



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022, 4:30 PM
Virtual Meeting. Public may join via Zoom.
Immediately following Personnel.
AMENDED

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

I. This item contains Zoom information, instructions, and a link to the Virtual Comment Form.

B. ROLL CALL.

I. Members: Ald. Brian Johnson, Ald. Jesse Brunette, Ald. Bill Galvin & Ald. Jim Hutchison.

Present: Jim Hutchison, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Bill Galvin

Also present: Ald. Melinda Eck, Ald. Jennifer Grant, Ald. Mark Steuer, Resiliency Coordinator Melissa Schmitz, Deputy Development Director Cheryl Renier-Wigg, Development Director Neil Stechschulte, Neighborhood Development Specialist Will Peters, Mayor's Chief of Staff Amaad Rivera-Wagner, Finance Director Diana Ellenbecker, Assistant Finance Director Pam Manley, Noel Halvorsen, Kelly Armstrong, Rashad Cobb and others.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

I. Approval of the Finance Committee minutes from the April 26, 2022 meeting.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Sale and Issuance of \$14,475,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2022A, and All Related Details.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

2. A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Sale and Issuance of \$3,825,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022B, and All Related Details.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

3. Consideration with possible action of approval on the renewal of the City of Green Bay Copier Lease Agreement.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Jim Hutchison, Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

4. For Consideration with possible action on a request to approve bid award for the Official Newspaper of the City of Green Bay to the lowest responsive responsible bidder which is Press Times.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

5. Report out the purchase of rain barrels approved with ARPA money to Earthmark LLC for \$36,400.00

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to receive and place on file.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

6. For consideration with possible action the approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation within the Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Enhancement category for Neighborhood Association support for \$150,000.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

7. For consideration with possible action the approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation within the Affordable Housing Development and Small Business Support category for Energy Efficiency grants for \$500,000.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to open the floor.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

Moved by Ald. Jim Hutchison, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to close the floor.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to amend to include language and qualifications for flood damage dollars to qualifying homeowners and property owners.
Motion Failed.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, No- Bill Galvin, Jim Hutchison

Moved by Ald. Jim Hutchison, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to approve.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jim Hutchison, No- Jesse Brunette

8. For consideration with possible action the approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation within the Affordable Housing Development and Small Business Support category for Curb Appeal program for \$300,000.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to amend to mirror the Shipyard program with \$1,000 for landscaping, \$2,500 for structural, \$5,000 for site improvement and a minimum 25% match.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve as amended.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

9. For consideration with possible action the approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation within the Affordable Housing Development and Small Business Support category for Great to be Home! program for \$500,000.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to open the floor.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to close the floor.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve.
Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to reconsider the approval of the agenda.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to amend the agenda moving up Item #12 before Item #10.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

10. For consideration with possible action a name change to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation within the Affordable Housing Development and Small Business Support category for the Accelerator program for \$40,000 approved by Common Council in February 2022.

Moved by Ald. Jim Hutchison, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

11. For consideration with possible action the approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation within the Affordable Housing Development and Small Business Support category for Homelessness Blueprint Staff for \$90,000.

Moved by Ald. Jim Hutchison, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to open the floor.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to close the floor.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

Moved by Ald. Jim Hutchison, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

12. For consideration with possible action the approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation within the Affordable Housing Development and Small Business Support category for Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Micro Business Staff for \$180,000.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to open the floor.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to close the floor.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

13. A request by Ald. Brunette to the Finance Committee which states: "To create a policy or amend an existing policy to prohibit or prevent city personnel from the offices of Clerk, Mayor, Law,

Finance, and IT in soliciting, accepting, or using any donation in the form of money, grants, property, or personal services from an individual or a nongovernmental entity for the purpose of funding election-related expenses, voter education, voter outreach, or voter registration programs with the exceptions of compensation of poll workers, securing leases for polling locations, and PPE for voters and volunteers."

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to refer to staff, Law and Finance, to draft a policy revision for a vote in June by the full common council.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

14. A request by Ald. Brunette to the Finance Committee which states: "For a status update and discussion regarding legal services received from Law Forward, States United Democracy Center, and Stafford Rosenbaum LLP with possible actions such as continuing or discontinuing legal services received."

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to refer to staff to work with Ald. Brunette to bring forward to the Common Council.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

F. INFORMATIONAL.

1. 2022 Contingency Account: \$200,000.00

2. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 4:30 PM.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to adjourn.

Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

H. VERBATIM MINUTES.

- 4:37 PM, let the record reflect that Alder Brunette, Alder Galvin, Alder Hutchison, and Alder Johnson are all present. Entertain a motion for approval of agenda.

- So moved.

- Second.

- Second.

- We have a motion by Galvin, second by Brunette. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Approval of minutes.

- So moved.

- Second.

- Second.

- All right, we have a motion by Galvin and second by Brunette, any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Item E providing for the sale in issuance of \$14,475,000. General obligation corporate purchase bond series 2022A and all related details. We've covered this item a number of times. I think this is just a formality, are there any questions? We get a motion?

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- We have a motion by Galvin, second by Brunette. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Item two, resolution authorizing providing for the sale and issuance of 3,825,000 general obligation promissory notes series 2022B and all related details. Again, this has been previously covered. Any questions for staff? All right, can we get a motion?

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Second.

- All right, we have a motion by Galvin. I'm gonna give the second to Hutchison, even though he is a little slow, I'll give it to him.

- I'm gonna touch on-

- Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Reconsideration with possible action of approval on the renewal, the City of Green Bay copier lease agreement, staff?

- All right, thank you. I am going to look to see if our procure manager is on the line. I am not seeing him on the line at the moment.

- Basically, it looks like we're getting a good deal on printing black and white and color copies.

- Yep, it's a new contract. We are gonna be getting some new equipment and we changed the process. We used to have it where they would bill us on a monthly basis. And then we end October, which is a terrible time for budget time, we would get the true up to see really what happened throughout the year. And so we're gonna go back to actually getting billed actuals during the month. So we'll know halfway through the year, if we have a department that maybe is going over or having some issues, but yeah. Real life, their contract that the pricing had come in much better. And again, our new procurement manager kind of worked to deal with them and it's going to actually save us some money over time, over the three year contract.

- I mean, to me, this just looked like pretty standard time for renewal.

- Yep.

- Cost of doing business. But I mean if there's any other questions.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- All right, we have a motion by Galvin and a second, any discussion? See none, all those in favor, say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Item four for consideration with possible action on a request to approve the Bid Award for the official newspaper, the City Green Bay to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, which is Press Times, staff?

- Again, I thought our procurement manager was gonna speak to this. So I will speak to it as much as I can. This is a annual thing that needs to be done, that we have to go out for the official newspaper. Every year we have the discussion. Should we, now that Press Times is a consideration? We have to decide whether or not we wanna go with the press 'cause at a Press Times. And so Press Times numbers prices is better. Their circulation has gotten a little bit larger. And so the recommendation, because they had a responsible and responsive, bid for this contract, is to go to the Press Times. However, our clerk who is not able to join us tonight, said that the state statute says that due two liquor licenses, it has to be a daily print paper. And so right now the Press Time is only a weekly print paper. So at this point we could still go with the Press Times with the consideration that we'll need to follow state statute for liquor licenses. So right now it would be a hybrid approach at this point. I see our procurement manager is jumping online at the moment. So we'll see. That's the approach. That is what that is our recommendation right now on this contract. Tom, we are actually on item

number four, which is the official newspaper. I kind of explained the situation. So I don't know if others have any questions on the newspaper.

- Are there any questions? Alder Hutchison you're new. I mean, this is something that we go through every year state statute requires it.

- Yeah. And the numbers do look smaller for the Press Times. So this isn't gonna be a problem if we go with them for standard notification and do something different for liquor licenses.

- That is correct, Tom, I don't know if you wanna step in there or not. But I did go look at, it looks like we have other surrounding municipalities that are using Press Times for their public notices. But then when I went and researched, it does not look like they're using it for liquor license or at least some of the larger surrounding municipalities following suit. So I believe we have the option for liquor license. We could post them in both papers or at this point, we'd still have to go to the Press Gazette for licenses. So again, we were looking at a hybrid approach.

- Thank you.

- Okay.

- Yeah, period it's been using for at least a year or two.

- Okay, are there any other questions for staff?

- Motion to approve?

- I'll second.

- All right, we have a motion by Galvin, a second by Hutchison. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. We are moving on to item number five, report out the purchase of rain barrels approved earth mark LLC for 36,400, I see Melissa Schmitz is on the line.

- Yes, so the low bid was \$36,400. And that is for the purchase of 520 rain barrels with diverter kits, and a diverter kit is what attaches the rain barrel to your downspout. And the lead time, once we have the purchase order will be four to six weeks. The program, this was approved with ARPA money back in February 1st by Common Council. So, this is just a report out, DPW is working. We're working on a registration and distribution process once the rain barrels arrive.

- So just a quick question, we authorize 60,000 clearly, I assume the bids came maybe lower than expected or we're just ordering fewer units.

- When that request, that ARPA request was made, that was actually for rain barrels and rain garden initiative. So the balance of the funds, \$24,000 and some change will be used to fund the rain garden program.

- Okay, and that was my question. I didn't know if I was gonna return back to the ARPA fund, but you've answered that is there's a second part to this.

- Mm-hmm.

- Okay.

- We're still working on getting the finer points of the rain garden program worked out.

- There's any questions, discussion? If not, we'll entertain a motion to receive and place on file.

- [Grant] Brian.

- Yes.

- [Grant] Sorry, Alder Johnson, could I ask a question?

- Yep, go ahead, Alder Grant.

- [Grant] Do we have to purchase all of them at once, or can we do like 100 intervals to make sure we have the demand?

- That's not how the project was bid out. And it was actually more cost to buy in this quantity versus 100 because they were shipped in a semi from Ohio. And so the price per unit was more cost effective to purchase 520 barrels. And I'm fairly confident that the demand will be quite high for these.

- [Grant] Okay, do we have a plan if they aren't all picked up, I guess?

- Well, we have three years to implement, the funding through ARPA. So if, for some reason the uptake is a little slow for the first summer for this first season, typically, if that's the case, it takes two to three years to really get a program up and running where you have a more of that, I guess, recognition that it exists in social media. Again, I don't see that we are going to be left with rain barrels on our hands.

- [Grant] Okay, and I apologize if this was covered in a prior meeting. And storage wise, are we having any issues of-

- Nope, oh, we have that all covered DPW storing them on South Broadway.

- [Grant] Okay, thank you.

- Alder Brunette.

- Yeah, I think the motion on the floor was to approve, but it's a report out. So would it be more appropriate to receive and place on file.

- Yep, just receive and place on file.

- Yeah, I'd make that motion.

- All right, can we second?

- I'll second.

- All right, we have a motion by Alder Brunette to receive and place in file, second by Alder Hutchison. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Item six, for consideration with possible action, the approval of American Rescue Plan Act allocation within the crime prevention neighborhood enhancement category for Neighborhood Association support for \$150,000. I see Assistant Director, Cheryl Renier-Wigg.

- Oh, thank you. I'm not sure how you'd like me to go through this. I can just briefly run through with this. Let me just back up the next four are all neighborhood based ARPA request. With me, I have Will Peters and Noel Halvorsen. And I think Kelly Armstrong is here as well, who worked with us on one of these requests. But this first one is a request in partnership with Green Bay Neighborhoods, which is our nonprofit that supports all of the Neighborhood Associations along with staff. And what we'd like to do is fund Neighborhood Associations, \$50,000 each year for the next three years, that's the \$150,000. The components of that annual makeup would go to competitive mini grants. We'd have 15,000 for that. We'd have 20,000 for operating grants. We'd like to set up a creation of a city hall academy. I know Bellevue does it, Appleton does it, but I think we thought it would be a good idea to get people works right from departments for budgets. So we have some money in there for that. I met with the chief of police, who's very interested in engaging our Neighborhood Associations on some crime prevention, initiatives dollars, and that's for an undefined program yet for crime prevention. He's got some creative ideas on how to get people more activated in neighborhoods to help with whether it's loud cars or some other things he'd like to work directly with Neighborhood Associations. And then we'd also like to do some neighborhood asset building, which is basically finding out the assets you have in the neighborhood. Who lives in your neighborhood, what do they have to offer? How can we get them engaged in the boards, diversify our boards and get more people involved? What I have and I'm open for questions.

