



City of Naperville

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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SPEAKER TIME LIMITS: Speakers must limit their remarks to no more than three minutes. Petitioners may speak on an agenda item first and have up to 10 minutes and are also granted a five-minute rebuttal once all other speakers have commented.

IF YOU SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, staff will call your name at the appropriate time during the City Council meeting. Once your name is called you may identify yourself for the public record and then address remarks to the City Council as a whole. Speak clearly and try to limit remarks directly to the matter under discussion. Speakers are called in the order they sign up.

A. CALL TO ORDER:**B. ROLL CALL:****C. CLOSED SESSION - CANCELED**

OPEN SESSION - 7:00 p.m.

D. ROLL CALL:

Present: 9 - Mayor Scott Wehrli
Councilwoman Mary Gibson
Councilman Ian Holzhauer
Councilman Patrick Kelly
Councilwoman Allison Longenbaugh
Councilman Josh McBroom
Councilman Ashfaq Syed
Councilman Benjamin White
Councilman Nathan Wilson

Also Present

City Manager Doug Krieger; Deputy City Manager Pam Gallahue; City Attorney Mike DiSanto; City Clerk Dawn Portner; Fire Chief Mark Puknaitis; Police Chief Jason Arres; Director Finance Raymond Munch; Director of IT Jacqueline Nguyen; Director of TED Jennifer Loudon; Deputy Director of TED Allison Laff; Director of Public Utilities - Electric Brian Groth; Director of Public Utilities - Water Darrell Blenniss; Director of Community Services Melanie Marcordes; Director of Human Resources Helga Oles; Director of Communications Linda LaCloche.

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E. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

F. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**1. Presentation of a Police Department Good Catch Award**

The Police Department's Good Catch Award was presented by Police Chief Jason Arres.

G. PUBLIC FORUM:***SPEAKERS***

Code of Ordinances - Chapter 9, Amplifiers

Andy Wild (Naperville) discussed Section 9 of the Municipal Code concerning Amplifier permits.

School Zoning Concern

Kanchan Vardhe-Panse (Naperville) discussed D203 school boundaries.

Council discussed developing an ordinance on e-vehicles and invited residents to attend a presentation on a transit plan for 5th Avenue hosted by the Urban Land Institute at 7:00 p.m. on September 10, 2025 at the Municipal Center.

Arres stated staff is working on developing an ordinance concerning e-vehicles that will focus primarily on education. The goal is to bring the ordinance to Council in October for review and approval.

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville) My thanks to staff for requiring all boards and commissions accept written public comments for meetings and for providing an online form to do so. I hope the community will take advantage of this and that its implementation will be more clear and less burdensome on staff.

H. CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO USE OMNIBUS METHOD FOR THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to use the Omnibus method to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by a voice vote.

I. CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Kelly, Longenbaugh, McBroom, Syed, White, and Wilson

1. Approve the Cash Disbursements for the period of July 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025, for a total of \$53,127,762.64
Council approved.
2. Approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of July 15, 2025
Council approved.
3. Approve the City Council meeting schedule for September, October, and November 2025
Council approved.
4. Receive the year-to-date budget report through July 31, 2025
Council received.
5. Receive the year-to-date Investment and Cash Balance Report through June 30, 2025
Council received.
6. Approve appointments to various boards and commissions
Council approved.
7. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 25-231, Police Department Air Handler Unit 3 Replacement, to Carrier Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$157,460
Council approved.
8. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 25-235, Janitorial Supplies, to W.W. Grainger, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$160,000 and for a 10-month term
Council approved.
9. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 25-257, Ballistics Vests, to Streicher's, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$140,921.70

Council approved.

10. Approve the award of JOC Procurement DPW-001-CY2025-A, Municipal Center Drop Ceiling Replacement, to Robe Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$121,499.81

Council approved.

