



MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021, 6:00 PM

In person at City Hall Room 200.

Virtual attendance also available via Zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

I. This item contains information and instructions for the Zoom Virtual Meeting.

B. ROLL CALL.

II present, Alder Corpus-Dax will be delayed.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

D. INVOCATION.

I. The invocation will be led by Alder Kathy Lefebvre, District 6.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

I. Approval of the minutes from the September 21, 2021 Common Council Meeting.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to approve.

Motion Passed.

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

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

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

Motion Passed.

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

G. REPORT BY THE MAYOR.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Alder Corpus-Dax joined the meeting at 6:11 pm.

I. RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS.

I. Presentation of "White Cane Safety Day" Proclamation, October 15, 2021. The City of Green Bay brings awareness to pedestrian safety and safer transit for all community members.

J. APPOINTMENTS.

I. I. New Appointments:

Green Bay Public Arts Commission

Katie Ries, 1345 Grignon St., Green Bay, WI 54301

Term to expire: September 1, 2024

2. Reappointments:

Landmarks Commission

Ron Dehn, 1010 S. Jackson St., Green Bay, WI 54301

Term to expire: October 1, 2024

Water Commission

Jacque Boyle, 1509 Hillcrest Dr., Green Bay, WI 54313

Term to expire: October 1, 2028

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve the new appointments.
Motion Passed.

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.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to approve the re-appointments.
Motion Passed.

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

K. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING FOR ADOPTION.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to adopt.
Motion Passed.

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. General Ordinance 21-21

Amending Green Bay Municipal Code Sections 16-81 and 16-82, relating to Storm Water Management.

L. REPORT OF THE IMPROVEMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE. (SEPTEMBER 29, 2021)

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to approve.

Motion Passed.

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

1. To approve the request by Shannon Jansen, 819 Roy Avenue, for up to 25 total requests for overnight on-street parking.

2. To refer to staff to create a sound barrier or berm to buffer residential properties on parts of West Mason Street west of Country Club Road to the City limits on the north side of the road. (Ald. Brunette)

3. To approve the request by the Procurement Manager to award a contract to B.E.S.T. Enterprises LLC to provide plowing services for the remainder of the term of the contract awarded to Express Excavating on August 20, 2019, in connection with RFQ #3164.

4. To approve the award of the contract ESG 1-21 MECHANICS BAY REROOF to the low responsive bidder, Weinert Roofing, in the amount of \$79,890.

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

A. Granting of Licenses

I. Sidewalk Builder

a. MP Concrete LLC

M. REPORT OF THE PROTECTION & POLICY COMMITTEE (SEPTEMBER 27, 2021).

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

Motion Passed.

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 deny an appeal by Jessica Beaudoin regarding the denial of her operator's license, previously held over at the August 23, 2021 and September 7, 2021 Protection & Policy Committee meetings.
2. To deny an appeal by Jason Neumeyer regarding the denial of his operator's license, previously held at the September 7, 2021 Protection & Policy Committee meeting.
3. To approve an application for a "Class A" Liquor and Class "A" Beer license for Sarpanch, Inc. (Military Marathon) at 1300 S. Military Ave. with a license premises description as "gas station and convenience store." (Currently licensed as Friends Convenience, Inc.)
4. To approve an application for a Class "B" Beer license for Scott's Sub East Green Bay LLC (Scott's Sub East Green Bay) at 810 S. Huron Rd. with a license premises description as "the beer would be ordered right as you walk in at counter by the POS System & in storage room."
5. To approve an application for a "Class B" Combination license by Gallaghers Acquisition LLC (Gallagher's Pizza) at 2655 W. Mason St. with a license premises description as "front dining area w/ bar; stored in closed next to bar, add'l dining located in backroom." (Currently licensed as Gallagher's Pizza, Inc.)
6. To refer a request by Ald. Brunette for discussion with possible action on creating an ordinance to allow golf cart style vehicles on city roadways to staff member Dave Hansen and the Law Department.
7. To approve General Ordinance No. 23-21, amending Chapter 10, Green Bay Municipal Code, relating to Business Licenses.
8. To receive and place on file the Liquor Violation Report for September 27, 2021.

N. REPORT OF THE PROTECTION & POLICY COMMITTEE GRANTING OPERATOR LICENSES (SEPTEMBER 27, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to approve.
Motion Passed.

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

O. REPORT OF THE PLAN COMMISSION. (SEPTEMBER 27, 2021)

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to approve except 1.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Craig Stevens, Jesse Brunette, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

1. To rezone 1460 Shawano Avenue from Low Density Residential District (RI) to Public Institutional (PI). (Public Hearing held 09/27/2021)

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

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. To rezone 235 and 237 Elizabeth Street from General Commercial (CI) to Low Density Residential District (RI). (Public Hearing held 09/27/2021)

3. To refer to staff the review on updates to Article XVIII. Off-Street Parking, Drives, and Loading, Green Bay Municipal Code.

P. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (SEPTEMBER 28, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve except item 4.
Motion Passed.

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 HERC Grant for tactical emergency medical services team for \$3,963.

2. To approve a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to an Existing Resolution Providing for the Sale and Issuance of \$3,170,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021C, and All Related Details.

3. To approve General Ordinance No. 22-21, an Ordinance Amending Section 2-211, Green Bay Municipal Code, Relating to Penalty on Delinquent Personal Property Taxes.

4. To approve the report of the Claims Committee.

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

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to approve.
Motion Passed.

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.

Q. REPORT OF THE PARK COMMITTEE (SEPTEMBER 29, 2021)

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to approve.
Motion Passed.

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 the Finance Committee for consideration to reimburse the property owner at 1236 Thrush Street \$1,077.93 for the removal of 3 street trees, to be funded out of the Contingency account.
2. To table the review of drainage concerns in the baseball fields at Colburn Park and discuss at the first Parks Committee meeting in June 2022.
3. To approve the donation of outdoor furniture currently located on CityDeck by Downtown Green Bay Inc.
4. To refer to staff to provide budgetary projections to maintain all current Forestry services in addition to the extra tree removals listed in the City of Green Bay – Emerald Ash Borer 2021-2023 Tree Removal Plan.
5. To approve donating 1229 St. Clair Street (Parcel 14-68) to the Green Bay Redevelopment Authority.
6. To approve the purchase of a Demo, Toro 16' roundsmaster 5900 riding mower for the sum of \$94,899.27 from Reinders.

R. REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (SEPTEMBER 28, 2021).

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to approve.
Motion Passed.

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. Truck Driver - Public Works
 - b. Mechanic Foreperson - Fire
2. To approve a health insurance premium increase of 2% effective January 1, 2022.
3. To authorize the Police Chief to approve training under Article 26.I Special Leaves in the Agreement and submit a report to the committee once a year detailing the training activity.
4. To receive and place on file the Green Bay Professional Police Association labor negotiations strategy.

The Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., for purposes of deliberating or negotiating public employee contracts for competitive or bargaining reasons. The Council will thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wis. Stats., to take action on items discussed in closed session, if appropriate, and to consider the remainder of the agenda.

S. REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC, BICYCLE, AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION. (SEPTEMBER 20, 2021)

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

Motion Passed.

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 receive and place on file the report by the Police Department of the 2021 2nd quarter serious injury and fatal crashes.

2. To hold the request by Ald. Dorff on behalf of the Board of Directors at The Preserve for staff to conduct a speed study of Whittier Drive from Huron Road to Erie Road.

3. To receive and place on file the request by Ald. Galvin to install crosswalk buttons at the intersection of Porlier Street and Monroe Avenue for pedestrians crossing Porlier Street.

T. RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE.

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

Motion Passed.

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

1. Building Report for September 2021

U. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Update with possible action on pending and threatened litigation involving elections, including matters pending before the Wisconsin State Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaigns.

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

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to Enter Closed Session.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Veronica Corpus-Dax,

Kathy Lefebvre, Lynn Gerlach, No- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, John VanderLeest, Mark Steuer, Abstain- None.

Alder Dorff read the language.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to Return to Regular Session.

Motion Passed.

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.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to Open the Floor.

Motion Passed.

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.

Michael Gableman
P.O. Box 510145
New Berlin, WI 53151

Janet Angus
1403 Shirley Street
Green Bay, WI

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

Motion Passed.

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.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to to proceed as directed in closed session, to retain the legal services of Law Forward, States United and Stafford-Rosenbaum.

Motion Passed.

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

2. Consideration, with possible action, of four aldermanic district and ward maps, as a result of the 2020 Census.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to keep 12 aldermanic districts.

Motion Passed.

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.

Moved by Ald. Chris Wery, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to approve Map A.

Motion Passed.

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

V. RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to adopt.

Motion Passed.

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. Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to an Existing Resolution Providing for the Sale and Issuance of \$3,170,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021C, and All Related Details.

W. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to suspend.

Motion Passed.

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.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to advance.

Motion Passed.

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. Zoning Ordinance No. 11-21

An ordinance rezoning the property located at 1460 Shawano Avenue from Low-Density Residential (RI) District to Public Institutional (PI) District.

2. Zoning Ordinance No. 12-21

An ordinance rezoning the property located at 235 & 237 Elizabeth Street from General Commercial (CI) to Low Density Residential District (RI).

3. General ordinance No. 23-21

An ordinance amending Chapter 10 Green Bay Municipal Code, relating to business licenses.

X. REFERRAL OF PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to refer petitions and communications Alder Steuer, District 10 to proper authorities.

Motion Passed.

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. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to Adjourn.

Motion Passed.

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.

Verbatim Minutes

- [Mayor Genrich] Called to order of the meeting of the Common Council for Tuesday, October 5th, 2021, Clerk?

- [Celestine] Thank you, your Honor. We have 10 present and voting.

- [Mayor Genrich] All right. We have a quorum and we will proceed, just for the record Alder Lefebvre is present here, trying to log into Civic Clerk, but she is present. We are expecting Alder Corpus-Dax to arrive a bit late to the meeting.

- [Celestine] Okay. I will mark Alder Lefebvre present and voting and we'll go ahead. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Very good. Thank you. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for the invocation led by Alder Lefebvre.

- [Council In Unison] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God, indivisible with Liberty and justice for all.

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Lefebvre?

- [Kathy] Okay. I'm sorry. I was very rushed today. So what I want everyone to do, please? I want everyone to take a moment to clear your minds. Take a deep breath, let it out. Let's just relax. Let's all this negativity gone. We have too much of it in our community. We need to come together. So let's just take a moment of peace. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thank you Alder. I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2021 council meeting, the motion was made to approve by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Wery. Any corrections that need to be made there? Seeing none, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

- [Council In Unison] Aye.

- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay, the ayes have it. Those minutes are approved. Approve the agenda.

- [Randy] Approve.

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Scannell makes the motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. That was seconded by Alder Stevens. Any changes, seeing none, all in favor, signify by saying, aye.

- [Council In Unison] Aye.

- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay, the ayes have it. Onto report by the mayor. I'm sorry. We do, yes. Report by the mayor. So just a couple of things here to note. One thing on the agenda, one off. We do have a couple of our town hall discussions coming up, both on the city's budget and on the American Rescue Plan Act plan that we'll be putting forward. So those dates, I believe should've gone out on social media earlier today. I just wanted to note though that we will have one on east side, one on the west side for both in-person attendance and online attendance. The first ones at NWTC on the 21st of October, beginning at 5:30 and the other, the next meeting is on the east side, UWGB, October 26th, also beginning at, at 5:30. We will be, as I said, disseminating information online, those events very well could be live on Facebook as we speak. Just to let alders know we've been getting a lot of participation through the survey. So I think we're north of 600 respondents thus far. So thanks to all of you and others who have been circulating that survey. I'm getting a lot of feedback, both on the, kind of the designated questions, but also the open-ended question at the end, getting a lot of good response there. So please continue to spread the word on that. I'm trying to spread that as far and as wide as possible and get robust a response from the community. So I'm glad with what we've seen thus far. And then also just wanted to make a quick comment on redistricting. We have some maps in front of us for our council districts to entertain and debate and decide upon. Really want to recognize Clerk Jeffreys and director Hronek for all the work that they've put in, in a really short time span as a result of, you know, the lateness of the data coming to the local level from the census and the, you know, the county deciding on their maps. We haven't had a lot of time for that work to be done, but I think especially given the short time window, they've done excellent work. And so looking forward to that discussion tonight, just so citizens are aware of, of my position in terms of the number of alders we have in the city. I know it is absolutely is a heavy load for you all to carry, but I do think 12 members is the appropriate number. We experienced some good growth for a large municipality in this last census, but I think it is manageable for all of you. So, I am supportive of really either of those maps with 12 members, but I just my opinion, I think that's the direction that we should go. So with that, I'll move along to announcements from our council. Alder Scannell.

- [Randy] Thank you, your honor. Just one, just want to get everybody to be aware that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. So please be aware of that. And if you're in a situation, please know you're not alone. There are resources for you. And if you know of someone who is having difficulties, please try to be a positive force in their life and help them out as much as possible. Thank you very much.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thank you, Alder. Absolutely, want to also note Golden House as a fantastic provider of shelter for those who are facing those really difficult situations. So thanks for all the work that they do in the community. Alder Lefebvre.

- [Kathy] Yes. Also this month is Breast Cancer Awareness. Everyone knows I had breast cancer. I'm 23 years out going strong, I guess God doesn't really want me, but I just wanted to say that this is the month. And I noticed the buses got the big pink ribbons on the front of them. So thank everyone for acknowledging that. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Absolutely. Thanks Alder Lefebvre. Alder Steuer.

- Thank you, Honor. Kind of a nice event coming up on October 23rd it's a Saturday at 11:00. The renaming of the Walnut Street Bridge to the Bart Starr Memorial Bridge. We'll have a number of folks there. Cherry Starr will be there with her son as long as, as well as Mark Murphy, herself, I'll be there, and a few others. We'll have representatives from the State as well. I think Stephen's and Winburger and..

- [Mayor Genrich] And representative Shelton, as well.

- Yes, yes thank you. I was having a little deal there. Okay. Shelton will be there as well. So that'll be at 11:00 at the Cherry Street Ramp. So well-deserved.

- [Mayor Genrich] Absolutely. Yeah. Looking forward to that celebration and thanks to you for bringing that idea forward to us and to the State.

- Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Brunette.

- Yes. Thank you, mayor. I just simply want to welcome the members of the public. Normally I don't do that, although I'm happy whenever any member of the public can attend, but for the last year and a half, we haven't had many people in our chambers and we spent most of our time at home at Zoom. So it's just very nice to see the public here, keeping an eye on their government and not sure if they want to speak, but if the time comes, I would like to make a motion to open the floor, but it's just good to see. And for all those who are at home through Zoom, that is definitely a very good viable option to view your city government. But I would encourage anyone who wants to participate to come down to city hall. I don't know if everyone knows that that's available, but the more people the better, in my opinion. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Well said, thanks Alder. Any other announcements? Alder Galvin.

- Thank you, your honor. I just want to mention that this Saturday is going to be a fundraiser for the Bear Creek Preservation Foundation called "Run for the Hell of it." It takes place over a 5K course. And for the first time this year, they're going to be having a off-road bike competition. So I encourage anyone that might be interested in this to take a look at their website and sign up and get involved. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Great. You're gonna be there?

- Yes.

- [Mayor Genrich] All right.

- Not winning anything.

- [Mayor Genrich] Participating.

- Chugging along.

- [Mayor Genrich] That's the important thing. Any other announcements?

- Mayor?

- [Mayor Genrich] Oh, Alder Johnson. Sorry about that.

- Thank you. Mostly just want to test this to make sure it worked. But since I got through here, I just want to apologize to my colleagues for not being able to be there in person today. I'm actually on a chamber study trip in Chattanooga, Tennessee Mayor actually joined us on one of these trips to Kansas City pre-pandemic. But the reason I wanted to highlight those because the greater Green Bay Chamber's doing a lot of great work with an 11 point strategic plan for our community that really brings together the public sector and private sector nonprofits to really understand how to accelerate our community. And they're going to be having their annual report or update on those 11 strategic pillars in November and I encourage every member of city

council to try to attend that if they're able to, because I think there's a lot of good work that oftentimes happens outside of the public sphere that we're not always, you know, privy to, or we don't know about it until we know about it. So again, that's coming up in November, happy to share details with anyone that wants to learn more about that.

- [Mayor Genrich] Great. Thanks, Alder. Be sure to bring back some good information for us and say hello to Mayor Kelly for me. Any other announcements? Alder Wery.

- Thank you Mr. Mayor. This one's very important. I wanted to wish good luck to our Milwaukee Brewers, that ones, but most important.

- Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Sorry for those mic problems. All right. I don't think we have any other announcements from Council, so we will move along to recognitions and awards. So tonight is something that we've done in the past, but tonight also wanted to recognize White Cane Safety Day, which is October 15th. So I do have a proclamation that, that I would like to read. And then we will hand things off to Bob Jacobson who is on the line around the Zoom, hopefully to join us. I see Bob there. So looking forward to his comments. So here we go. Whereas blindness in severe visual impairment affected approximately a hundred thousand Wisconsin residents. And whereas the majority of those persons use travel aid such as white cane or a service animal to get around public streets and sidewalks and places of public accommodation. And whereas those travel aides are universally recognized as symbols representing vision loss. And whereas Wisconsin's White Cane law requires that motorists come to a full stop before approaching closer than 10 feet to a pedestrian who's using a white cane or service animal. And whereas careful driving and fully stopping when pedestrians are in the crosswalk is beneficial to all residents, including children, elders, and people with disabilities. Now, therefore I, Eric Genrich, Mayor of the city of Green Bay do hereby proclaim Friday, October 15th, 2021 as White Cane Safety Day in the city of Green Bay and acknowledge the importance of pedestrian safety year round. So really appreciate Bob and his team for bringing this forward to the city for requesting this recognition. And of course, calling on, on all of our residents to recognize White Cane Safety Day and more importantly, observe their fellow residents and exercise real caution and respect for their fellow citizens. So with that, I will turn things over to Mr. Jacobson for any comments.

- Thank you, Mayor Genrich. I'm Bob Jacobson, I'm the Communications Director at the Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired. And on behalf of the council, I'm delighted to accept this proclamation and appreciate your taking the time to recognize the importance of White Cane Safety Day. I would like to just mention very briefly that one of our board members who lives in your part of the state was planning on being here and accepting the proclamation, but she wasn't feeling well. And I was asked to step in. Most of our board members and quite a few of my colleagues at the council are visually impaired. Unlike me, I am not. So I don't have the lived experience of trying to navigate the streets of a busy city on foot and having to trust that the motorists are aware of the White Cane law and having to trust that they are going to stop 10 feet from me as required by law. So I just want to also emphasize that the great thing about the White Cane law is that it not only benefits people who are blind or visually impaired, but it really benefits all pedestrians because anything that makes motorists more attentive is going to be good for pedestrian safety in general. So it's something that we should all be really happy to be celebrating on October 15th and recognizing. So once again, on behalf of the council, thank you very much for issuing this proclamation and recognizing White Cane Safety Day.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thank you so much again, Mr. Jacobson for joining us and thanks to Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired for all the great work you do. Have a good evening. All right. And with that, we will move along to our new appointments. We have a motion to approve the new appointments made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Lefebvre. Any discussion of those, of that new appointment? Seeing none, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose, nay. The ayes have it. Onto our re-appointments.
- [Randy] Motion to approve.
- [Bill] Second.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Galvin. Discussion here. Seeing none, all in favor, signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose, nay. The ayes have it. And those re-appointments are confirmed. Ordinances second reading for adoption. Motion to adopt made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Steuer. Discussion on this item, seeing none, we will use the board.
- [Celestine] Thank you, Mayor. Alders you may vote. And Alder Steuer?
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Steuer votes, yes.
- [Celestine] Thank you.
- [Mayor Genrich] And those are, that ordinance is adopted 12 zero. Onto the report of the Improvement and Service Committee, September 29th, 2021.
- [Randy] Motion to approve.
- [Bill] Second.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Galvin. Any items here to be handled separately? Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report, please signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose, nay. The ayes have it. The report has been approved. Protection and Policy Committee.
- [Randy] Approve.
- [Barbara] Second.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff. Any items here to be handled separately? Hearing none, all in favor of approving the report, please signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose, nay. The ayes have it. Report has been approved. Granting operator licenses.
- [Randy] Approve.
- [John] Second.

- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Vander Leest. Any names to be handled separately or abstentions? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. And that report has been approved. Planning commission.
- [Randy] It's approve.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Stevens to approve the planning commission from September 27th, 2021. Any items here to be handled separately? Number one. Any others? And it won't all be handled separately, right now, who's all in favor of approving the remainder of that report. Please signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. The report has been approved. The exception of item one.
- [Randy] Motion to approve.
- [Veronica] Second.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to approve item one made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Corpus-Dax. The item was pulled by Alder Steuer, Alder you have the floor.
- Okay. Thank you, your honor. I just like to get a little bit of a description here from Director Stechschulte on this. I just want to make sure that, you know, what is going on here as far as some of the neighbors have called and were a little concerned about what the end result is. So I would like to just get a brief description of what we're looking at, with this rezoning.
- [Mayor Genrich] You bet. Director Stechschulte.
- Yes. Mayor, Alder Steuer, this was essentially is a proactive rezoning of parcel assembly to match I think, believe the existing use that is there already. The church facility that is there was simply, was currently in the, in the residential zoning, it simply noted by staff. There's also an additional, this was one of two different properties where this was, was just adjusting, essentially recognize and acknowledge the use that was there. So it's just...
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Steuer?
- [Mark] I don't know. He's locked up.
- [Mayor Genrich] Director Stechschulte, did you have anything further to add, you froze a little bit at the end there.
- Oh, okay. I was just gonna say this was, yeah, simply as one of two properties that were simply rezoned at staffs, but has to simply match the, the use that was occurring on those parks properties. So in this case, the church use was simply identified and being rezoned to, from residential to public institution.
- [Mayor Genrich] Got it.

- [Mark] Thank you for that. I told the neighbors that it was basically a clean up of the zoning in that area. I think they were concerned that there might be some other building or some other activity going on there, but I think more or less, it's more of a clean up of the zoning over there.
- That's correct, sir.
- [Mark] Okay. That's all. Thank you.
- [Mayor Genrich] Thank you Alder. We do have a motion to approve and a second, any further comments, seeing none, all in favor, signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. That item is approved to the report of the Finance Committee, September 28th.
- [Randy] Approve.
- [Barbara] Second.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff. Any items here to be handled separately?
- [Randy] Number four.
- [Mayor Genrich] Number four. Any others? Seeing none others all in favor of approving the remainder of that report. Please signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. The report has been approved with the exception of item four.
- [Randy] Approve.
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Scannell makes a motion to approve item four. That was seconded by Alder Galvin. The item was pulled by Alder Vander Leest. You have the floor.
- [John] Thank you, Mayor. I'd just like a breakdown of the claims that were addressed on this, on this number four. In other words, the different claims that have been brought forward, what they are.
- [Barbara] It's in, it's on the screen.
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Vander Leest is this something you wanted to discuss in closed session or...
- [John] Well, what I'd like to know what, what the, if we could just give me the verbiage of what claims were actually settled.
- [Mayor Genrich] Attorney Chavez, is that something that can be discussed?
- [Vanessa] I would recommend you go into closed session to discuss that.

