



MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021, 6:00 PM
Virtual Meeting. Public may join via Zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

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

B. ROLL CALL.

All 12 alders are present and voting.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

D. INVOCATION.

I. The invocation will be led by Scott Eastman, Pastor, Life Church, Green Bay at the invitation of Alder Brian Johnson, District 9.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

I. Approval of the minutes from the March 16, 2021 Common Council Meeting.

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

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, 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

G. REPORT BY THE MAYOR.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I. APPOINTMENTS.

1. New Appointment:

Equal Rights Commission

Tara Yang, 1706 Chateau Drive, Green Bay, WI 54304

Term to expire: April 1, 2024

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

2. Reappointments:

Redevelopment Authority

Melanie Parma, 2611 Sage Drive, Green Bay, WI 54302

Term to expire: March 1, 2026

Deby Dehn, 1010 S. Jackson Street, Green Bay, WI 54301

Term to expire: March 1, 2026

Green Bay Housing Authority

Steve Srubas, 1175 Kellogg Street, Green Bay, WI 54303

Term to expire: March 1, 2026

Sandra Popp, 1195 Liberty Street, Green Bay, WI 54304

Term to expire: March 1, 2026

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

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

1. Miscellaneous Ordinance No. 01-21

An ordinance adopting an amendment to the Smart Growth 2022 Comprehensive Plan of the City of Green Bay pertaining to property located at 215 Elizabeth Street.

NO ONE APPEARED

2. Planning Ordinance No. 1-21

An ordinance amending the Official Map of the City of Green Bay to revise the Greenway Boundaries along Erie Road.

K. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING FOR ADOPTION.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to suspend the rules to take up both with one vote.

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 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

Passed

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3. General Ordinance No. 06-21

An ordinance amending Section 13-714, Green Bay Municipal Code, Relating to Accessory Uses in Mixed-Use Districts.

L. REPORT OF THE IMPROVEMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE (MARCH 24, 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. To refer to staff the constituent idea about improving fall loose leaf collection. (Ald. Brunette)

2. To approve the request by Department of Public Works to enter into a Professional Services Contract with McMahon Associates, Inc. to continue vegetative maintenance associated with a select grouping of City owned storm water facilities in the amount of \$16,950.

3. To approve the request by Department of Public Works to enter into a Professional Services Contract with NES Ecological Services – A Division of Robert E. Lee & Associates to continue vegetative maintenance associated with a select grouping of City owned storm water facilities in the amount of \$44,250.

4. To approve the 2020 Annual Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Storm Water Report and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the agreement and submit it to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

5. To award the following contracts:

A. PAVEMENT REPAIR - 2021 to the low responsive bidder, Fischer-Ulman Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$951,965.50.

B. SEWERS 1-21 (INCLUDING WATER MAIN) to the low responsive bidder, PTS Contractors, Inc., as follows:

Part A in the amount of \$694,000

Part B in the amount of \$1,120,000

Part C in the amount of \$730,000

C. SIDEWALKS 2021 to the low responsive bidder, Martell Construction, in the amount of \$899,297.50.

6. To approve the request by Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District, operating under the brand NEW Water, for a Revocable Occupancy Permit to place a real-time High Resolution Phosphorus Sensor and Weather Station on City of Green Bay personal property formerly known as Dolphin A of the Renard Isle Confined Disposal Facility in the Fox River, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute.

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

A. Granting of Licenses

I. Sidewalk Builder

- a. Christensen Concrete
- b. De Leers Construction, Inc.
- c. Helmle Construction & Concrete
- d. J.C. Santy Construction, LLC
- e. Josh Bailey Concrete Construction
- f. KPS Concrete Contractor LLC
- g. Tim Verheyen Construction

M. REPORT OF THE PROTECTION & POLICY COMMITTEE (MARCH 22, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve, except item 2 . Motion carried.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Craig Stevens, Jesse Brunette, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Randy Scannell, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Kathy Lefebvre, Lynn Gerlach, No-None, Abstain- None

1. To approve a request by Anduzzi's Sports Club East at 900 Kepler to extend their licensed premises to the parking lot to hold the 5th Annual Anduzzifest this July 22 through July 25, subject to complaint.

2. To approve resuming Green Bay Common Council meetings, in person, beginning with the May 4, 2021 meeting and Committee meetings, in person, beginning May 10 2021 with a hybrid virtual attendance option.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to Approve
Motion carried.

Moved by Barbara Dorff, seconded by Kathy Lefebvre to refer to mayor's office and put a plan in place for the safety of all who would attend an in-person council meeting, by the May 4th meeting (2nd motion).

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 Barbara Dorff, seconded by Kathy Lefebvre to approve as amended.

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

3. To refer to staff a request by Ald. Randy Scannell to expedite publishing information for better transparency and reducing the need for public information requests and research if other models exist with other municipalities and review how the City archives its records.

4. To refer to staff a request by Ald. Steuer to create a resolution expressing the City's concerns to Gannett Newspapers, to review the current contract with Gannett as to ability to cancel, terminate or not renew that Contract and refer to Inspections as to a possible public campaign concerning these issues with a report back to the Committee on April 19, 2021.

5. To receive and place on file the Liquor Violation Report for March 22, 2021.

6. To hold an appeal by Dimas Rodriguez regarding the denial of his application to keep three pets until neighbor letters are included in the packet.

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

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, 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

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

O. REPORT OF THE PLAN COMMISSION. (MARCH 22, 2021)

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve, except item 3. 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

I. To amend the City's Comprehensive Plan from Parks to Low-Medium Density Residential for the eastern portion of parcel 21-40-6, known as The Woods, submitted by Joel Ehrfurth, Mach IV Engineering & Surveying LLC, on behalf of Green Viper Inc, property owner (Ald. B. Dorff, District I). (Public Hearing held 03/22/2021)

2. To rezone 120 Bedford Road from Rural Residential (RR) to Low-Density Residential (R1), submitted by Bonita Parrott, property owner (Ald. B. Dorff, District I). (Public Hearing held 03/22/2021)

3. To amend 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, subject to the following amendments:

- a) Item No. 5 of the amendment be removed.
- b) Item No. 6 to be changed from 14 ft. to 12 ft. with the option of decreasing the width to 10 ft. with standards in the draft ordinance.
- c) A one Year review of the ordinance shall be brought back to the Plan Commission for review.

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

Moved by Brian Johnson, seconded by Barbara Dorff to Amend by striking item c.
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 Barbara Dorff, seconded by Lynn Gerlach to adopt as amended.
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

P. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (MARCH 23, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, 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 approve a resolution by the Safety Manager authorizing continuation of the City's self-insured worker's compensation program.

2. To approve the withdrawal of all objections submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs or Department of the Interior regarding the Nation's applications to have land placed into trust, and the dismissal of all appeals filed with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals of notices of decision to place land into trust for the Nation.

3. To refer to staff a request by Ald. Johnson to the Finance Committee which states: "For an update on available funding from the American Rescue Plan including qualified expenditure guidelines with possible action on broad community input and city council engagement on investment of those funds." Staff is to continue to do long term planning on how to use the money and once the guidelines are available how to include community engagement.

Q. REPORT OF THE PARK COMMITTEE (MARCH 24, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve, except item I. 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

I. To approve the request by St. John's Homeless Shelter to run a homeless support program at St. John's Park starting April 30, 2021 on a trial basis contingent upon the review of the program with the Parks Committee in July for possible continuation through November 1, 2021.

--Motion to approve by Randy Scannell, seconded by Lynn Gerlach.

--Motion to amend by Bill Galvin, seconded by Brian Johnson to hold the proposal for 30 days until the city meets with Brown County to develop a long term plan, for review, within in the next 4 to 6 months.

--Motion by Mark Steuer, seconded by Lynn Gerlach to 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.

--Speakers:

Matt Kadlac, Assoc Exec at St. John's Homeless Shelter 2058 River Point Court in De Pere

Lawrence Connors, Board Member at St. John's Homesless Shelter

Paul Van Handel, GBPD,

Dave Pietenpol, St. John's Board President 2811 Quiet Wood Trail, Suamico

Ftr. Paul Demuth, 413 St. John's Street

Stephanie Birmingham, Door County Resident

Will Peters, Neighborhood Development Specialist City of Green Bay

Jenny Bushman, NEWCAP, 6104 County Road S, Sobieski, WI

--Motion by John Vander Leest, 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.

--Motion by Alder Galvin to withdraw his original amendment, seconded by Alder Scannell

--Motion to amend by Alder Galvin, seconded by Alder Scannell to ask GBPD and St. Johns to identify individuals who are "non-compliant" and compile an incident report for Protection and Policy Committee, which would describe contacts with individuals. Also, the organizations that serve homeless people would provide a comprehensive "end of season" report. Finally the Mayor would

encourage Brown County and the Green Bay Community Foundation Steering Committee for the Strategic Plan to Eliminate Homelessness to make reports to Council, by July 2021.

Yes--Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Mark Steuer, Randy Scannell, Veronica Corpus-Dax and Kathy Lefebvre. No--Chris Wery, Craig Stevens, John Vander Leest and Lynn Gerlach. Abstain--none.

--Motion by Barbara Dorff, seconded by Randy Scannell to adopt as amended.
passed on a voice vote

2. To approve awarding N.E.W. Landscape & Lawn Care, the Annual Weed Control Contract for an amount not to exceed \$33,821.85.

3. To receive and place on file the staff update on fat tire biking at He-Nis-Ra Park.

R. REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (MARCH 23, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, 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 approve the request to fill the following replacement positions and all subsequent vacancies resulting from internal transfers.

- a. Parking Maintenance Technician - Public Works
- b. City Forester - Park, Recreation & Forestry

2. To approve the request to reclassify the Public Works Sr. Carpenter position to a Street Section Laborer and approval to fill the position and all subsequent vacancies.

S. REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC, BICYCLE, AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION (MARCH 15, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell 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

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1. To refer to staff for study the request by Ald. Stevens to evaluate the need for the existing traffic control signal at the intersection of Deckner Avenue and Henry Street, and to establish proper intersection control if the signal is no longer needed.

2. To refer to Brown County Public Works the request by Ald. Vander Leest to conduct a traffic study to review the safety of the Hazelwood Lane/Wood Lane intersection.

3. To direct staff to conduct a speed study to review and potentially change the SPEED LIMIT 25 zone on North Webster Avenue from Pine Street to University Avenue after request by Ald. Lefebvre.

T. REPORT OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (MARCH 17, 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. Refer to Park staff to connect with Brown County Recycling staff (Mark Walter) to coordinate and discuss feasibility of implementing Trex Community Recycling Challenge for City of Green Bay.

U. RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Randy Scannell, seconded by Kathy Lefebvre to suspend the rules and take up both resolutions with one vote.

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.

Motion to adopt by Randy Scannell, seconded by Barbara Dorff to adopt.

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 drawing final orders to contractors for March 30, 2021.

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2. Resolution authorizing continuation of the City's self-insured worker's compensation program.

3. Resolution approving Revocable Occupancy Permit with NEW Water on City-owned property.

V. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to suspend the rules to take up both ordinances with one vote.

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 Barbara Dorff 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

Passed

1. Miscellaneous Ordinance No.

An Ordinance adopting and amendment to the Smart Growth 2022 Comprehensive Plan of the City of Green Bay pertaining to the East side of Parcel 21-40-6.

2. Zoning Ordinance No.

An Ordinance rezoning the property located at 120 Bedford Road from Rural Residential (RR) District to Low Density Residential (RI) District.

3. General Ordinance No. 05-21

An ordinance amending Sections 13-303, 13-1606(1) and 13-1714, Green Bay Municipal Code, relating to drive-through Facilities.

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W. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

I. Update on status of the report on the November 2020 Election.

X. REFERRAL OF PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS.

Dist. 12 to Personnel Committee for an outside consultant to review HR complaints of former clerk.
Dist. 12 to Finance Committee to approve the funding for outside consultant.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to refer to the 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

Y. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre 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

Celestine Jeffreys

Green Bay City Clerk

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

Minutes with Verbatim

- Over here. I was gonna say before the meeting starts isn't it nice to see that it's still light out. It's really good.

- Sure. It's really nice.

- But, I don't know if anyone can see, I'm wearing my snowman sweatshirt. Last time, it's still gonna be winter tomorrow, so wearing it one more time. It's gonna get washed and put away.

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- Good.

- Even though last Saturday was spring, not for us.

- The hour of six, o'clock having arrived. I will call to order the meeting of the common council for March 30th, 2021 clerk.

- All 12 are present and voting, you honor.

- All right, very well. Please rise for the pledge of allegiance and then we'll have the invocation led by Alder Brian Johnson.

- I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and the the republic for which it stands One nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. Alder Johnson.

- Thank you Mayor. I'd like to introduce, I invited to speak tonight. Pastor Scott Eastman of Life Church Green Bay. They've been a wonderful addition in the near downtown or actually in the downtown area. They opened a branch down here and he's been leading a group of individuals down there. It's got a lot of great things. He's been a lifelong resident of Green Bay. Very happy to have him here tonight. So I would turn it over to pastor Eastman.

- Thank you so much. Because I super appreciate that.. And I appreciate the invitation. Oh, you guys can sit. I mean, you don't have to I don't think God minds, if you sit. So thanks for inviting me here. It's a, it's a thrill because as Mr. Johnson mentioned I'm a lifelong resident I've never, ever ever been to a city council meeting. So this is my first one and it's all super virtual but it's still the cool faces that I know and faces that I've known their names for a long time. And so I'll just pray real quick for your guys's meeting. Father, God, you are awesome. And you're amazing. And I love how you've made me. I love how you've made my friends here that are joining part of this meeting. Lord, I thank you for their heart for their city. I know that I love my city and I know that they've got to love their city. Lord is to do the things that they're doing to give up their time, to give up space in their lives and in their heads just to make Green Bay a better place. And so I pray Lord that as they have these conversations tonight around their meeting, that that that's first that the people of Green Bay are first on everyone's heart because we know God that everyone's made in your image. And so it doesn't matter if people sit across the hall from us or across the tracks from us or come from a different culture from us, or I don't know whatever that they're all the image of God. And so I pray Lord that it's the value of people that is always on the top of mind of people as they go through the conversations today. And so Lord, I pray

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that you're just with them you give them wisdom and that you give them patients for one another and a grace for one another. So that, so that your will is done through their conversations and their votes. God, through this meeting and every meeting after this I asked us in your name, Amen.

- Thank you.

- Thank yo so much for joining us, pastor Eastman. It is your first meeting. I know it won't be your last we'll. We'll be sure to put on a good show for you. So thanks for joining us.

- Thanks.

- Approval of the minutes.

