nice schools Department of Public Works. I wanna thank him for replacing a stop sign that was knocked down on Military Frontage Road on Sixth Street. I want to just acknowledge that they did it promptly and I thank them.

- Very good. Thanks Alder. Others? Entertain a motion?

- Motion to refer. I have one also but I'll wait and email it so we don't have to pay for it.

- Thank you, Alder. motion has been made to refer all petitions and communications.

- Second.

- Seconded by Alder Gerlach. All in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye. Oppose nay. Ayes have it. Motion has been made to adjourn by all their Scannell. Seconded by Alder Wery. All in favor signify by saying aye.

- [Alders] Aye. We adjourn .

- Good night, everyone.