- Yeah, Cheryl, one of the advantages of inviting alders to the Green Bay Neighborhoods meetings is that we know what's going on, and of course I'm on my Neighborhood Association board, and I just recognize the value and impact that a lot of this have in our community. To the Green Bay Neighborhoods meeting is, I've noticed that fundraising for this fund has really lagged behind what we've done in previous years. The one thing that I wanna be sure is that we're not replacing what has always been raised in the past. I would be much more comfortable with this, if we're supplementing, what's been raised in the past, could you speak to that? Or if we need to open the floor, just let me know and I'd make that motion.

- I would say we are supplementing because we are actually right now compiling and updating a fundraising. And so you're right, in that, it has been a lot more difficult to raise money for neighborhoods. We're competing with a lot of other things and sometimes these quality of life issues

are difficult to raise money for, but we have been successful in doing that. And we plan to continue to do that. This is supplementing the programs that we have now.

- Okay, I know that program, was recently contracted out to Neighborhoods. I mean in the past, who was responsible for raising that funding and I guess, what's the strategy? And again, if Noel should be the one answer, just let me know. But what's the strategy for, how we're gonna continue to raise that funding moving forward?

- Well, in the past, it's always been city staff and Neighborhood Association reps and members of the GBN board that have worked collaboratively to raise money. So it hasn't just been a city staff type of thing. It's actually been a campaign cabinet that has worked to raise money. So we've got that cabinet built again, that we're working on. And again, start, we're gonna go out, we've done some fundraising, we haven't been successful. It's in the last couple of years, it's been diff difficult. But, I think since 1999, we've been able to raise over a million dollars for neighborhoods, which is really good. It's slowed down a little bit recently, but that money will still be there. So when this ARPA money is gone, we still will have funding for Neighborhood Associations to support associations.

- Okay. Go ahead, Alder Brunette.

- Yeah. Ms. Renier-Wigg, I guess I'm confused on that. My concern would be that if people who would otherwise donate to Neighborhood Associations, catch wind that the city is using ARPA funds up over \$150,000. I think that they'd be less inclined to donate to Neighborhood Associations. That's where I'm kind of drawing a disconnect from what you're saying, that despite us allocating that money, that it will still be a robust fundraising initiative, that it won't hurt the ability to raise money.

- Yeah, we've had that discussion in the past because I've always sat on that cabinet. And as a city person, we've always said, well, the city should, I've actually heard the city should be paying for these Neighborhood Associations. We've heard that in fundraising asks. But I think the people who are dedicated to neighborhoods, we will solve a list of some donors that I'm hoping to go to that are gonna look at this donation, if you decide to give it as a plus, that the city is supporting association. So I'm hoping that they will add the money to that.

- So you had mentioned the last few years there has been a drop-off. Would you say since COVID or before COVID?

- Well, we started the campaign right before COVID hit. So that of course slowed us down for making the asks. I think we were able to raise, and will, how much were we able to raise? I think on this last fundraiser, I think we wanted to raise-

- No, it was over \$150,000 that was raised. And, your question about the pandemic, it was really difficult, because a lot of the money that was out there flowing was going towards, first responders, or nonprofits that were meeting basic needs of residents and individuals. So we have organizations that are more about the quality of life aspect of it, where we weren't providing, for example, medical supplies or medical assistance. It was very difficult for organizations like ours or like Green Bay Neighborhoods to raise funds during the pandemic.

- Chairman, while I still have the floor, go ahead, Cheryl and I just have one more question.

- Okay, our goal was 300,000. That's generally been our goal for each campaign. So we are only able to raise half of that, unfortunately.
- Okay, and the project summary, it states that in the last line, that one of the purposes of the funds, one of the intended outcomes would be in the neighborhood and support residents who are struggling with COVID fatigue. That last sentence, what does that mean exactly? Is our neighborhood sort of helping people? That I'm struggling with understanding.
- So Neighborhood Associations, the fact that they're even holding events virtually, or in person, they're getting people out of their houses. They're, activating folks who maybe have been time. So I think a lot of associations are cognizant of the fact that people are struggling with that loneliness or not being able to get out. So they're trying to gear their programs and events to get people outside events, more so than inside events.
- Great.
- Alder Galvin.
- Cheryl, in years past, there's been grants given out to Neighborhood Associations for years, and I don't think that money all came from fundraising or from the levy. Were some of those other dollars coming from federal or state government?
- No, the only money that's ever come to the GBN from the levy would be the mini grant program. That is an operation, maybe the last.
- Thank you.
- Otherwise it's all been privately fundraised dollars.
- It's all been fundraised? Okay. Thank you.
- There's been Neighborhood Associations to form them or to assist them. Will did that as well in a small capacity, as far as our city jobs. But otherwise the staff person that worked for neighborhoods was funded through the GBN, even though they used to work in city hall, that was entirely funded with private dollars.
- All right, thank you.
- Noel, did you have anything that you wanted to add? If so, we can open the floor. You're good? Okay, any further discussion?
- Motion to approve.
- I second.
- We have a motion by Galvin, a second by Hutchison. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Item seven, for consideration possible action, on the approval of American Rescue Plan Act allocation within the affordable housing development, small business support category for energy efficient grants for \$500,000. Cheryl, assist you as well.

- Yes. All right, so the city of Green Bay has operated a home improvement loan program for many, many years. In fact, that's the job I started with when the city was giving home improvement loans. It's a great program, it's an interest free loan. You pay it back once you enroll. The problem at least like currently with our program is that that dollar has gotten hard to stretch with our rehab loan programs. So what we'd like to do with some ARPA money is we'd like to subsidize or give a grant rider to the applicants of these loans, these home improvement loans. So if you get a home improvement loan from the city, you can extra up to \$10,000 grant on top of that help you pay for things that will make it less expensive for you to live there. Energy wise, furnaces, insulation windows, things that will help you save money moving forward. So the program where we right now, the program's under contract, Neighborhood's Green Bay was to bid on that. And they operate that home improvement loan program. This would basically give those homeowners some extra cash to use to make their rehab money go further. The ask is for 500,000, we have a waiting list over a hundred people. We're probably three years out on our home improvement loan program. So this money over the next three years would assist over 50 of our applicants for the rehab loan program.

- Just to clarify, Cheryl, these are grants though, right? Whereas the home improvement loan is a low interest loan?

- Correct, it's a zero interest loan. You pay it back when you sell or you move.

- Right, now this would be different though, right? Because it would have to be used be within that three year window?

- Correct, this would be an additional grant. We'd give those loan recipients to do those energy portions of their rehab project.

- So is it exclusively reserved then for folks that would qualify for the home loans where they could add it on or can it be treated separately? Meaning if they just want to upgrade their furnace, for example, can they do that without having to take out a home loan?

- So your intent on this was to give additional money to the folks receiving a loan. It was not going to be a separate program. But I'd like you, if you could open the floor for Noel to speak to that, I'm not sure if that's capacity, if Neighborhoods could do that. If people were just interested in doing a furnace, a grant or something to that effect, but.

- Sure, I'll move to open the floor.

- Second.

- I second.

- So that we got a motion by Johnson second by Brunette. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Noel Halvorsen.

- Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. So we have an extensive waiting list for this program currently and so one of the things that we'll be doing is processing that existing wait list prior to taking say, a new application that might be specifically looking for access to these grant dollars. So if a client is going to be looking at, borrowing under this program and it happened that, the extent of the need at that property for this low income homeowner could be covered just by the grant, I could see the possibility that we might make the grant instead. However, we've recently increased the maximum loan amount of \$7,500 in part because the list of needs for some of these homeowners are pretty extensive. And, as we all know costs for building and rehab have just gone up so high so that, if somebody's facing a handful of challenges and in some cases, the federal dollars that are in this loan program also require other things to be brought into compliance with code along with the identified work, so we could be facing somebody who's got \$60,000 worth of home improvement need and a maximum loan of 37.5. And so there's typically a lot of value engineering that goes on and other work to try and make it possible for them to benefit from the program. And in this case, this grant program, in addition will allow us to look at, oh, that's energy related or that's energy related. We'll apply up to \$10,000 of grant funding, borrowing, and perhaps get them qualified under the current program constraints.

- Any chance, Noel that if it's paired with some of the grant dollars, that perhaps we could reduce the amount that we're issuing on the home loans so that we could create more capacity there. Well, technically not more capacity by volume, but more capacity in terms of users, right? Because we do have that wait list. I know I was working with a resident in my district that she got wait listed in her basements flooding, and she can't afford a typical loan, right? So I would love to see access to more residents. Is that possible?

- Absolutely. I think there's quite a few of the elements, certainly this grant wouldn't apply if somebody's bathroom was, collapsing or the floor was rotting out or the kitchen, was falling apart. But a hole in the roof that's letting water penetrate the building, maybe the roof is something that is replaced with this grant, as opposed to with borrowing. And because a lot of these homeowners are already, struggling in terms of their loans to value, this could by decreasing the amount they have to borrow, get the job done as well as make more funds available to other borrowers in the community.

- Yeah, and I think that that would be my main request of you and your organization is, working with folks in a strategic way on the deployment of these assets, because there's nothing that just makes me sit more uneasy than, oh my gosh, there's a year left in this program. We need to spend through this money quick, find a ways to spend it. And so if we can be really conscious of that upfront to say, hey, instead of doing a loan on the roof, let's do a grant and let's free up access on the home loan to give to another resident who's in need, I think that would be an ideal scenario.

- Absolutely, and our staff, do a complete home inspection and look at this property and triage it. And we may involve our counselors in terms of, financial coaching or other, conversation about the sustainability of home ownership and other factors here. So this is a multi-pronged approach for us in terms of making sure not only do we address those deficiencies in the home, but we're setting up that household for sustainable home ownership for the long haul. Once they get past this current crisis with the repairs that are.

- Great. Alders any other questions for Mr. Halvorsen?

- Just a quick question, is there a reporting feature of this? Like, will we be apprised in a year? What the status is of the 500,000 or is it just let it go?

- Yeah, so I would imagine that Cheryl will devise a very capable and comprehensive reporting program for me. We currently work very closely with city staff on this, in fact, in terms of the draws on the loan program itself, those are actually drawn live from the city. Those dollars are billed from contractors. And so there's a very clear awareness by city staff at any given point where the program is. I will have the grants running in a similar fashion.

- Much like the ARPA funds, our federal dollars need to be spent as well. So we make sure that those loans are going out the door.

- Okay. Thank you.

- Any other questions? Anyone else from the public that wishes to speak? Seeing none, I entertain a motion to close the floor.

- So moved.

- Second.

- I believe we have a motion by Hutchison a second by Galvin. Is there any discussion on closing the floor? No, any discussion on closing the floor? Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Alder Brunette on the item.

- Thank you. Yeah, on the item that the question I really have means it's more of a philosophical perspective, but with the ARPA funds, for the amount of dollars that will allocate, what's the most people that could benefit from a program? Now, this one that Mr. Halvorsen made a good point that perhaps some of the grants could be a lower dollar amount and that it could be more, but it is possible that, 50 property owners, 50 families, or individuals could \$10,000, technically half a million dollars to benefit 50 families as compared to other things that those dollars could be used for. And I know we had discussed this at different times. I don't think that the program's bad, I think it's worthwhile, but for the amount of dollars we're investing into this particular thing, versus the number

of people benefiting, I'm gonna have to vote no on this one with no disrespect intended to anyone who brought this forward.