- Don't move. We have a motion to approve the minutes. So that was made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Gerlach. And that's to the minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting corrections there. Seeing none all in favor signify by saying, aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. The minutes have been approved. Approval of the agenda.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion to approve the agenda made by Alder Scannell Second about Alder Lefebvre any changes they're. Seeing no changes all in favor signify by saying, aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. The ayes have it. And the agenda is approved report by the mayor. So I just wanted to touch on a few issues, sort of related to one of the items about the reopening of city hall. Actually the, the return to in-person meetings at our common council. I did want folks to know that we are actually going to be reopening city hall to the public here very shortly, April 7th we will have all six floors open to the public. So wanted council to be aware of that decision. My directive to department heads is not to all of a sudden return to normal business, right, or or pre pandemic business. We've been staggering shifts for some time here, of course masking and physical distancing, and that all of those safeguards will continue to be in place but we will be enabling folks from the public to come in and do some in-person business. I think we've been very successful and flexibly offering city services you know, to people in a in a largely remote environment but I think we can offer in-person services as well and and so that's kind of the next phase that we're moving into. So do you want a council to know that one of the public to know that that we'll be able to return to city hall near future somewhat related to that is this this item that Alder Vander Leest had had brought before us at dropping the committee. And now it's before our council tonight, I know that we'll have a a good discussion once we get to that item but just wanted council to have a sense for sort of what I was thinking about that item which is that what I would suggest and would love to get feedback on this. Once we reached the item what I would suggest is referring that that in-person meeting item to the mayor's office with the understanding of requirement rather than I would return to council with a plan to return to in-person meetings. And I would do that at, by a meeting in May. So hopefully for that first meeting at the latest at the second meeting, but I would return with a plan for you all to consider in that May time frame. And, you know, it's, it's going to require some work on my parts and work more importantly, probably on human resources director, Joe's part to take into account staff's involvement in our meetings. So just wanted to let you know, kind of what I was thinking on that item as the chair, you know not somebody who's allowed to engage in a lot of robust debate so wanted to take the opportunity here at the front of the meeting to let you know what I'm thinking and certainly would welcome your feedback once once we reach that point. The other thing of note for council and probably more importantly for the public there is not an extension of our face mask requirement on the agenda tonight. I know, you know, some members of council have, have noticed that and noted it and just wanted you all to know. And again, the public to know that, you know if I were a betting man, and you know I think I would probably bet on an extension at the state level, we don't have any any hard guarantees that that will take place. And if it doesn't, and I mentioned this to President Brunette and Vice President Dorff on Monday if that does not occur, you know, I I would want to have that conversation with the two of them and, and a few other Alders and potentially call a special meeting to reinstate a requirement at the city level. But I'm hoping and expecting that that will be extended at the state level. And if that's the case then we won't have to return for a per a city requirement. Finally, you know, I'm sick of most of my reports being dominated by COVID. I think we're all sick of having our lives dominated by COVID for this last year, but we have a lot of a lot of good, I think on the horizon, you know this vaccine can tell out much more rapidly than many of us probably would have anticipated. We've got a universal eligibility coming up. I think it's next Monday now as a result of an announcement by governor Evers and department of health services. So, you know, there is light at the end of the tunnel very excited for us to return to a much more normal summer this time around. And, and I don't know if this is going to be an that's been afforded to participating in an Easter egg roll on Saturday you know, so again, just more and more of those sorts of those events returning and, and, you know we can see normalcy on the horizon. So, so I think we have good things in our future With that I will move along. Announcements. I don't see any speakers Mayor. Go ahead.

- Yeah, so since there was silence there for a minute I'm going to break the ice with a COVID-19 one. So, and I know I want to thank you and and County Executive Strachan Berk for setting the example by publicly getting your vaccination. I think it's, you know, I mentioned it several months ago that as soon as it was ready and available that I would be willing to take it. So I thank you for sitting, taking the lead on that as well. And the humorous part that I want to put to this the irony is just so palpable that it's because of the quarantine that my bass, my my BMI has exceeded a level where I qualify for it. So I'm excited, I'm getting it on Thursday. I know many of you have already had it, but I just I found the irony to be humorous. So thank you.

- Absolutely, yes, I'm in that category but I have to say that president Mark Murphy assured both Strachan Berk and myself, that we are not obese. So I would say the thing to you Alder Johnson. Any other announcements, Alder Brunette.

- Yeah. thank you, mayor. I just, some of the council members may not be aware but we had a situation along the Fox River today that involved the police department and first responders. So just want to thank them for the work that they do and often difficult situations and not quite sure what the outcome of that situation is. But thoughts and prayers are to the family of that person who was affected.

- Thank you Alder absolutely. Any others.

- Okay seeing no other announcements, we will move along to appointments. We have one new appointment

- I move to approve.

- Second.

- The motion has been made by Alder Dorff Second about Alder Lefebvre to approve that new appointment, any discussion

- Mayor.

- Yes Alder Johnson.

- And I don't know if this is perhaps the result of the transition or if I'm missing something but we used to get just a brief overview of the appointees so that we had a little bit of background information. You know, I think a couple of these are exceptions only because we've, we've seen those previously but just hoping that perhaps we could return to receiving a brief bio of the appointees.

- Yeah, absolutely. And I think that that was a little bit of an oversight, but Ms. Young does serve on the economic development authority. It's not to say that you would have or should have remembered her resume or bio but you did previously receive that the others are reappointments. And so, you know those have been before this body previously, but yes we we'll make sure that that those are provided.

- It's a point of clarification. So it at 4:41 PM this afternoon. So they are currently in your mailbox in case you just went red on top of that a little late.

- Good, good point of clarification. Thanks Alder. Any other comments. seeing none we have a motion all in favor, signify by saying aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. The ayes have it, that new appointment is confirmed. Reappointments.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion to approve me about Alder Scannell. Seconded Alder Gerlach. Any discussion here.

- I do.

- Yes, all the Dorff.

- I just wanted to thank Melanie Parma and Debbie Dean for once again, being willing to fulfill those roles they are fabulous on the RDA and I've really enjoyed working with them over the past three years. So really happy to see that they were willing to be reappointed. Thank you.

- Well said. Thanks Alder. Any other discussion? All right. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. The ayes have it. And those reappointments are confirmed onto our public hearings. We have two items. We have a public hearing on miscellaneous ordinance number 01-21. And we have a public hearing on planning ordinance number 1-21. Is there anyone here at the meeting who would like to speak to these items? Anyone who would like to speak to either of these items? Is there anyone here who would like to speak to these items. Seeing non please let the record reflect that no one appeared your dispute these items. We are now on to K ordinances second reading for adoption.

- Motion to suspend the rules.

- There's been a motion made to suspend the rules by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Gerlach to spend the rules and take these items up with one roll call, vote. Any discussion on that? On favor of that motion please signify by saying aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. The ayes have it. The rules are suspended.

- Motion to adopt.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion has been made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax to adopt these items. Any discussion before the vote. All right, please use the board council.

- [Celestine] Okay Alders your vote has started.

- I will sign out and sign back in. So it's in, but I'm a yes.

- [Celestine] Okay.

- And those are adopted unanimously 12-0 I want to report of the improvement services committee.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Gerlach that's to approve report L. Reported the improvement services committee from March 24th, 2021 any items here to be handled separately. Alder Lefebvre

- Apologies number one, I did not, I could not find what they were what they were talking about for the the leaf pickup, how they were going to change it

- Or not.

- Okay, would you like to discuss that separately or Alder Brunette?

- Yeah, I'll do the favor. It was just as simple refer to staff and I'm working. So there's no proposal, just a constituent had a good idea in his opinion. And I'll go through the proper channels. Nothing to approve tonight.

- No, I, I just wanted to I couldn't see what the gentlemen who asked for some improvement, what it was. I just wanted to know what they were talking about.

- Mr. Mayor. I did not share anything in writing to the committee but just an oral explanation of what the person was requesting, so...

- Can I, can I then, can I talk to you later, Jesse, on this? Okay, thank you.

- Certainly.

- Okay, so any items to be handled separately? Okay, hearing none. All in favor of approving that report please signify by saying aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. The ayes have it. Report has been approved. On to PNP.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Lefebvre and that's to approve report M which is the report of protection and policy committee for March 22nd, 2021.

- Number two.

- Item two will be handled separately. Any others? Hearing no others all in favor of approving the remainder of that report. Please signify by saying, aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. Guess the report has been approved. The exception of item two your wishes.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion to approve. Item two that's made by Alder Scannell. Seconded by Alder Steuer. The item was pulled by Alder Dorff. You have the floor.

- Thank you. I went to the meeting and we talked a lot about various dates and there was a, there was a lot of thrown out August, July, April, we settled, or the the four people on production policy settled on May 4th. This is what I would like to ask. I would like to ask that this item be held as the mayor had suggested, and that it be sent to the mayor's office so that a plan can be, be put in place by staff that we can then vote on in May, either at the first meeting in May or the second meeting in May. And that we have the safety precautions the the masking the social distancing, where we will sit. where will the public sit. How will we ensure staff is okay and safe. I don't believe that we can go back before June. I did listen to the CDC director last night. I know

that we're almost to the end, but we're not at the one who is vulnerable to feel pressured to come and sit in an in person meeting where possibly everyone won't be wearing a mask. I know that I would like to think that everyone on city council would care would be courteous would wear a mask. I think if we put a requirement to wear masks that there would be several who may just purposely not wear masks because they just don't like being told what to do, Alder Wery. So I don't think that should be a part of it, but it should it should be highly begged for recommended pleaded for to please wear a mask. I am pleased that now everyone, over the age of I think it was 15 or 16 can start getting the vaccine by April 5th, starting by then, but it's going to take awhile. It's gonna take a while for, for everyone to get that vaccine. There probably will be people that won't want to get the vaccine. And then I guess that they could carry then the COVID virus to others. So there's a lot to think about. And I don't think we would be ready to go back before June but to start off with, I'd like to amend that by saying that we would not go back in May. We would go back after May. I won't say a date right now and that a plan in place by the staff in the mayor's office for us to go back safely and for the public to also feel safe careful right now.

- Mr. Mayor.

- He disappeared.

- Where's the mayor. Celestine, we lost the mayor.

- [Celestine] I am looking Alder, let me text him, just give me one moment.

- I just submitted them back in.

- Okay I'll wrap it up again so we can hear that I I put the ball in his court then. You're not sure when you, when you went away.

- Major technical difficulties, I have to move to my other computer.

- So in the end I said, I like to move into, not start coming back in person before the main meetings that before we begin having meetings in person there would be a plan put in place by the mayor's office staff for public safety and for the safety of the Alders.

- And do we, do we have a a second for that amendment?

- I'll second that

- Second, by Alder Gerlach.

- Mayor I just want to make one comment.

- Yes Alder Vander Leest go ahead.

- Thank you. In your announcements, mayor you said that you were going to try to get things going by the second, the second meeting in May. I think that's a good time table and it gives you plenty of time. And I would support that the second week would be fine. And the second meeting and May, would be fine and give us plenty of time to to get ready and, you know changes between now and then. And I'm sure that it can work out, you know counties meeting in person and people are, you know just because you got the COVID shot. I always at that, the, the billing respiratory clinic. And they said just because you got the shot doesn't mean that you can't get COVID. Anybody can get COVID regardless if you've had a shot or not. And you know it's just

- Thank you. they have the shot, you know it gives you some protection, but in other words COVID is kind of a tricky, a tricky disease or tricky ailment. So I'm just mentioning that as well. That just because you got the shot don't mean you can get COVID you can get COVID. I heard that firsthand from, from a doctor's office. And so just so keep that in mind as well, but I I think that I'm, I'm satisfied with your plan mayor on the second week in may be fine with me. I would definitely support that.

- Is it really.

- Mr mayor.

- Just real quick to, to clarify Alder Vander Leest what I had said in my report is that I would be comfortable bringing back a plan for council to weigh in on ideally by the first meeting in May but at the latest for that second meeting in may.

- Okay

- Okay that's fine, thank you.

- Okay.

- Mr. Mayor.

- Alder Lefebvre go ahead.

- Yes. as, as Alder Vander Leest, I mean said this is a very serious disease, even if you were were had the vaccine doesn't mean that you can't get it. So I think we have to be very cautious and when we open up in person, but another thing in our report it says with a highbred virtual attendance, if we if we find cause cases are starting to expand again in certain States and areas if we find that there's a problem with everybody coming together in person is there a way that we can have a virtual for those who would not feel comfortable coming back? And I'm talking about a lot of us on the council are older we already probably got our vaccines and some will be soon getting it but I'm talking about our staff. A lot of staff are younger people, and I just don't feel comfortable forcing staff to attend an in-person. So I would like to look at a virtual combo. Some in-person maybe some virtual, if there are people who are not comfortable coming in in person because as I had noted before, this is what's happened to me and to another supervisor on the County board, we were for we were supposed to all come in person is changed in person to everything. And I don't think that was right.

- Right, yeah and I would certainly consider that when putting together the plan that that I would present to council in May.

- Okay, thank you.

- Mayor.

- Yes, Alder Stevens. So you're throwing on both dates and May do you think you could have this plan towards by the first meeting in May that's roughly 30 days on can can you come down, can you make it a concrete date.

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- I think you guys said, I, you know I would definitely commit to having one in May but if you'd be more comfortable at the first meeting I'm sure we can hit that.

- Okay that'll work for me.

- But mayor.

- Yes Alder Galvin. Thank you, your honor. And this goes a little bit beyond COVID. I've been really astound and impressed with the amount of public participation that has been allowed for our committee and council meetings to COVID with our Zoom meeting set up people that normally wouldn't get involved with these meetings or, or make public statements at meetings and sharing their thoughts and experiences and opinions with us. I'm just wondering in the long-term is there a way that we could continue this to allow the option of people to attend by Zoom? I mean, instead of making people come and sit through three hours on a hard wooden bench before they have their chance to say their piece they can jump in on the meeting from home, or if they're at town for example, but they can still be involved in the community and what their governments...

- Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. Are there any other comments? Suggestions.

- Alder Scannell is waving his hands.

- Alder Scannell go ahead.

- His muted.

- Yeah, thank you for your honor just to piggyback on what Alder Galvin said. I would also, if it's possible for Alders to Zoom in even after this is all over. I mean, certainly there's been times when all of been sick on vacation and this way they could still perhaps participate. I know in the past you had to be present or it didn't encounter, I don't know if that's any kind of state law or anything, but if there's anything that can be worked

out where we get to have hybrids as a possibility going forward I think that would be a benefit to the council as well as the community. Thank you.

- Yeah, definitely something to consider and certainly consult with attorney at Chavez in terms of legality of hybrid meetings into the future. You know, I, I I certainly recognize the benefit of having that option for council of having that option for the public. But, you know, as your chair it's a little complicated as well. So, you know that's something to take into account, you know an in-person meeting is a little bit more straightforward and a little simpler and you know easy to manage some of the conversation. So it's a, it's a balancing effort for sure. Alder Lefebvre looked like you had

- Yes I just want to quick also mention on now what Alder Scannell mentioned too. Another thing that if especially, well now we're getting into nicer weather, but if we had some bad weather say in the winter if we can kind of keep sun or this option in there if we have some really bad weather this would be an awful, I mean it would be a really good option for all of us to have still have our meeting. You know we could come up with some bad weather where that meeting our council meeting would have to be canceled. Otherwise it's just another thing to think of.

- Right.

- I was just sort of a quick question here.

- Yes, Alder Steuer go ahead.

- Thank you, mayor. You know, I think these are nice ideas too. You know, the options I think are really good I guess I'll do any plan constraints or any any financial constraints anything at all that might be a problem with that. And I'm the, we're seeing it, but I'm just saying I'd like to make sure that that it would be efficient if we do it both ways. You know, for staff as well because there's a commitment there as well for them. So just, just to make sure that it's all done correctly.

- Yeah, that's a, it's a great point. And of course director Honick will be very involved as well and, and you know, putting together a plan if it does involve a pretty significant hybrid option you know, he he's the one that would be tasked with developing a a program that would work for them for us. So, so yes, that's a great point.

- Any other comments? Okay, we, we did have an amendment offered and then a comment by Alder Stevens that I think made things a bit more specific. Did that, did that change your amendment at all, Alder Dorff for...

- I, no, I, I think that I could just say, I said a, a meeting in May. I could say the May 4th meeting and see if Alder Gerlach wants to second it.

- Sure.

- Okay, so we do have an amendment offered by Alder Dorff. That would refer this item to the mayor's office. With the understanding that we would report back with a plan by that first meeting in May, that May 4th meeting. So that was offered by Alder Dorff. Second by Alder Gerlach. Any further discussion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. That item has been amended.

- Second.

- Motion to approve by Alder Scannell. seconded by Alder Lefebvre to approve as amended further discussion. Seeing none, all in favor, will signify by saying, aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. The ayes have it. That item has been amended and adopted. Granting operator licenses.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Lefebvre any abstentions or names for which names you'd like to handle separately. Hearing none, all in favor, signify by saying, aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. The ayes have it. And we're on to the plan commission.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Alder Scannell has made a motion to approve. And seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax. And that is to prove the report for the planning commission from March 22nd, 2021. Any items here to be handled separately.

- Three.

- Three, any others? Okay I item will be handled separately, hearing none others all in favor. Proving the remainder of that report. Please signify by saying aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose nay. The ayes have it. The report has been approved the exception of item three

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell that was seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax. The item was pulled by Alder Johnson. Alder you have the floor.

- Thank you, mayor. I'm going to propose an amendment to this that should it pass. I presume would be adjusted in the, the the subsequent items later in the agenda when we adopt this. But I would like to to move that we amend to strike item C a one-year review of the ordinance shall be brought back to the plan commission for review.

- Second that.

- If there's a second, I would explain that.

- I'll second that.

- Okay, there's an amendment offered by Alder Johnson seconded by Alder Dorff, Alder Johnson, you have the floor.

