



# City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street  
Naperville, IL 60540  
<http://www.naperville.il.us/>

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Council

---

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

---

TO WATCH OR LISTEN TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING LIVE: • Watch on WCNC GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION (Ch. 6-Astound, Ch. 10 - Comcast, Ch. 99 – AT&T U-verse) • Watch online at <https://naperville.legistar.com>

#### TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

The public may choose to provide public comment in any of the following ways:

1. Address the City Council live during the City Council meeting in-person in City Council Chambers. Individuals wishing to address the City Council during the meeting must sign up online at [www.naperville.il.us/speakersignup](http://www.naperville.il.us/speakersignup) by 6:30 p.m. on December 16.
2. Individuals can also have their name added to the speaker list by calling the Community Services Department at (630) 305-5300 by 6:30 p.m. on December 16.
3. Submit a written comment to the City in advance of the City Council meeting by 4 p.m. on December 16. Written comments will be compiled and posted with the electronic meeting agenda on the City's website prior to the start of the meeting. The cumulative number of comments will be announced during the City Council meeting.
4. Submit a one-word statement of "SUPPORT" or "OPPOSITION" regarding a specific agenda item by 4 p.m. on December 16. The names of participants who submitted position statements will be compiled and posted with the electronic meeting agenda on the City's website prior to the start of the meeting. The cumulative number of position statements will be announced during the City Council meeting.

There will be no on-site speaker sign up permitted.

**PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION:**

Any individual who may require an accommodation to listen to or participate in the meeting should contact the Community Services Department at (630) 305-5300 by 4 p.m. on December 16.

Questions regarding online sign-up may be directed to the Community Services Department by calling (630) 305-5300.

**PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES:** The citizen participation guidelines are outlined in 1-5-6-6: - CITIZEN PARTICIPATION of the Naperville Municipal Code.

**ALL VIEWPOINTS AND OPINIONS WELCOME:** All viewpoints are welcome, positive comments and constructive criticism are encouraged. Speakers must refrain from harassing or directing threats or personal attacks at Council members, staff, other speakers or members of the public. Comments made to intentionally disrupt the meeting may be managed as necessary to maintain appropriate decorum and allow for city business to be accomplished.

**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:**

Mayor Wehrli called the December 16, 2025 City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

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

**C. CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 p.m.**

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to recess to Closed Session to discuss [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)] Approval of Minutes and [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(23) Operations of a municipality of a municipal utility when the discussion involves contracts relating to the purchase, sale, or delivery of electricity or the results or conclusions of load forecast studies. The motion

carried by the following vote:

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

OPEN SESSION - 7:00 p.m.

#### **D. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** 9 - Mayor Scott Wehrli  
Councilwoman Mary Gibson  
Councilman Ian Holzhauer  
Councilwoman Supna Jain  
Councilman Patrick Kelly  
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; Assistant to the City Manager Marcie Schatz; Fire Chief Mark Puknaitis; Police Chief Jason Arres; Director of Finance Ray Munch; Director of IT Jacqueline Nguyen; Director of TED Jennifer Loudon; Director of Public Works Dan Randolph; 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

Daily Herald, Naperville Sun, NCTV-17

#### **E. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **F. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

1. Proclamation recognizing the retirement of Elizabeth Braham Spencer, Naperville Community Television Executive Director, on December 17, 2025

Mayor Wehrli presented the proclamation.

2. Designate Ambassador Drive as "Liz Spencer Commemorative Parkway"

#### **G. PUBLIC FORUM:**

##### ***SPEAKERS***

Proposed data center

Rich Janor (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center.

Proposed data center

Sujay Shah (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center.

Proposed data center

Asim Babar (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center.

Proposed data center

James Butt (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center.

Proposed data center

Sarah Baugh (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center.

Proposed data center

Dan Johnson (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center.

Proposed data center

Clara Lambert (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center.

Proposed data center

Nadeem Mirza (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center.

Proposed data center

Edwin Cruz (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center.

Data center

Michael Thibodeau (Lisle) is opposed to the proposed data center.