- Alder Galvin.

- I can change my vote if Jesse or Alder Brunette could tell me what he thinks we should be spending this money on otherwise. Well, it would benefit more citizens of the city.

- Yeah. Yeah. I mean, we had discussed different projects and initiatives. We talked about some fire department things. We're not quite sure how we're gonna allocate all the dollars for police services. I'm not saying it's a bad program, Alder Galvin, I'm just saying that, energy efficiency as compared to some of the other pressing needs, I'm not quite sure we could connect this towards, at least I can't that this is connected to COVID in any way whatsoever. No, it could be. I mean, it could be that some family members or property owners haven't been able to invest in their properties. I haven't been able to invest in my property either. I just wish that it was a little more targeted. I could change my mind, I don't have that answer, Alder Galvin. We have discussed a lot of different initiatives. Some are more worthwhile than others. I voted for some, I voted against some, so I don't have an answer specifically for you.

- Oh yeah, I thought you had something more specific. All right, thank you

- Not at the moment.

- I'd piggyback on that a little bit to Alder Brunette's point, and it's a conversation admittedly I've had with a few alders, and it's related more to the process of how some of this is coming forward, a little bit haphazard in the sense that, oh, here's, a month later, here's a proposal versus sort of a holistic look on what are the initiatives we're advancing and what are the ideas that are out there collectively, and maybe what are the ideas that are being left behind and never being brought to our attention. So, and I think that's perhaps maybe contributing to some of the concern that's developing around a number of these proposals. So it's kind of unrelated to the item, more of an umbrella comment. And I think we're probably gonna see that discussion at council a little bit, is my hunch. Obviously we gotta get through this meeting and make these recommendations to council, but might be something worthwhile for staff to consider and maybe prepare for prior to that council meeting. Alder Brunette?

- Yeah, and just real quick and I'm not trying to get deep into this discussion, but I am concerned about flooding. I'm concerning about flooding in some of the areas of our city, where we are historically high flood damage. So if we could, benefit 50 families at 10,000 or perhaps purchase some properties and tear them down and prevent flooding in that particular homeowner, that's an idea. I'm not again just saying that that was one possible use of ARPA that I get behind.

- Okay, and I think really it boils down to the fact that we're not being given options to choose from. It's just, here's a proposal, tell me yes or no. By contrast, I know the county's doing it a little bit differently, where here's sort of a buffet of options, tell us what you wanna find. It's just a different right or wrong, but I think it is creating or, kind of forcing some discussion, around what's being left at the table. So Alder Galvin, I think you had your hand up again?

- Yeah, I guess that I would direct this question to Cheryl Renier-Wigg. If there are some homeowners whose homes have been damaged in the past by flooding, would they be able to apply for grants and or loans? Several of my constituents have had to raise their homes higher to get above the flood plan. Would this be something where they could apply for these monies?
- Those are eligible costs for the home improvement loan program so they could make an application.
- Okay, so if we-
- Is meant to raise that up.
- So we do approve this, how do we go about notifying people out there that these funds are available? I mean, we could say it's for energy efficiency, but how do we go through the Neighborhood Associations? Do we do a mass mailing to the areas that are affected to say, Hey, this is coming up. If you're thinking about doing something like this, you need to apply by X date and that kind of thing.
- So we probably have a two year waiting list right now for the program. So we already have a pool of probably people that would be eligible for this money. And I think these comments are really good, 'cause you're right, this flooding is an issue for Green Bay. When we looked at programs, one of the main concerns we knew was we needed to get the money out the door. So, these are our ways for us to assist a lot of people and get the money out the door. I mean, that doesn't say that we couldn't come up with a program specifically for properties that have been damaged due to flooding. I mean, 500,000 is gonna buy maybe five houses. So, it depends, do you wanna repair them where they are or certainly we could have more discussion about that.
- Okay. Thank you.
- Alder Brunette?
- Yeah, I think this is the confusion is it says very clearly under the title energy efficiency grants. And so a owner would be eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000 to be used for energy efficiency improvements at the home, such as furnaces, water heaters, windows, and doors. Now granted some of those items could be damaged by floods, especially furnaces and hot water heaters, but it doesn't say anything about flooding. Is there a possibility to... It says energy efficiency. So it's hard to say that this flooding would qualify. So can we add flood?
- The flooding would qualify under the original loan program. The home improvement loan program, the flooding stuff, those would be eligible costs under that program now.
- Sure, so this is an energy efficiency grant. So if we could, let's just say, hypothetically, we voted this down and said, we liked the idea, but perhaps instead of focusing just on energy efficiency grants, we also include dollars to assist homeowners directly affected by flooding. Would that be a possibility?
- I believe it would be. I see no shaking his head to administer that program.
- I mean, chairman Johnson, is there a motion on the floor?

- Well, it's just a motion to approve, but you can certainly amend.
- Yeah, I'd like to make a motion to refer to staff to include language and qualifications for flood damage dollars to qualifying homeowners and property owners.
- Yeah, and actually, Alder Brian I'm gonna walk back that comment. I don't know that there's a motion on the floor, so maybe let's first entertain a motion to approve.
- Also move.
- Okay. So I have a motion by Hutchison, a second by Galvin and then Brunette, if it's okay with you, we'll treat that as an amendment. And maybe one suggestion I would make is rather than, I mean, do you actually want the language to come back or do you just want to add that contingency and then trust that staff will draft the language?
- Well, yeah, I mean, we could definitely have them do that, but the issue, I guess, is if we approve it, they wouldn't know there would be no official motion directing them to make that language change. We're basically approving as is, and that's not at all what I would like.
- Well, no, if you make the amendment, it's a contingency. So they'll have to add that.
- Yeah, under energy efficiency grants though. That's the-
- Yeah, I think my understanding is that you can kind of say energy efficiency and flood mitigation.
- Okay.
- Or flood repair damage. So is that acceptable, Alder Brunette?
- Yes.
- Okay, and then I real quickly, I just want to get a second on that amendment.
- Second.
- Okay, I have a second by Alder Galvin. I got a few hands up, Alder Grant?
- [Grant] Sorry, I was just curious with this energy efficiency grant, is this specifically to residents only, or can it be used for city buildings and whatnot?
- It's for owner occupied residents in Green Bay.
- Private property.
- [Grant] Okay. Thank you.
- Okay, Chief of staff, Rivera.

- Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to remind alders that you still have the ability to suggest or submit request for ARPA funds. In fact, we've only received two requests from Alders since we rolled them out last year, just as a reminder, we had two town halls. We had nearly a thousand people participate via a survey. We had people submit information, and then as you all graciously pass the framework and we were instructed to provide elements of that framework, which is what we've been doing. And the way that these have been introduced are the exact same way we've done since the beginning of rolling out ARPA funds. So I just wanna make sure that we remind folks that we really appreciate your deliberation and thoughtfulness. Every Alder has the ability to submit a request. You can make them as specific as you'd like, those guidelines are available. Susan, who is on this Zoom can help you walk through. If there are questions, I'm happy to send that out after this meeting again. So just as like again, a reminder, we are submitting these ARPA dollars, the exact same way we've done since the beginning, we've engaged the community for over six months to get feedback. And that we also have an opportunity for Alders to provide and direct, specific ARPA request on their own. And there's plenty of money left over to be able to do all those things. So I just wanted to make sure that we were all on the same page about the process. Obviously this committee and the council could entertain or explore other options. I think the mayor is completely open to meeting with and engaging Alders. And in fact, I think this council we've met with every single Alder to discuss priorities. Unfortunately we've only received two requests after that, so thank you, Alder Steuer and Alder Johnson, who are the only two alders who have submit ARPA request specifically, thank you.

- So just a follow up question to that amount, just because again, I wanna understand, 'cause I know staff has quite a pile of requests, that are perhaps housed right now with your office. I mean, if we submit a request, does it automatically go in the agenda? And this is where I think maybe the confusion is because then it kind of turns into a rat race, who can submit their request the fastest to get an up and up or down vote from this committee and council versus maybe what's the most thoughtful request that addresses the most immediate needs. So could you maybe help provide some clarity on that?

- Yep, so we are, as you know, discussing internal projects and working with community partners on those kind of projects that bring for your consideration. Like I said, we received two proposals from the alders. We are currently discussing those proposals to see if there are either other avenues or other funding that already exist, that would cover them. If there is not already an existing bucket, there isn't some other dynamic that can make sure this thing can be addressed. Then we obviously are just gonna move that forward as written, as long as it's falls in compliance with the various elements of the federal law, we see no reason why there should be a barrier. We have gotten a variety of requests. Many of those requests are actually outside the scope of that. And we've informed people for that. And then you already had a robust conversation about roads over these ARPA funds at the infrastructure dollars. So you've already had that conversation. Many of these conversations, you all have explored already, but we've actually received very few requests from elected bodies and the ones that do fit. We've tried to work with community leaders and community organizations and other institutions to figure out a way for that to be presented to you for your consideration. So we consider every proposal, there is no rat race. We've tried to integrate and reflect everyone that comes before us. If there isn't another avenue and it fits into the criteria, we obviously will bring that for your proposal, as long as the city can figure out a way to either implement it or put someone in charge of it, or whether we're the ones who are gonna run it. And we leave that and talk to the directors about that. So I think that's probably the best recap, but we're

always happy to entertain conversations and everyone, if they would like to meet with the mayor to discuss any proposal from individuals and residents to elected officials, we'd be happy to do that.

- So in this case, you had mentioned that Alder Steuer, and obviously I've got the one submitted request, I guess, who makes the determination then about when, and if that falls on a finance agenda?

- We are just exploring whether or not one, it meets the criteria, and two, if there's not already a financial bucket. I imagine that any proposal that meets the basic criteria for, could come forward for approval.

- So basically then the two proposals, again, that have come from Alder Steuer and myself do not meet the requirements?

- Nope, I think that they may, in the case of Alder Steuer, I think we're currently figuring out there was not already money allocated to the bid districts. I'm trying to figure out if there is a particular mechanism for that, the best mechanism for that, so that we can turn it into a program. And in the case of you Alder Johnson, I think we're just exploring whether or not Disney ARPA fund, or should it be a city ARPA fund given that the people who run the Neville Museum are actually the county, even though it's placed obviously in Green Bay. And we're just having active conversation with them to figure out what is the best bucket for this, given the way that that's managed. So in both of those cases, we're just tricking out the mechanism. And as soon as we figure out an appropriate mechanism, that would be before finance committee.

- Okay, Alder Steuer.

- Thank you, Chair. Mark, could you refresh, Alder Johnson and I applied, but I could you refresh for the committee just explain those two proposals that we both brought forward for the committee?

- What I could probably do that would be better, is I'm happy to have the center to the chair and have you all do it so that's in your own words, I wouldn't wanna speak poorly about them, but I just don't wanna-

- I need some refreshing.

- I just don't wanna mischaracterize any of the proposals, but we're happy to share them with the committee or share with-

- Yeah, and I think here's where I'd like to go with it. I don't wanna get too far down a rabbit hole here with proposals that aren't, no action can be taken on those items tonight anyway.

- No, I wasn't looking for that.

- So you and I, and I'm guilty a little bit there too, but Alder Steuer, you and I can maybe connect with staff outside of that. Alder Brunette?

- Yeah, this is connected obviously to the motion that I made, but Mr. Rivera, you said that ideas would be brought forward as they come to you. I mean, you represent the mayors office. We had about 3 million in climate resiliency set aside for our ARPA, but are you saying that would the

mayor's office be open to allocating a few million dollars to purchasing properties along East River? That would be a use of ARPA funds that I think would do a great deal for the city.