- Thank you, mayor. And I had I called director earlier today today just to ask him how many drive-throughs the city of Green Bay puts puts in in a year. And that number is very low. And so it just seems to me that I don't know that there's anything that this revised ordinance is going to teach us that we don't already know given the low volume of drive-throughs that are installed each year. I believe and I, I, I put the director on the spot and if he's got new information, I'll invite him to share that. But when I called him today he presumed perhaps it was a half a dozen or less each year. Any, any new information on that director?

- No, I think that would be an actually an, an a on a busy, an accelerated year. It would be up to pay me a half dozen, a year Alder, I think in a, any given in a normal year, that's probably even more like two or three, I think is actually a more a more normal number for an annual basis.

- Right, okay. And so, so recognizing again, that, that a one-year a one-year period on this, probably isn't going to teach us a whole lot that we don't already know. And I think we've put a lot of hard work into this so far to get this where it's at in, in, we can change ordinances at any time when they're not working. So I would just as soon see this let's, let's let's modify it the way that we've talked about it and I'd be comfortable with not bringing it back.

- Okay, thanks Alder. Any comments on that amendment?

- How about a number B? You know, I want to ask him about that.

- Okay, we do have the amendment on the floor Alder Vander Leest

- Okay, another, another other we're we're talking about Number three on, and, and I wanted to ask him a question about number B, but the footage, the 14 foot to 12 foot.

- Okay, are you are you directing your question to

- The director,

- Okay,

- To the director.

- Okay, go ahead with your question Alder.

- Is this gonna make a change on, in other words 12 foot you'd have an eight foot wide. Would you have a 10 foot wide road. In other words, for the, the part it would be 10 foot wide and you'd only have two foot on each side and then you'd have less than two foot on each side on that narrow of a drive.

- Yes Alder that is, that is correct. Essentially the, the initial staff proposal recommendation and revising this was 14 feet. That was based on an analysis of staff to provide a width that would provide some flexibility. There was originally discussion. If you recall, probably regarding a, kind of a an accessory lane outside a full lane outside of a drive-through lane to be possible to be looked at. Really, there wasn't much support from that from our emergency services they didn't feel it was necessary. So staff X planning staff actually went back and kind of compromise rather than having no, no extra room. They actually suggested a 14 foot width originally but essentially further research with neighboring communities. They range primarily from in the 10 to 12 foot range. So essentially after discussion that plan commission and in further review really said, we came up with reducing that down to a 12 foot width to release for again for primarily for access of vehicles, essentially for actually moving, moving through the lane itself. In most cases, the, those lanes are part of a paved area and there's additional space on the outside of that. So when emergency vehicle could generally accidentally would probably potentially become an issue if there's a curb or an isolated lane, that's isolated. And again, there was not sufficient comments from our public safety staff to say that they, that, that additional, which should be mandated. So essentially we staff and plan commission had come to reducing it down to a 12 foot width which is common with most of our neighboring areas. So provides a little bit of maneuverability room for the drive-through lane. But then at this point was the the administrative ability to move that down to 10 feet if they can demonstrate from an engineering standpoint that it works.

- Okay. I was gonna ask you I was gonna ask you one other question. We did have one come up on the city council, you know where it was between two buildings and there was about a 13 foot, you know between the two buildings. And I, is this going to affect that proposal as well or not?

- I would referring to the main street. It was this one on main street...

- Right now I don't believe there is an active proposal that could come back and that would certainly be reviewed under the under the new standards if it was brought back. again I think the other factors that are still only rely on the ordinance that still has to show that it functions it still has to meet, you know be in compliance with our other ordinances with the city. Okay, thank you for your information.

- Thanks Alder, thanks director.

- Any additional comments? Alder Steuer.

- Thank you, mayor. No, it was looked up to some for quite some time. You know thinking about, you know, the 10 foot, 12 foot 14 for them. I mean, there's three different you know paths as far as width. And I was looking at the, at Hansen traffic engineer his talk on this as well. And you know, there's a program out there that talks about maneuverability when it comes to it with a 12 foot or a 14 foot. So I think these are things that you know need to be really looked at and, you know, you have different drive-throughs in different businesses and, and and they're different depending on how it's situated on the property, traffic flow driveways, et cetera. So I think, you know, the 10 foot to me it seems neuro 12 foot would be comparable. I think that would be good, but you know, I'm going to kind of you know, I'm winning for Alder Johnson to he's. He had his amendment that we were going to talk about too. So I would opt for a little bit wider, for 12 foot, at least, thank you.

- Can I just a point of order?

- Yeah, Alder Johnson. Just wondering if we ought to dispense of my motion in the amendment before we engage in dialogue on other portions of this

- I agree.

- Further discussion on the amendment.

- Seeing none.

- Alder Gerlach...

- Alder Gerlach.

- Just very briefly, I want to say that I support the amendment. I think that's very smart. When I read this, I thought, you know we want business development in our Green Bay Community. And if someone goes to all the trouble and expense of putting in a drive-through per this ordinance and then a year, and then they're told, Oh, well a few months after it gets finished and you start using it we're going to review this and see if maybe we'll change our minds to encourage anyone to develop any business. So I'm glad that Alder Johnson brought that up and I support it.

- Great, any further comments on the amendment? Seeing none. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose nay. The ayes have it. That amendment has been adopted. Alder Dorff.

- Thank you. So I wanted to talk about The width question that came up. I think if you look at the actual ordinance which I am currently doing, that it goes down to 10 feet. If it, if there's engineering study. So it talks about the width of a drive through may be reduced to no less than 10 feet provided an engineering analysis is submitted by professional engineer and approval of fire Marshall, therefore in a place where the ten-foot would work it's it would work because it may have to go through this engineering and analysis or it has to go through this engineering analysis. And therefore we know it's going to work. Yes, as an Alder earlier said, there are a lot of different situations, a lot of different drive-throughs. Some of them cannot be as narrow as 10 feet. Some of them could be as narrow as 10 feet. And I know in a neighboring municipalities I think there's one that's eight feet. So I think that covers the the concern about 10 feet, 12 feet, 14 feet. So I'm very, very satisfied with the way this was written. I think staff did an excellent job of covering all the eventualities with us. Thank you.

- Thanks Alder. There's no comments Alder Lefebvre

- Yes, with this ordinance, putting that other part that it has to go to an engineering because 10 feet you could end up like downtown. We have a lot of tight spaces. If we don't look at the engineering part of it you could technically put a through where there's only 10 feet between buildings. I'm very concerned about that. I'm concerned about the whole downtown. I just feel that, you know, we don't have a lot of space down there. So yeah, that makes sense that they have and I'm sure the engineering would not allow a tight like 10 feet between two buildings. I'm hoping, thank you

- Thanks Alder. Any additional comments seeing none. Do we have a motion to adopt as amended.

- Alder Dorff has amended.

- Alder Dorff makes a motion to adopt as amended.

- I'll second it.

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- Seconded by Alder Gerlach. Any final comments, seeing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

- Aye. Oppose nay. The ayes have it. An item has been adopted.

- Motion to approve.

- Second

- Alder Corpus-Dax. And that is to adapt the report of the finance committee from the meeting of March 23th, 2021. And the items here to be handled separately. Hearing none all in favor, signify by saying aye.

- Aye. Oppose nay. The ayes have it. Report has been approved park committee.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Alder Scannell makes a motion to approve the meeting of the park committee from March 24, 2021. That's been seconded by Alder Dorff. Any items here to be handled separately.

- One item one.

- Item one. Any others? Item one will be handled separately hearing none, others all in favor of proving the remainder of that report. Please signify by saying, aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose nay. The ayes have it. The report has been approved. The exception of item one.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell. the item was pulled by Alder Galvin Alder Galvin you on the floor.

- Thank you, your honor. I spoke at the park committee meeting references proposal and I've got a lot of experience with homelessness both personal and professional. And with my work with the department I work with him and other organizations to address some of the issue with our homelessness. And I guess just for a little education for maybe some of the Alders and some of the people that may be listening what this proposal is addressing is a group of homeless individuals were resistant to bettering their situation. We're talking, you know, bulls that constitutes a far less than 1% of the homeless people in Brown County. And don't be fooled by the fact that you don't see them, but there are literally thousands of people in Brown County that are homeless. Green Bay public schools as well, over 800. And that's just getting into it families and all sorts of different individuals for various reasons. The difference between most people and the resistant homeless people is that everyone else wants to better their situation. They want to get back on their feet. They want to have a home a place for their family or themselves as in individuals to live. A lot of what is going on at St. John's park is involving individuals. In my opinion, that suffer from multiple issues. Besides homelessness. They have, some of them have psychiatric problems substance abuse, problems, emotional issues common many of that. And they've proven themselves to be resistance, to help. And I mean, this goes back to when I first started as a police officer in 1980. Where as I was trained as I was being trained, that all the officers knew him by their name or their nickname. And there was the old Broadway the near East side and these individuals I mean myself and other officers, we tried I don't know how many times with some of them to to get them into treatment, to get them help. Sometimes we give them a few bucks that so they could get a meal or a room to stay on a cold night. And many of them died on the street. And so, I mean, I I've seen how this is a fact that when I was running the community police organization our job was to answer complaints on homelessness. They lived in a small tents or shelters along the Fox river the East river underneath the bridges in the for trees along the railroad line that ran between Pearl street and the Brown the museum bear's Creek had a large encampment of well over 10 to 15 individuals on the far East side. Some of them have developed patterns where they entered the basements of apartment buildings at night. So they have a warm place to stay. They use a lot of resources in our community. They're they're panhandling, harassing civilians for money so they can obtain either the drugs, the alcohol, a need or a meal attacks, our ERs, our police officers, our jails or rescue squads, and a lot of time and effort and concern and money is poured in by the private sector and nonprofits. And this came to a head here at St. John's park and maybe in some part to COVID and everything that was

happening there. But we have a group of individuals that have been identified maybe 40 to 80 tops that are resistant to accepting, help You know, how do we treat them? How do we try to help them help themselves? Problem that every community in the United States dealt with we've seen it on TV. We've seen it in the movies, ended on the news and it's it's horrible how some of these people live and it's horrible what happens to them and how they're taking it. And they become victims of themselves of crimes and things that can happen to them when no one's watching out for them. And the crimes that they commit some serious most are petty but it's that, that million dollar question, what do we do? And what Green Bay has done for a long time with the resistant ones is the police department has moved them along to find them. We move them and they move and they move and they move and they tend to stay near the area so where they can get a system to help, which is Green Bay. Although this is not Green Bay's problem. This is our communities problem the greater Green Bay area Brown County. This is, this is our problem to try and solve. And at best we've been putting a bandaid on that problem. I do know that we did try a number of years ago with any NEW identify in Brown County social services we identify 10 individuals and we try to help them out over a six month period. And, and that, that project failed. And so what we have here is Green Bay police department acting as kind of a mini social services organization that Brown County of the Green Bay park department. St John's and a number of other nonprofit organizations that volunteers trying to do something with these resistant people. And I I'm in favor of it. I mean, it's, it's better than what we had last year in that park and in the surrounding area. But again, these people are resistant and my concern is what happens if say it's 40 and we're able to engage 20 what happens to the other 20 and we move them on. And that kind of behavior continues. I think we need to have more well-thought out long-term solutions. This is, this is better than what we did last year. But again, I don't think it's a permanent solution. What happens when the program ends, and St John's opens up during the day, what happens on weekends and after hours and things like that. I think we need to have a long-term permanent solution and as much as I want Green Bay to be involved in it. And I think they should be, I think that we need to look at our County leaders, our County government they're the ones that we pay taxes to for the human services division. And I know they have a person from the County government that is sitting on one of these panels, trying to come up with answers to the solution, but in my opinion they should be leading the charge on this. This is a County wide solution it's because these individuals are in Green Bay. Doesn't mean they're from Green Bay they're from our community. And I think we need to get the Brown County government to take more of a leadership role in whatever's done. And in developing a solution for these resistant individuals. And my proposal here I'm calling it an amendment if you want, is that we hold off on this proposal tonight, until we can hear back from the Brown County government, we should reach out to them and get them to sit down at the table with us and start to develop something for the future. I would propose that we meet with Brown County and that we try to develop a long-term plan and have it ready to be looked at by our respective government within the next four to six months. And we start moving forward from there to implement a solution or solutions that may be solutions. Let's try and get a handle on this problem and prevented from getting worse or expanding farther out in our community. So that we can say at the end of the day we've done everything we can for those resistant people to get them involved if at least not bettering themselves, at least not making their situation any worse than it currently is. Thank you.

- Second that.

- Oh, they're just a, just a gentle reminder that the council has put in place a five minute limit on yourselves then that, that parameter. Secondly, it's sort of a public service announcement not to engage in debate but I've mentioned this to a few of you. This is kind of a, a publicly understood effort but just want to reiterate that every and to make sure that everyone's familiar. We do have a steering committee that consists of myself the County executive Dennis Bueller, who heads up the community foundation and Robin Davis from United way. The community foundation has brought together every provider in town, along with an outside expert, the center for supportive housing to develop a long-term plan to eliminate homelessness in the greater Green Bay

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area that is ongoing as we speak. So, so people should be aware of that. And the timeline as far as recommendations is certainly within what Alder Galvin had suggested are very close to it.

- I apologize if I went over five minutes and I appreciate when I in you have reminded me you've made mention of this in the past. And, and I think the, the greater Green Bay area has been making some really big strides, really good positive strides for homelessness. But I'm talking about this very small percentage which is actually having the biggest financial and emotional impact on our community, the resistant homeless people. And I, while I understand that you're working towards resolving homelessness, I'm not sure that other than this new program that St John's has put up I don't think there's been anything new. That's been geared towards the resistant homeless since St. John's and a Micah center was started several years ago. And so that's, I'm making this Proposal for an amendment tonight.

- I have a clarification on that. did you make an amendment that we wouldn't pass this but we'd have to wait four to six months before we would pass this or talk about this. I couldn't understand. I really wasn't clear on what amendment are you talking about, exactly.

- Alder Galvin.

- What I'm talking about is holding off on this proposal for 30 days until we can meet with the County get an assurance for them that they're going to work with us moving forward to start having some proposals on board for us to review in four to six months.

- Second.

- Okay, we do have an amendment. And a second, I will, again just state that it's, it's somewhat moot. This is ongoing, but Alder Scannell go ahead.

- Thank you, your honor. I oppose the amendment. This we're coming close up to summer. We're kind of close to when this should be implemented and people gotta get ready. This is a new trial program for the area here has been used elsewhere. So it's not, we're not reinventing the wheel, but it's still going to take something to get it up and going. And I see no reason to hold it back. We're just shooting ourselves in the foot. What if the County doesn't come forward? What if the County does come forward? Why are we still, why does that have anything to do with this proposed program? It seems to me that what you the Alders are proposing is completely separate and to kind of like use this as some kind of hostage or something I don't understand. It seems to me, if you don't go forward with this all we're doing is shooting ourselves in the foot. It's just to address a problem. We had last summer and, and it to engage people. So the homeless or anybody else that has needs that might this program might help them with. I don't know why we would hold it up. It doesn't

make sense to me. I agree that we need to this. We need a bigger picture problem. I've been, even before I was elected my first election I've been involved with homelessness knocking doors and talking to businesses. I've been involved in this the whole time I've been at Alder. It's been a very frustrating and super issue and we made some progress, but there's a lot to do. And I have some ideas I'm going to share with the mayor. I don't know if I'm going to bother going into that tonight because it's really not pertinent to this particular item per se but I have to pull myself out of order. So I I'm just, I guess, holding this up. I, I don't think it's practical to hold it up. I don't see any reason to hold it up. Thank you.

- Thanks, Alder we do, I think have a, a few members of the public who are attending, does anyone just to check real quickly. Does anyone from the public intend to speak on this item?

- Mayor I'm the associate executive director. Motion to open the floor.

- Second.

- Motion to open the floor. made by Alder Steuer. Second, about an Alder Lefebvre. All in favor, please signify by saying, aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose nay. The ayes have it. The floor is open. Mr. Kadlec, feel free to introduce yourself name and address, and then feel free to begin speaking.