*Public Forum ended at 7:43 p.m.*

## **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, Jain, Kelly, McBroom, Syed, White, and Wilson

1. Approve the Cash Disbursements for the period of November 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, for a total of \$58,006,907.30

**Council approved.**

2. Approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of December 2, 2025

**Council approved.**

3. Approve the City Council meeting schedule for January, February, and March 2026

**Council approved.**

4. Receive the year-to-date budget report through November 30, 2025

**Council received.**

5. Receive the update on the Renewable Energy Program and proposed program changes for 2026

**Council received.**

6. Approve the award of Option Year #1 to Contract 24-279, Sanitary Sewer CCTV Inspection, to National Power Rodding Corp. for an amount not to exceed \$200,813.69 and for a one-year term

**Council approved.**

7. Approve the award of Option Year #1 to Contract 24-061, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Maintenance Services, to Advanced Automation and Controls, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$194,180.00 and for a one-year term

**Council approved.**

8. Approve the award of Option Year #1 to Contract 24-032, Cast Iron Manhole Covers and Grates, to EJ USA, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$197,211.49 and for a two-year term

**Council approved.**

9. Approve the award of Option Year #1 to Contract 24-029, Excavation and Underground Utility Repairs, to Miller Pipeline LLC, Baish Excavating, Inc. and IHC Construction Companies LLC for an amount not to exceed \$488,410.15 and for a one-year term

**Council approved.**

10. Approve the award of Option Year #1 to Contract 24-262, Water Distribution Parts, to Water Products Company for an amount not to exceed \$428,386.29 and for a one-year term

**Council approved.**

11. Approve the award of Option Year #2 to Contract 23-013, Residential Water Meter Replacement Program, to Calumet City Plumbing & Heating Company, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$253,430.00 and for a one-year term

**Council approved.**

12. Approve the award of Option Year #3 to Contract 19-258, Landscape Design and Planting, to Christy Webber and Company for an amount not to exceed \$470,000 and for a two-year term

**Council approved.**

13. Approve the award of Option Year #4 to Contract 22-016, Lift Station Force Main Inspection, to RJN Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$179,000 and for a one-year term

**Council approved.**

14. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 25-331, Electric Utility Supplies, to Wesco, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$750,000 and for a one-year term

**Council approved.**

15. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 25-332, New Police Vehicle Purchases (Units 195, 196 and 198), to Currie Motors Fleet for an amount not to exceed \$148,001

**Council approved.**

16. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 25-335, In-Ground Structures, to Wesco, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$789,529

**Council approved.**

17. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 25-320, Arc Flash Rated and Flame Retardant Apparel, to Tyndale Enterprises, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$104,500 and for a two-year term

**Council approved.**

18. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 24-293, Electrical Disconnect Switch Replacements, to Graybar for an additional eight months

**Council approved.**

19. Approve the award of Change Order #2 to Contract 24-143, Van Buren Parking Facility 2024 LED Lighting Retrofit, to Rag's Electric, Inc. for an additional eight months

**Council approved.**

20. Approve the award of Change Order #2 to Contract 25-041, Fire Station Renovations - Stations #1 and #3, to Lite Construction for an amount not to exceed \$40,082 and a total award of \$833,272

**Council approved.**

21. Approve the proposed CY2026 Social Service Grant and Opioid Remediation Grant funding allocations

**Council approved.**

22. Accept the public watermain improvement at Delta Sonic Carwash System and McDowell Point Apartments, the street and streetlight improvement at Ashwood Heights II Subdivision, and authorize the City Clerk to reduce the corresponding public improvement surety

**Council approved.**

- 23.** Pass the ordinance approving variances to permit a wall sign for Charles Schwab at 19 W. Chicago Avenue - DEV-0133-2025

ORD 25-136

**Council passed.**

- 24.** Pass the ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, adopting a total levy of \$98,939 for Special Service Area No. 23 (Naper Main)

ORD 25-137

**Council passed.**

- 25.** Pass the ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, adopting a total levy of \$68,000 for Special Service Area No. 25 (IL Route 59 and Lacrosse Lane)

ORD 25-138

**Council passed.**

- 26.** Pass the ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, adopting a total levy of \$93,111 for Special Service Area No. 30 (Downtown Streetscape)

ORD 25-139

**Council passed.**

- 27.** Pass the Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, adopting a total levy of \$23,680 for Special Service Area No. 31 (Downtown Streetscape - Block 423)