11. Waive the applicable provisions of the Naperville Procurement Code to establish pricing for the 2025-2026 winter season and award RFQ 25-227, Roadway Snow Removal, to certain contractors for an amount not to exceed \$455,125 and for the period of October 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026 (requires six positive votes)

Council awarded.

12. Approve the award of Option Year #2 to Contract 21-096, Information Technology Support Services, to Sentinel Technologies, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$200,000

Council approved.

13. Approve the award of Option Year #2 to Contract 23-026, Biosolids Removal Services, to Stewart Spreading, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$443,430 and for a one-year term

Council approved.

14. Approve the award of Bid 25-190, Water Street and Central Parking Structures 2025 Maintenance Repairs, to J. Gill and Company for an amount not to exceed \$372,523 plus a 5% contingency

Council approved.

15. Approve the award of Bid 25-193, Cartage Services, to BioAg, Inc. and International Hauling and Excavating, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$265,000 and for a one-year term

Council approved.

16. Approve the award of Bid 25-197, Waterous Fire Hydrant Replacement Parts, to Mid-American Water for the amount not to exceed \$132,557.50 and for a 16-month term

Council approved.

17. Approve the award of Bid 25-198, Clow Fire Hydrant Replacement Parts, to Underground Pipe & Valve Company for the amount not to exceed \$186,101.50 and for a 16-month term

Council approved.

18. Approve the award of Sole Source Procurement 25-248, Sensus AMI Software, to

Core and Main LP for an amount not to exceed \$613,765 and for a four-year term

Council approved.

19. Approve the award of RFP 25-012, Utility Billing Software Consultant, to Whitlock Consulting Group, for an amount not to exceed \$169,720 and for a two-year term

Council approved.

20. Approve the award of RFP 25-081, White Oak Roadway and Utility Improvements Preliminary and Design Engineering Services, to Thomas Engineering Group, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$209,480

Council approved.

21. Approve the award of RFP 25-127, Holiday Lighting and Decorations, to B&B Holiday Decorating, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$550,000 and for a two-year term

Council approved.

22. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Cooperative Procurement 24-270, Tollway Substation 34.5kV, to Wesco, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$78,412 and a total award of \$3,905,412

Council approved.

23. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 24-179, Janitorial Supplies, to W.W. Grainger, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and a total award of \$175,000

Council approved.

24. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Option Year #2 of Contract 21-243, Consulting Engineering Services for Soils and Materials Testing, to NASHnal Soil Testing, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$26,460 and a total award of \$185,167.05

Council approved.

25. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Work Order 22-067-WATER-25-04, Design Engineering Services - Saybrook Phase III Water Main Improvements, to Fehr Graham for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 and a total award of \$152,000

Council approved.

26. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 24-240, Tree Removal and Stump Grinding, to D Ryan Tree and Landscape Service, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$115,000 and a total award of \$290,000

Council approved.

27. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 25-041, Fire Station Renovations - Stations #1 and #3, to Lite Construction for an amount not to exceed \$37,290 and a total award of \$793,190

Council approved.

28. Approve the award of Change Order #2 to Contract 22-114-1, Water/Wastewater Facility Electrical Technical Assistance, to Ciorba Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$130,100.57, a total award of \$181,696.16, and an additional four years

Council approved.

29. Accept the public watermain improvements at Heinen's Grocery Store, located at 1244 E. Chicago Ave., and authorize the City Clerk to reduce the corresponding public improvement surety

Council accepted.

30. Receive the staff report for temporary and permanent signage at 1203 Warrenville Road (Northwoods of Naperville Sign Variance) - DEV-0067-2025 (Item 1 of 3)

Council received the report.

31. Pass the ordinance approving variances to Section 6-16-4:2 (Signs On Residential Property) of the Naperville Municipal Code to allow a sign to be used for residential purposes to exceed permissible allowances at 1203 E. Warrenville Road (Northwoods of Naperville Sign Variance) - DEV-0067-2025 (Item 2 of 3)

ORD 25-075

Council passed.