- Like I said, Alder, I think that if you are interested in putting that forward, that there's a form to fill out and that all things that are being put forward are open for consideration. So there is a form for you to fill out that was sent to you again, if you would like to submit that as a proposal, I think you should guys within your power to submit that as a proposal. How that gets negotiated and figured out, I imagine that's part of the democratic process of folks having conversations with staff feasibility, whether or not this is the best thing you all are a body that allocates funds. So we have yet to see a proposal from you or anyone else out requesting that, but feel free, if that is what you think needs to, you would like to have that up for consideration or requested, the form is completely available for your use.

- Right, okay, fair enough. I don't obviously represent that area. So I have no strong stake other than the fact that it affects the Green Bay resident. So having said that we're gonna spend half a million dollars of ARPA for this initiative. Maybe we oughta give it a little more thought and put a agenda item out there to possibly purchase homes for those folks along the East River or Fox River affected by seasonal and storm water flooding. So that changes the ball game a little bit here, according to what Mr. Rivera just said. I did not propose anything, but makes me question how much half a million dollars could go toward some of the other initiatives, perhaps.

- Okay, well, I think, to me, it kind of signals perhaps the Alder Galvin that there's maybe a little bit of work and opportunity there prior to our next council meeting, depending on the outcome of today's vote, but obviously any Alder could act on that. But I presume the intent was that since the issue is related to flooding and Alder Galvin's district, there's an opportunity there. All right, I see Alder Eck has her hand raised.

- [Alder Eck] Just a quick question. Can I request that maybe that information gets sent out to all of, well, particularly the new alders?

- Could you be more specific about which information?

- [Alder Eck] Oh, on requesting the ARPA funds.

- Yep.

- That talking about?

- Yep, he's shaking and said yes. So he'll send that out.

- [Alder Eck] Thank you.

- Okay, is there any other discussion? If not, we're on the amendment right now and the amendment is to add flooding into this. So that's energy efficiency and flooding grants.

- I guess I've got a point. I see this standing alone energy efficiency, I think is a big enough topic for me that it be applied to people who are in effect affecting their homes. If it's 50 or 100, I think that the energy efficiency aspect of it will last beyond the three years, it'll continue as those things are being

used. I think throwing flood in here just kind of muddies the water, metaphorically. I think there's opportunities for flood. I think it's very important issue we have to go, but I don't think taking money or taking this item and mixing it with flooding is necessarily efficient. That's my point, so I'm against the amendment.

- Okay, any other discussion? All right, so again, we're gonna conduct a vote here, but it's on the amendment only. So the amendment to add flooding into this, all those in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed?

- No.

- Nay.

- That's two, two, motion fails for majority. We're back to the original motion, which is to prove the item as presented. Is there any further discussion?

- Move to approve.

- Okay, so there's already a motion on the floor. So just be, if there's any discussion. All right, seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Any opposed?

- No.

- I was an aye on that as well. So motion carries three to one. Item number eight for consideration. I scrolled too fast here. For consideration with possible action, the approval of American Rescue Plan Act allocation within the affordable housing development, small business support category for Curb Appeal Program for \$300,000, staff?

- And if I could just add one thing, Alder Brunette, we'd be happy to take a look at some flood money and issues and that type of thing. I think that's important in as our department, we could take a look at that, 'cause we have all that info, what houses are affected and that type of stuff.

- With the ARPA funds, you mean?

- Yeah,

- ARPA funds, we can do some research on it, I guess, to find out how many houses are affected. I think all we've been working with Alder Galvin on establishing what houses are actually in the flood plain and those types of things. So we can do some research on that. All right, Curb Appeal. This is a program that we've been able to run for a number of years, but unfortunately 437, our neighborhood enhancement fund is we're no longer funding that program anymore. Curb Appeal is a grant program that allows owners to make exterior improvements to their property like driveways, landscaping, painting trim, those kind of small things that can make a neighborhood look not so great. If you're familiar with the broken windows theory of things, you fix that one window and then everybody fixes the window. So that's the whole concept behind the Curb Appeal Program. So this is for property owners to make exterior home improvements. The grant is \$7,500 to cover those costs. Historically, the average grant's about \$4,000. It's kind of a reimbursement. They come up with the money then we reimburse when it's completed. We've done 29 of those grants in the past with this funding source of \$100,000 each year for the next three years, 75 properties roughly would be able to be improved on the exterior. We would only operate within the census tract areas and it'd be administered by our staff internally.

- Is there a match requirement?

- There was a match requirement on the original Curb Appeal Program, it was a 25, 75, but I think in efforts to get the money out the door, we just made it into the \$7,500 grant could add the match back in if you wanted us to.

- Yeah, I think there's gotta be some skin in the game. I don't think we should just be shelling out money to anybody who just signs up first. I think, can you maybe give us some overview on the... I know there was a curb bill program that was introduced with the shipyard with the Neighborhood reinvestment strategy, which was oftentimes confused with just the shipyard side itself. Those are two separate initiatives, but could you tell us again what the match requirement was in that program?

- Well, that was the 25, 75%.

- Okay.

- 500, so they... 25%.

- What was the cap on that program?

- Was \$7,500. Well, I take that back. Will, I think it was a little higher, wasn't it?

- Yeah, it was a little higher. 8,500, I believe was the max, there was three categories that homeowners could apply for. There was landscaping portion. There was a portion that would cover concrete. So sidewalk and driveway. And then there was, I believe maintenance.

- Look what I found on my desk.

- Look at that, that has all the details in there of that Curb Appeal program. So there was a cap for each category.

- See, people make fun of me for having a messy desk, but when you have a messy desk, everything's right where you need it.

- That's right. And that was a very successful, the shipyard district was the pilot area neighborhood for that program. It was very successful in creating an impact. And in fact, we really received a number of phone calls from even outside of the area, the word spread fast of the existence of that program, 'cause really that's a program that isn't covered by any other program that we have as a city or as other service provider nonprofit has in the community. But it's one that can really make, visually a pretty great impact 'cause in our discovery walking through that neighborhood, it was a really great neighborhood and much of what was needed is that extra touch of, fresh quote of paints, fresh landscaping, driveway put in fresh concrete that really does boost the Curb Appeal to put it quite literally and frankly. And in turn, it inspired other neighbors, to take a little bit more pride in ownership in their property. So again, going back to their broken windows concept.

- So just for the benefit of the committee, as I'm looking over this, again, this was shipyard, not necessarily the way this one has to land, I'll leave that up for debate. But landscaping was a max of \$1000. Exterior structural rehabilitation was 2,500 max grant, site improvement was \$5,000. And could people combine those because it says here that you could have a grant will reimburse up to 75% of eligible project costs. So if you're 7,500 max eligibility, I assume that meant you could combine stuff, right?

- Yeah, homeowners would apply for, in some cases, all three categories to maximize the benefit of the program.

- Okay. There questions from other Alders. Alder Galvin?

- Not really a question, but just a comment. I like the idea of the homeowners having some skin in the game. I understand that some people hurting out there, they've been hurting for years and we see some of those properties and I've had some of those constituents reach out to me in the past and I'm happy that we do have some programs in place and I think this one will definitely help out, but I would like to see that they do have something in it just like you said, there's probably ownership. So I back that.

- Yeah, I think, unless there's any other discussions or thoughts, I would like to see this mirror, what we did with the shipyard. I mean, if from what I'm hearing from staff that was a successful program, I'd like to maintain what was successful rather than, eroding at it and eroding in the sense that we make it too accessible where, I think that... And I've said this from the beginning with ARPA dollars, we should be finding every way that we can to leverage the investment so that a \$300,000 investment here turns into a million dollars because of private investment that matches it. So, I would offer that up as an amendment that we have the program mirror, exactly what we did with the shipyard, which again had the 1000, for landscaping 2,500 for structural, 5,000, for site improvement. And then it would be at a minimum of a 25% match. That's an amendment, if there's a second.

- Second.

- And actually I gotta back up, I'm offering amendments before we even have an motion on the floor for the main item. Is there first a motion to approve?

- So move.

- I'll second it, we have a motion by Galvin, a second by Johnson. And then I would make that amendment, as I stated before Alder Galvin seconds, the amendment that's what's on the floor right now, any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor... This is a vote on the amendment only. All those in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Now we are back to the main motion as amended, any discussion? All right, all those in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries, item number nine. For consideration with possible action the approval of American Rescue Plan Act allocation within the affordable housing development, small business support category for great-to-be home program \$4,000. Staff?

- This is my last one.

- Anna's getting a nice break over there.

- And actually, I'll need to have Noel help me out on this one, 'cause they administered this program. So we've actually been working with Kelly Armstrong at the chamber and a housing group to look at ways to incentivize people to move into the City of Green Bay. So right now Neighborhoods operates a number of down payment assistance programs. But what we really wanted to do was incentivize our larger employers to get basically put some money into a pool that could revolve that, that would assist their employees to be able to purchase properties in the City of Green Bay. I think it's on the agenda. It's actually great, being home is the name of the program down payment assistance program. We'd ask for half a million over a three year timeline. And the eligible buyers would be employees of the city of Green Bay, employees of Green Bay, headquartered nonprofits and small businesses less than 25. And then it'd be eligible for the larger employees who donate into the program for their employees to participate. The number of requirements, if you're gonna use this money, you have to go through some home buyer education. You have to make sure that it's a single family or a two family. It's gotta be owner-occupied serving as the primary residents. If you are a buyer above 80% of median income, you would have to purchase your home in a qualified census track. So in the efforts of trying to mix income in our neighborhoods more, we'd like if you're above at 80%, to be purchasing in a qualified census track area. And with that, I know Kelly is here and Noel was here. I'd like if you could open the floor, they could-

- Yeah, I haven't moved to open the floor.

- Second.

- Right, we have motion by Johnson, second by Galvin. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye,

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? motion carries. Noel or Kelly, either of you or anyone else for that matter would like to speak to this item?

- Sure, I would. Yields of Florida to know first and then I'm happy to make a few comments about it as necessary.

- Sure, thanks Kelly. Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the committee. As Cheryl mentioned, we do operate a number of down payment assistance programs, including employer assisted home ownership programs that have traditionally followed a model where we have an employer putting up matching funds to make a loan, a larger loan for down payment and closing costs to assist employees to purchase homes. And we've got a number of major employers in the area who've participated in that program for a long time. For some of them, it started as a retention tool to keep employees at their company, from jumping to another company, they would forgive their loan after some period of time of the employee remaining a homeowner and employed with the company. However, now it's becoming an attraction tool for a number of employers thinking about how to get people to come to our community and to work at their plant or work at their place of employment. And so we explored some programs around the region, including a program in Warsaw and elsewhere, and looked at a way to incentivize people who may come to the area live and work here and given the constraints of some of the ARPA dollars in that, they can't be loaned out. We've gotta grant them out. That's part of why we're looking at this program to add some potential assistance to a down payment loan. So somebody might be getting a no interest deferred payment, second mortgage loan, in addition to a \$5,000 grant to help clear the hurdle of home ownership. And as Cheryl mentioned, the city of Green Bay employees, of companies and not for profits with less than 25 or fewer employees, those will be eligible participants in this program. And then for those larger employers will be looking at creating some new partnerships along the lines of some of our existing ones where we'll be asking them to either make a matching grant to their employer or a matching deferred loan that they would forgive after several more years of owner occupancy and employment with their company to help leverage these ARPA dollars into more impact and more homeowners in the community.