ORD 25-140

**Council passed.**

- 28.** Pass the ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, adopting a total levy of \$20,026 for Special Service Area No. 34 (Downtown Streetscape)

ORD 25-141

**Council passed.**

- 29.** Pass the ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, adopting a total levy of \$125,000 for Special Service Area No. 35 (Downtown Streetscape)

ORD 25-142

**Council passed.**

- 30.** Pass the ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, adopting a total levy of \$1,259,718 for Special Service Area No. 36 (Downtown Maintenance and Marketing)

ORD 25-143

**Council passed.**

- 31.** Pass the ordinance approving a minor change to the conditional use for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 1310 Shepherd Drive - DEV-0116-2025

ORD 25-144

**Council passed.**

- 32.** Pass the ordinance approving a minor change to the conditional use approved by Ordinance 96-106 for the home-to-office conversion at 229 W Ogden Avenue - DEV-0158-2025

ORD 25-145

**Council passed.**

## **J. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 1.** Conduct a truth-in-taxation hearing for the 2025 property tax levy (Item 1 of 3)

Mayor Wehrli opened the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly to close the truth-in-taxation hearing at 7:49 p.m. for the 2025 property tax levy. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

- 2.** Pass the ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, adopting a total property tax levy of \$69,064,110 (Item 2 of 3)

ORD 25-146

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, adopting a total property tax levy of \$69,064,110. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Jain, Kelly, Syed, White, and Wilson

**Nay:** 1 - McBroom

- 3.** Pass the ordinance to abate a portion of the 2025 property tax levy for the City of Naperville authorizing an abatement of \$8,500,181 from the total property tax levy of



\$69,064,110 for a net total 2025 property tax levy of \$60,535,929 (Item 3 of 3)

ORD 25-147

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance to abate a portion of the 2025 property tax levy for the City of Naperville authorizing an abatement of \$8,500,181 from the total property tax levy of \$69,064,110 for a net total 2025 property tax levy of \$60,535,929. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Jain, Kelly, Syed, White, and Wilson

**Nay:** 1 - McBroom

4. Receive the staff report and reconvene the public hearing to vacate a portion of the White Oak Drive right-of-way between Prairie Avenue and Hillside Road - DEV-0086-2025 (Item 1 of 6)

Mayor Wehrli reconvened the public hearing from the December 2, 2025 Council meeting at 7:52 p.m.

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly to receive the staff report and close the public hearing at 7:53 p.m. to vacate a portion of the White Oak Drive right-of-way between Prairie Avenue and Hillside Road. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

5. Pass the ordinance vacating a portion of the White Oak Drive right-of-way between Prairie Avenue and Hillside Road (requires seven (7) positive votes) - DEV-0086-2025 (Item 2 of 6)

ORD 25-148

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance vacating a portion of the White Oak Drive right-of-way between Prairie Avenue and Hillside Road. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

6. Pass the ordinance approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision and Owner's Acknowledgement and Acceptance Agreement for 870 Prairie Avenue (Rizzo Subdivision) - DEV-0088-2025 (Item 3 of 6)

ORD 25-149

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision and Owner's Acknowledgement and Acceptance Agreement for 870 Prairie Avenue (Rizzo Subdivision). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

7. Pass the ordinance approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision and Owner's Acknowledgement and Acceptance Agreement for 869 E. Hillside Avenue (The Gilkes Estates) - DEV-0095-2025 (Item 4 of 6)

ORD 25-150

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision and Owner's Acknowledgement and Acceptance Agreement for 869 E. Hillside Avenue (The Gilkes Estates). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

8. Pass the ordinance approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision and Owner's Acknowledgement and Acceptance Agreement for 901 E. Hillside Avenue (Ross Estates) - DEV-0105-2025 (Item 5 of 6)

ORD 25-151

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision and Owner's Acknowledgement and Acceptance Agreement for 901 E. Hillside Avenue (Ross Estates). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

9. Pass the ordinance approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision and Owner's Acknowledgement and Acceptance Agreement for 930 Prairie Avenue (The Goworowski Subdivision) - DEV-0087-2025 (Item 6 of 6)