32. Pass the ordinance granting a temporary use to permit a temporary construction sign that exceeds size requirements at 1203 E. Warrenville Road (Northwoods Of Naperville Sign Variance) - DEV-0067-2025 (Item 3 of 3)

ORD 25-076

Council passed.

33. Pass the ordinance amending Chapter 9, Article B Sections 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the Naperville Municipal Code regarding updates to the City's Procurement Code

ORD 25-077

Council passed.

34. Pass the ordinance to establish temporary traffic controls and issue Special Event and Amplifier permits for the 2025 Water Street Long Table Dinner scheduled on Sunday, September 7, 2025

ORD 25-078

Council passed.

35. Pass the ordinance to establish temporary traffic controls and issue a Special Event permit for the 2025 Riverwalk Fine Art Fair scheduled on September 20-21, 2025

ORD 25-079

Council passed.

- 36.** Pass the ordinance granting a conditional use and a variance for an automobile service station located at 20 E. Ogden Avenue (Casey's) - PZC
24-1-111/DEV-0044-2025

ORD 25-080

Council passed.

- 37.** Pass the ordinance approving a major change and final PUD plat for the Fox River Commons Planned Unit Development, (Guzman y Gomez) - DEV-0049-2025

ORD 25-081

Council passed.

- 38.** Pass the ordinance approving a variance to allow an addition to the principal structure to encroach into the corner side yard setback at 632 N Brainard St. - DEV-0078-2025

ORD 25-082

Council passed.

- 39.** Waive the first reading and pass the ordinance to establish overnight parking exemptions for Carrolwood neighborhood (requires six positive votes)

ORD 25-083

Council passed.

- 40.** Waive the first readings and pass an ordinance to establish a 25 MPH speed limit for the Naper Commons subdivision (requires six positive votes) (Item 1 of 3)

ORD 25-084

Council passed.

- 41.** Waive the first reading and pass an ordinance to establish right-of-way controls for the Naper Commons subdivision (requires six positive votes) (Item 2 of 3)

ORD 25-085

Council passed.

- 42.** Waive the first reading and pass an ordinance to establish one-way streets for Naper Commons subdivision (requires six positive votes) (Item 3 of 3)

ORD 25-086

Council passed.

- 43.** Cancel the public hearing for the Everly Trace (DEV-0010-2025) annexation

agreement. The new notice will be provided in advance of the rescheduled hearing on September 2, 2025.

Council continued until the September 2, 2025 Council meeting.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Conduct the public hearing for proposed Special Service Area No. 36 - Downtown Maintenance and Marketing

Mayor Wehrli opened the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

SPEAKER

John Noll (Naperville and the American Legion Post 43) inquired as a non-profit organization would they be subject to the new special tax assessment based on the appraised value of their property.

Munch stated that staff researched several local non-profits that currently pay property taxes. The American Legion property is in Special Service Area (SSA) 33, the successor SSA, and already pays the existing SSA property tax, so nothing will change and no new taxes will be assessed.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

John Noll (Naperville American Legion Post 43) - Will non-profit organizations be subject to the special tax assessment proposed to fund new Special Service Area 36?

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to close the public hearing for the proposed Special Service Area No. 36 - Downtown Maintenance and Marketing at 7:29 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. Receive the staff report and conduct the public hearing to consider the Annexation Agreement and related ordinances for the property located at 706 Parkside Road - DEV-0045-2025 (Item 1 of 5)

Mayor Wehrli reopened the Public Hearing from July 15, 2025 Council meeting at 7:31 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to close the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. considering the Annexation Agreement and related ordinances for the property located at 706 Parkside Road DEV-0045-2025 at 7:31 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

3. Pass the ordinance authorizing the execution of the Annexation Agreement for 706 Parkside Road - DEV-0045-2025 (requires six positive votes) (Item 2 of 5)

ORD 25-087

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance authorizing the execution of the Annexation Agreement for 706 Parkside Road - DEV-0045-2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Kelly, Longenbaugh, McBroom, Syed, White, and Wilson