- My name is Matt Kadlec I'm the associate executive director at St. John's homeless shelter. I live at 2058 river point court in De Pere. And so I just wanted to speak on behalf of the engage park. We've certainly been in the process of, you know making plans to move forward with staff and recruiting with community agencies to provide forward moving programming in the park for our guests. I would, you know I would certainly like to see it move forward. I think, I think we will see guests engage in that programming with the hope then to bridge back to our Summer Safe Sleep program and get people connected to shelter. I know at the park committee we had mentioned re-evaluating and July, I would, I would propose for what it's worth, that, that we would roll out with the programming as is, and that, you know certainly seeking County for direction and then reevaluate in July, but to still launch the programming so that we can serve the guests who will be at St John's park.

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- Thank you, sir.

- I do have a question Mr. Mayor.

- Alder Wery go ahead.

- Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Kadlec, for the information. I was wondering you said you were from De Pere that are committed to this type to this type of a resolution?

- Honestly, I just moved to the area. I'm actually from Little Chute. So I would say, you know, to my knowledge the De Pere hasn't been engaged in any efforts but I'm still fairly new to the area.

- Appreciate it, thank you.

- You're welcome.

- All right, thank you, Mr Kadlec, Mr. Connois.

- Hi, good evening. My name is Lawrence Connois. I live at 2,500 Liter Suite Avenue in Green Bay by 4301. I just want to, I sit on the board of St. John's and I want to offer my support for this whole lot of thought has gone into it. And the cooperation of the parks department these are the problems in Cannes is incredible to achieve to get to work together for a common good. I fully understand, you know, invite the County city and all people just to share Sergei Alvin's concern about homelessness well stated, but I do not believe that there should be delayed while that happens. Time to act is now, or is there now I'd encourage her. Thank you.

- Thank you, Mr. Connois. Any other members of the public would like to speak

- Paul Vanden Handel with Green Bay Police.

- Yeah, go ahead, officer Vanden Handel

- Thank you, mayor. Just wanted to add in from what Matt said from St. John's that this program will proactively engage those that are homeless. I think that it provides those persons who are unsheltered and homeless with some structure. It allows us in homeless outreach. It would allow us to be able to make contact and work closer with that population. If we delay, we had the problem last year that the park did become, we had more nuisance problems. The longer we waited something like this taking place right away April 30th would definitely help with continuity. It would help get all of the service providers that are part of the homeless outreach team involved and we would be able to continue to address issues. So last year we saw numbers start. I could, as far as the park goes we saw numbers around 17th July up to about 20 August, around 30, around 35 people. And we may maintain that number throughout the rest of the, the fall September, October. The best way to work with these folks is to have on your own ongoing programming. The programming is something that involves ultimately involves harm reduction and what allow those people to possibly and potentially accept a sheltered type of placement. That's what we all want. I think it would be a, it would be a good idea to to continue the program without a delay. So that's all I would say.

- Thank you, officer. Mr. Pietenpol.

- Thank you, mayor. David Pietenpol, 28, I I, quiet with trail Suamico. I am the president of St. John's board. And for sake of time, I I'll just say I agree with everything and totally support what Matt has said. What officer Vanden Handel has said is well as Alder Scannell. And just to say that the entire board of directors for St John's is in favor of moving forward with this proposal.

- Thank you, Mr Pietenpol

- Mr. Mayor I have a question, Mr. Mayor?

- Yeah, go ahead.

- Thank you. It's the same question, Mr. Pietenpol, that I had for Mr Kadlec, you are from Suamico and I apologize. I missed the earlier gentleman from LOA. What is Suamico doing to help address the situation?

- I don't know what's Suamico's doing, I would say a Suamico does not to my knowledge does not have nearly the issue that that Green Bay or Brown County in general does. And that's in part because Suamico does not have the kind of services that interest them.

- I appreciate it, thank you.

- You can finish your thought. Mr. Pietenpol

- I was gonna say with that, with that being said when it comes to homelessness with children in particular the Howard Suamico school system has the same kind of issues that Green Bay and many other school systems within our community have.

- Thank you, sir.

- Father Demuth.

- Yes father Paul Demuth four 13 St. John street. So I live across the street from the park and have my the shelters right outside my window here. So I experienced the situation firsthand every time I'm in town. And I couldn't agree more with the mayor and Alderman Galvin in terms of the need for the long-term solution that brings all the parties to the table. It has to have. And I'm I'm. I think that this program that the mayor mentioned has got some real potential is being it's very quiet in what it is doing but I think it is going to have a longterm impact. In the meantime I think we have got to do something this summer with the park, and I think John's St John's proposal St. John's shelter proposal is a good one for the interim. There are a lot of people coming to the table and I think it can help bring some organization from the parks department parks committee meeting last week. I heard provider after provider speak about building, trust that until we build trust with with the folks that are homeless especially those that are resistant there isn't even a chance. So it's, it's a first step. And so I hardly endorse the program this summer as well as the long-term solution.

- Thank you, Father.Demuth. other members of the public Ms. Birmingham.

- Good evening, thank you, Mr. Mayor. Good evening city council? My name is Stephanie Birmingham actually no longer a resident of the city of Green Bay due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I have relocated will not be coming back to the city of Green Bay. I am actually living in Door County. I'm very much engaged in quite familiar with the experience having lived for five years in Green Bay, I lived at 1900 Murrell street, an Alderman Craig Stevens was my Alder person. Some of you have heard me speak at the previous city parks Minutes of the Common Council

parks meeting and I'm just here tonight as Stephanie Birmingham a former resident, those of you. So I apologize to those of you who are gonna have to kind of hear me express my self. I'm not here to speak about blue gage park program but just to ask that we really be mindful when we're talking about individuals experience with homelessness that we are mindful about the language that we use. So terms like resistance or refusing to engage. I just asked that we come from a trauma informed perspective and ask perhaps why might they not want to be engaging and recognize that the individuals that we're speaking about who are these unsheltered individuals are likely also people with disabilities and there's someone who has a physical disability. I'm very mindful that it's important. That language matters words that we use matter. And Alderman Wery to your questions about what are other municipalities and areas of Brown county doing. I think it's a, it's a fair question at the same time. I can tell you as someone who doesn't drive and never drove I wouldn't live anywhere outside of Green Bay because if I wanted any type of service or anything I'd be foolish to do so because the services are concentrated in the city. So by nature of the way, systems and infrastructures are established, that's the way it is. So I just asked that as communities and as people who are looking to find solutions that not only do we be mindful of our language but we also do some self-reflection about our own biases and our own isms, ableism, racism, sexism, homophobia because these things are also entrenched in the systems that I believe are the actual barriers that create the housing insecurity. It's not necessarily just about the people but it's about the institutions. So I just ask that we be careful about how we talk about the problem. Thank you.

- Thank you, Ms. Birmingham,. Any other members of the public. Mr. Peters member of staff?

- Yeah and it wasn't too sure what hat which hat I should wear here, but I'll, I can wear my staff hat as a I'll be speaking to most of the conversations that I've I've been in when I've been on the clock. So I'm well will Peter's neighborhood development specialists with the city of Green Bay? My position is housed in the department of community and economic development. And just this past July, when I accepted a new position with the city, from my, my former position part of my responsibility or tasks was to be more present and engaged in the conversations surrounding homelessness in Green Bay. It's, it's been clear that that's a priority for the city as it affects many of the services our departments provide. So early on in, in the beginning of my position and my time getting my hands dirty in this topic we were tasked with by both, you know, the city and also with the service providers in the community with, you know trying to develop a strategy to not have a repeat of what happened last summer in St. John's park. I mean, that's really what, what we're trying to do here. And what this program is trying to do is to mitigate not solve. We're not looking to solve. I've learned from a lot of conversations that I've been in regarding homelessness. I've learned that I've continuously had to repeat to myself that it's not my job or our job to find the silver bullet or the solution at this meeting. It's homelessness, because it is such as many of, you know a very deep rooted issue with many layers that really requires all hands on deck, everyone, you know, to to Alder Wery's points earlier and requires Green Bay all the way Brown County to appear all to be at the table centered and focused on this issue, which those conversations as the mayor said earlier are happening. But again, I just, I wanted to emphasize the the fact that St John's winter program is gonna be ending May 30th. New cap also has a program that's going to be ending on April 30th as well. So there's this potential again, to have this influx of homeless neighbors on the streets and in St. John's park, where we just don't want a repeat of what happened last year. So by I can understand and respect that the wish to hold this. And so we know that Brown County is at the table and what they're going to offer, but I, again I feel like we've been, our backs are kind of up against the wall under the clock here. You know we're trying to begin to develop this temporary solution or a potential solution again just to mitigate the issues that presented themselves in the park this last summer. So I do think it's possible to to do both, you know, to again cause this program is temporary and it's also a pilot. So this program can be revisited at any point. If staff feels, if Alders feel that this just isn't going right to to take a look at at what those issues are. But in order to, as as officer Paul Vanden Handel mentioned earlier in order to ensure a hundred percent in or as much buy in,

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as we can get from the homeless population that you know utilizing our park and that we'll be utilizing this program it's important to have this program in place before those shelters let out on April 30th so that it can be a smooth transition. So I, I would argue in, in support of having this program start, but at the same time ensuring that we are having County members representatives at the table and I can speak just through. So I also have on the governing board for the Brown County homeless and housing coalition I also have been attending the hot and basic needs meetings with officer Paul Vanden Handel also the families committee and advocacy committee as well for the Brown County homeless and housing coalition. On top of that there has been a staff committee that has been formed with representatives from the department of community economic development, the police departments parks and the mayor's office, and also Brown County. So the director of health and human services our crystal is part of that committee and Eric and also other staff members from Brown County health and human service have been present at the County homeless and housing coalition. So there are folks starting to gather around the table and I, those conversations are happening. I just, in fact, after the parks committee last week you know, I was on the phone with Eric pretzel saying. Hey, you know, we need to chat. We need to start talking and, and exploring, you know what possibilities what's, what's out there, what can we do? You know, what's on the table what's possible. And what are the limits, you know, of the County? Where are they stressed? Where are they strained, where that the city and other municipalities, including alleyway at Schwab and under peer can lend a hand and to speak to, to the peer. I do know that they just recently as story I'm sure somebody we've read in the news that they hired two mental health professionals officers similar to, we have on our departments in Green Bay that are now going to be attending the hot and basic needs outreach team meetings that officer Vanden Handel chairs. So again, folks are starting to get, this is happening. So I think these conversations and I think we can be bringing these folks around the table simultaneously, you know as we're getting this program in place again. So we don't have that repeat of the issues and the high volume of police calls that we had last summer which had been a strain on our resources here. So we don't have that again. So we don't have a repeat. So I think I've said most of what I needed to say, but I'm willing to answer any questions that anyone may have.

- Thank you Mr. Peters

- Mayor I got a question.

- Yes, go ahead Alder.

- Okay, thank you, mayor. Will thank you for, for that. I, I had, I was prepared to bring up a resolution about all this. I'm not a resolution, but a communication after this meeting, but it sounds all the Galvin touched on a lot of it, sort of the mayor. I'm just wondering of, you know, one of the issues that we've had seems to be aspiration bus fare, things like that, some of the communities around Green Bay don't have bus. So I I'm just hoping, I would think that that'd be part of the discussion as well.

- It is, you know, and I, and I, you know then to add onto that and an officer Paul Vanden Handel can speak to this as well. You know, so we have here, we have this, this proposal this engaged program to, to help mitigate the issues and problems that occurred in the park during, you know 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. But what happens

after that? So officer Vanden Handel and I we've been meeting well it's been twice a month with other service providers to strategize and look at, well, what resources do we have available? What's our best option. So, I mean, this is a moving target, you know this is, and again, and it's just, the pandemic has just exasperated is just, it's grown, you know it's intensified the problem as well. So yeah, I, that those conversations are happening. You know, one of the suggestions was, Hey, what about the Brown County fairgrounds. You know, there's a room there potentially but the transportation's, that's an issue. You know, I, I it's Green Bay has a lot of service providers, a lot, has a lot of resources and it's difficult to just move those resources up and lift them into other communities, you know. So I think we kind of have to work with what we have and understand, you know why the population almost population is drawn to Green Bay because De Pere doesn't have the services that we do here you know, and whether that's good or bad it's just what it is. And we have to try to develop a way to work with that and find a way to, to really the best solution I guess or the best strategy to, to address the issue. And again, I don't want it to keep reiterating myself but with, you know, the community foundation and the study that they're currently engaging now with on developing a blueprint for homelessness. And, you know, I feel like there are more folks coming around this table to address this issue as a community issue. You know, not just Green Bay it's a community issue and as Green Bay, we're part of that too. And I know that, and the previous administration before mayor Genrich, you know, wasn't as involved or didn't necessarily want to be at the table as often you know, on this issue as maybe it was needed or required to be, to be an active player. So I, I just, I just want to end by saying that the future looks bright. I mean, I'm really optimistic and, and seeing the attitude and the folks that are coming around the table to try to address this problem in our community.

- I just say one other comment the whole thing, thanks for that Will. That was well informed and some good some good things there. I just wanted to mention, you know all those scandals been involved in this. So all the Burnett and I were involved in this situation seven, eight years ago. So we're, you know, there are a number of full time council that have studied this issue of homelessness. And we worked on trying to get a resource center and the Michael's center is there. And also a number of us that worked on this in the past so. I think some of the frustration we find is that the city you know, everything seems to fall on Green Bay, you know and it's just because, like you mentioned, we over resources, we have transportation, we've got a number of other factors that are here, but as Alder Gerlach. And so I think it would be important to have the County involved in assaults like they already are. So I'll be very much willing to look at that a little too. He was involved heavily seven years ago with all this. And I know he's putting in a ton of time with us and I commended him highly, you know for everything he's done. Mr. Pietenpol as well. And so anyway, that's all I have right now. And I appreciate your effort.

- And I, I don't want to, I always want to say I'm not discounting any work that any of the elders here have done in the past. I know that a lot of you who've been on served graciously have served, you know, a number of years and have, you know, addressed numerous issues and projects and programs around homelessness in Green Bay. And I can understand the frustration, but I just, you know I like, again I said, I just want to say, I'm I'm optimistic with the folks that are coming to the table around this issue and the conversations that are happening. And hey, look, if there's a silver bullet, you know if somebody had the solution, I'm in. I think we wouldn't be here right now talking about this. So I just, I think it's the right people need to be at the table and the right questions need to be asked, right. And I, I think it's fair to ask, you know, well what can the County do and what they can what can't they do as a, as a government entity. So I, I just, there's a lot of, I think listening and understanding that yet needs to happen as well from everyone. I think yes.

- Alder Lefebvre this question for Mr. Peters?

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- Yes.

- Okay, okay ahead. I want to know too. Do you know, are the schools also involved in this? Because as we have heard, a lot of the students are homeless and unfortunately they end up being homeless as adults.

- Yes, yes, indeed they are. They are at the table with the Brown County homeless and housing coalition. And I will, I'm going to share some information. Well, I don't know, after this meeting, but for sure tomorrow, I'll send an email invite with the date and time for when the Brown County homeless and housing coalition meets. Cause I'm going to be honest with you. I'm no expert, you know, I, I invited the service providers to this meeting to speak on this because I, I'm not going to claim to be an expert on this issue because I'm not out boots on the ground in the field. Like so many of our, our amazing nonprofits are as we speak but. I have learned so much, you know, in a short amount of time, like I said, I've only been serving in this capacity since July. I have learned so much by just attending the Brown County homeless and housing coalition meetings and just listening. So I'll share the information for when that committee meets, because I know they will certainly welcome any Alder that wishes to attend and, and learn more about what's currently being done to address homelessness in, in Green Bay and in Brown County

- Thank you.

- Mayor.

- Alder Johnson. I just actually have a couple questions for Mr. Kadlec if I could.

- Yeah, you bet.

- Did I say that properly Kadlec?

- Yes, that's correct.

- All right, perfect. So I was reading your, your plan and I presume that you're the representative today for St. John's. So that's why I'm directing these towards you. You know, specifically the plan was calling out individuals who are prone to resist services. My question specifically is how many individuals approximately are we talking about?