ORD 25-152

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision and Owner's Acknowledgement and Acceptance Agreement for 930 Prairie Avenue (The Goworowski Subdivision). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## **K. OLD BUSINESS:**

## **L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

## **M. AWARD OF BIDS AND OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE:**

1. Approve the award of Option Year #2 to Contract 23-154, Street Lighting, Controller, Public Building and Municipal Lot Lighting Maintenance, to Meade Electric, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the award of Option Year #2 to Contract 23-154, Street Lighting, Controller, Public Building and Municipal Lot Lighting Maintenance, to Meade Electric, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

2. Approve the award of Option Year #2 to Contract 23-152, Underground Distribution,

Directional Boring and Services, to Meade Electric Company, Inc. and Electric Conduit Construction, for an amount not to exceed \$8,180,574.30

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the award of Option Year #2 to Contract 23-152, Underground Distribution, Directional Boring and Services, to Meade Electric Company, Inc. and Electric Conduit Construction, for an amount not to exceed \$8,180,574.30. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

3. Approve the award of Bid 25-242, Kings Terrace Water Main Improvements, to Trine Construction Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$5,908,400 plus a 3% contingency

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the award of Bid 25-242, Kings Terrace Water Main Improvements, to Trine Construction Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$5,908,400 plus a 3% contingency. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## **N. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

## **O. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the recommendation to discontinue meeting room rentals at the Municipal Center to all outside non-governmental groups effective July 1, 2026 and authorize meeting room use at no charge between January 1 and June 30, 2026, for those outside non-governmental groups that utilized Municipal Center meeting rooms during calendar year 2025

### **SPEAKERS**

John Brubaker (Naperville Lisle Township Democratic Organization) is opposed to closing the Municipal Center to room rentals for non-governmental groups.

Arlene Orr (Naperville Senior Task Force) is opposed to closing the Municipal Center to room rentals for non-governmental groups.

Amy Friedman (Naperville Senior Task Force) is opposed to closing the Municipal Center to room rentals for non-governmental groups.

Jane Burke (Naperville Preservation Inc) is opposed to closing the Municipal Center to room rentals for non-governmental groups.

Tim Messer (Naperville) is opposed to closing the Municipal Center to room rentals for non-governmental groups.

Council discussed concerns with the current room reservation system and the potential need to increase room rental fees to offset the cost of a new system. As a compromise, Council also discussed allowing outside groups to hold

meetings during regular City business hours, while limiting evening meetings for outside organizations to days when City meetings are already scheduled.

Schatz stated that one of the challenges is security, as the City does not have staff on site to ensure accountability for who is in the building at all times. Additional challenges include the current billing process, the cost of implementing a new reservation system, and declining reservation usage year over year. Schatz also noted that the staff time required to manage the reservation process competes with other assigned tasks and priorities.

**WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY**

Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville) I oppose this. From my experience, I believe schools, libraries, park district and other city resources cannot adequately support the additional requirements of the 62 groups listed in the Council Q&A. Almost half of these groups were not even alerted to the potential change in procedure. Instead, please consider: a) No longer have city government meetings (e.g. the Riverwalk Commission and Riverwalk PDC Committee Meeting) scheduled when the lobby is closed or change the instructions to direct attendees to the garage keycard entrance. b) Install cameras at all external access points (e.g. the garage employee keycard door) if cameras are not already installed at such locations. c) Improve the scheduling and payment software to better meet the needs for city and outside meetings. d) Ensure all groups, not just some, are billed. e) Actually, check for the Articles of Incorporation or Charter annually. f) Change room NEU to room C throughout the documentation g) If you must, increase the fees. h) If you must, only discontinue Municipal Center meeting room rentals to "outside non-governmental groups" when there is no city government meeting being conducted after 5pm. E.g. rooms A, B, and C could still be rented Tuesday after 5pm when City Council was in session. Rooms should continue to be rented M-F between 8am and 5pm.