- [John] Okay. We can go into closed session.
- [Mayor Genrich] Okay.
- [Randy] Motion to go into closed session.
- [John] You want me to read the words?
- [Mayor Genrich] Just a point of clarification from Alder Dorff.
- [Barbara] If Alder Vander Leest, is all that you simply want to do is to see what were the claims and... Okay. So, can we show him how to get that?
- [Mayor Genrich] Sure.
- [Barbara] Okay. Because we may not need to go to close session.
- [John] Do you have a...
- [Mayor Genrich] Okay. Thank you Alder. So we do have a motion to approve and a second, all in favor, signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. The M is approved. Onto the Park Committee.
- [Randy] Approve.
- [Lynn] Second.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion has been made by Alder Scannell, it was seconded by Alder Gerlach to approve the report of the Park Committee from September 29th, 2021. Any items here to be handled separately? Hearing one, all in favor of approving the report, please signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. The report has been approved. Personnel Committee.
- [Randy] Approve.
- [Bill] Second.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Galvin. That's to approve the Personnel Committee report from September 28th, 2021. Any items here to be handled separately? Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report, Please signify by saying, aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. They ayes have it. That report has been approved. TB and P?
- [Randy] It's approve.

- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to approve made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Stevens that's to approve the report of the Traffic, Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission from September 20, 2021. Any items here to be handled separately? Hearing none, all in favor of approving that report, please signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. Ayes have it and the report has been approved. Receiving place on file.
- [Randy] Receive and place on file, the building report from September 20, 2021.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion has been made to receive and place on file the building report from September, 2021 that was made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Steuer, any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. That report has been received and placed on file. Now onto Committee of the Whole. We have a couple of items here, so we will take them individually. Item number one is update with possible action on pending and threatened litigation involving elections, including matters pending before the Wisconsin State Assembly Committee on elections and campaigns.
- [Barbara] Move to go into closed session.
- [Randy] Second.
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Dorff makes a motion to move into closed session, that was seconded by Alder Scannell, discussion on that motion. Alder Brunette.
- Thank you, Mayor. What would come first in the order, a motion to open the floor or to go into closed session? The reason I ask is public is here. I believe some want to speak based on what they say or suggest to the City Council, it might affect our decisions.
- [Mayor Genrich] Sure. Attorney Chavez?
- [Vanessa] Those are both main motions. So the first one to be dealt with should be the motion to go into closed session.
- [Mayor Genrich] Okay.
- Has that been second? Yeah, but if I could speak to them here. I am definitely against going into closed session. I don't believe there's any reason why, what we discussed needs to be hidden from the public. Been rather consistent when it comes to the election situation that we find ourselves in. You know, we have received information and I think that information should be made public. That is my opinion. Therefore, I find going into closed session to be extremely inappropriate and I'll be voting against it. Thank you.
- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder, any other comments? Alder Wery?
- [Christopher] Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I would concur with Alder Brunette. I would vote against going into closed session and I would like to listen to the, the public first and then we can ascertain if we wanted to go into closed session, but there is information that I think the public would be interested in having that, that we're only, you know, having access to. So I'm going to vote no. And we'd like to hear from the public first. Thanks.

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Scannell?

- [Randy] Yeah. Thank you, your honor. I believe we should go into closed session first and then we can find out just what all is privileged to make sure we're not spilling any beans we shouldn't be spilling and take care of whatever business needs to be handled confidentially. This does have to do with our attorney in a matter that you just don't have, imagine a lawyer and a client talking in public about their case. That makes no sense to me. I don't understand where some Alders are coming from. There's a reason for client-lawyer privilege and confidentiality. So I think it's very wise, it'd be irresponsible not to go into closed session and certainly some parts may be able to be go public with, and that's fine with that, but certainly I believe that could very well be a lot that we should be keeping confidential at this time. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Any additional comments on the motion to move into closed session? Alder Dorff?

- [Barbara] I would just say that I concur with Alder Scannell and I believe we should go into closed session so that we understand what we're even discussing and we'd be better able than to listen to what the public has to say. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Alder Brunette, for a second time?

- Yes, thank you. Another question for the city attorney, if I may. I think someone else has some feedback.

- [Mayor Genrich] I thought that was you.

- Okay. I'm not sure what's going on. Thank you. Regarding information that we have been made of, given to us, could I make, would a motion to waive the attorney-client privilege so that document that was shared to us could be public knowledge. Would that be appropriate? Would that supersede the motion to go into closed session?

- [Vanessa] Nope. That's still a main motion.

- Okay. Thank you. Well, very clearly am against going into closed session. I don't see absolutely anything about what was shared to us or what we will be discussing to be something qualifying, being hidden from the public because that's what's happening. We're going into closed session to deliberate on behalf of the city of Green Bay information that should be made available to them, which sadly is not. And we're gonna go behind closed doors and discuss something when there's no reason, in my opinion, that we should not be able to deliberate this in public, in front of the public so that they know the questions that are being asked and the answers being given. I find that highly inappropriate to go into closed session. As you know, I've been very consistent on this and those are my thoughts. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. So we have a motion and a second to move into closed session.

- [Brian] Alder Johnson.

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Johnson, go ahead.

- Yep. Thank you, Mayor. Just a quick question for the city attorney since, I mean, the topic's been broached a little bit, is the purpose of closed session language, is that to discuss a specific strategy or is it simply related to the content that was shared with us prior to the meeting?

- [Vanessa] It's a little bit of both. Everything that we discussed, So the, the basis of our discussion is what was provided to you earlier or yesterday, but as far as specifics and what we do with that information, that is definitely something that will be discussed as well.

- Okay. And just to clarify as well, because I, I seem to recall, you know, we we've had these conversations before in the past that once hypothetically, if the council were to vote no, to going into closed session, we do have this entire conversation open session. Does that waive our, I guess our ability to have future conversations about this in closed session?

- [Vanessa] It is always a fact specific evaluation, but generally once you waive privilege, you've waived privilege.

- Okay. I appreciate that insight. You know, I will say that, that initially when I saw, you know, the email that was content that I'll admit that I feel like can be discussion open session, but I am gonna support closed session language, because if there is additional strategy that the city wishes to discuss, I guess I'm not comfortable putting us in a position right now to waive that right. And I do feel that depending on how the conversation goes in closed session, I would feel more confident in sharing that information if that's appropriate for the public at that time.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks, Alder. Any other comments on that motion? All right. Seeing none, Alder will you... Alder Dorff will you read the language or do you have.

- [Barbara] Yes, I will. The Council may convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.851G Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of confirmed with legal counsel for the governmental body who's rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is, or is likely to become involved. The Council will thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to section 19.852 Wisconsin Statutes to take action on items discussed in closed session if appropriate and to consider the remainder of the agenda.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thank you, Alder. We will now use the board on that motion.

- [Celestine] Thank you, Alders, You may vote.

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Lefebvre, do you want to vote verbally? Alder Lefebvre votes aye.

- [Celestine] Thank you and then Alder Steuer?

- [Mayor Genrich] Should be coming through now, he says.

- [Celestine] Okay. All right. Thank you very much. Oh. Oh, so sorry. Give me one more moment.

- [Mayor Genrich] And that motion succeeds eight to four. So we will be moving into closed session. Call the Council back to order and entertain a motion to return to open session. Should be on Zoom. All motion has been made to return to open session by all Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Gerlach. all in favor, signify by saying aye.

- [Council In Unison] Aye.

- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. We're back in open session, Alder Dorff.

- [Barbara] A vote was taken in closed session to retain law forward in partnership with States United and Stafford Rosenbaum. And we will now confirm the vote in open session. So I moved that we confirmed the vote we that took in closed session.

- [Mayor Genrich] Motion has been made by Alder Dorff.
- [Randy] Second.
- [Mayor Genrich] Seconded by Alder Scannell on that motion. Alder Brunette.
- Motion to open the floor to hear from interested parties, please.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion has been made to open the floor by Alder Brunette, seconded by Alder Wery. Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. The floor is open. So if anyone is interested in speaking to the council, just step forward and state your name and address.
- [Gableman] Point of clarification. It's still Tuesday, right? Well, good evening everyone. I'm Mike Gableman, I'm a former State Supreme Court Justice here in Wisconsin. Mr. Mayor, I actually do have a point of order. And that is to ask, did Madam Alder recite a conclusion about Stafford Rosenbaum or a different law firm? Was there some kind of motion or resolution she was talking about? I didn't hear it.
- [Mayor Genrich] Yes. A motion was made to retain law forward, Stafford Rosenbaum and States United.
- [Gableman] Would you?
- [Mayor Genrich] I said, I said a motion was made Alder.
- [Gableman] Ah. Thank you. And Alder Lefebvre. You made a wonderful opening comment about how we are all in this together and how all of the stress and tension really should be let out because we are all citizens. We are all together. And one of the reasons I'm here is to tell you about the investigation that I've been appointed to lead. On August 30 of this year, so about 34, 35 days ago, the Office of Special Counsel was created by the legislature. And I've been spending the last 35 days or so putting that office together, building a team. It's so important to remember that the mission that has been assigned to me, to the Office of Special Counsel by the legislature is not a prosecution. It's not a criminal proceeding. I heard someone when, who spoke in favor of going into closed session, make a remark about, well...
- [Barbara] On point of order, sorry. People on Zoom cannot hear.
- [Gableman] Oh, thank you.
- [Mayor Genrich] Thank you Alder.
- [Gableman] Both of my paternal grandparents were deaf and mute factory workers at Allen Bradley during the depression. And so I have a very special sensitivity about hearing and having recently acquired a pair of hearing aids myself, I can certainly be sympathetic towards that. And when I was the judge in Burnett county, I made sure we had assistive hearing devices so that everyone could participate in court on an equal basis.
- [Barbara] Additional point of order, I don't think it's, that's not the problem. They can't...
- [Mayor Genrich] Just need to be near the mic.

- [Gableman] I Don't know what you want me to do.
- [Barbara] They can't hear you using the mic, so...
- [Gableman] Okay.
- [Mayor Genrich] Proceed.
- [Gableman] Well, I want to find out if we still have the same point of order, am I on?
- [Barbara] I don't know, I'm gonna ask them. So, if you need to speak.
- [Alder] I can hear ya, we can hear him.
- [Gableman] Okay. So in any event.
- [Barbara] Okay.
- [Gableman] When I was appointed Judge of Burnett county, I had never been to Burnett county before, but I had to run in six months time for election to keep my job. So one of the first things I did when I was appointed.
- [Celestine] Excuse me.
- [Mayor Genrich] Sorry.
- [Celestine] This is the Clerk. Mayor?
- [Mayor Genrich] Yes, Clerk Jeffreys.
- [Celestine] I'm so sorry. I do not know who's talking and I didn't hear you go back into regular session, so I don't have that vote recorded. So can we kind of roll back...
- [Mayor Genrich] Yeah, we, yeah. Can you hear us now?
- [Celestine] I can, but I did not hear you before, so I don't have a motion to return to regular order. And I do not know who's speaking and I do not have a clock.
- [Mayor Genrich] Yep. So we did a, we had a motion to return to a regular order that was made by...
- [Randy] I seconded.
- [Mayor Genrich] By Alder Dorff and it was seconded by Alder Scannell.
- [Celestine] Okay.
- [Mayor Genrich] And then Alder Dorff made the motion. Yeah. We'll have Alder Dorff restate the motion.
- [Celestine] Okay, thank you.