4. Pass the ordinance annexing 706 Parkside Road - DEV-0045-2025 (Item 3 of 5)

ORD 25-088

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance annexing 706 Parkside Road - DEV-0045-2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Kelly, Longenbaugh, McBroom, Syed, White, and Wilson

5. Pass the ordinance rezoning 706 Parkside Road to R1B upon annexation - DEV-0045-2025 (Item 4 of 5)

ORD 25-089

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance rezoning 706 Parkside Road to R1B upon annexation - DEV-0045-2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Kelly, Longenbaugh, McBroom, Syed, White, and Wilson

6. Pass the ordinance approving a platted setback deviation for the property at 706 Parkside Road - DEV-0045-2025 (Item 5 of 5)

ORD 25-090

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance approving a platted setback deviation for the property at 706 Parkside Road - DEV-0045-2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Kelly, Longenbaugh, McBroom, Syed, White, and Wilson

K. OLD BUSINESS:

L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Pass the ordinance amending Section 11 of Chapter 1 Title 3 and Section 9 of Chapter 1 Title 3 of the Naperville Municipal Code increasing the Home Rule Sales Tax by .25% and decreasing the Downtown Food and Beverage Tax by the corresponding percentage

SPEAKER

Kaylin Risvold (Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce) is opposed to amending the Home Rule Sales Tax (HRST).

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville) With recognition of the complexities and unknowns of increasing the HRST versus reinstating the Grocery Tax, please support the proposal on the agenda to increasing the Home Rule Sales Tax by .25% and decreasing the Downtown Food and Beverage Tax by the

corresponding percentage. Among the many reasons others have stated pro and con, I believe the HRST offers more choice and flexibility for the consumer and the City to adjust spending due to overall economic fluctuations. I am not one to believe once a tax is put in place that it cannot be removed or altered and appreciate that in this case that we have a choice.

POSITION STATEMENT

OPPOSE

Kevin Humbert (Naperville)

Dina Porro (Naperville)

Mariann Warren (Naperville)

Michael Warren (Naperville)

ORD - 25-091

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance amending Section 11 of Chapter 1 Title 3 and Section 9 of Chapter 1 Title 3 of the Naperville Municipal Code increasing the Home Rule Sales Tax by .25% and decreasing the Downtown Food and Beverage Tax by the corresponding percentage.

Council discussed increasing the Home Rule Sales Tax (HRST) by .25% and establishing a 1% municipal grocery retailers occupation tax.

A motion in substitution was made by Councilwoman Longenbaugh, seconded by Councilman McBroom, to pass the ordinance amending Chapter 1, Title 3 of the Naperville Municipal Code to establish a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Wehrli, Longenbaugh, McBroom, White, and Wilson

Nay: 4 - Gibson, Holzhauer, Kelly, and Syed

2. Pass the ordinance authorizing the execution of a new power sales contract with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for the delivery period commencing October 1, 2035

SPEAKERS

Bill Simon (Naperville and NEST) is opposed to the original extension of the IMEA contract.

Dr. Paul Bloom (Naperville) - discussed the new IMEA proposals being considered.

Patrick Caruso (Naperville and NEST) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

Ted Boulard (Naperville and NEST) discussed the new IMEA proposals being considered.

Rakshita Ruparel (Naperville and Power a Better Future) is opposed to the

extension of the IMEA contract.

Mike Lapinski (Naperville) is in support of the renewal of the IMEA contract.

James Fillar (Naperville) discussed the new IMEA proposals being considered.

Louis Halkias (Naperville) is in support of the renewal of the IMEA contract.

Tim Ferritto (Naperville) is in support of the renewal of the IMEA contract.

Ayanna Mukherjee (Naperville) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

Maureen Stillman (Naperville and NEST) discussed the steps St. Charles, IL followed in reviewing the extension of the IMEA contract.