Zenat Vakili (Naperville) In DuPage County and perhaps beyond, the Naperville City Council has earned a reputation for thoughtful, enlightened, stewardship. I just learned that a resolution has been put forth for consideration today which would negate that reputation: the resolution to end rentals of the Naperville Municipal Center for non-governmental community meetings. I OPPOSE this resolution wholeheartedly for the following reasons: 1. I live in the Naperville Planning Area. The Naperville Muni Center is easily accessible to me, as opposed to many other potential meeting locations, due to its transit centrality and close parking. 2. For disabled individuals, a category of which I unfortunately temporarily am a member, the Muni Center is physically accessible. 3. The Muni Center is neutral, apolitical, not associated with any religious entity, and has always functioned as a site where community members may safely come together on a regular basis. 4. I am unaware of any problematic behavior by my community members which would lead Naperville's civic center to close its doors to the community. I presume that any such problems must be from a very small minority, and therefore, are manageable. 5. The county, the state, and the country are in sore need of civilized neutral meeting spaces to work together as citizens to improve their and their children's futures. The Naperville Muni Center has served that purpose well. 6. If City

finances are an issue, then continue charging a reasonable rental fee. If they are not an issue, then what reasons could possibly offset the community good of offering these meeting spaces? PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION AND IN FAVOR OF OUR CURRENT PROCESS!

Nancy Staszak (Woodridge) Lisle township Democratic Organization - I urge a vote against closing off the use of Municipal evening meetings rooms for community groups' use. We serve the community by providing meetings for education on issues and opportunities to hear candidate forums. Since libraries are heavily used, it is not feasible to have parking enough to accommodate attendees for the large meetings we sponsor, particularly the candidate forums. The Municipal center, with its large meeting rooms, seating, AV resources and safe and abundant parking is ideal for the many groups which serve the community and wish to continue meeting there. If 200 meetings were held there in the last year, that is close to one every other day. Please let the community continue to use the Municipal meeting rooms.

OPPOSE

Zenat Vakili (Naperville)

**A motion was made by Councilman Holzhauer, seconded by Councilman White, to disapprove the recommendation to discontinue meeting room rentals at the Municipal Center to all outside non-governmental groups effective July 1, 2026 and authorize meeting room use at no charge between January 1 and June 30, 2026, for those outside non-governmental groups that utilized Municipal Center meeting rooms during calendar year 2025.**

**A motion in substitution was made by Mayor Wehrli, seconded by Councilman Kelly, directing staff to bring back a report at a future Council meeting addressing the possibility of scheduling outside meetings on evenings when the City already has events scheduled, while continuing to allow outside meetings during normal City business hours and charging appropriate market-based room rental fees, if necessary. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Wehrli, Jain, Kelly, McBroom, White, and Wilson

**Nay:** 3 - Gibson, Holzhauer, and Syed

*Public Forum resumed at 8:31 P.M.*

Mary Ann Curtis (Naperville) discussed her concerns regarding snow removal and construction zones, emphasizing the need to ensure neither block access for people with disabilities, is opposed to closing the Municipal Center to room rentals for non-governmental groups and thanked Dr. Geneace Williams for her December 6, 2025 event held at North Central College.

Data center

Steve Jarvis (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center.

Electricity Contract

Joe Hus (Naperville) NEST - is opposed to the renewal of the IMEA contract and alternatives sources of energy need to be reviewed and discussed.

Data center

Lori Melhart (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center.

Data center

Teresa Belmonte (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center.

IMEA

Daniel Bulley (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

Karis Data Center proposal

Maxwell Watkins (Downers Grove) is opposed to the proposed data center

Karis Data Center

Ernest Oxenknecht (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed data center and discussed the IMEA contract.

Council discussed the proposed data center, the anticipated timeline for when the item may be brought forward on a future Council agenda, the renewal of the IMEA contract, and whether the City may incur additional costs as a result of a recently enacted State law related to battery requirements.

DiSanto stated the City is currently preparing all required documents and the ordinance related to the proposed data center. This item is targeted for the January 20, 2026 Council agenda.

Groth stated that because the City operates a municipally owned utility, it is not subject to any additional fees under the recently enacted State law related to battery requirements.