- Awesome, thank you Noel. So if you don't mind, I would just add. So, my name is Kelly Armstrong, Vice President of Economic Development for the Greater Green Bay Chamber. And I appreciate a moment of your time. Some of this work has come out of our housing working group, which is a working group of our diversity, equity, and inclusion task force. So looking at housing through a diversity lens, and that's why I think you'll see that you have not only the small business component, because as we're in this or for talent, businesses of all sizes are looking for people. And we're actually in the process of getting ready to launch a benefit survey across manufacturing. And what we'll see is just the variation of what employers are offering for benefits. And they're starting to get really creative and this is another creative opportunity for them to help retain their workers here in the Green Bay area. So the small business component is great because most small businesses don't have the funds or resources to be able to provide those types of programming and benefits for their

employees and what a great way to keep people in the city of Green Bay. In addition to that, you have the larger employer piece that has a matching component, which then again, as you requested, you like to see that these dollars are leveraged with private investment. So these will be private, larger employers that are then leveraging and matching that \$5,000 piece and giving their potential employee an option to have \$10,000 for their down payment assistance. So the other thing that's really important to note about this, is that as people think about housing, we always think about affordable housing, affordable housing. Well, affordable housing is what's affordable and what's affordable for me is different than what's affordable for you or you or anyone on this call. We all have different levels of what that affordable housing means. And so we're not just talking about people that are below poverty levels. We're talking about actually one of the major needs that we have in this community that we see across the region is that need for that first time home buyer. And they're not necessarily in meeting those poverty guidelines, but think about the young folks that are maybe in their first or second job making about \$40,000 a year. Let's say you're married, there's two of you, you're not gonna qualify for any of those affordable housing pieces, but you also are gonna struggle to raise \$10,000 for your down payment assistance, right? And I won't even get into what the housing market looks like right now, it's crazy. So this is a unique opportunity and certainly a way to leverage the ARPA dollars with private investment and for the city to be a partner with the business community and provide an avenue for employee retention and these are solid paying jobs. So I appreciate your consideration.

- So two things real quickly, and I neglected to do this earlier when we opened the floor, but Noel and Kelly, could you both just state your address for the record.

- Noel Halvorsen, 2443 Deckner Avenue.

- Do you want my business address?

- Yeah, just any address is fine.

- Sure, Kelly Armstrong, 2701 Larsen Road, Green Bay.

- So Kelly, for someone maybe who doesn't normally come to these meetings, that is a requirement when you speak is the name and address so.

- Sure. So don't think it's totally agreed.

- So I do have a couple of questions, but first I wanna open it up to any other members of the committee that might have questions for speakers or for the folks that spoke to this item. Okay, then I'll fire away. Kelly, you talked a little bit about the potential for some match for larger employers. Could you maybe speak to that a little bit about how put together is that proposal? Because again, I go back to the point when is wanting to leverage investment. I'd love to know, I guess if that's kind of a real tangible thing right now, if that's still relatively nebulous.

- Yeah, I think it's super tangible. There's actually precedent already with another program that Noel runs and I'm sorry, I'm not gonna know the name of that off the top of my head, but there are employers already that provide a level of assistance, but what we'd like to do is expand that and scale that, and this is a great opportunity to do that. We've had some preliminary conversations with some

businesses and so we know there's interest and I think it's just a matter of saying, Hey, these dollars are available and being able to offer it as a partnership.

- How do you feel about having a requirement in there and I know staff's gonna shake their head. No, that this can't be done, but hear me out. How do you feel about a requirement that says you need to stay in your home for X number of years or the grant must be repaid and staff, before you shake your head no, that the point is that, if you have that employer contribution that comes in, there's some shifting of dollars that can occur there. But but my fear is folks that come in and, they get a job offer, they use the city funding and all of a sudden they take a new job and leave the area in a couple of months or a year. And that value doesn't really stay here locally then. So that what's going through my head.

- So, I mean, I hear what you're saying and I would say one thing is then you have to get really nitty gritty about what's the right amount of timeframe. I don't know the answer to that question. Is that fair to put that on someone? Is that a requirement? And I'm asking, because I don't know the question and some of those previous proving the other ones, do they require a certain amount of time for you to receive the curbside piece or the flood mitigation piece for any of those other pieces? I don't know, that's-

- Why difference is that's value that stays behind with the property?

- Yes, well, somebody buying a house and owning it and being owner-occupied in the city of Green Bay, whether they're there for a year or five years is still providing value.

- Except that they take that down payment money, then sell the house and that down payment leaves the community. So it's no different than you get a signing bonus. A lot of times signing bonuses, you have to stay on the payroll for a certain amount of time.

- Sure, and the employers might have a requirement in there as well for the ones that are contributing, but Noel's certainly, probably has more insight on that.

- Yeah, and I know why staff is shaking their head, no, because ARPAs gotta get out the door and I get that, but that's the transfer of employer match, so-

- I actually saw Cheryl shaking her head, yes. So I'm not sure.

- Oh, maybe we looked at different times. Noel, go ahead.

- Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yeah, obviously whenever a community uses some of its scarce resources to incentivize home ownership in the form of down payment and closing cost assistance or any other thing that gives an kind of an equity bump right off the bar for somebody who's purchasing, we look at those and we wonder if somebody's gonna sell too quickly and take that support and move away. And we'll have, quote, wasted that investment. I think the history that we see and we've helped thousands of families in Green Bay purchase homes over the years, they're not making that jump. But buyers generally are doing this, maybe once or twice in their lives. This is a very serious transaction, the purchase of a home, the program will require pre-purchase education and counseling. We're an agency that provides that, we help people get real about where they're at with their financial lives, with their budget, with their aspirations and making smart decisions is part of that. Purchasing a home

and then selling it a year or two later, isn't smart to do financially. There's a lot of opportunity costs that come with that home purchase that isn't necessarily adding value to the home and is something that's gonna be recouped on sale. There's some costs with that transaction. And they may amortize over the lifetime of ownership. And so certainly it's something that's a possibility. I don't know that it's a possibility that deserves an extraordinary preparation or some program response at this point. I do think that the seriousness of home ownership and home purchasing for most families will keep them from making a foolish decision or a cavalier decision. And then we do have, when we work with some of those larger employers currently, and some of the folks that we're talking to that have expressed interest in partnering on this program, they will also have some strings attached to their portion of the financing that will hurt if the employee leaves the company or sells the house, within a period of three to five years. And it may vary by employers. So we do think we've got some tools in there to discourage this. We also, really force kind of that gut check among our clients when they're doing this, to make sure that they know that, if you're buying a home, you better plan to be there for a number of years, because there are some costs that you're not gonna recover. And even a \$5,000 grant may not overcome some cost of the opportunity cost for purchasing.

- Okay, and it was just a question, I wanted some feedback.

- No, it's totally appropriate. It's something that we wrangle with in the industry.

- Galvin.

- And with the ARPA dollars, with regards to the loan, we knew that the grants were better. Best case scenario would probably be a three year forgivable type of like, but then we thought, well, that might muck things up with the original loan, the bank. So I guess looking at the big picture, that's why we settled where we did.

- Yeah, and I'm fully aware that sometimes you can spend a disproportion amount of time chasing down one isolated incident. So I'm not looking to create a policy, that does that either. I do have a couple of comments that I'll wait, but are there any other questions? Anyone else from the public that wishes to speak? If not, I would entertain a motion to close the floor.

- So moved.

- Second.

- We have a motion by Galvin, second by Hutchison, any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Committee, any comments, feedback? Galvin?

- Yeah. When I was on a police department in the training division, we had programs, not like the loan program, but where we assisted officers with their education. And there was a pullback if they left the department within so many years. So I kind of get that. You think about today, if a guy had

bought a house two or three years ago, what would it be worth today if he suddenly sold it? Of course he'd have to be spending just as much money to buy another house. But I mean, there are things that make you think about, is this the best thing? But I think Noel kind of nailed it for me a little bit when he explained that there's a lot of counseling that goes on with this, there's a lot of commitment from the families. They've got jobs. I think their bosses are not just gonna willy-nilly load 'em out, or front some of that money for that home. If they think they're the kind of person that's gonna be bailing out on 'em in six months, or just not showing up for work. And even as he said, this is a discussion they've had quite a few times amongst themselves. But I also understand your thoughts on this, Alder Johnson, and I agree with you on it, but trying to find that perfect answer, I think is difficult. And I think, I'm comfortable going forward with what we have right now.

- And I would maybe just a couple thoughts, Alder Galvin, to that point, to me, it's kind of an issue that occasionally comes up is the topic of residency requirements. And I think in this marketplace, I think that quite frankly is just not a good idea right now. But that said, this kind of creates a nicer carrot versus a stick, type of approach where you're giving an incentive to folks to wanna relocate within the city of Green Bay. So I think that's a really good thing for the city of Green Bay as an organization. Now, it's interesting because obviously our housing market is really plagued by short supply right now. So in essence, we're just kind of shuffling in dollars around, and I don't know that unless you're buying a rental unit and taking it off the market, that you're doing anything to increase home ownership percentage in the city. So, one thing that I'd like to see, and I don't want to handcuff this program so more, so it's just saying, Hey Noel, Hey, Cheryl, if we could look at this, I look back at our new homes in your neighborhood program and the city owns a number of lots. I mean, to me, a better strategy is can we create a higher incentive to encourage more inventory in the marketplace by getting people to build on these lots, that in some instances, the city's owned for way too long, and then you get them back on the tax roll with the new structure as well. So you're growing inventory, you're adding to the tax base. And in the case of like, maybe some really old rental units, we used to have that conversion grant program, taking a look at units that have been converted to rental units, that really shouldn't be rental units. They're not appropriate living conditions. And I think if we can maybe kinda, I don't want to piggyback it on this, but certainly those are things that could be interconnected. And then, just a general broad statement. And Will, I know you were part of this group, Cheryl, I can't remember if you were, but it was like Titledown, something we started out as. working with-

- Titledown transformation.

- Yeah, habitat and Neighborhoods. And this was an idea that we had talked about. Unfortunately, there just really wasn't any funding available at the time, to pursue something like this. And it ultimately morphed into the shipyard neighborhood investment strategy. So broadly speaking, these are good programs. They work elsewhere. It's a market transformation that really kind of helps us find unique ways to attract talent to our community. So I'm broadly supportive of it, but I'd like to see some additional support come down the road for conversion grants and new homes in your neighborhood. In the last comment, more of a question than anything, any feedback from staff or even the committee members about folks that might use this program and the Curb Appeal grant program? I mean, do you see any need to separate those? Where if you do one, you can't do the other, 'cause obviously you can create a really nice nest egg if you know about the programs, just open to feedback what other folks think about that?

- I point appeal to make those exterior improvements. If you're buying a house more than likely you're spending your money on your down payment and your repairs, you to do be such a bad thing to add that Curb Appeal into a down payment, if someone choose to do that.

- Yeah, to me, it just reduces again, the total number of residents that you're serving.

- Yep, that it would.

- Alder Galvin.

- I would not have a problem with that because I know that my first home purchase it was all going into the house and getting it done. There were things I would've liked to have done outside, but it just wasn't feasible for the first few years. And we're, let's face it we're not gonna be looking at high end house to see, we're gonna be looking at houses that probably need a little TLC. And if people can get a little boost with that and let's face it when you're driving down the streets and I did a lot of that on my job, you would see neighborhoods that could literally be the block next to each other, and a radical difference in the appearance of the homes and the yards. And you could feel the difference as you drove through. And if you're looking to buy, that's the kind of thing you're looking for. So I think the more we can do, the more we can expand those dollars out and get some of that going on. I don't have an issue with that. And I would say to Alder Johnson's comments about available lots, Cheryl, correct me if I'm wrong, but the first time I ran for office, I met a couple on, I think it was Chicago Street, two teachers at house school that had gotten a lot from the city for, I think a dollar and the caveat was they had to build a home, it was an empty lot. They had to build the home that blended with the other homes surrounding it. And while I was on the porch with 'em, they were like saying hi to 8 million kids because they both taught at the same school and they wanted a home near that, where they worked. And I thought, wow, it seemed like an amazing project at the time. And certainly I think Alder Johnson though, his comments about some of these big old Victorian homes have been turned into four or five units, even if you would turn 'em into three floors of condos that people could purchase and then they'd have that ownership again and then they got skin in the game. It's not just a rental unit. So technically, yeah, still multi-family, but instead of having five or six, maybe we only have two or three families in 'em and they actually have the ownership as add on which I think gets people to stick around more if they own something, as opposed to renting it.