Daniel Bulley (Naperville) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

David C Hatch (Naperville) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

Steven Shamrock (Naperville) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

Gabriela Lombana Arias (Naperville and Power a Better Future) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

Catherine Clarkin (Naperville and NEST) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

Janice F Guider (Naperville) discussed the birth to five-year-old population and ambient pollution.

Sandee Whited (Naperville) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

Wendy Schild (Naperville) is in support of renewing the IMEA contract.

Rimvydas Gilvydis (Naperville) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

Greg Hubert (Naperville) discussed the new IMEA proposals being considered.

Jack Py (Aurora) discussed renewable energies and how wind and solar are not clean nor sustainable or reliable and contain toxic materials that end up as waste.

Michael Costello (Naperville) is in support of renewing the IMEA contract.

Joseph Kozminski (Naperville, Naperville School District 203) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

Dick Furstenau (Naperville) is in support of renewing the IMEA contract.

The meeting recessed from 9:05 p.m. - 9:12 p.m.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Carl E VanDril (Naperville) Many of you may remember me as the previous Co-chair of NEST. While I have not participated in NEST for the last 1 1/2 years, my passion for making the right decision regarding IMEA is just as strong as ever. An extension of our IMEA contract at this time makes no sense. First and foremost, this multi-billion dollar commitment should be competitively bid with criteria set forth by city leaders representing the requirements of the people of Naperville. We have options. Let's explore them. Climate considerations and renewable energy should be considered as part of this evaluation. As this vote comes to you on August 19, vote NO to a contract extension. Vote YES to a well thought out, logical, business focused, and climate friendly process to select a power provider for Naperville past 2035.

Meghan Jebb (Naperville) As a Naperville resident, I ask you to hear the voices of your constituents and vote to oppose extending the IMEA contract. Opposing this contract extension will be a vote in favor of a cleaner, more innovative city of Naperville. Let us be leaders toward a bright future, not hand-cuffed for decades to an organization that puts profits above all else. Through past decades of pollution as well as attempting to strong-arm us into this premature contract renewal, the IMEA has proven itself to be unworthy of Naperville's trust. We can do better. Thank you all for your dedication to our city.

Thomas Coleman (Naperville) The People of Naperville & Climate Reality Chicago Metro - Most of the world looks at costs AND the growing emissions when deciding how to generate electricity and how to power our transportation. For Naperville to be successful and to remain a forward-thinking city, we should not extend the IMEA 1.contract and simply remain with the current contract until it expires in 10 years. I can assure you that over the next few years that the decision to do nothing, for now, is the right decision. In coming years and certainly by 2035, the world will be a renewable and electrified world for homes, businesses, and transportation. Naperville can either support this new world of clean electrification or sign a new IMEA contract in the hope that the IMEA in the next 25 years will somehow do what they have never done before. In the end, the decision Naperville faces is whether it wants to be a city that takes its time to carefully build a clean energy future or an obsolete extractive energy future. It cannot do both.

Sandra Banas, MD (Bolingbrook) Dear Council Members, As a physician practicing in Naperville and a parent of two Naperville 203 CUSD students, I am writing to ask you to reject the IMEA contract extension on August 19th. Climate change is real, and it is here. Extending a coal-based energy contract until 2055 is simply incompatible with that reality. Naperville should be leading the way with clean, renewable energy, not clinging to outdated, polluting sources. We have time to make a smarter, greener choice, and we owe it to future generations. Thank you, Sandra Banas, MD

Pat Berg (Naperville) I oppose the renewal of the IMEA contract. It is ridiculous to lock into such a long term contract. I'm disappointed that the activist politician/councilman Josh McBroom has delivered so much misinformation on this issue. His conduct and comments towards constituents are divisive and impede the working relationships that is necessary for effective governance. Would be nice to have someone sit him down, and show him Naperville's "Code of Conduct", and tell him to stop it and to apologize to Naperville.

