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UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS & PLANNING

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As Mayor of the City of Wausau I would like to provide another update to citizens with everything that has been ongoing over the past couple of weeks. First and foremost my highest priority is to ensure city staff and the public are as safe as possible and your local government is moving forward with contingency plans in place as this pandemic evolves. We continue to prepare for every situation and how we will maintain a continuity of operations.

I have been working tirelessly with our legal office, HR and various department heads to ensure proper plans are in place to keep and maintain essential city services. We have implemented some policies early last week to help keep our staff safe and continue services. All of these policies meet or exceed CDC and other federal and state health guidelines. We have established Continuity of Operation Plans, identified essential services, and continue to prepare for every scenario as the situation evolves.

During the past 2-3 weeks I have been impressed at the ability of our workforce to adapt to these new changes. I am also very encouraged by all of our citizens and businesses and how they have stepped up to help mitigate the spread of this disease. I would encourage all of us to help support our small businesses during this time by ordering a meal and picking it up curbside, ordering needed items online for pick up, and doing everything we can to ensure we support each other throughout the duration of this challenging and unprecedented time.

Our workforce is safe to continue to provide services to the community, our residents/businesses continue to step up and adapt to mitigate risks. I continue to be impressed each day in my position with our community as a whole and the support and encouragement that we continue to provide each other.

As I have mentioned before, we will continue with updates and information for our residents and employees to take notice and be aware of in this ever-changing situation. Again, stay calm, patient and positive, we are all in this together and will get through this together as well!