- [Barbara] The vote was taken in closed session to retain law forward in partnership with States United and Stafford Rosenbaum. And we will now confirm the vote in open session. I made a motion to do so seconded by...
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Scannell.
- [Barbara] Alder Scannell.
- [Celestine] Okay.
- [Barbara] And then we went into, then Alder, Alder Brunette made a motion to open the floor seconded by Alder Wery and then we voted...
- [Celestine] Okay, thank you.
- [Barbara] We're in open session.
- [Mayor Genrich] Yeah. So Michael Gableman is addressing the council. I don't know if we got your address.
- [Celestine] Yeah, he needs his address.
- [Gableman] I live in New Berlin, Wisconsin.
- [Mayor Genrich] Your street address.
- [Gableman] Can I give a P.O. Box?
- [Mayor Genrich] Well, you're supposed to give your street address, but whatever you want to give.
- [Gableman] P.O. Box 510145 New Berlin, Wisconsin, 53151
- [Celestine] 531, 53151, thank you.
- [Gableman] Thank you.
- [Mayor Genrich] Continue.
- [Gableman] As I was saying, I had never been to Burnett county before I was appointed. And so one of the first things I did was to make appointments and arrangements to visit with every town board, every village board, every council member to introduce myself and I would attend their meetings to make myself become familiar with the local concerns and the issues that were on the minds of the people I was privileged to serve. I also took that opportunity to describe in, with as much precision as I could, what my plans and hopes were for my tenure, whether it was gonna be one year or actually 11 months, if I didn't win election or whether it was going to be for the next six years. And happily, I won, I squeaked by that election with 78% of the vote. So I guess they liked what they heard. I'm here for many of the same reasons that I would go to the city leaders and municipal leaders in Burnett county and every county that I've been privileged to serve. And that is to tell you what I'm doing and what I plan on doing. Now, given, given the timing and the nature of closed session, we never want to assume anything, but I think there are fair inferences to be made that you, especially with the agenda item. Mr. Mayor, you might've been talking about the fact that I had subpoenas served on you and your office today. And I don't know if everybody else knows that and that I am looking for a factual information. The purpose of this investigation is not a prosecution. It is not even litigation. So that's why it was a little bit like fingernails on a chalkboard when I heard someone say, well, when they wanted to close the session, well,

parties to litigation never have discussions with their lawyer in front of opposing parties. And I really want to stress. And this gets me to the very nice opening comments of the Alder. This is not an adversarial process. We are all citizens of the same country. We are all citizens of the same state. We all want open, transparent, honest, and fair elections for which the admitted administrators are accountable. In a democracy, I believe that the appearance of fairness and honesty is just as important, if not more important than the fact of that honesty and transparency. This is so because democracy is not a thing, it is not an object. It's an idea. And this country, this country with its noble past, the best country, I believe in the history of the world is still very much an experiment for the world to be watching, to see whether we can make democracy work. And if people lose confidence, if people lose confidence in the honesty of the system, by which they are to elect their leaders, that way lies tyranny and the end of the American experiment in democracy. The purpose of this investigation is to determine what was supposed to happen in the November, 2020 election and compare that to what actually did happen. To see what went well and to see what might be improved upon. One of the more vocal criticisms from some quarters is that this investigation is an effort to somehow restore former President Trump to the White House. If that's the program, nobody has shared it with me, nor would I have accepted this job, if that was the condition. As many of you, I hope know our state has a one word official state motto, and that word is "Forward." Forward. And I have adopted that as the unofficial motto of the Special Counsel's office, we are looking forward. We are looking to make sure that people have confidence in their officials who administer the election so that they can have confidence in the outcomes of those elections. This investigation will be guided by a search for the truth and not by political priorities or timetables. Some evidence has been produced previously that shows some election officials acted unilaterally and deciding not to follow established state law. We will request from these officials and others with potential knowledge of unlawful actions and will compel them if necessary to produce documents and testimony that will allow the public to gain a comprehensive understanding of how their elections were managed. And to underscore the fact, to underscore the fact, that no matter what your political persuasion, whether you are the furthest left or whether you are moderate or whether you are conservative, everyone, each of us as a citizen has an interest in having fair and open and honest elections for which the government officials who administered them and any private entities that participated in, that were allowed to participate in the administration are accountable.

- [Mayor Genrich] I've given you a tremendous amount of leeway. You're at over five and a half minutes. Customarily it's three minutes for public testimony.

- [Gableman] I did not know that ahead of time, Mr. Mayor.

- [Mayor Genrich] No, I apologize.

- [Gableman] Accepted. So, to wind up, cause I can take a hint, although to be fair, we did wait a fair amount of time for you.

- [Mayor Genrich] I appreciate that.

- [Gableman] I bet. This is not an election contest. We are not re-litigating the 2020 election. To underscore the non-adversarial nature of this proceeding, the Wisconsin legislature in exercising its constitutional right and its constitutional obligation to oversee the implementation of its laws is exercising only its constitutional obligation to oversee the implement, implementation of those laws. Anyone who has compelled, anyone who has compelled to provide information as a result of my subpoenas enjoys the immunity, which is set forward in chapter 13 of the Wisconsin Statutes. I will note today that the city clerk of Madison contacted me to ask how we could best work together to accomplish, as the same subpoenas were served in Madison as were served in Green Bay. He contacted me to find out how he could most quickly and efficiently cooperate with my office and comply with those subpoenas. And I will be returning his call tomorrow to work together for that end. Investigations must remain open to receiving information from all sources.

- [Mayor Genrich] All right. Do we have questions for our guest?

- [Gableman] Oh, okay. I guess I'm done. I'll take questions.
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Brunette.
- [Jesse] Mr. Gableman, thank you for... Is this on?
- [Mayor Genrich] Nope. There you go.
- [Gableman] Thank you for testifying, speaking to the council. The onset of your comments you had mentioned that a subpoena was served today. Another subpoena.
- [Gableman] Well it would have been served on your mayor and a person most knowledgeable in the mayor's office. So if it wasn't served today, you can expect it shortly.
- [Mayor Genrich] I haven't received anything.
- [Gableman] And I'm not here for that. I happened to be in town for other meetings and I heard you were meeting. And so I thought I'd come and introduce myself. Yes sir?
- [Jessie] That was my only question, that was news to me.
- [Gableman] Sure and the, and mirror images of the subpoenas that either were, or are soon to be served on you, Mr. Mayor and the person most knowledgeable in your office, the mirror images were served on the other four cities, the other mayors and their offices who accepted the vast lion's share of the CTCL assistance.
- [Mayor Genrich] I appreciate the heads up. Any other questions for our guest? Alder Scannell.
- [Randy] Sorry.
- [Gableman] Someone just got it on the third floor.
- [Randy] Yeah. And they deserved it.
- [Gableman] Alright.
- [Randy] Just a question in that with your investigation, why are you limiting your investigation to just the four, the five largest contributors as not the small contributors, just as guilty as the large, if something was wrong?
- [Gableman] Well, as I mentioned, we, we just established the office 35 days ago. And so in any investigation, as your chief of police can tell you, priorities must be assigned. And someone asked me, a knowledgeable observer asked me not too long ago. Well with all the information that's public, what do you hope to find out with your subpoenas? And my answer to that person is the same as I answered to you, by definition I do not know. And when I get results from the subpoenas, I will be in a much better place to be able to determine the most appropriate course of action to see to that investigation.
- [Mayor Genrich] Okay. Thank you.
- [Randy] And just a point of clarification, I believe I said it was inappropriate to discuss openly in public with your lawyer, not against...
- [Gableman] Are we not in a public forum?

- [Randy] We are in a public forum. Is it inappropriate to discuss in public confidential information in public? Not against your opponent. Thank you. That's all.
- [Gableman] Okay. Our memories differ.
- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Other questions for Mr. Gableman? Mr. Galvin. Alder Galvin.
- [Bill] Thank you, Justice Gableman, And I'm just want to make sure I heard you, right. Did you say something or allude to something about that laws were violated during the election?
- [Gableman] The information has been received that could be interpreted that way.
- [Bill] Okay.
- [Gableman] But further investigation will be warranted.
- [Bill] Okay. Should you find out through your investigation that laws were violated, what then?
- [Gableman] Well, okay. That's a good question. All of the questions have been good. The thing that I am authorized to do as a product of this investigation is to prepare a report and submit it back to the assembly. And although everything's subject to change, what I'm, my working plan is to have a report that contains four sections. And that is to explain to everybody what should have taken place. What should have happened during the administration of the November, 2020 election. Election's laws, contrary to a lot of criminal statutes are not intuitive. I mean, intuitively most of us know that we shouldn't intentionally harm other people or intentionally harm other people's property, but there's nothing about elections laws that are intuitive. And so consequently, the vast majority of American citizens have no idea how elections are supposed to be administered. There's an old joke in politics. And perhaps some of you have heard it, which is a campaign is no time to educate the public. Well, I'm not campaigning for anything nor will I be. And this is the time to educate the public. And I started out as a teacher in Milwaukee, public schools. I was a history teacher at Washington High School. I had a lot more hair back than my friend, but my point is, so the first section, what should have happened? What are the procedures supposed to be? Section two, what should have had, or what did in fact happen? How did things actually play out? And I've got three broad areas of inquiry that I've already publicly discussed, which is the Wisconsin Election Commission guidance documents that were issued in the run-up. There were a series of them issued to the local clerks. And why that's significant is because the constitution grants to the legislature of each state, the responsibility and the authority for administering statewide elections. And here in this state, the legislature delegated it to the 1,852 local municipal clerks. Along with the 72 county clerks. Most people don't understand the interplay between Wisconsin Election Commission, WEC. Most people call it WEC, that has taken on a guidance role, which in effect, a lot of evidence seems to indicate, a lot of written published materials, seems to indicate that the clerks take that as mandatory. So those guidance documents then become very relevant to a determination of how exactly the election was actually run. Section. The secondary of inquiry is the CTCL and any other private groups that participated substantially in the administration of public elections. I think rightfully so, people have a lot of questions. Just as they don't know what happens to their paper ballot once it's put into the machine. I know that last November, when I put my ballot into the Little Lutheran Church, that's my polling place, I like most of my fellow citizens, I just sort of hope for the best. And one of the things that motivates me on this, and I think this is important for all of us to keep in mind. Two days before the November 3rd election on November one, the Marist polling organization, which is pretty reputable non-partisan polling, took a nationwide poll of all registered voters in the country. And two thirds of the respondents said that they had either a doubt or a high degree of doubt that whether their ballot will actually count. I don't see a long future for a country where two thirds, that purportedly is a democracy, where two thirds of our citizens don't have faith and confidence that their votes count. And so, so the voting machines become an important area of inquiry. I would love nothing more, I

would love nothing more than to do a rigorous report and all of the looking and studying, and then be able to turn to my fellow citizens and say, I looked into it to the best of my ability and here's all of my supporting documentation, here's 2000 pages or whatever it turns out to be. You can make up your own mind by looking through it. But I think everything went fine. That would be a great report to write. And I would be proud, very proud, just as proud as I have been, I've worked in courthouses of one type or another for 30 years. I know that, I know a lot of local clerks and I believe that 99% are committed to doing and actually in fact, do an excellent job under often challenging circumstances.

- [Mayor Genrich] All right, Alder Brunette.

- [Gableman] And then the next part of the report is the difference between what should have happened and what did happen and why it matters. And then the fourth would be any kind of recommendations for future adjustments or changes in the law to meet any of the challenges that were demonstrated in the November election. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Brunette, for a second time.

- [Jesse] Mr. Gableman, I mean no offense when I ask these questions, but things that I've heard in the community, a bit of a stickler for details. And one thing that I found strange was the subpoena had some errors, that the subpoenas that were sent things like grammar, not grammar, but our clerk's name was spelled wrong. Can you explain, can you explain how that happened? Just an oversight?