- I think I'm trying to look back at what, what it was last summer in the park. We certainly had higher and higher numbers. Paul pulled you have a number of,

- I gave those a little bit already, but that's okay I can go over it again. And top of COVID in late May, we started to see people congregating in and around St. John's park in late May, early June. June the number was 17 total individuals in June. We made housing options for all, but three of those individuals in July. And we, so July 20, August 35, and then the group pretty much sustain that number and above thirties to low forties throughout the rest of the summer into early October. And that was including people that on occasion we did find, but we did give vouchers for emergency hotel vouchers. And I know Newcap had a program going where they did the same thing to people that were more vulnerable. So it's a variety of options. And the thing to realize that, you know we'll touch down is there's no silver bullet there's no, no there's no one size fits all. All people have co-occurring needs. Sometimes it's behavioral health. Sometimes it's say ODA and we have to work with everybody as as different and unique and challenging as they are. And it can take time. And all I know is if we aren't doing anything if we delay this program and we do not engage these folks the way that we can with this program, it's gonna it's gonna make a huge delay. We're probably going down to up having people congregate once again and not be able to take these mitigation steps that can help us place people at an earlier time. And, and having the service providers available at the port allow them to build that trust and rapport with with not just people coming from shelters they don't all come from shelter but it will allow them to build that trust and rapport, encourage, motivate, and mentor and start that right away on April 30th and not wait for the whole summer and delay it. So the sooner we can get involved the better off we would be.

- So it, you know, when I'm looking at two years ago, seemed to have this problem at the park. And then this problem ballooned this past year 2020. I mean, is that, I mean, is that because of COVID or are there underlying things going on here? For example, maybe we didn't we didn't address the problem the same way that we have in the past. I mean, did I mean, did we kind of just let this did we just let this problem grow or did we, you know kind of just turn a blind eye or like what what caused this problem to balloon in 2020?

- I think, I think that was it. I mean, what I did notice from 2019 when we just first started the homeless outreach team effort is we maybe had a group of 10 people in and around the near downtown area. It's ballooned in 2020 mostly due to the fact that many of the service providing agencies were not open to take people in or provide programming. The library was one of those places of call where people would stop, be able to stay at during the day the library was not accepting any any clients. I mean, library users could not stay there during the day. So it allowed more people would be out and about.

- So, so again, recognizing in the report, it was specifically calling out the desire to have programming that will water resistant, you know, to these programs. And we have individuals, for example, with, with with AODA

challenges, you know, perhaps there's some mental health challenges, you know, and and I'm curious if, if right now, again, I'm just I'm referring to the report, right? Where we're right now, a lot of those individuals are hanging out in the park, created a safe space for themselves there. If, if we, you know, set up a park program that's intended you know, to add structure to individuals, perhaps that don't work, you know, we're going to say absolute sobriety is required in the park, working with individuals that have AODA issues. I mean, my, I mean, do we fear that we're just going to push the problem out of the park and then not really have any individuals to service them

- If I, if I can speak to that. So Alderman Johnson, I, I feel like in terms of the sobriety and stuff like that, St John's park, you know, obviously is is a alcohol free park. And fortunately it wasn't utilized that way, this this past summer, and there was drugs and illegal activity that were taking place including sexual assaults and stuff. I feel like by, you know, one of the one of the things that was really clear, right we're, we're about 10 feet across, across the way. And we had openings and we're reaching out to people on the inside of a shelter. I think part of that could be the stigma associated with, you know when I walk into a shelter, I have to really own that. Another part of it, although we have a very, you know our standard for somebody getting in like you could absolutely drink but the rule is you have to be able to provide self care. So we didn't really even have such a high bar to enter into shelter that was set. But we feel like by, you know, moving across the street to meet guests where they are, that's that's where a lot of our transformation I feel like happens is just meeting people where they are building that trust and rapport, bringing services like celebrate recovery to the park, to help with people and sobriety, but also like understanding that this is going to be a park where like we're going to meet you where you're at but we're not going to demand, you know your participation in order to stay in the park. Just the fact that you're there is great. And we are going to make every effort from a case management from a St John's team to be intentional about engaging with those guests and building relationships identifying their goals, no matter how simple they are. We're also going to plan on bringing outreach veteran services and things like that to the parks so that we can get we can eliminate the gaps or people having to go there and bringing services to them to get them connected to maybe untreated mental health. You know, maybe like you said the AODA issues or services, like veteran services where we have so many veterans who are not engaged in veterans services, because maybe they don't they don't want the veteran, you know, program or anything but we can help make those connects for them and move them towards self-sufficiency.

- Okay, thank you for that explanation. And mayor, just one final question. Real quickly too before that, I just want to thank, I mean thank you guys for obviously the, the work that you do with supporting our individuals experiencing homelessness. I know this is, I mean this is obviously a problem that has existed for probably thousands of years, right. And if we're being pragmatic I don't know that a solution is ever to be found. So it's, but one of the things, you know that was mentioned again in the report was talking about accountability, but there really wasn't any depth in terms of what accountability meant or perhaps how you might be re reporting outcomes. Could you perhaps touch on that for me a little bit.

- So with, with accountability pieces, we had, we had twitch as Dan had kind of mentioned an email that was sent out. I'm not sure if that hit parked committee but we are certainly like, you know we're not gonna die on the, on the form. Like whether you choose to sign that or not like that doesn't need to be the thing that defines us. We feel confident with the engage program and we feel like it's going to address you know what we need. So in terms of accountability you could have somebody who goes to the park and just wants to hang out and, and that's fine, right? As long as we're not drinking, we're not doing drugs we're not engaged in illegal activity. That's fine. But the accountability pieces you're not going to be able to move so easily and to St. John's

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Summer Safe Sleep. Whereas if you're engaged in programming in you're attending the workshops and you're engaged with the case management then there's going to be a more seamless process to get you into Summer Safe Sleep. So there's still, there's still something like a reward benefit for engaging in programming. Like we can get you connected into our Summer Safe Sleep program. If you just choose to wanna sit around, that's your choice, we're glad you're at the park, we're glad you're being safe, we're, we're glad to build trust with you and, and hopefully get you that, to that point where you want to engage and, and ultimately move across the street into our Summer Safe Sleep program. But that's kind of, you know that's the accountability piece, I would say.

- Thank you.

- Thanks, Alder. Any final questions for our guests?

- I will make a comment after Mayor, advantaged.

- A question you have for the floor.

- Alder mayor, and mayor, just one question.

- Yeah, Alder, Scannell and then all to Galvin. Question for, I'm saying, oh my God.

- Officer Vanden Handel.

- Yeah, officer Vanden Handel thank you. I couldn't handle it. You could you please share, how many people have moved into the Green Bay area. That from, are they Brown County and Brown County area and how many have moved in?

- Yes, thanks so, about a month ago, this report is from February 8th. It comes from the state of Wisconsin our balance of States numbers. So there's migration data that goes along with this, they track homelessness throughout the state not just in Brown County Green Bay area. So as I mentioned at the park committee meeting from October 1st, 2019 to sorry, September 30th, 2020. During that one year period, they tracked an inflow of homelessness of 119 individuals, 119 individuals into Brown County. I went from Brown County. In

other words, out to the rest of the state, outflow was 143 individuals, 143 left Brown County for other areas in the state. So we took in 119 and sent out 143.

- Thanks officer.

- Mayor, I have a question.

- Just one second, Alder Stevens. Is that all you have Alder Scannell?

- Yes, thank you. Thank you, officer Vanden Handel.

- All right, Alder Galvin and then Alder Stevens.

- Actually, the, the problem last year at St. John's was started back into starting in March. That was when I received the first complaints, that was when I made first contact with, various city departments about the problem out there. But those problems weren't addressed till, September. With the solution being implemented in November after St. John's was open. Our reaction was, was slow and, and wholly inadequate for what was going on. While the city is dealing with over a hundred calls for service at the park, multiple calls for people living in tents and various spots. And again, I don't maybe some people like using the word resistant but is there individuals that are not in favor of accepting help. And for whatever reason, and that's their right not to accept help if they don't want it. And so let's face it, say there's, there's 40 individuals that are identified.

- Alder Galvin, Alder Galvin is this is a question from one of our.

- Yes, I'm working towards the question.

- Okay.

- Let's say we have 40 identified individuals, this year. And I mean, if we can even help five, I think it's a plus. I mean, I do like the program as it's proposed, but this is my issue with some of it. What do we do, if say only

half of those individuals except help. How are we geared to respond? Are we going to wait until next fall to come up with a solution. Now much like what we're discussing here today. We've known about this problem since March of last year and now it's 31 days before we have to start the program and we're asking the city council to approve it or not approve it. This should have been on the board months ago. Okay, so what will the police department, what will St John's, what will the other various organizations do when these individuals and we know they're going, some of them are not gonna want to get on board with this. What happens, when they leave the park. And they end up at the park across from the YWCA or on the near West side, or they end up at the library, till the library opens back up because COVID is not there. So they don't have to hang out at St John's. So he started going back to all the places that used to hang out at, the panhandling, the shoplifting the use of drugs, alcohol, the things that take place in public view of, of our citizens. What is the response for that going to be? We can start with the police answer. And then I'd like to hear what the other organizations have for answers to some of these or this situation. And we know is going to happen, we can't deny it. We know what's gonna happen.

- I can talk about it from an outreach perspective, Alderman Galvin. I mean, I there's nobody that has spent more time out at the park and surrounding area than I did last summer. And we, we worked with every single individual on the list. We, we collaborated with other agencies to work with those people to impact them in the best way possible. They were not all the same people all the time that were causing the problems. We did get people to the next point of shelter, and we did move some people into a placement option that was adequate for them and, and their situation. Everybody's different, it takes time. It is a very challenging situation. So there's difficulty. And last summer we had a challenge of capacity. We did not have shelter capacity to offer many of the people that we worked with. So it was a case by case basis. And we did the best we could. And it is a, a free area downtown. I mean, homeless people are just like anyone else. They are free to use parks and other areas and they can't be restricted just because they happen to be or have this temporary condition of homelessness. So we do the best we can to address them and find, we saw that at that time. I don't know under our chief wanna add anything to the police response?

- Yeah, this is commander Warych. I'd just like to add that we did back in March when this was becoming a problem, I can tell you that we've worked collaboratively, just like Paul explained. And we had an officer daily check-in with them to try to align them with the services that they had. But during COVID going to Alder Johnson's point is this, this exploded on us because of the capacity issues that Paul just explained. So it, it really put us in a, in a bind because we wanna help these people. And it took time to get the cares funding to place these people in permanent shelter. We did not wait until November. I can tell you that we did have many meetings at the police department, either internally and then with the community partners that are somewhere on the city council to help find permanent shelter for these people. Now, the issue then comes down to people that are resistant to shelter. What are we gonna do with those people? I can tell you from a police department's response, that we will be dedicated to help these people and try to get them to some resources that they need. Now, if a person is just resistant, we can't just force them to take the services that, that we think that they should take. They, they have rights and we will do what we can, and whatever we can so that they aren't going to the library or going to a different location in the, in the city. But I can tell you that we will continue to work on this internally and it's not something we're gonna wait for November until the shelters open. So that we can get these people to help that they need.

- Not to argue with you commander Warych, but the the bathroom situation with St John's, the final solution was to install port-a-potties in November. Okay, and I, and I know that's just isn't the police departments issue here. This falls on other individuals too. But my question is, again this is why I'm really pushing hard, get a lot

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more involvement and leadership from the County government. There is a little silver bullet for this, and our society will be dealing with this well beyond my lifespan. But I think we can do better, I think we can be more coordinated. I think we're gonna have several solutions out there, and that has been my push here all along, is I think St. John's, I think Green Bay parked the apartment, I think the police department, I think a lot of the nonprofits and the volunteers are doing great jobs. And I know we have a couple of County people involved with this, but again I'm trying to point out that this is a County problem. We can't take the County services and move it from Green Bay to De Pere or Howard Suamico or the hospitals, or you know, the library and these other institutions that these individuals use that makes no sense. So the bullseye is in Green Bay. And I accept that, but I also accept that as a society, we can do better. And that means getting everyone involved in that table. I understand the mayor is emphasized that he does meet with, with the executive from Brown County on a regular basis. But again, we're up to the right up to the starting line, and we're just getting this program going, and I don't see anything else on the horizon. And that's why I'm asking what happens when we have people that don't want to take part of St John's or they open up again. I mean, you know, we, so we're getting them again. The funeral home, people being accosted in there by individuals. The hotel, Northland, patrons being a costed, people from other shelters sneaking in to the hotel. Business people downtown having issues with these, with these individuals. And again, this seems to put a black mark on homelessness and it showing because again these individuals make such a small percentage of the true homeless pitcher. But they're the ones that caused the most angst in our society. They're the ones that cost us the most in in tax dollars and in private dollars. And so these are the ones I think we need to get more involved with on a County level and not just a city and private nonprofit level, thank you.

- Any questions, Alder Stevens. Did you have some for?

- Yes, thank you.

- Go ahead.

- I don't know who this would be addressed to maybe Matt or the officer. We talk about homeless people. We have X amount coming in X amount going out, but nobody has gave us a number on how many homeless people are currently in Green Bay. Who can answer that question, Matt?

- Yeah, so our current shelter we've got 25 at our women shelter there and we've we have 64 at our men's shelter. I can tell you that each individual is working with a case manager to, and they should have been from November 1st to April 30th working towards a plan when April 30th comes. We aren't guests transition into Summer Safe Sleep. We are gonna have guests who are trans transitioning out into their own apartments, whether it through Newcap or ICS, we are gonna see gas transition to new community shelter as well. But there also, as, as Alder Galvin has alluded, there is that smaller percentage, right. Who have been refusing or not choosing to participate in foreign move and programming. So we are going to see that percentage as well.

- So my question is we talked about 35 by the end of the season last year where did those 35 individuals ended up going, Matt or Paul?

- Yeah, so, so we had, we have a spot in our Summer Safe Sleep program for 35 guests. So we have those spots available for people. At one, we did have people who, as Paul had mentioned, had went and started camping in the park. And we, at one point, we had a situation where we were calling a list of 17 people, many of which were at the park who were again refusing to engage in shelter services.

- Okay, so those 17, when winter came, are they still outside or they go for shelter?

- It could be, it could vary.

- Did you know if they went to St John's or to a different shelter?

- I can tell you that some of, some of them did, some of them do, they, some of them go to shelter. Some of them go to live with friends or family until that situation ends, again a lot of our guests have mental health issues. So they can move in with a family member who the situation's not healthy and the person is back out on the streets. So we certainly see more of the issue in summer because it's warmer outside. And you know, that certainly it's more able to be lived in.

- So out of the 80 people that you were just talking about how many are lined up to move to different types of housing?

- I'm working with my case management in to get, to get an exact count, which at, at a feature meeting where Lexi and I meet with him. And so we've been working on getting that plan in place. I don't have the exact count here today.

- Okay, so my other question is, as I'm going to answer is do we know the size of the population does, Will Peter's known, does Paul know?

- There's a, there's a point in time count Alder Stevens, that occurs twice a year, so.

- What was the count the last time?

- Yeah, somebody might have that Ms. Birmingham?

- Actually, I was just gonna comment to the, sort of how many individuals are homeless. I think, first of all, question to give a absolute concrete answer, the Newcap is the agency that's responsible for coordinating the point in time count that Eric Genrich just referred to. That and yes, that does occur at two different times in the year. And there are different sort of mapped geographic areas that a group of individuals kind of divvy out. And then they go and look for individuals who are sort of at glance, if you will believe to be unsheltered homeless. However, that doesn't give the full picture of the number of individuals who are homeless because, there are more than just St John's homeless shelter. There's also a new community shelter, there's also family shelters. And then there's also hotel motel voucher programs that are are operated as well. So when an individual is not is deemed ineligible for shelter, there's a large number of individuals who are not eligible for shelter for a whole bunch of reasons. And the shelters can explain that. They, they cannot go to shelter. So those are some of the individuals that are also unsheltered. They literally have nowhere else to go. So they often get put up in a hotel or motel, either on the police department's program or Newcap has a voucher program. And I believe house of hope has had, I don't I'm not sure where their full funding is at this point. But they also had a voucher program. So I just, I just ask that we not just look at, oh, well how many people are at St. John's, that's really not the full picture of how many people are homeless. So I just want to just caution us to not get sort of myopic in thinking that well, that's that's the folks who are homeless, so thank you.

- You welcome.

- If I could just add to that. I'm Debbie Bushman from Newcap, currently there's 126, or I'm sorry, 102.

- Miss Bushman, Miss Bushman, if you could just give your address before speaking as well.