- Both of the programs in the neighborhood enhancement funded, good version grants and the new homes in your neighborhood program. So are these things you'd like me to look at coming out of this of money or would you like me to consider a separate ARPA request for those things?

- Well, my opinion would be that if we could use ARPA for that end, I mean, let's face it, we got a lot. And I think Alder Johnson even more so has a lot of these blighted rentals that used to be magnificent homes at one time. And if they could be turned into, like I said, maybe single family, or maybe even multi-family, but not rental units, but something that people could own. I think that would go a long way to helping do what we've been trying to do by improving some of our neighborhoods. And at the same time, if we do have some of these empty lots, I know we've been trying to get town homes put up or apartment buildings, but again, if we could go back to just single family homes on some of these lots, again, I think that's an enhancement to the neighborhoods.

- Agreed.

- Chief staff, Rivera.

- Alder Johnson, I think these are absolutely fantastic ideas. And if you think that it would be good to put in a communication or set up some direction, I just wanna make sure that if, unless they're amending the actual polls, really brilliant ideas that those staff could work on. I imagine the mayor would fully support. And so let us know if that is what you need to move forward, or you want to put that forward among this committee and we can get working on that and have it prepared for you as quickly as possible. But I just wanted to, I wasn't sure if that was connected with this program or the other. And the other thing I just wanted to mention is, the mayor's fully supportive of figuring out if there's a payback structure, maybe not a requirement for how long you live here, but if you move before the longevity, the thing is completed or things of that nature, that there might be a portion that you would pay back. So I wanted just to kind of say that the mayor is fully open and prepared for that. And the other items, which I think are absolutely fantastic and fit into the framework that you all approved, particularly about reusing undeveloped plots and trying to increase the supply is something that we are trying to tackle. So if you would like to give us some direction or suggest that staff work on that, I think that would be something that would be received with a lot of positivity.

- Yeah, and I have it written down. I don't wanna handcuff this program. I think it can be its own standalone discussion point because it's going to require more funding that would kind of saddle, I think this program. So, Alder Brunette.

- Yeah, thank you, Chairman. Question for staff, the great to be home program, is it required that the purchase of the property be within the qualified census track?

- Only if you're above 80% of median income. So 80% we'd like you to purchase in the qualified census track area.

- It doesn't say that in the proposal, right? I could have missed it. See some of the other writeups have mentioned census track, and I just wanna make sure we're being consistent.

- Under requirements of the program the very last bullet on that program, it says for buyers above 80% of meeting income purchased homes must be in the qualified census track.

- On the-

- On the memo sheet. Look on my memo.

- Okay.

- It's in there, Alder Brunette.

- I got it, okay. The sheet. As long as it's in there, I just wanna make sure we're being consistent.

- All right, is there any further discussion on this item? All right, seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Just a legal question, Attorney Bungert, and of course, if other staff wants to chime in, we have one of our speakers has a commitment. Is it possible to amend the agenda after the agenda's been approved? Would just be a motion to reconsider?

- Yes, we can do a motion to reconsider approving the agenda and then go back and then it'll be as if the motion ever happened.

- Okay, committee, if you'd indulge me, I would move to reconsider the approval of the agenda.

- Second.

- All right, I think I made the motion. Brunette did a second, any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye. Opposed? motion carries. I would move to amend the agenda to move up item number 12 to where we're at right now, which is, I'm lost in the agenda.

- I think we're at 10.

- Okay, so that's where I would move it. That's an amendment, is there a second?

- I'm sorry.

- Go ahead, Kelly, tell me where you want it. We're gonna break rules.

- I'm all about it, thank you. You wanted 12, right?

- You do right after 10.

- Yes, if you could move 12 right after 10.

- After 10, that's my motion.

- Thank you.

- Excuse me, ma'am you need to mute yourself. I'm teasing. Okay, did someone second that? I'm sorry.

- Sure, I'll second.

- Okay, so there's a motion by Johnson, second by Hutchinson, any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you committee for indulging me on that. I know our speaker has a commitment. She needs to leave and wants to speak to this item. So we are now gonna be on item number 12 for consideration with possible action, the approval of American Rescue Plan Act allocation within the affordable housing development, small business support category for Green Bay area Chamber of Commerce, microbusiness staff for \$180,000. Staff, can you give us a quick overview? Noel, is that you?

- Yep, I can jump in on that one, absolutely. We've been working with chamber staff to develop a kind of a staffing resource to assist a minority own businesses here in the city program essentially it is something that something requires manpower to get somebody out to actually do that. There are programs and resources available, but without a dedicated staff person to do that, it is difficult to get those, get that essentially out into the targeted audiences where they are at. This is a jointly funded program from both the city and the chamber are sharing costs in this particular position. So we do think there is considerable interest from the community and certainly would defer to Ms. Armstrong for specific plans on what they have developed in terms of the specific program and how this position, what they would actually be focused in working on. But certainly from my own perspective, this is definitely a need in the community that certainly would benefit from having a staff resource, so.

- Okay, I'd entertainment motion open the floor.

- So moved.

- Second.

- All right, we got a motion by Galvin, second by Hutchison. Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Ms. Armstrong.

- Thank you, Chairman. I appreciate the opportunity and consideration. We're super excited about this opportunity to partner with this city. This position is meant to serve a lot of needs, but a small business, essentially small business retention expansion, and focusing on businesses owned by people of color. And we feel like this is an ability to bring resources to folks. So one of the things that we see in the marketplace is we have a lot of business resources and partners and relationships that we've built, obviously with the city as well, but SBC score. All of these other businesses and resources are here. A lot of them are free services that are available and as much marketing as you can do, it's not as good as having someone going door to door knocking and meeting with these businesses, building the relationships and helping them understand what resources are available. That would include any additional grants that the city offers, but also just bringing the resources that are already available to the businesses as small businesses that are in the city of Green Bay. So, we're excited about this opportunity. It would be one designated person that would be out building these relationships and just seeing the growth. Obviously, you all have seen the census numbers and growth in populations of color and making sure that we're serving all of the businesses in our community, is of vital

importance. And so I appreciate you the opportunity for you to consider this position, and happy to answer any questions.

- Kelly, I have one question for you as a former chamber employee. Obviously, I'm very familiar with how chambers work and oftentimes they are membership required organizations. Will chamber membership be required for individuals to access this programming?

- No will not. So we're gonna treat this just like we do our business retention expansion, which right now currently focuses on industrial manufacturing only. And that is independent of chamber membership. We meet with over 160 businesses a year and connect them to resources, help link them to whatever is needed by that business. This would be the same operation. So it is agnostic of membership and it is solely focused on small businesses and just meant to bring those resources to those small businesses and really empower them. 'Cause a lot of times, too, especially when you're starting a small business, you don't know where to start and it's hard to come ask for help. So technically these small businesses could come to us right now and we walk through our door, but they have to walk through the door. This gives us the opportunity in partnership with the city to be able to meet them where they're at. And that's a huge differential.

- And will this position operate within your department?

- Yes.

- Okay. Perfect. Any other questions, Alder Brunette?

- Yeah, thank you, Ms. Armstrong. I just wanna make sure that the program is entirely inclusive of everyone. I know there are some target demographics in the document, but I mean, those demographic groups could include, in my opinion, people who are disabled or poor, homeless, blind, deaf, lower educated people, I just don't like, the effort to serve marginalized populations that other perhaps marginalized populations that maybe aren't as visible, perhaps that they somehow feel excluded from the program. Can you just ensure me that there will be complete inclusion for all community members who want to access this program?

- Yeah, absolutely. I'm not sure how to articulate that, but when we look at businesses, we meet with everyone. So there isn't a filter that says we can't meet with you. And so I would just say our normal course of work in meeting with businesses is inclusive. So yes, that won't be a problem.

- In the document though, it doesn't necessarily say that. So if we're gonna allocate city dollars through ARPA, I just would hope that as the project gets a little more defined, like people who don't necessarily fit in that demographic groups that you've mentioned also are aware of this program. Does that make sense?

- Sure, we will do our best to make sure that is the case.

- Right, thank you.

- Any other questions? Seeing none, entertaining motion to close the floor?

- So moved.

- We have a motion by Galvin, second by Hutchison, any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. I like this program. Very interestingly, our organization actually wrote a grant for this program to the state for ARPA dollars, we were not awarded, but Kelly, you'd appreciate this. I was with Lauren earlier today who works at the chamber and I was talking to her about this proposal and made the comment that the chamber is much better situated to take this on for us citywide rather than, us trying to do it for a district. But the reason we wrote the grant is because we saw the need and we saw the businesses that we were work. I mean, you have a higher failure rate with businesses, with people of color, you have higher barriers. And yet interestingly through the pandemic, the demographic that was opening the most businesses were African American women. And so to me, Alder Brunette, I get your point. And I think there is a lot of access points for really any business, right? To programming and access to programming. I think the difference to me for this though is recognizing opportunity. And right now there's an opportunity that exists, that isn't being very well served. And I think when you have a program that intentionally or strategically, I should say, tries to create more opportunity in areas that have barriers and let's eliminate those barriers. I think that's really what this is attempting to do. So I do support this for a lot of reasons, but I think it's just one of those that any time that you can recognize statistically, that, Hey, folks who open businesses, have a 50% success rate. But if you are a person of color or if you're a veteran or if you are a female and your success rate is 40% or 30% or 20%, that's a problem. And that's the opportunity and the gap that I think this program can work to close because we should have everybody at that 50% success rate or whatever the numbers are, but you guys get, I hope you understand my point. All right, any further discussion? All right, seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Oh wait, sorry. We don't actually have a motion. Is there a motion to approve?

- Yes.

- I have a motion by Galvin.

- Second.

- Second by Hutchison. All right, any further discussion? All right, all those in favor, say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Any opposed? All right, motion carries. Moving on to-

- 10.

- We on item 10, right?

- Yeah.

- For consideration possible action and a name change the American Rescue Plan Act allocation within the affordable housing development, small business support category for the accelerator program for \$40,000 approved by Common Council in February, 2022 staff.

- I can take that one, Mr. Chair. This is essentially an administrative change, essentially. The program is not really being changed. It's just kind of who the chamber is utilizing to implement the program. They're just kinda wanting to reflect that the fact that it is not specifically tied going forward to the blueprint program, they would, but they will continue to basically operate at a business accelerator. They just wish to make sure that it was accurately reflecting the fact that they may have a different contractor providing those services. So staff is certainly in favor, no other changes to the program.

- And if I recall, the blueprint was, let's call it more or less the equivalent of a franchise. Couple of guys outta Milwaukee. So just might look at a different partnership than to run that program.

- Exactly.

- Yep, okay, any discussion? Motion to approve?

- So moved.

- Motion to approve.

- All right, we got Hutchison with a motion, Galvin with a second, any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Okay, item number 11. For consideration possible action, the approval American Rescue Plan Act allocation within the affordable housing development, small business support category for homelessness blueprint staff for \$90,000, staff? Anyone from staff wanna take this one?

- Brian, I don't know if anyone from staff will, but.

- Yeah, we'll open the floor for you in a second here, Rashad.

- Yeah, I was gonna say, Mr. Chair, I believe Mr. Cobb is actually the appropriate one to address this.

- Entertain a motion to open the floor?

- So moved.

- Second.

- All right, I didn't catch that. I think it was Hutchison, Galvin. Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Mr. Cobb, if you could please state your name and address for the record.

- Yeah, my name is Rashad J Cobb, and my address is 1288 Hannah Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

- Thank you for your patience, sir.