- [Gableman] Sure. I can explain. It's called the human condition Alder. I'm not perfect. You're not perfect. Nobody in this room is perfect. We've only had one perfect man in this world and look what we did to him. So I think we made, I think that very same day that relatively minor Scribner's error was remedied.

- [Jesse] Please know I mean no disrespect. It's just what I've heard. You know...

- [Gableman] I didn't take any disrespect.

- [Jesse] Okay.

- [Gableman] You'd really have to say something a lot worse than that.

- [Jesse] I will not.

- [Gableman] Believe me.

- [Jesse] Second of all...

- [Gableman] 20 years in elected politics has given me a thick skin.

- [Jesse] Yeah. I'm not quite there, but I'm developing a thick skin myself. Who is funding this effort of the Wisconsin State Legislature to allow your office of Special Counsel to do this sort of work?

- [Gableman] The people of Wisconsin. I was granted a budget on August 30 of \$675,000. Who's gonna author, who's gonna pay for your lawyers that you just hired?

- [Jesse] Oh, I wish I could answer that. But, that was my question as far as...

- [Gableman] You can't get into it or you don't want to get into it?

- [Jesse] I want to, but I'm going to bite my tongue right now. Thank you.
- [Gableman] Okay, thank you.
- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Alder Steuer and then Alder Wery.
- Thank you, your honor. Mr. Gableman, thanks for being here.
- [Gableman] Thank you, sir.
- Is it reasonable to, you know, with the request that you have, you know, for, you know, gathering data on that, that there's enough timeframe for cities like Green Bay and others to be able to do it.
- [Gableman] That's an excellent questions.
- Okay.
- [Gableman] Prior to this meeting, commencing your city attorney, young woman sitting in the back. She introduced herself to me and said she had questions. She wanted to get my contact information. Our phone number is on the front page of the cover letter over the subpoena and will be on the front page of the subpoenas to be soon served. But typically what happens in a, both a subpoena duces tecum, which is a subpoena for the production of documents, as well as a subpoena for deposition, you have to put, the law requires you to, the proponent of it, the requester, to put a date and a time and a location. But in the overwhelming majority of cases, the parties work together just as I hope to work together with your city attorney to work out a time and a place and a date that is mutually convenient. And I suspect that's why the, the Clerk of Madison reached out to me today. And I'll soon be working with him, you know, for that very reason that served as the basis of your question.
- Like I said, I just hope it's a reasonable amount of time that we can do it. So thank you.
- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks, Alder. Alder Wery?
- Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Justice Gableman for being here today. Timetable, obviously there's some important spring elections coming up. There's a very important fall election next year. It would, it would seem to me and perhaps yourself and everyone here that the more cooperation there is amongst everyone that the faster your report will be completed and any potential changes can be enacted. Do you have a set in stone or a deadline or what's your...
- [Gableman] When this whole process became known to me, which was the last couple of days of June. The tentative date that I believe the speaker has to, the Speaker of the Assemblies, representative Voss, made public was the end of October, October 31. And now having just authorized the creation of the office over which I'm privileged to lead, as well as funded us 34, 35 days ago. I believe that the October 31 deadline is unrealistic. I don't want to, I don't want to drag this out any longer than it has to. As the premise of your question, I believe correctly summarizes, the whole process will be made much more efficient if setting aside whatever perceived the differences we might have, we can work together to find out what happened. So yes, sir. Is the short answer.
- [Mayor Genrich] Thank you. Alder Scannell for a second time.
- [Randy] Just one question and thanks for being here. I appreciate that.
- [Gableman] It's my great pleasure.

- [Randy] You said that there was information to indicate that there had been some inappropriate action taken by district. Is that public information or is that private information?

- [Gableman] Oh, yes. I mean, please look at controversies. If you have the, I see you have a laptop there, the internet, I suppose you have, if you look at issues concerning the Wisconsin election, a plethora, a plethora of issues will come up, my friend, but my job is to find out which have merit and which don't. And someone asked me, another knowledgeable observer asked me not too long ago, what do I think happened? And the answer is 20 years as a prosecutor or a judge of one type or another. I have learned the essential requirement, which I learned, frankly, I saw it in action, when I was privileged to be a law clerk for the sixth circuit court judges right across the street. You must, a good judge, a good prosecutor, a good judge, a good state Supreme court justice never makes up his or her mind until all parties, all sides have been heard from.

- [Randy] So in that plethora of information, you believe there is some in there that is valid. You have...

- [Gableman] I'll find out. We'll find out and I will share that with you.

- So, but as right now, then you don't know if there is.

- [Gableman] I think there are indications that there may be, which is why the legislature has authorized this investigation.

- [Randy] Oh, that's what I'm trying to get at. What, what indications? Because from what I can see, all there is, is a plethora of accusations, but I see no evidence supporting those, so...

- [Gableman] All right. No, no, I'm happy to answer your question.

- Okay.

- [Gableman] You got a few hours?

- Not a few hours, but.

- [Gableman] I've indicated. Pardon me?

- Give me the skinny.

- [Gableman] Look at me. Do I look like I could get anyone the skinny Alder? There are three broad areas of inquiry. There've been a lot of public concerns raised about the guidance that had been issued by the Wisconsin Election Commission, that's WEC. There's been a lot of concerns raised about influence of private organizations, such as Center for Tech and Civic Life participating directly in the administration of public elections. Finally, there is great concern by many citizens over the reliability, the accurate nature of the voting machines. In, as I mentioned at the very beginning, I believe that in a democracy, the appearance of fairness and accountability and transparency is just as important as the fact of it. So I would love Alder in further response to your question. I would love to come back and say, I've looked at all these issues. I have determined that there were no problems, or if there were some challenges or things did not go precisely right, let's look forward and remedy them for future elections.

- [Randy] I expect the former. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Any final questions? Alder Lefebvre?

- [Kathy] Yes, Mr. Gableman, you brought up Mr. Zuckerman and his center for life that they gave money to all kinds of communities in Wisconsin. Would you be investigating our elections if it was Alec who gave all kinds of money to all these communities in Wisconsin?

- [Gableman] That's a wonderful question. Thank you. Thank you for asking that. The answer is, of course I would. And let me tell you why. None of us in this room need a crystal ball to see where this goes. If this is the way the people of Wisconsin want to have the administration of their elections, if what people are concerned about actually in fact occurred, I promise you, although this time, perhaps your favorite candidate was the beneficiary. Next time, no such guarantees because you know why? I don't know anything. I presided over a case with Abbott Labs and I, I upheld the imposition of a \$10 million fine on Abbott Labs. It's a case called "State of Wisconsin Versus Abbott Labs." I don't know anything about their political leanings or who they would want to have as president or any other partisan candidate for public office. But I do know that the people of this state have a right to expect that their public elections will be administered in a way that is not influenced by partisanship one way or the other. And that is why my answer to your question is of course.

- [Kathy] I just want to bring up one thing too. I used to be a SRD, Special Register Deputy and...

- [Gableman] I'm sorry, what?

- [Kathy] An SRD, Special Deputy Register. I could register. I went through the state process where I could register anybody in the state to vote. And I would go out in the community in different venues and ask people, are you registered? Cause I believe in people being registered to vote and you know what?

- [Gableman] As do I.

- [Kathy] And you know what, the responses I found, people take this election serious. People, I didn't even have to ask them, are you legal? They would tell me, oh no, I'm not legal. I can't vote. They would tell me I can't vote because I'm, haven't gone through my probation yet. I didn't ask. They would tell me right away. This is something I find that people, they don't lie about it. And our elected officials, they don't lie about it. They take this serious, as I do. I think voting is the most important thing that we can do in this country. And so I'm sorry. I just feel that this is all...

- [Gableman] You think that voting in this country is the most important what?

- [Kathy] Thing that we can do. This is everybody. I think personally, I think people should be registered to vote at birth so that when they turn 18 they can vote.

- [Gableman] Because it's the basis of our democracy.

- [Kathy] Yes, it is. It's so important.

- [Gableman] Which is fundamental to our freedoms.

- [Kathy] Right. So I'm, I believe that we, you know, we did what we, what we do. We did it. That's all I'm going to say right now. So.

- [Gableman] You and I, well that's fine. You and I agree on a lot. I too think that free and fair and open and honest and transparent elections, for which those who administer them are accountable is the hallmark of a democracy because it is the foundation, the hard one, the hard fought and the hard one foundation of all of our other freedoms. I agree.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thank you. Any other questions? All right. Seeing none. Thank you, Mr. Gableman.

- [Gableman] Okay, thanks.

- [Mayor Genrich] Any others who would like to speak? And just a reminder, we try to keep it to three minutes. If you could just state your name and address for us.

- [Janet] I'll be very brief. Janet Angus 1403 Shirley street, Green Bay, Wisconsin. I was really disappointed that you went into closed session to discuss this issue tonight. I feel that there's no transparency with this council anymore. When you discuss some really very important issues, you go into closed session. And I think this was an important issue tonight. I think it should have been held in an open session and I'd like to know under Wisconsin Statute, 19.851, it contains 11 exceptions to, to the open session rules. I would like to know what exception existed. There's no, there's no case pending right now. There's no litigation. So, and I would have liked to have heard the debate regarding these issues tonight. And I think by going into closed session, you prevent citizens who are interested in what's going on in our democracy and our city from really understanding what you're doing. I feel like you're lying to me. There's no transparency. So I have the following questions. I'd like to know who's going to pay for this law firm to quash the subpoena, what you're going to do? I would like to know where the money's coming from for the law firm? I'd like to know who the law forward is? And whose part of law forward? Is it a left progressive firm or is it a non-partisan firm? That's going to be handling this for our nonpartisan, nonpartisan city government that we're supposed to have. I would also like to know who is States United? I just looked them up on my phone and it seems like they're a DC, a firm from DC. I don't know what a firm out of Washington, DC, why would they come here? Why are they interested in Green Bay, Wisconsin? What's the intent and how much are we paying them? DC law firms are expensive. And then finally, Stafford, I think it's Rosen, Rosenberg, Rosen, something from Madison. I think that was mentioned. I think they're known for being a very left progressive democratic firm. And I'd like to know what went into making that decision that they're going to be handling a case for the city of Green Bay, where my tax dollars are going to go to pay for it. And if my tax dollars are not paying for the representation, why is that? Why? Is it gonna be another donation from a group like the Center for Tech and Civic Life? If it's going to come into my, my little town where I've grown up and take over. I just don't think that that's responsible. So I'd like to know the cost involved, I'd like to know if they're non-partisan, I'd like to know what the costs are for the taxpayers, and I just have a lot of questions. And I think if you start having these matters debated in open session, as opposed to going into that back room there and talking for an hour, and then allowing people like me three minutes to talk after waiting an hour. I think that you need to have these discussions and these debates in an open forum so that we all as a community, can understand how you as alders are making decisions because hiding things and not being transparent is not a way to govern Green Bay, Wisconsin. Thank you for your time.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks, Ma'am. ` Any other comments from the public? Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion.

- [Randy] Motion to close the floor.

- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to close the floor made by Alder Dorff, seconded by Alder Scannell. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

- [Council In Unison] Aye.

- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. The floor is closed. We have a motion on the floor stated by Alder Dorff, that was seconded by Alder Scannell. Additional comments on that, Alder Wery.

- Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Being adequately broad and I'm sure the attorney will step in if I stray. A generic counsel closed session about legal issues. A typical discussion would be what's the issue. If we want to address it, or we need to, you know, do we go with our internal legal team? Do we hire an external team to do that?