Nancy Turner (Naperville) I am against the early renewal of the contract. One reason is the rapid advancement in technology that will most likely make this association obsolete in the not too distant future and make it more and more expensive as other communities withdraw their support. One other important reason is clean air. With the current administration in DC doing the bidding of the polluters, it is incumbent on the citizens of Naperville to protect not only the air we breathe, but the air our neighbors breathe too.

Dina Porro (Naperville) As a longtime resident of Naperville, I've seen how energy decisions affect everything from family budgets to economic growth. That's why I'm reaching out to ask that you vote IN FAVOR to pass the IMEA contract. This isn't just about numbers-it's about trust, stability, and securing a better future for our city. Over the past several weeks, I've reviewed published information, meetings minutes and online discussions. I find it very concerning that the city council is ignoring the recommendations from their hired energy consultant and the Naperville Public Utilities Board. It is absurd that you spend our hard earned tax dollars on an expert and dismiss their recommendation. All the information points to the renewal of the IMEA contract. This decision will shape our city's energy future for decades. Please listen to the voices of those who live and work here-we're COUNTING ON YOU to represent our interests and invest in a reliable, sustainable path forward. Respectfully, Dina Porro

Lucy Nobrega (Naperville) Why on Earth is this not going out for competitive bid in a transparent, normal procurement process?

Dianne McGuire (Naperville) We all know what the right thing to do here is...reject this early renewal unequivocally. If you need a few more facts to back up this decision, let's consider the impact of the Prairie State Coal Plant on little Marissa, Illinois, where it is located. Let's talk health disparities, according to the American Lung Association...In DuPage County, with our 921,213 residents, the incidence of adult chronic lung disease is about 1%. In St. Clair County, with its 261,018 residents, where Marissa is located, the incidence of chronic lung disease is 12%. Prairie State may boast about "clean coal" but they emit about 25,000 tons of soot and smog-forming pollutants every year which might explain the health disparities. Let's talk home values while we're at it...In Marissa, home listings look a little like this: \$169,000, "as is, where is"; \$49,00 sold "as is, no repairs"; 1.\$99,000 "selling as is". Zillow's most recent median home price for Naperville is \$610,522. Let's not continue to contribute to the harm that climate change represents for little St. Clair County and for the rest of us, as well! Please say no.

Steven Cushman (Naperville) I recommend all City Council members vote to approve agenda item 25-1111 to extend the IMEA contract. Electricity is vital to

a functioning city and a core requirement is that it be reliable, affordable and predictable. I've resided in Naperville 38 years and my experience is IMEA, working in conjunction with Naperville Electric, has provided excellent electric service. We all know how electric service disruption is an inconvenience short term but becomes life threatening for some after extended disruptions. Recent agenda items have discussed afford ability for people living in Naperville, and people planning on moving here. Our current system has met the affordability test. The coal plant is a controversial item but China built about 100 new coal plants in calendar 2024. IMEA pledges to be carbon neutral by 2050 and have an excellent past performance record. Finally solar and wind may be the answer but are currently unreliable when the sun is down and the wind ceases. Battery technology may improve the situation but we are not there yet. The current electric market is changing driven by huge AI power needs projected. Winnetka said it very well when they renewed their IMEA contract as they concluded their Council was unwilling to take the significant risk of not doing so.

Sara Meyer (Naperville) Please do not enter a contract with IMEA. Naperville should not be reliant on coal for energy, as it contributes heavily to climate change. Instead, Naperville should explore more eco-friendly methods of electricity generation.

Wendy Schild (Naperville) Continue with IMEA especially for fiscal responsibility.

Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville) Please vote no and do not accept the IMEA Contract 2025_08_19 as written. Instead, please under New Business propose amendments to that contract as submitted by Mayor Wehrli in the 8/17 Council Q&A. In addition please include: 1) A date by which IMEA must respond, 2) The City's plan should IMEA not be willing to accept the amendments. I would also like to know: 1) What is the PUAB's minority opinion on this proposal? 2) What is the PUAB's majority opinion on this proposal? 3) Was CES involved in drafting these amendments and if so, what is their opinion of it? My preference for handling this under New Business is that it would allow adequate time for the public to comment, could go before the 8/28/25 PUAB meeting, and come back to City Council on 9/2/2025. My goal is not to delay a matter that has been languishing, but rather to move forward with and firm plan more like suggested by the PUAB minority opinion presentation given at the City Council workshop on July 28th. Thank you for your consideration.

POSITION STATEMENTS

SUPPORT

Kevin Humbert (Naperville)
Mariann Warren (Naperville)
Michael Warren (Naperville)
Dina Porro (Naperville)

OPPOSE

Arun Natarajan (Naperville)
Kathryn Fox (Naperville)
Allen Chou (Naperville)

Alexandra Anagnostopoulos (Naperville)
Karen Lee (Naperville)
Sandra Martinich (Naperville)
Lucy Nobrega (Naperville)
Rock Aker (Naperville)
John Pyrce (Naperville)
Joseph Hus (Naperville)
Sara Meyer (Naperville)

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance authorizing the execution of a new power sales contract with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for the delivery period commencing October 1, 2035.

Council discussed the renewal of the IMEA contract and the new IMEA items being considered.

A motion in substitution was made by Mayor Wehrli, seconded by Councilman McBroom, to direct staff to (1) negotiate with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) and its Board of Directors an addendum to the proposed power sales contract that addresses the following eight items and as outlined in the document circulated to the community on August 18, 2025, and bring the addendum and power sales contract back to the City Council for its consideration. These items include: contract length, member directed resources, carbon-free milestones, peak shaving, local generation rights, voting rights, transparency, and retirement costs for generation assets; (2) issue a request for proposals for carbon-free electric supply options that may potentially be used as member-directed resources; and (3) include in the negotiations an option for the City to increase the amount of its permissible member-directed resources in proportion to the increased energy load required by the addition of any significant energy-usage customers. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Wehrli, Kelly, Longenbaugh, McBroom, Syed, White, and Wilson

Nay: 2 - Gibson, and Holzhauer

M. AWARD OF BIDS AND OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE:

1. Approve the award of Bid 25-172, Insulated Conductors, to The Okonite Company for an amount not to exceed \$5,526,340 and for a one-year term

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the award of Bid 25-172, Insulated Conductors, to The Okonite Company for an amount not to exceed \$5,526,340 and for a one-year term. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Kelly, Longenbaugh, McBroom, Syed, White, and Wilson

N. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

O. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Concur with staff's recommendation to oppose increased land development authority for regional transit agencies

SPEAKER

Seth Deegan is in favor of increasing land development authority for regional transit authorities.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville) Please concur with staff's recommendation to oppose RTA increased land development authority in Home Rule municipalities.

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly to concur with staff's recommendation to oppose increased land development authority for regional transit agencies. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Kelly, Longenbaugh, McBroom, Syed, White, and Wilson

P. NEW BUSINESS:

Overnight street parking

White requested support to review the City's current overnight street parking restrictions to see if there are any alternatives or different options available to assist our residents.

Louden stated staff is currently working on developing different options for overnight street parking and they will be coming back to the Council in the near future with options for their review and approval.

By consensus Council directed staff to prepare some alternative options to the City's current overnight parking plan and to report their findings at a future Council meeting.

Appreciation for the City's first responders

Syed expressed his appreciation and the appreciation of our residents for the work of the City's first responders.

Resignation

Longenbaugh announced due to a professional opportunity in the private sector which does not allow her to serve in elected office she is resigning her position as a member of the Naperville City Council effective Monday, August 25, 2025.

Mayor Wehrli and the members of the Council thanked Councilwoman Longenbaugh for her service to the community.

Q. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of August 19, 2025, at 10:38 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

/S/ Dawn C. Portner
Dawn C. Portner
City Clerk