- Oh, I'm sorry I live at 6104 County road S Sobieski worked for Newcap in Green Bay. Currently there is 160 individuals on the coordinated entry list. Those individuals could be vouchered at a hotel in shelter or on the street. So that would compass all the individuals that have engaged with anybody on hot team or basic needs, or any of the service providers throughout the community

- Thank you, I'm asking the question because there's thousands of people, or is it hundreds of people that we're talking about? It's.

- Mayor, can I give a partial answer.

- Alder Dorff, go ahead.

- So after 12 years, I was the DPI, Designated homeless coordinator for Green Bay area, public schools. Most of the homeless children lived in the city of Green Bay. We had, when I left that position, 1400 homeless children, there's various definitions of homelessness. There's unaccompanied youth, there's people that are doubled up in homes. There are people living out of their cars. There are people that are couch surfing. There are a lot of definitions of homelessness. So you would have to be really specific Alder Stevens there. Yes, there are thousand over a thousand children that are designated in the city of Green Bay area public schools that are considered homeless, and they obviously have parents. So thousands could be correct, thank you.

- And well, Peter's, I can, I can cautiously try to answer your question, Paul, you can jump in. Cause you've always been, you've always had the more the number of straight than me, but I. So the point in time counts, I participated in that along with other areas, service providers. And that was just a snapshot as Miss Birmingham mentioned, that is just a snapshot in one night out of the year. Well, two nights, but this occurred in, in winter and that particular night I believe it was approximately 24. Two of those individuals were actually out in the elements, right on, on the street. The rest of the majority were in vehicles. So, I mean, they're there that's again to and also the other doors point there is, you know you really look at how you define homeless because there are many folks who are hidden and living in their vehicles or are couch hopping, couch surfing. But in regards to like the spring, we were trying to gear up for trying to prepare for, and Paul you can correct me if I'm wrong here. The number that we've been trying to focus on or the ballpark that we were trying to anticipate is really the number that is, is gonna be left from when St John's reduces their capacity. And then also the cava program with Newcap. We're just going to like assume, well, let's say anticipate that those folks have nowhere else to go when the programs and April 30th. I mean, that's worst case scenario. And I think that's the number that we've been trying to, to anticipate, which is approximately what like 60, Paul, 65.

- Yeah, it at a total. And then on the street unsheltered, I mean, that's that's the number we keep trying to get wrapped around. It is who is unsheltered. In other words, unsheltered, without services at that present time, that we work with tends to be around that number of between 30, mid 30's to low 40's. And again that accommodates those that are recently unsheltered due to no place to stay and no shelter that has our shelter that does not have capacity for them, or that they are just not appropriate for at the time. And any transient people that come into the community which we had last year. So it's, it's combination of those things. It changes over time, it changes weekly, it changes monthly.

- And I would like to add that one of the added benefits of this engaged program is that here we are who are we gonna have St. John's staff onsite, but not just St. John staff. I mean, we're gonna have other service providers other members of the hot reach team out onsite. There's going to be Wi-Fi available there, so that these service providers can bring their laptops, their computers do provide case management onsite if need be. But then most importantly, gather this missing data. You know, the answers to some of these questions that we're asking is like, what does exactly this, this, this population look like? You know, what really is the

who are the folks we name the folks off on our hands, who are the repeat offenders are constantly refusing services. So, I mean, that's really a an added benefit to this engaged program, is to be able to better capture that information. Is that fair to say, Paul and Matt?

- I have a question for Will. So Matt you, you, you say you're bringing these people to the table, and there'll be out at this park. Is there going to be a representative from Green Bay and also representatives of around County being at this park during this time period?

- Well, so the, the, the programming itself in my understanding with reading through the proposal is, is gonna be provided by St. John's staff, With the assistance of the park department as needed, or where that may be. And I know Dan can speak better to that, but as far as, representatives from the city, you know, I don't, I'm sure to pop in and visit. I know I plan on engaging on my off time and some of the program here, because this park is still open to the public. It's not, you know, though that the target audience is, is the homeless individuals that are congregating there the programming itself, and the activities are still open to the public. So, I mean, I plan on being done on my off time just to engage in some of that programming, as far as Brown County, those who were providing case management services and our outreach have this extra opportunity to, to be present there and to be providing some of those services. But I kind of wanna speak for the County. So I, I, you know, I know that that hot and basic needs outreach team, that officer Paul Vanden Handel chairs. What we're been discussing is coordinating outreach efforts, 'Cause we understand that each organization that does outreach specifically to homelessness, does it on certain days, certain times, certain days of the week. So it's very important that we have all the folks at the table are doing outreach. From the service providers from the County, that we are coordinating an outreach effort. And I think the, the, this program engaged St John's will be an added benefits to help coordinate that, and make that outreach more effective.

- Thank you Mr. Peters, any further questions?

- Mayor.

- Alder Stevens.

- No, I'm good at the moment.

- Alder Stevens, go ahead.

- Okay, thank you mayor. This is for a Will or Paul or, or Matt depending. And I had talked to, director today too. And I asked about the business community in the area as well. So I'm just wondering what kind of feedback you've gotten from the area of business community, let's say around St. John's and has it been positive or are there some potential solutions in mind or are we just looking at this you know. I know this was gonna be a program that goes until July at least till it's reviewed again. So that's a couple of months old, and I think that's a fair amount of time to, through, to it all work and all that. But I just want to know, how has anybody reached out or talked to the business community in that area? Some of the current service they may have have?

- And Paul, I mean I can see that James Anderson from the parks department and Alexia Wood from St. John's kind of divided and conquered. So to say they did outreach to all the neighboring businesses, including the school district are that, that how how school as well, but I'll let Matt I'll defer to Matt and Paul.

- I would, I would say for my end, and certainly likes she has met with area businesses and neighbors and, and we do have positive feedbacks surrounding the park. There is a lot of optimism that it will look differently than it did last year. And they're thankful that we're not doing nothing because that would essentially mean a continuation of of what last year looked like. The school was also the principal, there was also supportive of the engaged part programming. So I feel like there is, there is optimism over it, and, and there has been a support. But we do wanna, we do wanna ensure that we are a positive value add to the community and the services that we're offering, offering at St John's. And certainly that we're being good community members and neighbors in the area that we've been placed, so.

- Alder Steuer.

- Oh, that's fine. I'm just, like I said, the only I got a few letters from some folks that were concerned, so it's not a perfect science can I like to so this is an issue I called Johnson. So that's going to be around for quite some time, if it'll ever go away. I I'm thinking that, you know what we had last year, according to all their goal. And that was a very tough, that was a very tough situation with the pandemic and everything on people camping and 131 police calls and all that kind of stuff. So I, I'm thinking of something like this can be proactive and then try to come forward and do some good things. I'm all in favor of seeing something like that come forward. And hopefully in July, if it does work out and everything, that everybody's happy about it we can continue with it. But if not, we can tweak it accordingly. So that's all I have, thank you.

- Thanks Alder.

- Any further comments from the public? Otherwise I would entertain a motion.

- Motion to close the floor.

- Motion made Alder Vander Leest seconded by Alder Dorff to close the floor. All in favor signify by saying, aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose nay? The ayes have it, the floor is closed. Alder Vander Leest.

- Yes, I was gonna ask you Mayor. What are the liabilities that the city would face by getting our park system involved with this situation, with young children early on, you know that might use the park, are the residents there, are they being held hostage? What's going on down there or are they comfortable, what's going on? I haven't heard about anybody, you know mentioning anything about, you know, the safety of of people that live right in that area. And I'd like to hear a little bit about that from any of the people that are involved. On the city staff.

- Yeah, I'm not an attorney. So I would defer to attorney Chavez in terms of liability but director Detroit looks like you have something to say.

- Yeah, I just have, I can comment partially on that. So, you know, last year there was a lot of issues out at the park. We did receive a lot of complaints from the businesses and the adjacent neighbors, in regards to those issues. We're hopeful that this program will actually help alleviate a lot of those issues by having staff at the park for the majority of those days. Those issues I think will definitely be curbed at least during the day. And then in the evening, there'll be an effort by the police department to make sure the park is clear, from allowing people to camp there as they did last year. So if anything we're, we're improving the, the crime and the issues that we had out there just by running the program and having it staffed on a regular basis. But I have reached, I have spoken directly to a few of the business owners, myself. I know assistant director Anderson reached out to a lot of other community members in that area. And in general, the comments that we received were, everyone was concerned about the homeless problem as a whole but they were hopeful that this program could, or at least was a step in the right direction is probably the right way to word it. But yeah, the biggest concern is that individuals would just go to a different park, and on that was the majority of the concerns that were brought up to me, when we talked to adjacent individuals, thank you.

- Thanks director, Ditscheit. Are there comments from council? Floor just to remind everybody, an amendment by Alder Galvin seconded by Alder Johnson. So we should, direct our comments to that amendment until it spend dispense with. Alder Dorff.

- Yes, I wouldn't I'm, I'm in favor of the spirit of the amendment, as far as getting the County involved. I'm not in favor of the portion of the amendment, the ties getting the County involved to this proposal. And I would ask that Alder Galvin and whoever seconded it, would consider keeping the amendment of asking, requesting the con to be involved but not holding this program up for 30 days. We only meet once in April, it's April 20th, this is holding it up, isn't it not in the best interest of the homeless people, of the people planning this out. So it asks you to take that 30 day piece off of the amendment.

- Alder Galvin, would you like to respond?

- Yeah. Actually I've been thinking about that. Like I said, I really think this is a great program. Like I said, at the committee level this is the, probably the, the biggest thing we've done as a city and as a community, through St John's and the other organizations to address this particular group of homeless issue that we face. And, and I certainly don't want to see it die. I'm, I'm trying to get more involvement from our other governmental agencies in Brown County. So here's what I'd like to do then instead of holding it up, is I would like the Green Bay police department in conjunction with the park department. And again, what's gonna be happening is St. John's, to identify these individuals were considered to be resistant or just non-compliant or they just don't wanna change. And I'd like a report done for every EMP meeting through this. We don't have to identify these individuals by name in the report or anything else like that, but I'd like a report done identifying how many contacts we have with these individuals and where. I think this would give us a real good idea of, the impact they're having on our community, where it's happening and like a pin map from the old days. So that we can be more reactive and understand get a better idea. I'd like that I know for every PMP meeting going forward through the, the program this summer. I'd like an end of season report put together by the organizations identifying again, how big a problem or smaller problem is. And, and how effective this was. I mean, how many got pushed, to how many took advantage. How many were able to better their situation And then I'd like a report from the mayor, once a month to see exactly where this group is working with, where they're going and how far they're getting. Because I think if we knew to, I think we need to put pressure on, on, again the other government agencies within Brown County to come up with some solutions and I use the word plural solutions to try and address this issue, thank you.

- Just a quick point on that last one, Alder, you know I am not intimately involved in the inner workings of this group. That's working on the strategic plan to eliminate homelessness, but I would be happy to ask them to present to council. You know, what the work has been to this point, and what the timeline looks like, what are some of the elements of the plan and the work that's been done so that you all have all that information.

- Okay, and, and, and to that end mayor, if you could stress, what, while I understand, I'm just looking at this small imprint of what's taking place at St. John's and those individuals involved there. Well, I understand we can always do better with homelessness on a broad basis. I think Brown County has been Brown County, Green Bay public and private, have been doing really, really well and continue to improve how they're addressing homelessness on a more broad, as a broad issue in this area. So I'm, I'm only interested in this, this small snapshot of individuals that seem to be causing us the most anx, thank you.

- And I appreciate that. I just don't think I'm very well-placed to offer a monthly report on those goings on.

- Okay.

- Point of information, please. Alder Genrich, go ahead.

- So this came out of parks committee is Alder Galvin, now suggesting this is going to protection and policy.

- Well, although it's parts, it's also working in conjunction with the police department. And the police department has had the experience over many years, working with these individuals. And I think they could work in conjunction with the park department, but I think protection policy might be the place better serve to get this kind of information from. Okay, and just a reminder, Alders, I do try to check the queue. We have no speakers in the queue, so.

- There actually are seven in the queue, that show up.

- Yeah, I don't have any here. Oh, there they are. Thank you. So we have Wery, Dorff, Gerlach probably not again.

- Your honor, is Alder Vander Leest going to change his second for Alder Galvin's change in his?

- It was initially a second by Alder Johnson, so.

- Oh, Alder Johnson?

- The question though, would be if Alder Galvin has withdrawn his original amendment.

- Yes, I have.

- Okay.

- But he was speaking for a second, while I was second there.

- Okay, Alder Galvin makes that amendment and it's been seconded by Alder Scannel. We have Alder Wery and then Alder Dorff.

- Yeah, no I wanna talk to, I'm sorry. You can take me off. I want to talk to the main thing, not to the amendment unless that's what we're on.

- Nope, still on the amendment and which has been altered by Alder Galvin, Alder Wery.

- Thank you, Mr. Mayor, as I mentioned that committee, you know I've been, I've been working with this issue as a council member for you know, 18, 20 years, whatever it is. So back when St John's really was more of a flop house and we really wanted them to do offer programs which they now do and do it, you know, spectacular. The council has said for a long time, it's a County issue. We need other cities to help inform our mayor, had tried to reach out in every way possible and found no help coming. So I wish you well in your efforts, I'm not real hopeful about it, but I think as long as we keep dealing with it, they see no reason to help. And it is interesting that of the people who spoke tonight, we heard from De Pere, Alloway, Suamico, Darke County and only really one who lives in Green Bay across the street. Who thought it was a great idea, to designate a city park as a, as a recreation area. I think we all received, or at least some of us comments from two local businesses, you know, a funeral home in a in a law department who sends us apart really is the exit. And on-ramp, you know to the downtown coming off Mason street. And for a while there wall admit, it looked pretty bad. Nobody wants that in their entryway. We heard from at least I did, from a daycare who had concerns. They would be, always used to bring their kids to this park to play. But last year they had to tell them the park was busy. And so they had to find other places to go. And even though those residents and those kids that, you know, they own this park they shouldn't have to be scared away from something that they've enjoyed for years. And then we've, I've heard from residents who live nearby who think there's gotta be a better solution. And so I'm not gonna vote for this amendment or the original. I know I did a committee, but due to the outreach I've had since then, and rethinking it, I think we need to, whatever that magic number is 10, 20, 30, 40 people who were resistant to help, as a community, we do have rules that need to be followed. And if they're gonna, not gonna want to abide by those we need some tough love and they can't, take over public amenities. And so I'm gonna vote no on either one. I think we can do better. I applaud those who were working on this, but I don't like just performing, thanks.

- Thanks Alder, Alder Geriach, on the amendment?

- I wasn't asking you to speak on the amendment. I've been willing to speak on the, package.

- Okay, very well, Alder Scannel.

- Yeah, no.

- Alder Brunette.

- Yeah, thank you, mayor. Alder Galvin, maybe clerk Jeffries or Alder Galvin can clarify what the amendment to the motion was. I'm a little unclear.

- Yeah, I mean, Jeffrey's that a better job interpreting my rambling. Actually, what I'm looking for is a, but PD on these individuals that have been identified at, as being resistant. And I'm looking for calls for service on these individuals. To get a better idea of the impact they're having on our community. And then I asked the mayor for a monthly report, but I guess if he could get someone from this organization working on long-term solutions, to come and address the council on on what they're working towards as it pertains to the, these program or programs to address these individuals that are considered to be not wanting to better their situation in our community.

- And then I think you asked for an end of season report?

- Yes, I'm sorry, yes, in a comprehensive end of season report, kind of putting together all successful was this Summer program. And also again, documenting from more from a police perspective, fire perspective that kind of thing, the impact these individuals have had on our, on our community. Even from the Brown County jail would be a place to check. And, and some of those other agencies to see how involved they did get involved with our community. So we again can have a better idea of moving forward. What exactly we're talking about dealing with.

- Trying to run out of ink with that motion.

- Yeah, I know.

- I'll summarize things. Basically an incident report at every PNP meeting, as long as the program is ongoing and end of season report delivered to council at the end of season, and then a presentation from the center for supportive housing and the steering committee that's involved in this effort. Does that do the trick Alder Galvin?

- Yes, thank you so much, I appreciate that.

- I'd like to ask Alder Galvin, is this his district, that the park is in his district?