Cost or no cost? We discuss that. And then a direction given to whichever legal team or a lack of direction. The legal team that was chosen. I obviously, I, I disagree with and I will be voting no on that. The short amount of time that we had to, to look into it, you know, produced, there's plenty online that you can just research it yourself. And I print it off, you know, a document kind of advising county and municipal elected officials of, of how they would proceed with this. And it's eight points about really how to delay or obstruct or get around cooperating. And that's, I feel what we need to do here is cooperate. And, my disagreement then would be of course, who was chosen and the direction or lack of direction given, my hope and expectation is that we fully and expeditiously cooperate and not simply fight, obstruct and delay. Thank you. Really? Do you need to disrupt me every single time I speak Randy? Good God, Randy, could you just for once keep your mouth quiet?

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Wery?

- [Randy] It's a point or order, I have that right.

- You do, but you always do that. Every single time.

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Scannell, what is your point of order?

- [Randy] My point of order is this was dealt with in closed session about bringing it up. We can't discuss it. The idea left behind is that we can't discuss it. Can't be explained why that information is misleading.

- That's all you got? Okay. All right.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thank you. Thank you Alders. Any other additional comments?

- [Barbara] They can't hear some, Veronica can't hear again.

- [Mayor Genrich] I don't know why that might be. It was yeah. Alder Brunette?

- Yeah. Thank you, mayor. I am going to vote no. Mainly, almost entirely because we discussed this in closed session. I shared my thoughts there, have a number of concerns. I believe transparency is the utmost important. It's the American way. We have an open government for a reason. I feel like a lot of times when we make these decisions and shield the public from the way we reason through these and due to the objections I had posed in closed session, the fact that I can't even mention those reasons to my constituents, those who I report to, those who I'm accountable to, those who have the privilege or opportunity to vote for or against me, I think is a real affront to democracy. We're talking about safeguarding democracy, safe and fair elections, but yet how we reason through and deliberate on our defense when we're accused or, you know, the perception is that we did something wrong, that we require a subpoena to turn over records, to an independent council of the state legislature. The fact that we could not deliberate on that in open session for the public to hear, I think is really disappointing for this council to continually make these decisions. So I'm gonna be voting against. One point of clarification for Attorney Chavez. I don't want to be that guy, but I need to ask the question. We were just notified that our mayor may be served with a subpoena tomorrow. If this comes to a close tie, would it be appropriate for the mayor to vote one way or the other?

- [Vanessa] Yes, because even though it's a subpoena served on the mayor, the mayor doesn't lose his right to vote. And more importantly, it's really subpoena served on the city. And it would really be like if the subpoena was served on one of you, you're still entitled to, to participate in it unless you have a personal interest. And I have, I have seen one of the subpoenas that was issued for the other ones. It's about, it's specifically about the office related to, to everything's related to the office, the position, as well.

- So, so we knew about the subpoena to Ms. Jeffreys, but are you saying that you were aware of the subpoena? Another second subpoena?

- [Vanessa] I was aware that a subpoena was served on a different municipality for what the justice had indicated earlier? I did not, I have not seen one served on the city for the mayor. I've not only seen any additional ones on the mayor of the city yet.

- You know, legal opinion due to the pending nature of we're gonna receive a subpoena according to Justice Gableman, would it serve this government, this council to delay the decision and call a special meeting once you receive that subpoena?

- [Vanessa] No.

- Okay. That's your legal professional opinion. Okay. Thank you. No other comments or questions.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks, Alder. Any other questions or comments? Seeing none. We have a motion and a second to move forward with retaining those legal entities Alder Wery, go ahead.

- I apologize. I was just asking our attorney, if this is something I can share. And then I don't know if it was mentioned in the motion, but it is a pro bono that, that the services are being offered for free. So I think that was, you know, important fact that was obviously discussed in closed session because when you're dealing with a nonprofit, obviously you want to know who the donors are and needless to say, you know, your mind can go where it will there, but that was, that is part of the discussion.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. So with that, we have the motion and the second we will use the board on the vote.

- [Celestine] Thank you all.

- [Mayor Genrich] Clerk Jeffreys, I think you are cutting out.

- [Celestine] Oh, am I?

- [Mayor Genrich] That's better.

- [Celestine] Terrible. They're voting. I'll text you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Dorff.

- [Barbara] The motion was this. The vote was taken in closed session to retain law forward in partnership with States United and Stafford Rosenbalm. We will now confirm the vote in open session. I move that we confirm this vote in open session.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder.

- [Celestine] Alders Vander Leest, Steuer, Scannell, and Lefebvre. Can you please vote?

- [John] Nothing's coming up on my screen.

- [Mayor Genrich] It sounds like it's not coming up yet. Just give it a moment. Alder's you seeing the votes? No.

- [Jesse] We keep getting unstable internet.
- [Mayor Genrich] Okay.
- [John] It hasn't come up yet.
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Vander Leest votes no.
- [Randy] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Scannell votes aye.
- [Kathy] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Lefebvre votes aye.
- [Celestine] Okay.
- [Mayor Genrich] And that motion succeeds seven to five. So we were on to committee the whole item two consideration with possible action of four aldermanic district and ward maps as a result of the 2020 census. Alder Dorff.
- [Barbara] Thank you. I think I would like to ask counsel if we could deal with the question of whether or not we're going to have 12 alders, 13 alders or 15 alders before we start looking at maps. So therefore we would not have to be talking about maps that we're not going to deal with. And I guess to lead it off, I will make a motion that we keep 12 alders and 12 aldermanic districts. Thank you.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion has been made to move forward with a, with a map, including 12 aldermanic districts. That was made by Alder Dorff and seconded by Alder Steuer. Discussion on that motion? Any discussion? Alder Steuer.
- [Mark] Well, we all got the maps and first of all, I'd like to thank Clerk Jeffreys, and as well as IT Director, Hronek for putting these together in a short period of time, they did a very good job. I agree that we do 12. I think it's important that we keep it on an even number so that the mayor is involved. You know, if it's a 6/6 tie, but I would offer A, if we're going to be talking about an option.
- [Mayor Genrich] I think we'll just...
- [Mark] Are we gonna do that later?
- [Mayor Genrich] We'll just, we'll yeah. We'll just dispense with the 12 or a different number. And then we'll move along to, to that question. Appreciate it. Appreciate those comments. Alder Scannell and then Alder Brunette.
- [Randy] Yes. I am also in support of 12 aldermanic districts. I think the idea of 13 and 15 is, I wish we'd have taken them up sooner. I think we're pressed too soon now to really have a full discussion on that. I think there is a possibility there. I don't know if I would have supported it, but I think now it's just too late because there are too many, too many odds and ends that we would need to work out if we're going to have 13 or 15 alders, what are their duties? How are we splitting up our committees? What, you know, there's too many factors to be taken into account that it's just too late in the day to be doing. So I think we kind of dropped the ball on this. If we were really going to add more alders, we should have, we should have looked at it sooner. So I don't know if I'd have supported it, but certainly it's too late in the day now. So I support 12. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Alder Brunette.

- Thank you mayor. I'm in favor of 12. I do like the idea of 13, 15, 16, even. I agree with Alder Scannell. I think we should have made this, if that was what was the serious consideration, we should have discussed it several months ago so that we could get the proper feedback from the public, public hearings, we could have noticed it. I doubt many people are following it at this stage of the game. One thing I wanted to spell though, this idea that by going to more alders, that you're growing government, that's not true. When you grow your representation, you don't grow your government. You grow the number of people serving on behalf of the people. When you grow government, you grow the administration or the bureaucracy, the more people here representing the public, the least number of people that each alder serves the better, as far as my opinion, as far as I go. And the more, more alders who, who do serve, you know, can represent greater numbers of communities and greater numbers of perspectives than perhaps the 12 of us could. If the 12 of us will remain here after the next election. So like the idea, COVID certainly complicated things. Of course, we didn't know what the county was going to do. So that delayed us a little bit, but they approved their maps and that was controversial near the end. So I'm in favor of 12. Obviously I prefer one of the maps over the other of the 12, but I'm, I'm in support of 12 at this point. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Alder Wery.

- Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I brought this forward actually months ago. I think it was spring perhaps early summer. And at that time Council decided why don't we wait until we do the maps? So we had the chance to do that, to do that discussion. And I don't want to rehash that because I really do think, I mean the city of Green Bay, we used to have 24 alder people and we had a much smaller city. So each alder person really could know the nitty gritty of their neighborhood. They were really a neighborhood alderman. They knew what was going on. The more we grow, the bigger our job's gonna get and at some point there's going to be a tipping point. This either becomes a full-time job, which I think is the wrong way to go, or we add some more alder people so that it becomes a manageable job. So that a person who has a job, you know, could also do this. So maybe it plants a seed. I can see the die is cast, that this'll be 12 and that's fine. But I hope this plants a seed that really at some point we should have some smaller districts and better representation. So I'm, I'm fine with 12 because that's the way it's gonna go. But I really, really want everybody to think hard about that because the bigger the district, the more money can influence it because you can't get to every door. The postcards and flyers and things of that nature that money can influence can. And we don't want that. Thanks.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Alder Steuer?

- Yeah. One more comment. You know, the population grew about two and a half thousand, I think since the last census. So very slow, steady growth. So, you know, if you divide it by 12, you might get 250 folks added to your district, not a tremendous amount, but I understand where all the worries coming from that there will come a time where there is a tipping point and we have to really look at it. I don't think we're quite there yet, but you know, 9,000 will be representing each about 9,000 people and that's a nice size. It's a challenge. So, but I think for now, this will be fine.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Any other comments? Alder Lefebvre?

- [Kathy] Yeah. This is my second term. So yeah, I mean, you have to get out there. There's a lot to cover in your district. I think they are a little big, but 12 I think is workable. And I don't think we have to worry about, the city is constraint. We can't, we can't grow that much. We have our communities around us that are growing outside of Green Bay, not Green Bay as much. They grew by what was it? 10,000 or more? You know, so the growth is outside of us. So I think, yeah, the 12 I think is fine.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Any other comments on the motion, seeing none, all in favor of sticking with 12 aldermanic districts will signify by saying, aye.

- [Council In Unison] Aye.

- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay.

- [Alder] Nay.

- [Mayor Genrich] The ayes have it. And then we're onto this question of, of 12A or 12B. So I think it's appropriate just to make a motion and we'll go from there. Alder Wery.

- Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I make a motion to adopt 12A.

- Second.

- [Mayor Genrich] Okay. Motion has been made to adopt 12A. That was seconded. Alder Scannell? Guess you gotta use real kid gloves with those mics, I guess.

- [Randy] Yeah, yeah. Where to start. Okay. I've studied these maps and study these maps and study these maps and I, I understand how they were made and I appreciate how they made. And I think that they're good maps, but that said, I hate it. I hate every one of these maps. I hate them. I hate them. I hate them. I hate them. I hate them. I hate them. Take that to the nth degree. My district is nothing like it is now. It is radically changed. Now this isn't about me. So I understand, you know, it took me awhile, threw me for a little bit, a loop. I expected changes in my district. I expected my district to have grown considerably since the last census, but I thought it'd be more on the edges instead of in the center and put a lot of time into a lot of areas that are no longer going to be representing. And, but I think it, I understand why, it makes sense. but I would like to propose, and I don't know if it's too late to have one more map drawn for our next meeting that we could compete with A and this, but, and I'm not sure it's a good idea, but I want to pitch it. I think it makes sense to, as far as making it wholesome, you got that whole, both sides of the river, the downtown and, and that, there's a great logic there. And the way the lines are drawn, I follow the east river and stuff so that there are borders there. It makes sense. But if one looks at the environment of that geography, the downtown, I can tell you that's a lot of work. There's a lot of businesses. There's a lot of residents, all condensed, very much on top of each other on old infrastructure. It's a lot of work. I've been retired. I've been able to dive into it. I'm concerned that going forward, the alder that has, I don't know, is that district nine now? That would be all that I'm counting. I'm afraid they're gonna get burnt out. I'm afraid we're going to be having, putting in alder, setting up an alder to, because this is a part-time job. And most alders aren't retired, most alders have jobs and families and it's a lot. And I'm wondering if it might not be possible to have a map drawn that divides our downtown into two districts, which is what I kind of was anticipating hopefully, but I can understand why they didn't. There's a good logic there, and I'm not sure that it's wrong or certainly it's right in many ways. But when you consider the work involved for that geographic location, the environment of it, I'm not sure it's the best way to go. I'm just not sure. So I'm wondering if it's possible to have one more map drawn. I don't know what it would do to the domino effect on the other districts, but if it's possible, have one more map drawn where we would divide our downtown into two districts.