- Yeah, thank you for the opportunity to come here and speak today. And essentially what you see is what we're asking for is \$90,000 allocation of the ARPA funds to help support a three year position. That will be crucial in the implementation of the housing blueprint that was created back in October of 2020, if you can now remember that long ago, the Greater Green Bay community foundation in collaboration with our Brown County United Way, the city of Green Bay and Brown County came together and hired the corporation for supportive housing to come in and help us construct a housing blueprint. We've got another document in that community called the blueprint that was really designed to try to help us end or prevent issues related to homelessness and housing insecurity. And so over the course of about a year's time, I led a number of conversations in community listening sessions. I believe we had up to 16 community listening sessions, where we had service providers, individuals from law enforcement, hospitals, and other entities come together to talk about what are some solutions that they see for ending homelessness and housing insecurity in our community. Through that experience, we were able to come up with five different strategies and about 90 different actions that will really implement some systems levels change that will help us address that issue. If individuals had an opportunity to review the blueprint, you'll see one of the most key components of that document was the recommendation that we established a new structure in our community to support the work that needed to happen. And one of the key elements of that structure was the hiring of a blueprint project manager. And that's what the request is today. We've got some other recommendations that came out of that particular blueprint, which was the creation of a regional council to prevent homelessness, that's already been set in place. There are also some recommendations made to our Brown County housing and homelessness coalition. They've adopted the blueprint and fully support the actions that are contained within the blueprint. And so the last piece that we need to do is to get this project director hired so that we can begin to coordinate some of the activities that need to happen and do some of the other recommendations that were put forth in the document. There's already some existing funds for that position too. And so that \$90,000 obviously would not be to cover the entire salary. There are already dollars that were put together by some of the players. I mentioned earlier foundation Brown County United Way. And so we're just looking for that \$90,000 to close a shortfall over the three years of that project, implementation directors pro position.

- Shad, is the county contributing?

- The county is contributing in ways that are not financial directly in terms of they're not directly create or committing salary to the hiring of this position. But I know some of the work that they've done with some of their ARPA dollars, they've added staff in certain departments that will directly result in supporting aspects of this work. This particular document, this blueprint talks about the

coordination of services and the need for additional services, as it relates to AODA related issues and things of that nature. And that's where the county's stepping up. And we really appreciate the allocation that they may help support the creation of those positions, because that'll go a long way in helping on the county side with some of those services.

- And I ask of course, because it's no secret, I mean, this body has talked about it at nauseam about how the city seems to be absorbing, a significant brunt of the financial burden for a countywide problem. And I appreciate, they're investing in other areas, but obviously when it comes to ARPA, they received more than twice what the city received. I mean, they received, I think, \$53 million in ARPA funding. And again, this is a countywide problem, not just a city of Green Bay problem. And I wanna make sure that in the spirit of true partnerships that they're investing proportionately to the scope of the financial services that are necessary to holistically address the problem.

- Yeah, and I don't have the numbers in front of me in terms of what their actual allocation was to the position that they're helping to support within their staff, so I couldn't speak to that.

- Yeah, and I appreciate the insight that you were able to offer. Are there any other questions from the committee? Galvin?

- And I read through it as much as I get fine, and obviously there's different types and levels of homelessness. The one that's really affecting us because it's so obvious, is the resistant homeless that we have. People, there's a group of them suffer from alcohol drug, mostly brought on by mental health issues, that these are the individuals we get a lot of complaints on. 'Cause a lot of disruption in our community, our park department has been, and I don't know why a park department is in charge of trying to try and help with this problem and keep it on a level where it's not blowing up on us. We're putting police resources into it. And I'm just wondering, will this individual be working with that at all or is this for the other homeless people that are actually attempting to try to be not homeless that are working towards those goals?

- Yeah, thank you for that. I think you made a really good point in noting that those are the most visible members of our community who are facing this issue, but from a statistical standpoint, they probably make up, a smaller percentage than individuals.

- Oh, absolutely.

- But to directly to answer your question, I think a lot of those dollars that Troy and his team have allocated towards the position that they have are going to help to support individuals who have those AODA issues and other issues related or similar issues. But yes, this individual who would come into this position would be doing a lot of work with individuals at the county and others to try to specifically support this particular subset of individuals. As a community foundation, we recognize... I'm employed by the great agreement community foundation. We recognize that there are individuals in this community who are somewhat reluctant to services. And I think that our service providers and the nonprofit community are aware of that as well. And so we do see a lot of different innovative efforts to try to connect with those individuals, but there's a lot that needs to be done. Our blueprint was really developed alongside some work that happened in Rochester, Minnesota, and they've had success in implementing some of the programs and strategies that have come out of their blueprint recommendation. And so we're really hopeful that this individual, the same in our community, but specifically to answer your question, yes, the person who comes into this role will definitely have

those individuals on their radar as a group that definitely needs supports. And we have to be innovative in how we go about trying to support them.

- All right, thank you very much.

- Okay. Any other questions for Mr. Cobb? All right, are there any members of the public that wish to speak? I don't think we have any others. All right, entertain motion to close the floor.

- So moved.

- So moved.

- Second.

- All right, we have a motion by Galvin, a second by Hutchison, any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Alder . I've been relatively familiar with this program for a while now and I have probably been part of a, what I feel like is a growing number of people that are concerned about the amount of resources that we're investing into an issue and at least on the surface on a perfect ton of progress. But I also feel like this is the best way for us to see progress. And the foundation, the United Way, some other partners, including the city have really been working on this for a while. And I think that their approach with community engagement, is really critical. I'm not gonna be one of those people that thinks zero homelessness is really an attainable goal. I think it's existed for as long as humans have existed. But we clearly have, to Mr. Cobb's point, there's a visible problem out there. In fact, I'm getting just hit up with phone calls every other day about whether it's encampments or, whatever the issue is. So, the one thing though that I would really wanna see out of this, is regular reporting probably to our protection and policy committee. maybe if that dashboard is created, if it's something that much, like we get crime statistics every week, I'm not saying we need these statistics every week, but whatever that dashboard is, it would be nice for council to be engaged on that because we have to make some progress on this issue. And I think having someone who's dedicated to experienced practices that truly solve the problem. I'm in support of that more than I would be in continuing to funnel more money towards something that doesn't have a stated outcome. Alder Galvin?

- Piggybacking on that, I mean, from my experiences with my work, I worked with the schools, I worked with Salvation Army, I'm on the board of directors for foundations and several of our staff do work with the homeless. Homeless, I still think most people in Green Bay don't understand the scope of it. I mean, literally over 800 children in the public school system are considered homeless. I mean, literally thousands. I'm happy that we have so many different organizations and groups that have established places for people to stay, any WV is highly successful. I can't think of there's so many more and you break it down into all the subgroups, single mothers, people with children, people without children, veterans, but the one thing that everyone sees and part of the problem with the homelessness is you don't see 'em other than the individuals related to St. John's. And that's what everyone focuses on and Shad you're right, they make up a very small percentage of our homelessness population in this county. So what people are always asking the Alders for is, can we do

something positive to reduce any chance of hanging around the downtown? And like I said before, they're resistant. For whatever reason, mostly mental health, they are resistant and it's hard to get the cooperation to help them off the streets where they're not gonna be at risk or at least at risk as much as they are now. So again, like Alder Johnson said, with a goal in mind, I can support something like that. So we can sense a see if we're making progress or not, and then massage the program if necessary. And so I am in support of this as it is right now.

- So maybe just a comment for Rashad and you don't necessarily have to respond to it, but one of the things about Green Bay that I've always observed is we are very charitable. Philanthropy is very strong here in our community, particularly for basic needs. And I think as a result, it's very easy for organizations to sort of proliferate, which ultimately creates a lot of redundancy. If there's a way for this program to take a look at how do we most effectively streamline our investment, into these areas, it's a worthwhile thing to consider and pursue. So just that's me and my soapbox, but. Alder Brunette, look like you were you raising your hand?

- No.

- Okay. All right, we would entertain a motion.

- Move to approve.

- Second.

- Right, we have a motion by Hutchison, a second by Galvin. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

- [Group] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. And Rashad, this goes to City Council for final approval next week, just a heads up. Okay. What you mean 13, right?

- 13, yep.

- Okay, request by Alder Brunette to the finance committee, which states to create a policy or amend an existing policy to prohibit or prevent city personnel from the offices of clerk mayor, law, finance, and IT, and soliciting, accepting, or using any donation in the form of money, grants, property, or personal services from an individual or non-governmental entity for the purpose of funding, election related expenses, voter education, voter outreach, or voter registration programs with the exceptions of compensation of poll workers, securing leases for polling locations and PPE for voters and volunteers. Alder Brunette, would you like to address your communication?

- Sure, we were all at the meeting, obviously. So we know the discussion, the ordinances cannot be voted on or even brought forward. Then I came up with this idea, really it's quite basic. I don't want the city to experience what we had experienced from the 2020 election onward. And we all have our own opinions about the election things that were done, things that we had voted on. Maybe we wish we hadn't been voted on, questions that maybe we wish we would've asked at the time as things became clear. I don't wanna make this a big, controversial thing. I just simply want the guardrails put in place for us to say that right now, I mean, we should be able to run our August and November

election and any election into the future with our own resources, and then if we do need to apply for a grant that it would only be for the purposes of paying poll workers. Green Bay residents, preferably or Brown County, I'm not sure what the legal requirements are, that we can take grants to pay for leases or true needs of PPE to keep poll workers and voters safe. We saw quite an expansion of things that the city did with grant money. I voted for it at the time, when things became into focus, I started questioning more and more specifically advisors being involved in our elections. So really it's quite simple. Take the policy, the existing grant policy that we have as a policy making body of our city government, simply put those provisions in place to assure the public that we are not going to be subjected to this sort of thing again, that despite what happened in the past, we are gonna move forward and we're gonna make sure that we run our election without outside influence, whether it be grant dollars, get out the vote efforts, advisors, write down the list. So I think it's rather straightforward with those preliminary comments that I just made.

- For clarity's sake, Alder Brunette, I think we've, heard and talked about maybe some of the challenges with proposing as an ordinance. Is it from your perspectives of what you wanna see as an outcome? Is it acceptable if that provision just simply be added to our grant policy?

- Yeah, and I think I had exchanged some emails with Attorney Bungert and perhaps Clerk Jeffries. And that was the idea that was put forward. But yeah, I'm willing to drop the... I don't know if I have a choice quite honestly, on the ordinance of the law department says, we can't do it, I understand that. But I do think it's a fair compromise and really, it allows us to communicate to the public that as a body we're gonna do whatever we can with our own resources to do it.

- Oh, sorry, I didn't mean to cut you off. I thought you were done.

- Oh, no, I'm running on sentence here, but yeah, to amend the grant policy, I think would be perfectly fine in my opinion.

- So would you be looking to refer this to staff to bring back or do you have the language prepared?

- Well, what happened was there's a little bit of confusion. I had made the motion at the committee at the full city council. It was kind of changed a little bit because I write it and I don't know how this came to the committee today. If it was my words submitted through a resolution or a communication form, or if clerk Jeffries got it from the minutes of the meeting, I don't know.

- Yeah, could we maybe go to Attorney Bungert for some insight?

- I may defer to Director Ellenbecker as to where it came from. My understanding was I think this language was from the language that you had submitted, Alder Brunette in your communication, which I think was a little bit more, I don't think the motion captured everything you had needed on the floor. So I think this language is what you had provided in your communication, but I would defer to Director Ellenbecker, that was in fact, the case, if she received that from Clerk Jeffries.

- Yes, that is correct. I did receive the communication probably the day after either Wednesday or Thursday after the council meeting. And then we had just putting our packet together on Thursday. We put the communication into our packet and I think on Friday, I saw some emails going back and forth whether or not should be the motion of communication. And we already had it on our packet. So I just left it in the packet.