- No, this isn't my district, St. John's is my parish. In fact, I just had my grandson at that park playing two weeks ago. You know, I grew up there. My family home was just three blocks from there and I am concerned. And also, ever since I was on a police department I've been very concerned about the homeless situation, in the greater Green Bay area.

- Right, I mean, I'm agreeable to that amendment, but we're gonna have a vote on the main motion. Is that correct, Mayor?

- Ultimately, yeah.

- 'Cause I do have questions for the city attorney that kind of a carry over from the parks department questions that I raised there. Would you like me to ask those now or wait till the for the.

- We can wait until this amendment has dispense.

- Okay, all right thank you.

- Did we have a second for Alder Galvin's new motion? Alder, Alder Scannell has a second time.
- Okay.
- Mayor, just once a point of order.
- Point of order, Alder Steuer.
- Yeah, I just wanted to ask, Alder Galvin, is then Alder Dorff had brought it up too as far as the timely timeliness of this, as far as you know, you want to delay this program right now, or do you want to, I mean.
- Well, I dropped that portion.
- You dropped it, okay, I'm just checking.
- Okay, thanks.
- I see Alder Dorff, I see you nodding your head, thank you.
- Thanks Alder Steuer. We have Alder Johnson, and although the favor on the amendment.
- Thank you, Mayor. So after listening and engaging in some conversation here with some of our community stakeholders on this issue, you know, I was, I was supportive of Alder Galvin's original amendment and that's why I put a second on there, because I felt like there were a lot of unanswered questions and then understanding the importance of that transition. And understanding the problem that we're authentically trying to solve here and how important that transition is to solving that problem. So that's, that's what's kind of making me backpedal a little bit too, and that's the importance of having members of the public come in and speak at these things. So, but Alder Galvin one thing, you know that that was kind of lost from your original amendment that I would love to incorporate into this one is that piece about County accountability. So I'm okay with us removing the piece that says, we're gonna hold up the program until the County, you know, steps

up to the plate here. But we have this expectation that the way the original motion was worded that this would come back to the parks committee in July for a report or an update. That's, that's basically 90 days, right. That 90 days for us to engage in the County. It's, it's not enough, in my opinion for us to just say the counties at the table. I mean, we heard a multiple people say that and that's wonderful that they're at the table. It's not enough, we need investment. This is a Brown County problem, in the city of Green Bay is bearing the expense. We need County investment. And so if, if in, in it if Alder Galvin, if you're open to that, I mean, I would love to have that July report come back with some tangible recommendations of how the county's going to invest in this problem.

- And, and I agree with you and that's, that's my main thrust here all along, is I, I can't say enough how impressed I am with the work Green Bay has been doing. And the private sector has been doing, it's the County that's lacking and how to pressure them into getting more involved. And that's why I was hoping if the mayor had been selling from this organization, this group, that's getting together on homelessness to come and address our council. And we'd be able to do some questioning back and forth with them and discussion about this, this particular issue as, as it affects our community.

- So that would be my request, Alder Galvin, if you're willing to modify your motion in the seconds, willing to accept it is that, is part of that list of outcomes you created, that one additional outcome be put on there. And that is a tangible, tangible points of.

- Point of order.

- Yeah, all the points that Alder Galvin brought up relate directly to this program, but it's being discussed now. And I was gonna bring this up as soon as I got the chance is really a separate communication. It's not part of this and you, it's a bigger issue. It's really not involved with this program at all. So I think it's inappropriate to try and squeeze something into this program. That's got nothing it's not related to it at all. This deserves its own communication, of how the city wants to know what the county's doing, and what the company is going to do. And it's really not, it's nothing to do with this program.

- Well, in a way it does because without the colonies involvement and more so than what they're already doing, like we said, there, there is no silver bullet to solve this problem. But I think we're gonna be back here again, next spring and the spring after that, and what's gonna happen is I think we'll have some successes, so everyone becomes at peace and we forget about it. Until it boils up during the next pandemic or economic downturn. And so I think that we need the, keep the heat on this. And that's why I'm asking for the annual updates during the program for the year end review and why I was asking for a presentation by the County about where they're going. And I think that what Alder Johnson is doing is just putting out more on, on the table sooner in July than maybe July, August, September, October, November. And then we forget about it again. So by putting a date on it, inviting them to come and address us. And at the same time, we'll probably be getting a report or have gotten a report at committee level, that this will keep it as a hot button item for us to keep working on. So that we can try and hopefully come up with some solutions again that will ease some of these problems.

- If you may, if I need that, I think that's why it needs its own communication. Programs come and go. But this is the what we want be, asking for that connection with the County, that should be a constant. So that's why I believe it needs its own button and it should be its own communication and its own issue. And that we, and we won't lose it if we're not, if we're not tying it to any program that can come and go. That really is a separate issue. I don't see it connected to this and I, I don't want it to be somehow become a burden somehow to this program, or also get lost because this program, for whatever reason we ended up moving on from it or whatever.

- Well, I, I guess I would ask Alder Scannell, that you indulge me on this and if you can support it, and at the end of the season, we see where we're at and we can take this forward to work on through the winter, as a separate issue.

- I second your amendment. So I do support your amendment, I'm just, Alder Johnson wants to add onto it. And that's, that's what I'm really kind of addressing.

- Well, I, I don't know if it's so much as adding on is it just clarifies further, what I had asked the mayor to have this committee do, which was to address the council. I just think that Alder Johnson with, as soon as we're asking him to address, the council on a specific date and time in July, instead of waiting for them, maybe like I said, it could be an August, it could be a September, December 2022, 2023.

- Yeah, and a point of information on that too, Alder Scannell I'm not looking for, for the County to come back in July with how they're going to help us tangibly with all homeless issues. It's this particular segment of the population this program is designed to serve.

- All right, maybe I'm swinging here. I just want to make sure that.

- Yeah, appreciate it. We won't put in too much onto this program or, all right.

- Yeah, appreciate the point of order. And I, I would just say on the, you know, on this request of the County, we can certainly make that request and I'd be happy to have the conversation with the County executive and other leaders at the County. But you know, there's been a lot of finger pointing directly at the County for, for good or ill. That doesn't oftentimes incentivize partnership. So, you know, I, I don't know how willing they're going to be to come in here and, and be beaten up. So I would just, you know encourage us to have an open mind about, the partnership that has developed with the steering committee. That's as I said, how is that the community foundation in partnership with United way and city and County. 'Cause I think if enter into it with

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an open mind hearing what the plan is and in the future you know, hopefully we'll we'll have a good feeling from council on it.

- And Mr. Mayor, I apologize if it seems like I was finger-pointing, I just, I just think that this is a situation. It should be more addressed by the County, in that they have the human services, you know, body and we do not. But yeah no way shape or form, and I don't want, and I certainly don't want it to be a finger pointing or or an adversarial thing 'cause we work better together than we do against each other, so. And, and it's, like I said, it's a community problem. So it's, it's, that's all I'm looking for, thank you.

- Absolutely, Alder Lefebvre on the amendment.

- Yes, I want some clarification being on the protection and policy, who, who is going to be doing the report to us. 'Cause we have, we have a couple other three, four other different groups working on this. I think they would, Alder Galvin, would that be, you're saying the police, I thought you had mentioned the police would, would they be the ones reporting to us?

- Well, at the end of the season, I think it'd be better if the police work together with park and St John's put together a comprehensive report at the PMP. I'm just looking on numbers. How many numbers, how many individuals are we looking at? How many contacts are police and fire having with these individuals, you know either through the police, fire, Brown County jail that kind of thing

- But are we gonna have three or four, people coming to our committee, meeting reporting.

- And only the police department would be, just giving us a kind of a light number report. And then why don't we go to a commander work real quickly on that to see if that, if that makes sense to deliver sort of an incident report at end each PMP meeting, as long as the program is, is going on?

- Yes, we could provide that report, but the report, you know the number of people resistant to shelter changes per month. So in June of last year, there were 17. July there were 20, August, there were 35, September there were 36, October there were 47. So if it would be extremely time consuming to track that a hundred and over a hundred people on all the calls or service, everything that tracked them because we don't do that. We don't, we can track calls for service, but we can, we don't necessarily track people. Now, the ability is there, we can do that. So I guess I would look and, and Alder Galvin and I can talk offline to nail down exactly what you want for the PMP. If you want numbers like that, I'll work with Paul to, Paul Vanden Handel to get those numbers and provide that to the protection and policy committee.

- Okay, well why don't we just talk commander work after this and this week?

- [Kevin] Yeah, we can do and, and and we can track people because the the CAD system has the ability to put an alert on when Kevin Warych is run. We did that many years ago and, and I know that that is very time consuming.

- Okay.

- So just to summarize what's before us Alder Galvin, we have the regular incident reports delivered at PNP, we have the end of season report delivered to council and then another report by July from this steering committee, in terms of, you know, what what the status of the strategic plan to eliminate homelessness is.

- Yes, and again, only as it pertains to this, this small area of homelessness issue that, that basis. Okay, I mean, I think it might be of some benefit to.

- Like maybe get an overview of the pitcher? Sure, absolutely.

- Okay, okay, and then we had a second from Alder Scannell, any further debate on that amendment? Seeing none all in favor, signify by saying, aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay.

- Nay.

- Nay.

- Cheers, the ayes have, it will be like a board vote or.
- Let's do it.
- Okay, we'll use the board on the amendment
- Vote has started.
- And that amendment succeeds eight to four, entertain a motion to adopt is amended.
- Move to adopt is amended.
- Second.
- Motion made to adopt as amended made by Alder Dorff. Second, by Alder Scannell. We have a few folks still in the queue, Alder Wery.
- Well, I was going to speak, but I could do a few comments of course.
- That's, that's always the worst intro.
- Well, why not?
- Go ahead.

- I really do think there's a better option that we could find. I think when we're, when you really boil it down to it, there's 10, 20, 30, 40 people who are refusing services and they are really dictating to the city how this park is gonna be used. I think you're gonna find that the people who, don't want the services are not gonna go there, because they're not gonna want to be pestered about it and reminded about it. And they're gonna go to other parks, and we're gonna be hearing reports from Jackson Square, asked her along the trail on the river. We're gonna be hearing other things. So, I just think it's a well intention like not going to be fruitful, thanks.

- Thanks Alder, Alder Geriach.

- Okay, I'm gonna claim a little credibility about homelessness too. I lived before I came back to Green Bay in 2018, I lived for 10 years in Seattle. It was the Mecca of homelessness in the Northwest. It's interesting because I never thought, of the homeless problem when I lived amid homeless, and I was not homeless, but they were always my neighbors. And I worked in a building in literacy. The first floor was used as a shelter for homeless veterans every night. And when I be gonna work in the morning, they been we got to know each other and you know we got to recognize each other on the street. I just, it was just a different feeling. So I believe I have a little bit of credibility, about homelessness and I know the speakers we heard tonight. I know father Paul demons, I know Larry Connors, I know Stephanie Birmingham. These are consummate professionals. I have tremendous faith in them. You know, Will said, Will Peter said to us, it's not a silver bullet. And I think that's what you seem to be asking for, a perfect solution. This is a pilot program. I support, and I support it enthusiastically. And I think that we're working so hard on measuring every little bit of possible progress. We're forgetting that this is a program, about human beings who are facing tremendous, tremendous challenges. You know, I have to say in my almost a year as an Alder, this is the first thing probably that we've dealt with that reminds me of my teaching career long ago. And you just can't measure the success of a human being, you know, always in, in tangible and, and logical objective terms. I have faith in our police department. I sit on the parks committee. I have great faith in our parks staff. I believe that we need to say, not what is Brown County doing, what are they doing into pure, what are they doing in Suamico? But rather say, maybe we have a good solution that we could start with here, and let's go forward with a positive attitude and let's see if we can show them the way. It's not gonna be perfect. You know, if the people don't engage, and my answer to that would be, well that means half the people have engaged. That's a different way of looking at it. Yeah, you got a tough audience. You can have of them to engage. That's pretty darn good. We can wait for a provable solution that we can measure. We can measure success objectively, or we can recognize that this isn't going to be perfect. They will be trial and error, there will be mistakes. You know, I will just share with you a little story about expectations. And as I said, this reminds me of being a teacher. I can remember in my very first year teaching when I was 21 years old, which was 50 years ago I know realize. I had a young man in my drama class. And I think his name was Gary. And he had really long hair, and he always wore it across his face. And he never took off his jacket in drama class. He always kept it on. And it was kind of weird, and he was kind of an unusual kid. And I finally realized that he was protecting himself. He was hiding his face behind his hair and he was keeping his jacket on to protect himself. And I said to myself, I never said it out loud but I said to myself, if I could get him by the end of the semester to take off his jacket. I mean we were doing all kinds of scenes on stage and he was always wearing a jacket. And I thought that would be success. He played in the band, and I I'm trying to remember what he played but I can't remember. And it was 50 years ago. And I will tell you that at, toward the end of the semester, we had a scene where we did a parade. We were everybody joined in the parade as we went around the stage, and they decided how they were going to be in it. Were they gonna play an instrument, where they're going to be part of the drill team, and one by one they entered in. And I will tell you that Gary took off his jacket that day. And that was success for him. We're not talking about, we're just not talking about objective success here. We're talking about people who are facing challenges. We keep talking about them being resistant. Well, of course they're resistant. As a teacher I sure

had a lot of students who were resistant. I understand that. But I just hope that you'll open your hearts and open your minds and realize that this is not the same thing as paving a road, thanks.

- Very well said, Alder. Alder, Scannell.

- Thank you, your honor. I would just like to say that, you know we are the third largest city in the state. We are, we've had a homeless problem, since at least the 80's. That's I think when the first homeless shelter opened up. This is a problem we we've got no matter what. Whether anybody is coming from outside or whatever we've got this problem, we got this issue. And for me, it's a practical solution. What do we do? Do we provide services, we know when we provide services, things are everything's much healthier and better. The problem this past year is COVID-19 has nest huddles and serve there's been a breakdown. And we've seen the results of what happened, when people aren't getting services, when their needs aren't being met. And we're still in the middle of that. So this program I see is a positive step into trying to pick up some slack for services. The more services we can offer, the better for as individuals and the better for our community. And to think that if we don't want for this program, well now the daycare center can go to this park, your kid. The only way that these centers can be able to get to that park, is if we offer these services and we're addressing people's needs. Otherwise they're gonna be trying to build up another encampment. We're gonna be overwhelmed, like we were. This, this year and people are gonna be all over. This is at least a step in the right direction. And we will have some positive, good outcomes which is better than no positive outcomes. We will have some control and supervision over that part, which is much better than no control over the supervision over that part. So for me, this is a very practical and humane solution, and, and everything, everything else we've discussed guests there's bigger issues here and everything. And that's that, I'm just, I'm what we're doing right here right now. And I fully support going forward with this. It's gonna be much better for us, having this program, than not having this program, thank you.

- Thanks, Alder. Alder Lefebvre.

- Yes, I just want to mention that, you know if we don't start somewhere, nothing's gonna get done. So this is a start, let's see what happens. We're gonna have our reports, which I think is important too. So we understand what is gonna work, and what's not working. And I think that St John's, has been working on this homeless thing a long time themselves. And they're seeing the problem right there, and they wanna make it better. They wanna make it better for the community. All those people who live around, and who work around the St John's, and this is where they were conjugating last year and causing all the problems. And so this is a place to start and some where, maybe some of them move to some other parks, because as you said some people, they've been homeless for so long. Their problems are so ingrained in them. It is hard for them. But those are the ones that we're going to try to work on. We're gonna try to get these people, the help that's needed. And yes, it is a big problem. And I'm on the County board and I will talk to Mr. Pretzel human services, and I'll see, I'll put some pressure on them too. But this is it's kind of a Green Bay situation, 'cause we have the homeless shelters here in Green Bay. We got the services here, and it does take money. So we'll see what we can do on that end. But like I said, we have to start somewhere, or it's not gonna get solved. We are just gonna push the, the situation off somewhere else. I was just gonna get worse at St. John's park. So let's work somewhere, let's stump thing and I think this is a good start, thank you.

- Thanks Alder, Alder Burnett.

- Thank you, mayor. I won't repeat the comments I made at the parks committee. I'm generally in favor of this program especially since ever review it at the mid point five. But I do have a question for the city attorney. The question I pose the committee that I mentioned that I would bring up here, is has the law department reviewed this from a constitutional standpoint, the city getting in any trouble, you know, you know with public accommodations, possibly having people signed some sort of document of code of conduct that was discussed, at the committee level attorney Chavez, are you on the line? Can you answer that.