- [Mayor Genrich] Okay. Thanks Alder. Maybe we'll just have Director Hronek or clerk Jeffreys respond to sort of the rationale and, and what, you know, the impact of a change like this could be.

- Sure. Thank you, your honor. And so director Hronek who really did the lion's share of the actual redistricting work, I did actually have an opportunity to work with that program. I just wanted to, you know, really first emphasize very strongly. I understand Alder Scannell's concerns. I had some conversation with Deputy Director Raynor Wig about dividing some neighborhood associations. Here is where our constraints

lie. Our constraints lie in where the county put their supervisory districts. And the map that we were given, which for the county was E2, was specifically the map that I said that I did not want, that would not be good for the city because of what I call the sliver on the river. And that is the, basically that Eastern portion of part of downtown and Astor Park, which that slivers comprises 1200 people. we can't, it would be very difficult for us to draw the line so that the city is divided, bisected by the river. And then keeping that, we have to keep that as a ward, its own ward. Because ward's crossing the river, that's possible, it's legal. I don't think it's prudent. So that's part of the logic behind the way that it was drawn. In fact, as you discovered in your review, many of the districts changed partially because we grew a little bit so that, you know, increased the number of alders representation to about 8950. But also, I'll just emphasize again, where the county put their supervisor district lines really dictates where we put our wards and therefore where we put our aldermanic districts. I wanna, I want you to know that options A and options B have a very small deviation. So when we're looking at the aldermanic districts, they're all pretty much the same size within about 3%. That's what we're supposed to be going for. I also wanted to make you aware that there were some other districts that had some shapes that made it difficult for us, the border of districts two and three, and then there was a square in district eight that also made it difficult for us to draw these in, in a much more compact, much more, you know, sort of, yeah, more compact way. Now I will also say that we did fix district five because that was very, the old term is, the new term is gerrymander. So basically somebody that looks like a salamander named after governor from 1812 in Massachusetts. So we want to make sure that our districts don't look like an animal. Rather, they look more like a shape that you worried about in kindergarten. So we really aimed for that and I think that we, to the best of our abilities succeeded. One other thing before Director Hronek tells you more specifically about the maps. I just want to talk about the process a little bit. Alder Wery asked about this, and I think it's important to kind of go over that. So originally I had said that we would go over and we would do these maps. We could decide which one tonight and have two readings, one in a special committee next week, one in the second reading for the 19th. Obviously it is available to you to have us go back to the drawing board and draw another one map because we are giving one map to the county. There are some consequences if we don't, which if you'd like me to describe them, I could later. So you could actually have a first and final reading. My concern of course, is public input and the public's ability to understand where those lines are going to be. So that is fairly much what I had to say is, by way of introduction of the maps for tonight. And then as I had said, that Director Hronek is going to talk to you more specifically about how the maps were drawn.

- [Mayor Genrich] Okay. Thanks so much again, for all the work Clerk Jeffreys and the explanation there. Director Hronek, anything to add?

- You cut out on me there.

- [Mayor Genrich] Anything to add?

- Does anybody, would anybody like an explanation of how we put the maps together?

- [Mayor Genrich] Yeah, go ahead.

- Okay. Well, first we started out with the population of the city, and then we just divided by the 12 districts, the 15 districts or the 13 districts. And you can see the results per district. So all our, all our districts are very evenly split based on population. You can see that the lows and the highs of where, where everybody is. As you can see in district one, the average population is 8950 in their pocket...

- [Mayor Genrich] Director Hronek? Sorry to interrupt. But I was just curious if either you or Clerk Jeffreys might be able to share 12A just so people, people at home could get a sense for what we're talking about.

- [Celestine] Director Hronek will do that.

- All right. Sorry. Excuse me. Sorry about that. Everybody can see this now?

- [Mayor Genrich] Yeah, we see the spreadsheet.

- [Mike] Okay. So I'm sorry. Do you need me to start over?

- [Mayor Genrich] No, no, no. That's okay. And I was just wondering if you wanted to show the actual map at some point.

- Yeah. Well, here are the charts. And so just so you can see that we evenly split many of the districts, all of the districts evenly ablation, which is one of the criteria. And then as we drew the maps, the former, we have to follow the counties line to create our wards. So we did that where we felt well, we had to do that, which is the blue lines to draw our wards. So this is the split up of all our wards and as you've seen, we have to follow all their district lines to create their wards, the county district lines to create our wards. So then we drew improviser districts based on those, the major deviations from 2010 and 2020 are, are basically the 2010 district five was very odd shaped, as she said. And we, during this redistricting, this used to be the area of district five, went pretty far south of the majority of it. And we swap that with district three and district two to bring district five up to a more compact and contiguous district. And then the other major difference between the two, the two years or two decades is the sliver on the river, which is a thousand, which is one single ward. Otherwise we maintained, not really even on purpose as much district in 2020 as in 2010. So that's pretty much how we do our maps.

- [Mayor Genrich] Fantastic. Thanks so much for that overview. And again, for the work involved. We had a few alders that wanted to speak. Alder Scannell.

- [Randy] So for downtown on the east side, that's all one ward?

- Yes, that's accurate. So where you see what is purple, thank you, Mike, what's purple and what's bounded by those black lines. That is one ward, indeed.

- [Randy] Oh, well then it really doesn't make sense to break up a ward, I mean...

- And we can't, we actually, you know, our, our minimum and thank you for sort of pointing in that direction, Alder, the minimum number of people is 800 in a ward and the maximum is 3,200 for a city our size. So, you know, 1200 isn't, isn't you know, we would like wards that are more like 2,500. I personally would like as a, as the clerk, wards that are more like 2,500 that ward happens to be, you know, 1200 pretty small. So yeah. Some challenges there.

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Scannell, anything else?

- [Randy] Yeah. I do have another question about for district seven on the west side, there's some lines that I thought were odd.

- Okay.

- [Randy] Going down, Columbia, Roy, Come on. It, nope, nope. It is, as I enlarge my map and I'm wondering if it's a technological thing, is Roy Street, the, the dividing line, because I, when I enlarge the map, it looks like all of Roy, it looks like the map, the line is on the other side of Roy, that the whole of Roy is in district seven. Usually it's a street that divides. So.

- Roy, Roy divides right here.

- [Randy] So it is divided? That is a dividing line?

- In one block right here, yes. Where my arrow is pointing.
- [Randy] Right. So down the middle? The east side of Roy is in one district, the west side is on another.
- Yes. For one block only. And that is between Mather and Holzer.
- And Alder, please be aware that we aren't looking at streets, we're looking at census blocks.
- [Randy] So that, all of Roy, except for that one block is in district seven.
- Yeah. Well, this one block is in district seven.
- [Mayor Genrich] The rest of it's in 10.
- The rest of it is in 10. Yes. Correct.
- And like I said Alder, that's because it seems odd looking at it on a map. But if you were to see the census blocks, it would make more sense. We can't divide a census block, a path actually the, software doesn't permit us to do that.
- And this is your former boundary. And remember the population has shifted east.
- [Randy] Right.
- So this is logically that the, your former boundary would be one block east.
- [Randy] Right, right and, that's not the issue with me. It's just that I always thought dividing lines were down the middle of the street, and one side of the street was one district one side was the other. But when I blow up the map to take a closer look at it, it looks like the line is all, it looks like all of Roy, east and west side are in district seven.
- You'll see the parcels right here. It's down the middle of Roy Ave, Roy street.
- [Randy] Okay, so then it's just a technological thing with when I, that the lines are goofy like that.
- Yeah. Yeah.
- [Randy] That there was a corner though, that it seems Colombia and Holzer. It looks like when I zoomed in, again, I don't know if it's a something, but the technology, instead of going to the corner of Colombian, Holzer, it jumps off at an angle and slices off. So I don't go right to the corner I go behind. Where is it? Yes. Okay. If you go down, Or is it Roy and Holzer, Roy and Holzer. I'm sorry. You see how it makes that point. Instead of going straight to the corner, it makes a point if,
- [Alder] That's the curb.
- [Randy] okay. So then, alright. Then it's just, it's just the technical... It does, okay. Then it's just, when I zoom in the lines go crazy. Okay. Okay. That's fine. That's fine. I just thought it was weird. And I okay. Appreciate that. Thank you.
- [Mayor Genrich] You bet, Alder Lefebvre?

- [Kathy] I was just going to say, as a county supervisor also, I did not vote for the county, my app that was chosen. And unfortunately we in the city, those who represent the county were out numbered. And I thank the city for, they did a much better job of the populations in the each district, because all the outlying areas are quite a bit bigger in population from what they did on their maps. So yeah, this is going to be a hard decision. I'm gonna, well, not for me. I'm gonna say that my district, I know I lost some, I moved a little bit west. I mean, east and down a little bit. It doesn't matter. My district is fine, but I am going to ask to be able to abstain from this vote. Cause I have a conflict of interest on this council.

- [Mayor Genrich] Obviously, you don't have to state...

- [Kathy] I have a relation to one of the alders and I find yeah, cause it makes a difference on these maps. How their district is drawn. Yes, you are.

- [Mayor Genrich] Okay. Understood. Any other other comments? Alder Brunette.

- [Jesse] Yeah. Thank you, Mayor. I want to commend Director Hronek and Clerk Jeffreys did an outstanding job on the maps. The way I look at it going in is that how can we make the maps as close to what currently exists? And it's a challenge because different parts of the city experienced different population growth, and you have to confine the ward boundaries within what the county lines show. And so when I look at map A, I'll be honest, I didn't look at the lines too closely. I noticed a little bit of changes in mine, but across the districts, I don't, I'm not familiar with each of your districts. So I couldn't really see many noticeable changes. And I want to challenge the council as much as it's hard to, not to do. Don't think of these. Don't think of these districts is ours. You know, I think we have ownership of them in a way because we represent them. We know the people, we know the interests, but many of us probably won't be here in, you know, six to eight or 10 years, potentially. There are plenty of elections in between. So the maps really should reflect the character of neighborhoods, that the population should be evenly. Some you respect to diversity of the different people within the districts. And I thought, you know, everyone did a wonderful job. The reason why I'm kind of conflicted on map B was that if you look at Map A compared to what the current boundaries is, map B really only changes two districts. And from what I understand, looking at the map, it would be district 11 and district eight. So I know that they wanted two different maps for us to look at for the 12 person ops, to the 12th district option. But it just seems like those are the only two districts with any, any changes other than very minor lines. So that's why I'm against it. I think if we're gonna do a change to the districts, we should probably, you know, alter all districts a little bit. And I know, I know we're, we're confined based on the county lines and other criteria that Clerk Jeffreys mentioned. So I'm in support of map A if there's a magical way that they can redraw map and we can quickly approve it, I'd be okay with that. But I think we're asking an awful lot of the staff without allowing us to get too closely involved in basically picking our voters. And so I don't know how we can accomplish major changes to the maps without feeling like we're picking our voters rather than our voters picking their representatives. So anyways, I commend our staff and each of you for staying out of this, from what I could tell, my conversations, you stayed out of this process, which is what we want, what the public should demand of all levels of government and the city of Green Bay did just that. So it's a good, I know we had a contentious issue later today, but it's a real positive for the city of Green Bay if we approve this process without any fighting and controversy. So thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Alder Stevens? Nope Alder Gerlach. And then Alder Dorff.