- Okay, for the sake of expediency, because I wanna make sure that if in fact this is approved by counsel to refer this to staff, but it make the most sense maybe to, I mean, just refer it to staff, have Alder Brunette, Attorney Bungert work out the language as he'd like to see it and just bring it back to the next finance committee meeting because, next election isn't until August. So if we do that, I mean, we still have plenty of time to get that adopted and in place, right? Alder Brunette, would that be okay with you?

- I'd be more than happy to work with Attorney Bungert. If you remember first, when we accepted the grant dollars, 2020 believe there was probably some conversations that the mayor had been having with other mayors of other municipalities. And obviously CTCL must have announced the funding possibilities to the city we're seeing. And then Green Bay bank got involved through that connection. So I guess we were told that the meeting couple weeks ago, or last week that there is no plans or at least that's where Clerk Jeffries had indicated. So if this is a simple refer back to staff, and if she can wait for somebody to tweak the policy with me and get it submitted to maybe not the City Council meeting this coming meeting, but the problem is we don't have many in June. I don't think we have a City Council meeting June, Is that correct?

- No. So I think procedurally, what would happen, is this would come out of committee, council would approve it if other council or alders have additions that they like to see as part of the language that they wanna make as part of the motion, they can do that on Tuesday. And then that officially gets approved, referred to staff. And then this could come back to committee then for approval. I think the next one is the 24th of May. So we have another finance meeting in May, and then we have a council meeting on June 7th.

- Yeah, so I think if we can make that timing work, Attorney Bungert for you to me, Alder Brunette to your point, there are two things going on right now. One is a lot of public discussion around this issue. So I'm skeptical that there's gonna be, any covert operation to try to do this. But the other piece of it is of course, that all grants have to be accepted by this body anyway. So I think if something were to come forward that would want to use funding for the purposes that we're looking, to potentially prohibit, it's gotta come before us for a vote regardless. So I think that there's a couple things that kind of still blocks there until this language is put in place if the full body were to support it. Does that make sense?

- Okay, so unless there's further discussion. Yep, go ahead, Attorney Bungert.

- Just a little bit of clarification. It would be kind of a joint effort between law department and finance department. The reason that this initially came to finance is this was a policy that came from the finance department with respect to the acceptance of grant money and how grants are pursued and how they're brought to council. So it'll be a joint effort between both departments and Alder Brunette input as well.

- Great, Alder Brunette.

- Yeah, and I showed my frustration at the City Council meeting, and that was not a fair way to imply that you would create a swerve, Attorney Bungert, and I regret those words, but it just seems like some of these ideas that I bring forward that I think are good ideas. I just need help with staff to kind of present something in a way that the council could vote on. 'Cause I do think it's a good idea, stand

by. I don't want the city or staff or anyone to go through this again, we have learned quite a bit through the COVID process. Again, it is what it is. We know the history and whether it's fair or not, there's criticism all around, and I just want to avoid that. I want a drama free election, and I think that we can put this behind us and move on.

- Would you like to make a motion, Alder Brunette?

- Yeah, I'd like to make a motion to refer to city staff, the law office and the finance department to draft the policy revision for vote in of the full Common Council. That sound good?

- Sounds great, I'll second that. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Item 14, a request by Alder Brunette to the finance committee which states, for status update and discussion regarding legal services received from law forward States United Democracy Center in Stafford Rosenbaum LLP with possible actions such as continuing or discontinuing legal services received, Alder Brunette.

- Yeah, here again is another situation. Alderman Hutchinson, you may not be aware of the history here, but right around the time the office of special council was created. We were approached by law forward and a few other-

- Alder Brunette, just the one thing, because obviously a lot of this conversation did occur in closed session. So I would just encourage you to make sure that we're only sharing information that that was publicly available.

- Yeah, that's fair. I think I have to this point, but anyways. Yeah, and that's a great point, Alder Johnson. But I was getting to the timeline. This was October-ish, I think September. October, passed a few times different votes, different reasons, but here we are into May and I'm just curious what the update is our relationship with law forward in those two other law offices, I will say. And I'll just be completely honest, I was questionable a little bit questioning some of their political objectives. They've been very public about those and on her Facebook page, they made a lot of references to right-wing attacks and whatnot. So that's what I'm concerned about. They were formed in October in 2020. They're very public about them forming to be an objection or a counterpunch to the conservative of right-wing movement. And I just don't want to enter into another election season by retaining law department help from a group that has a very obvious in my opinion, political perspective that I just think we need to be completely neutral. And so I just really wanna know what the update is from the law department, do we need to retain them? Can we just say thanks for your service and we're gonna move on, we're gonna take care of this stuff on our own now that we are fully staffed in the law department.

- Attorney Bungert-

- Sure. So preliminarily, my recommendation at this point probably would be to refer to staff so that staff can take a step back to kind of prepare a summary as far as all the work that has been done by law for thus far, just to clarify law for representation agreement was limited in scope to assist the law department in handling any additional November, 2020 litigation 'cause at that point we just had a lot

on our plate and weren't able to appropriately respond to all the litigation that was stemming specifically from the November, 2020 election. So the only representation that they have provided us was any litigation related to that election specifically. And as I provided an update to council and is as is public record, the recent WEC complaint by site was dismissed by WEC. So with that winding down and the Gable action pending in the Waukesha Court being towards the end, at least at the circuit court level it's briefs are due. And the hearing is set for mid-July, staff has already started kind of preliminarily reflecting as far as how to wrap up representation. So we can certainly kind of look at next steps to see when that representation could potentially be tied up, so to speak and ended with respect to dependency of November 2020 related actions.

- So if I could, Mr. Chairman, so are you stating, Attorney Bungert that it is possible that we could just discontinue services received in a very short amount of time? I don't know if-

- Right, it's difficult to say right now we would kind of need to review how much work is left in the current pending actions and kind of anticipated what is still anticipated that could potentially still come forward. And whether our staff would have the capability of being able to handle any subsequent matters, beyond a circuit court hearing. And if anything is moving into an appellate or even in Supreme Court level, litigation faces as that is a different realm of practice. So again, I think just referring to staff, we can take a look at everything and kind of present a timeline that would be most efficient moving forward and wrapping things up.

- Right, no questions at the time for me.

- Alder Galvin?

- For Attorney Bungert, even though most of this seems to be wrapping up, I think you alluded to the fact that this could be appealed to higher courts. I know our staff very well educated, I believe pretty darn good employees, but are they subject matter experts on this type of law or are we better served by having someone that is helping us out?

- Right, so that it's difficult to say certainly appellate level briefing and appellate level work and Supreme Court briefing and Supreme Court level appeals is its own niche in legal practice and very time consuming and work intensive. So that's definitely something that we would likely pursue or seek additional assistance with is that it's just not something that our internal staff would be able to handle. However, we kind have to regroup and see what the likelihood is of that and kind of what the time span would be so that we would be better prepared in kind of presenting options to counsel as far as this particular representation. And what is our backlog like currently for our staff?

- Right, so currently we are still short staffed in the sense that our municipal prosecutor is on leave and she returns mid-June and we did hire a new attorney who's still being trained and kind of brought up to speed. That would be our legislative attorney that's ACA Logan Wood. So he is being trained by ACA Mather who was performing. For a short amount of time, she was performing three roles where she's covering the municipal prosecutor, still handling all the legislative roles and handling the litigation. So she's slowly handing those projects off, but it'll be at least three or four more months until everybody is functioning at a regular speed and pace where everybody's just kind of focusing on their own projects where we can actually start really, really significantly and meaningfully tackling our backlog.

- Okay, so our backlog and I don't know if it's possible to put a timeline on it, but what are we looking at six months, a year, year and a half, two years?

- As far as completing the backlog, that's hard to say.

- Massive records requests and everything else.

- Right. Right. I mean, we are anticipating that the summer is gonna be quite busy. We have liquor license renewals coming up. We're also in a revalue a year. So there's a border review that has to be prepared for the fall. And obviously we have a partisan primary in August and a midterm election in November, and then we have budgets. So there's a lot that needs to be accomplished over the next several months. So I'm hoping to have, staff up to speed and kind of functioning where, each attorney is really not necessarily siloed because we're too small to silo ourselves and our projects, but at least where we have our new hires kind of, with their feet underneath them, so to speak and kind of functioning on their own. So it would be a guess at this point, Alder Galvin, as far as when. I've been trying, I've been here now, it'll be nine years in December. And every year we've been trying to tackle our backlog. And it just seems to be, something always comes up something that's more pressing. Our priorities are constantly shifting that's just kind of the nature of municipal law.

- All right, thank you.

- Mm-hmm.

- Alder Brunette.

- I can let Alder Steuer go if you want, Alder Johnson raises, hand.

- Marky mark, you're up.

- Thank you, Chair, thank you Alder Brunette. I just got a quick question for Attorney Bungert and I know that a lot of the alders we have put in communications, we've been waiting for certain ordinances and things like that over a period of time. Do you have a list of those in the timeframes and things that you could share with the council, as far as where you're at with some of these various projects, so to speak?

- Sure, staff can kind of take a look. We do have a running, we have a spreadsheet, a detailed spreadsheet, as far as all the ordinances that have been requested and kind of priorities and timeline. And we have the ethics code coming to the ethics board on Thursday. And, hopes are thereafter that tackling the massage ordinance is the other one that's being addressed by attorney Mike May. So now if he's finished up with ethics, he can turn his attention to that, to get that over the finish line. And obviously addressing chapter four, which formally was chapter 33 with liquor licensing. Along with a lot of other. Our hope is now that we have the legislative attorney, but obviously we have to hand over projects to him to kind of get him up to speed as far as where everything is at. And all of that was on hold because we were so litigation heavy for the last couple years. And our legislative attorney who should have been just focusing on legislative staff, had to be pulled off into litigation, which is where outside council help has helped a lot in kind of carrying the heavier burden with the drafting and the research because it literally can take weeks and weeks and weeks and week.

- There's issues with that and problems and timeframes, I understand that. I think the biggest thing is just for council to realize what's out there, what are you working on?
- Yep.
- And possibly, maybe even a line of description, just saying, okay, it's at this point right now, or we're waiting for this or whatever. Just some little information that we can use that will help us, okay?
- We can do that.
- All right, that's all, thank you.
- Great, Alder Brunette.
- Yeah. Thank you. And I think we just need to be very narrow and focused on what they said they would do. And if it goes to the November, 2020 election, obviously there's a lot of attention that Green Bay is drawing. We just saw, and I'm not trying to be political in any way, because as far as I think city government should be as neutral as possible, as non-partisan as possible. But we are battle ground for a lot of very partisan initiative. We're battle ground for partisan crap. I don't like it, I don't think anyone likes it. We saw what happened with the Green Bay with this recent City Council elections, tens of thousands of dollars from outside money coming in from both directions. The fact that we have a political organization that perhaps is defending us from other political people, it makes me uneasy. And I just think that have they not had the history of posting things that they're posting on social media and things they're advocating from, from a very special interest of political agenda, I just think that the quicker we can dispense of them and start, and just say, we're just gonna remove all special interests, political groups from this election process all the way around, we can't control the complaints that come to us, we know that. But I want to be very, very specific on what law forward is doing. And I don't want them embedded in city government any way whatsoever, as we lead up to the November for tow. We're gonna be ground-zero for a lot of crap in the city. Excuse my language. I just want to remove all drama as we can as possible and hopefully start fresh.
- So did you get a motion there?
- Yeah, refer to staff to work with Alderman Brunette to bring forward to the Common Council.
- Second.
- All right, Galvin, your hand raised. Did you wanna speak again or are you good with the motion?
- I'm just seconding the motion.
- Okay.
- Need to move this out.
- Any further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.
- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Item F, informational item I, 2022 contingency account, still a \$200,000, good work. Item number two, the next finance committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24th, 2022 at 4:30 PM. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

- So moved.

- Second.

- We have Galvin and Hutchison as for the second. Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Good job, guys.

- All right, good night all.

- Thanks.

- Thank you, staff.