- [Chavez] Yeah, director, I did speak about this, and the approach where somebody would be signing in to enter the park has been rejected. So that's not even an issue anymore. And that was the only time we were discussing that it would potentially need to be leased out the entire park. So that it was really them running the program. And anybody coming in is subject to that program is binding in. Here what we have discussed and what we ultimately landed on as being the most appropriate method, moving forward, at least from the city perspective would be having them run it at the park, knowing that it's still just an open park. So there's nothing that's prohibiting people from entering. They are just, they're running their own program. The program is there, is it's not the city. So there's no issue with this, the constitutionality of that. It's just like any other program to tell them the park at this point. And from the city's perspective, we put a pool, we would probably recommend putting up some reminders of what the rules are, like posting the rules in the park. So that it's clear to everybody, coming in exactly what is out there for them to obliged, obliged by. And then if anybody fails to follow those rules, we would treat them the same way we do anybody else who's in one of the city parks. So with that, there is.

- Go ahead, I'm sorry.

- [Chavez] I spent with that, There's just, there's no issues that have arisen.

- Okay, one last question, and thank you for that. Looking into that with director did, I appreciate it. In the equal rights ordinance that the city passed. Is there any protected class in regards to, you know whether actual or could be closely linked to the unsheltered, homeless, any protected class that, if they don't follow the rules that they would be asked to leave the park? Is there any concern with the ordinance? The City council

- [Chavez] I would have to go look the ordinance to see exactly enacted, but no. This is not, the purpose of the order of the anti-discrimination ordinances essentially, is essentially to avoid discrimination. But when we're requiring everybody who comes to the park it's all the same set of rules. We're not acting discriminatorily. We are just enforcing rules that everyone, regardless of their status in in any class would be obligated to, to abide by.

- Okay, so every user, to the park does not have to sign anything. I mean, there's no signature required at this point. That's correct? [Chavez] Correct.

- All right, thank you, attorney Chavez, appreciate it. No other questions, mayor.

- Thanks, Alder, Alder Johnson.

- Thank you, mayor just a couple of questions. You know, when we have these individuals who participate in the programming, during the daytime what happens to these folks at night? I mean the park closes at 10, will, they. I mean, assuming that they're resistant to shelter stays as well. Are they, I mean, will the park be closed down, and will they be asked to disperse? How does that work?

- I can answer that.

- Yes, Alder Ditscheit go ahead.

- So what the program, the, the hope is that most of the individuals at the park they'll be able to place and offer places for people to locate at night, and for the individuals that, either don't want to do that or resist that, we would work with the police department on a case by case basis to to work with those individuals to help them out. And I guess I would refer to officer van Handel, to give you more specific response to that question, as far as how you would address those individual issues.

- Sure, and officer van handed before you answer. The reason I asked the question of course is because this is, presumably the problem we're trying to solve. You know, so I, I just wannabe sure that, you know we're not creating, creating another problem, when we're trying to solve a problem.

- Did I understand that we're gonna mitigate the unsheltered homeless issues in, in and around the downtown area by doing this program. Because I think over time people will feel more, more able to engage. I don't think we are going to eliminate an unsheltered homeless population entirely. We are going to have those that due to their, whatever the certain circumstance that they have, they, they will not, will not engage in what we're offering at the time. So it's going to be a situation where we got to continue to work with these type of instill, those individuals that are a little more problematic and re and resisted potentially that that is not a problem. Every community goes through what we're going through. That like was said earlier, I think by will it's it's not a

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quick fix. I mean, the statistic is really people that enter into permanent supportive housing, it takes and these are people that answer into a housing situation a solution like this, it takes six months to a year for people to actually engage in treatment after that even happens. So we're dealing with people at this, what they call a pre contemplated state. They, for the most part are not thinking about con or contemplating taking action and making changes. That is something that happens in every community. And we will work with those folks as best as we can, and it will be an ongoing effort and that's all we can do.

- Okay, and I appreciate that, and it's, I just hope it's one of those things that you know, we can be, that we recognize. I mean, if we're just being honest and transparent, we all know why we're having this conversation. It's to ensure that we don't see what happened last summer replicated this summer. And, and I think, you know, I just, I, I, that we're alert to that and that if, if there are things, you know that are starting to propagate once again. You know, that that we're willing to be aggressive on the front end you know, to ensure that this just isn't a recycled challenge. Director is, now I know that there's an agreement duration that's listed in here to go through November 1st of 2021. But in the, in the proposal, it talks about short-term and long-term planning, including planting of trees, installation of a stage community gardens, lights on the basketball court. I mean, is, is this a one-year term to solve a challenge or is this anticipated to be a permanent long-term solution?

- Yeah, and I clarified this at the parks committee. This is a trial basis of one year. We'll we'll evaluate it and then we'll revisit it again next year. And if it's successful, and the city council and parks committee would like to move forward for a second year, we can. If not, you know maybe there'll be other programs that will come out of this discussion that we're having tonight that can maybe take the place of this. So, a short answer this is a one-term or a one-year approval.

- Okay, and, and that was important to know 'cause otherwise I was going to propose a sunset on this. So any potential second year program would have to come before council again?

- Yes, I would bring it forward.

- Okay, and here's where I'm at on this issue. It's, and I appreciate the conversations and the need for compassion and empathy. And fortunately, we don't get to do this in a vacuum. And what I mean by that is, accommodations that we make to help serve some of these folks that are, that find themselves in this position. It's affecting other people as well. And we we've seen that from some of the communications that we've received and from neighbors and business owners, and I'm inclined to support a short term solution to what I hope is a short-term problem. And admittedly, when I came into this I wasn't sure I was on the fence. This conversation really helped. And so when I look at this plan and I see a one-year duration, we recognize a problem that occurred last year. We feel that in one year we can address that issue. We can you know, find a way to work with individuals that are resistant to services, which is what created that problem. And if we can get some of these reporting metrics in place to come back and we can monitor that progress, one of those outcomes by the way that I would really like to see and I'm not gonna make an amendment or a motion I'm just gonna simply request that we look at this, but it's the number of police calls. I think we need to see a

reduction in number of police calls. And I think that should be one of the metrics that helps us determine if this program is being successful. But we steamed it, we also need to be the longterm vision of what this part of our city looks like. And folks, if it, again we have to be honest with ourselves. Investment, doesn't come into areas where, where you have some of these challenges. And so I'm supportive of, of a one-year plan that helps us solve these, these problems that were specifically outlined in the proposal. I'm not sure that I'm supportive of this, as a long-term solution. And I think, and, and I'm hopeful that the group that the mayor referenced earlier is continuing to think about that, including the supportive housing, that officer Vanden Handel had mentioned, because I think that's a really important piece of the longterm solution here. So, I'm gonna support it today, but I, but I really wanna be clear that I, this should not be this program should not move into a year or two. I mean, clearly we'll make that judgment once we can assess, what the situation looks like, but it would be my hope that, you know, we've we've got ourselves into a position where you're too should not be necessary, thank you.

- Thanks Alder, Alder Dorff.

- Thank you, your honor. Well, I'm really sorry to say to you Alder Johnson and the other Alders, this is not a solution. This whole thing is not planned to be a solution. This is an intervention, is an intervention in a problem excuse me, one minute while I close the door, if the dog. Can you hear the dogs barking or not? Yeah, I'll close the door. Sorry, Zoom meeting. So I don't think it's meant to be a solution. They told us when they presented it, it isn't a solution. About homelessness in a year. It's not perfect, but don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. It is a good intervention, I believe that it is going to help. And I want to echo what Alder Gerlach also said about it being, oh, these darn dogs, just one minute.

- Who let the dogs out?

- I've been wanting to say that, but thank you Randy.

- They open door with their nose, silly. Okay, it is a good intervention. I think it will help. I think as the story Alder Gerlach told, it was excellent. You know, for that person taking off the jacket was a success. People just don't kind of find themselves in the position of homelessness. I guess speaking from experience, it's a process. It happens, there's there's generational poverty. And then there's situational poverty, where suddenly you've lost your job. Many people do live from paycheck, check to paycheck. We had a pandemic, we're still in a pandemic that is part of what's causing this. I would hate to have the idea out there, that in one year we are going to solve the problem. We're going to intervene on a situation and make it better than it was last summer. And then we're gonna have to look at what is the next step going to be. I'm absolutely in favor of this program. And I'm really listening, it is not a solution. It wasn't intended to be a solution but it's a step in the right direction. Thank you for bearing with me and the dogs. Sorry about that.

- Thank you, Alder. Alder Scannell, bring us home.

- Yeah, I just have to make a point of clarification that I think, I don't think this program is being designed to deal with certain individuals in our community. These individuals have been in our community quite some time. I've been working, working with these individual, have not personally but working with the agencies that I've been working with this community, these individuals for a long time. The difference is COVID-19, and the disruption in our services, that is the real issue. Here is the service, there's a bit of breakdown in our services. And this is a measure to help step up with those services, to help navigate with those get people back into those services that have been disrupted because of COVID-19. So going forward, this is an engagement program, a process to get people engaged into further services, to get them connected. And it, it could be that going forward. We may end up keeping this program because it's been it turns out to be useful and beneficial. But for me, it's not really the been designed to deal with certain individuals. It's been designed because we've had a problem due to COVID-19 with a breakdown in our services. So that's what I look for this to do is to, just to be step up and help out with that and going forward, once we get through COVID-19 and we can get all those services in place and that taskforce can come forward with their plan, and we can fill up some of the holes in our services, maybe this would still end up being a program we use as part of everything else. But for now I really see it as just helping fill in the need that these other services, we have been the breakdown because of COVID-19, thank you.

- Thanks Alder Scannell. We do have an, an amended motion with a second, or rather a motion to adopt as amended with the second. We've had a lot of discussion, Alder Steuer some final words?

- Just, just some final words. The only, the only date I'm really concerned with is the July date. When we look at what what has gone on for these last three months, up to that point protection of policies more than willing to listen to everybody on this. And I'm, I'm thankful that the County is getting involved and mayor, I appreciate the comments. I appreciate all the comments tonight. Very, very well thought out, Alder Gerlach. I appreciate your comments as well. And when you look at a city or a community where we will not be judged by what the haves have, well what they have nots do not have. So we need to look at everybody. So I'm looking at it as a three month for now to look at it. And then if it works fantastic, if it doesn't we'll have to tweak it or do something different, but right favor, thank you.

- Thanks Alder, all right, so we do have that motion to adopt as amended, all in favor signify by saying aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed, nay?

- No.

- Nay.

- The ayes have it, and the motion is adopted. Thanks to St. John's, to our parks department and to our council for, for a really good discussion. On to personnel committee.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion to approve made by Alder Galvin, seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax. And that's for the report of the personnel committee meeting on March 23rd, 2021. Any items here to be held separately? Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report, please signify by saying aye.

- Aye

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. The ayes have it. That report has been approved, to PNP.

- Motion to approve

- Second.

- Motion to approve

- Made by Alder Stevens, seconded by Alder Scannell. And item's here to be held separately? Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report, please signify, by saying aye?

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. The ayes have it, report has been adopted, sustainability.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion to approve me by Alder Scannell. Second by Alder Gerlach, any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying, aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay. The ayes have it, and that report has been approved. Motion to suspend the rules. Yes, on resolutions.

- Second.

- Motion to suspend the rules has been made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Lefebvre. And, and take up these, these items have one roll call vote items, one through three. All in favor that motion please signify by saying aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed, nay. The ayes have it, the rules are suspended. Entertain a motion to adopt.

- Motion to adopt.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion to adopt, made by Alder Scannell and seconded, by Alder Dorff any discussion. All right, we will use the board.

- [Celestine] I voted.

- Alder Wery, thank you.

- Yes, but I voted yes, but it didn't go through.

- Miss that, that was unanimous, is that correct?

- Yes, it was anonymous.
- Okay, very good ordinances first reading
- Motion to suspend the rules.
- Second.
- Motion to suspend the rules and take up these items with one roll call vote, made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff. All in favor, will signify by saying aye.
- Aye.
- Aye. Oppose, nay, the ayes have it.
- Motion to advance.
- Okay.
- To advanced made by Alder Scannell, and that's to advance items one through, the one through B3 to a second, and final reading. All those in favor signify by saying aye.
- Aye.
- Aye.

- Opposed, nay, the ayes have it. And those have been advanced. To committee the whole, status of the report on the November, 2020 election. And this one is for attorney Chavez.

- [Chavez] Thank you mayor, so a few days ago, I provided an update to the council on the status of my report. As you're aware, it is not final at this point only because I am still talking to people. There are, I was still reaching out to people as of Friday. And I did speak to additional people over Friday and Monday we can say the weekend, but I actually talked to them during the week. And then I am waiting to hear from one final person who has agreed to speak with me but isn't available just yet. And so with that, I wanted to provide you guys with an update that from the discussions that I've had, nothing has changed as far as my opinion of, of the integrity of the election. To all of the city employees who had any interaction with, with central count or at the very least reached out to them give them an opportunity to speak to me. I have reached externally to, to Chris Pesky and Kim Way both of whom who have just declined, or have not responded to my requests. I reached out to Sadie Juno, who, who indicated she had no comments. I reached out to Justin Schmidt Dave Henry and Chad Weininger at the county. All of whom declined to speak with me. And I did speak with Meagan, Richard Radecki and Nathan Judnick from the WEC. And then I am waiting to, I did also speak to the employees at the KI to recruit, to obtain their recollections of events. And then I also am waiting to hear from Michael Spitzer room is fine. And after that, I believe that my report will be finalized or be ready to be finalized. But as I say, I haven't seen any new information, which is, has changed my opinion of the integrity of the election.

- Thank you, attorney Chavez. Any questions from council?

- Alder Lefebvre. This is more of a comment. I just want to, I don't know if some of these other people who are questioning everything that went on with the election. I just wanna make a comment that, our attorneys would never falsify anything because they could lose their license. This is really important for people to understand that what they report is true. They're going to sign a statement, that this is what they have found. This is what, you know, what their investigations are. So we don't need outside counsel, or somebody else do an investigation. If people still want an investigation then they have to bring it forward to the district attorney. Bring your accusations forward to the district attorney please, thank you.

- Thanks Alder, any other comments or questions for attorney Chavez? Okay, seeing none, we will move forward to petitions and communication. Can we have any communications? Alder Brunnette.

- Yes.

- Alder Scannell, is very disappointed with you, but go ahead.

- Okay, I have two and they're they're related. One would be to the finance committee, actually strike that one would be the first is to the personnel committee or discussion with possible action on having an outside human resource department, or consultant review the workplace complaint of the former city clerk and report to the city council. And the second is to finance, who approved the funding, required to have an outside human resource department or consultant review the workplace complaint of the former city clerk in order to report to the city council.

- Thanks Alder. Any other indications? Alder Lefebvre.

- I don't have a communication. I just want to make a comment. There isn't if you haven't put a communication in, recently there's a new form. And if you're not techie, like I am it, I did not get mine in runaway because I could not, I got it into a PDF, took me an hour and a half to figure that out, but I could not send it in. So I emailed it to clerk Jeffreys, and explaining it with my communication. But it did not get in time for the planning for this Monday, yesterday. So I just want people to know that might be a problem. And Mike Ronic was very good. He met me downtown on Monday. He came from home and he went through everything with me and show me exactly how to send it. So I just want people to be aware that there is new format. So if you're not a techie, you might need some help.

- Thanks Alder, any other communications

- Motion to refer.

- Second.

- Second.

- Motion has been made to refer all communications to the proper committee and it's made by Alder Scannell. Seconded by Alder Dorff, all in favor signify by saying aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay, the ayes have it. Those have been referred. Gentlemen, motion to adjourn.

- Second.

- Motion to adjourn made by Alder Scannell seconded by Alder Lefebvre. All in favor signify by saying aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, nay, and the ayes have we are adjourned thanks everybody.

- Hey Chris, are you by your moms?

- Yes, I am, that's why I have a different background.

- Yes, I thought. Yeah, how's she doing?

- I should probably be putting her to bed. She has a good hip replacement surgery. That's why I'm here. So that's why I stepped out a little while ago to see how she was doing.

- That's what I was wondering.