- [Lynn] Tell me if I'm wrong. It looks to me on that B that districts two, three, and five have the same significant changes as they do on map A. So it's incorrect to say that there are only two districts that change. Two, three, and five change rather dramatically on both the maps, I believe. Of course, you know, I'm paying most attention to district three, right. But I wonder if Director Hronek would like to explain a little bit about the difference, the different thinking in creating A versus B.

- [Mayor Genrich] Yeah. Good question. Director Hronek?

- The major difference between A and B is in B district eight has four ward, voting wards. And in, in map A it has five wards. So what we did is we reduced a ward overall, that's the major difference. That is the only difference between the two maps, but A keeps a closer alignment with the current aldermanic boundaries.
- [Mayor Genrich] Any follow ups on that Alder Gerlach?
- [Lynn] No, I think that's good, thanks.
- [Mayor Genrich] Okay. And just something to note, Cause I see the tab on there that says current Alderman. I know my understanding is that staff drew this map without taking that into account. Can you comment on that? Dr. Hronek?
- I'm sorry. You broke up.
- [Mayor Genrich] I said my understanding is that staff did not take incumbency into account when drawing these maps, but you know, you have that as a point of reference on the, on there with the current alderman tab. So I just wanted to know if you could speak to that.
- So we did not take any incumbency. I added this at a later date. Now, you know, I've been here at the city a long time. I kind of know where the districts are, but it's still hard to, for me to pick out all the, you know, the slight variations in it. And you can see, I missed one right here. You know, these used to be, this area used to be in alder, in district eight now they're in district nine. So I, you know, I don't know every nuance in the back of my mind. I know a lot about the city, but I really didn't refer to it. I really kept it as compact. I don't think you can get any more compact. And the population is equalizing in each district better than what we have here right here.
- [Mayor Genrich] Right. Appreciate that. Additional comments or questions? Alder Wery? Oh no, Alder Dorff and then Alder Wery.
- [Barbara] I, so I am, I was aware that there would be one less ward with option B and that is one of the main reasons I'm supporting option B over option A, but another reason is as Alder Gerlach referenced, almost every one of our districts or of the districts, the alder districts were changed significantly. And I think that it's more equitable. Option B is more equitable that the changes are there for everyone in option B. And so that's another reason I'm supporting option B. Less, it will cost less for the city to do elections with one less ward. Thank you.
- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Alder Wery?
- [Christopher] Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think I'm the only person here on the council perhaps who was here during the last go round with, after the census. And I will tell you this one is much better and thank you Director Hronek, you used the data to determine where to put the lines. Last time, there was a lot of other things going on, and this is much better. I support A, obviously I think the district should stay, you know, similar to what the A, if you go to B district eight changes massively, which is what happened 10 years ago, it a half the district just up and changed and people have a right to kind of, you know, be familiar with what their district is and who the representative, at least as one thing. And as far as the five wards, there's been five wards there for eight years and all that. There's no extra expense to stay with A, our cost to the city stays the same. And so that really, I would think if you go with B, you're purposely trying to, trying to attack a district or two. So I think we just stick with A, thanks.
- [Mayor Genrich] Thanks Alder. Any other comments on 12 A? Alder Steuer?

- [Mark] Thank you, your honor. I had mentioned that I was in favor of A, as well. I mean, all of us, like I said, we may not, we won't be here years from now. We're making the maps for future alders. And I, you know, I look at, at the map here too, and my districts is, has changed physically as well, but, and there will be people that are constituents of mine that I've worked very well with that will no longer be there. That's part of the deal. You know, you accept that moving forward. But I agree with Alder Wery, because he said it really was hodge-podge 10 years ago, Director Hronek and Clerk Jeffreys' used that data this time. And I think, you know, we trust them for that. So, option A for me.
- [Mayor Genrich] Okay. Thanks Alder. Any other comments? Otherwise we do have a motion and a second on 12 A. All in favor will signify by saying, aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay.
- [Alder] Nay.
- [Mayor Genrich] It appears the ayes have it. We absolutely can always use the board.
- [Celestine] Yes, absolutely. Alders may vote.
- [Mark] I vote aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Steuer votes aye.
- [Celestine] Thank you and then Alder Lefebvre are you still abstaining?
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Lefebvre, Oh I think she hit abstained.
- [Celestine] Okay, yeah. Awesome, thank you. And let me just play those results. Just give me a moment.
- [Mayor Genrich] And that is recommended for adoption A, three to one. So Clerk Jeffreys' did allude to the process as she was explaining the map drawing. And so I just kind of wanted to throw it out to you all. We do have the opportunity to have a special meeting so that this ordinance will have two readings. We also could adopt it on a first and final reading at our next regularly scheduled council. So would love to get some input from you all on that. Alder Scannell.
- [Randy] I wouldn't mind a special meeting. I mean, I don't know if our, our constituents have really seen these maps. I think if we can give it a little more time, that that's, that would be better in my opinion. Thank you.
- [Mayor Genrich] Other comments? Alder Steuer.
- [Mark] So if we have the special meeting, I mean, we voted on this now, are you saying that there might be another alternative?
- [Mayor Genrich] No, we need an ordinance. And so this, you know, this is not an ordinance that's before you, so that's why normally or customarily, it has two readings.
- [Mark] All right.
- [Mayor Genrich] We could do one reading, but that would take two thirds vote and then would give the public, you know one...

- [Mark] For one, one meeting.
- [Mayor Genrich] Any other thoughts on there?
- Mayor?
- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Johnson, go ahead.
- Yeah, I was going to say I'm okay with, with just the one meeting as well. It doesn't change the amount of time that the public has to dissect this. The meeting is when it is. So whether we schedule one more meeting beforehand to really just take action as one item, or we can do it at the next one. And if for some reason we did not get two thirds vote to suspend the rules to do both readings. I think then we could schedule a meeting right after that one and still get it to the county on time. So I would prefer to go the route of efficiency, but still doesn't change the amount of time the public has to look at it.
- [Mayor Genrich] Right.
- [Celestine] Your Honor, if I may?
- [Mayor Genrich] Yes, Clerk Jeffreys.
- [Celestine] Thank you so much. So we do need to get, I mean, I think that Alder Johnson is incorporating the timeframe appropriately, but that means we would need to turn right around on the 20th and have another meeting. If for some reason things go awry on the 19th, because I need to give the county their maps on the 21st. I actually have five days, but they would like them the 21st and quite frankly, we're all at a time crunch, as you know, because of the pandemic having delayed the census results.
- It's a point of order, Mayor.
- [Mayor Genrich] Yeah, go ahead Alder.
- Is there, is there a posting requirement in terms of how far in advance you cancel a meeting? And the reason I'm asking that question is can we post both dates in advance and then just cancel the one if we need, if, if it's not needed.
- [Celestine] I believe that we can, I'll let the, the attorney confirm, but I believe that we can cancel that meeting the day before. So if we were to schedule a meeting on the 20th at 6:00, we could cancel that meeting, you know, at 5:00, 6:00 the day before, but I'll let the attorney confirm that.
- [Mayor Genrich] Attorney Chavez?
- [Vanessa] There is no issue with cancellation of a meeting. The real issue is with advertising a meeting because of the agenda requirements. So as long as we have advertised a meeting and posted an agenda for 24 hours in advance, that's really the requirement that we have to comply with. As far as timing of the ordinance. So you're aware it doesn't require two thirds vote to approve the ordinance, it requires a two thirds vote to suspend the rules to approve the ordinance.
- [Mayor Genrich] Yeah, good point.

- Right and so that's what I was implying. And then, and then really the question just is in terms of, if we posted both meetings at wanting in case we don't achieve two thirds vote, can it, can it be posted in such a way that, that October 21st meeting is only hosted if necessary?

- [Vanessa] I don't see any issue with that. The only issue would be is if we have some notice requirements, like if, and by that, I mean like public notice has to be published in a certain period of time. I'm not aware of any. Clerk Jeffreys are you aware of any requirements? My understanding is the public hearing requirement applied to the, the introduction of the maps themselves, but I'll let Clerk Jeffreys discuss that.

- [Celestine] Right. Actually, thank you, Attorney Chavez, this is actually, my understanding is that this is a straight ordinance or even a resolution. So in terms of public hearing, like we would do for, for zoning ordinances, that does not, that does not apply here. That is my understanding. I actually did talk to someone in the LTS from some of my understanding. I believe that we could, we would need to have a meeting on the 21st because it's due to the county on the, but let me just double check that notice requirement to make sure I'm not missing anything. And then I will email everyone, if that is acceptable.

- Great. And I misstated that date, So thanks for correcting that Clerk Jeffreys.

- [Mayor Genrich] All right. Any other comments on this process question? Okay. I think we'll plan to move forward with the regularly scheduled meeting and maybe incorporate Alder Johnson's suggestion of scheduling that additional meeting as, as kind of a backup if necessary, but we'll be in contact.

- [Celestine] That sounds fine. And so it will be a first and final reading on the, on the 19th.

- [Mayor Genrich] Yes.

- [Celestine] All right. Thank you very much.

- [Mayor Genrich] All right, well, thanks again for all the work on that. Thanks to alders for your input. Two resolutions. We just have one here tonight.

- Motion to adopt.

- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to adopt made by Alder Johnson that was seconded by Alder Scannell. Any discussion? We will use the board.

- [Celestine] And I'm sorry, your Honor. Who seconded that?

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Scannell.

- [Celestine] Thank you. And here is your vote. You may vote alders. Thank you.

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder Steuer votes aye.

- [Celestine] Thank you. And then Alder Lefebvre?

- [Mayor Genrich] Alder, Alder Lefebvre is an aye, as well.

- [Celestine] Okay. Thank you. I will display that.

- [Mayor Genrich] And the resolution is adopted 12 zero. Onto ordinances first reading.

- [Randy] Motion to suspend the rules.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to suspend the rules has been made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Dorff. To suspend the rules and take up these items with one roll call vote. All in favor of that motion, please signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. The rules are suspended.
- [Barbara] Motion to adopt.
- [Randy] Second.
- [Mayor Genrich] This is a motion to advance?
- [Barbara] Advance, yeah.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to advance made by Alder Dorff, seconded by Alder Scannell. We're advancing these ordinances to a second and final reading. All in favor will signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. And those ordinances are advanced to a second and final reading. Any petitions and communications from Alders? Alder Steuer.
- [Mark] Thank you, your Honor. I've got two. This one will be the protection policy for the city agreed to work alongside state of Wisconsin to implement red light cameras of certain streets. Second one is to INS this study effective ways to check for non-city residents when using city of sites for possible action.
- [Mayor Genrich] Just on that, on that first one, Alder I'm sure you recall, we did adopt a resolution urging passage. I was just curious if you had something else in mind.
- [Mark] Right. Well. Why don't I just hold off on that for now.
- [Mayor Genrich] Okay.
- [Mark] I'll look at that and see if that's...
- [Mayor Genrich] Okay, sounds good. You bet. Any other questions or positions or communications? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion.
- [Randy] Option to refer.
- [Kathy] Second.
- [Mayor Genrich] Option to refer Those communications has been made by Alder Scannell, seconded by Alder Lefebvre. All in favor signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay.

- [Randy] Nay.
- [Mayor Genrich] The ayes have it. And that communication is referred, adjournment.
- [Barbara] Adjourn.
- [Mayor Genrich] Motion to adjourn made by Alder Dorff, seconded by Alder Gerlach. All in favor, signify by saying aye.
- [Council In Unison] Aye.
- [Mayor Genrich] Oppose nay. The ayes have it. We're adjourned. Thanks everyone.