Mayor Wehrli asked that Council keep in mind residents who have faced several challenging issues over the past year and to keep them in their thoughts and prayers as the City moves forward into 2026.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY**

Karen V Peck (Naperville) Naperville Dear Mayor and City Councilpersons, I am writing to OPPOSE the Karis Data Center proposal for Naperville. This proposal is in direct conflict with our City's goal of reducing reliance on fossil fuels and commitment to cleaner energy. While Karis' stated commitment to community stewardship is a nice gesture, with no guarantees or legislation to back it up, this is public relations statement, not a plan. People and planet should always be the first considerations over profit. The negative effects on physical health, permanent environmental damage, and strain on our

infrastructure are also why I am against this proposal at this time. That land could be put to better use to serve our community, rather than corporations who broker data.

Savannah Burke (Naperville) There is no benefit for a data center to be established in Naperville. There's no tax benefits/relief, no jobs created, and no transparency for residents. Doctors have already testified that the data center would be detrimental to the health of the neighborhoods surrounding the proposed location. In addition, Naperville is powered mainly using coal, meaning the incredibly large supply of energy to this data center would be mainly coal powered.

Sharika (Naperville) This is regarding city funded street maintenance services. Over the past 3-4 years there have been growing inconveniences to residents of Naperville due to the actions and inactions of 2 particular city services. The first being leaf collection services. While the schedule for pickup has traditionally been appropriate to the changing of seasons, global warming and other changes to weather patterns have moved the time frame when leaves are falling forward. As the city's leaf collection timings have not adapted, many residents are unable to properly utilize available pickup options due to leaves not falling till after the pickup time. This causes additional hassle and can be an unnecessary hazard for many of Naperville's aging population. Other communities in Illinois have adopted their policies to reflect the changes in weather patterns and to address the needs of aging populations. One example is the township of Mendota Illinois. While their population and budget is much smaller than Naperville they have offered additional leaf pickup for residents over the past few years in order to ensure their city services provide the value and timely initiative that citizens deserve. Another city service that has been causing growing problems in recent years is the snow removal and ploughing. This past thanksgiving holiday the snow trucks did come through at an appropriate time. However, the speed with which they ran through the street was so fast that it created quite a noise disturbance. This was specifically southbound on Coach drive. Additionally, the snow trucks have persistently dumped snow on homes with corner lots. This has been the case on a number of occasions where the pile from the street ends up on the driveway of corner lot homes causing additional work and often a tremendous icy pile that is again a hazard to deal with for residents. It would be great to see additional city provided leaf pickups institute so that Naperville can at least be on par with other local communities in terms of value and service provided to residents. It would also be an aspect of common decency for snow trucks to maintain a reasonable speed in local subdivisions, and to find more appropriate points to dump snow.

Steve Mieland (Wheaton) I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed data center project within the Illinois Technology and Research Corridor and to voice my concerns regarding the increasing pressure to introduce new residential development within this vital economic zone. The Illinois Technology and Research Corridor represents a significant opportunity for our region's economic growth and innovation. Attracting and retaining businesses in the technology sector is crucial for job creation, increased tax

revenue, and overall prosperity. The proposed data center is a direct contributor to this goal, representing a substantial investment in our community and demonstrating Naperville's attractiveness to leading technology companies. Data centers are an essential component of modern infrastructure, supporting not only large tech companies but also a wide range of businesses and services. Blocking this project sends a negative signal to potential investors and undermines our region's competitive advantage. I am increasingly concerned by the push for new residential development within the Corridor. While I understand the need for housing, introducing significant residential areas within this established technology hub risks compromising its functionality and long-term viability. I am deeply worried that increased residential proximity to existing businesses within the Corridor will lead to an increase in unfounded complaints and misperceptions about their operations. These concerns, often based on a lack of understanding of the technology sector, create a climate of distrust and can ultimately damage the businesses that are the backbone of our local economy. I am particularly troubled by the unsubstantiated claims that the data center will lead to an energy shortage or consume all of the water resources. These assertions are not based on factual data and contribute to unnecessary public anxiety. As an employee at International Motors within the Technology Corridor, I have directly witnessed the rising level of concern and the potential for these misperceptions to create a hostile environment for businesses. The prospect of my business having to relocate due to further backlash is a serious threat to my livelihood and the economic stability of our region. Protecting the integrity of the Illinois Technology and Research Corridor should be a top priority for our city. I urge the City Council to carefully consider the long-term economic benefits of the proposed data center and to resist pressures that would compromise the Corridor's purpose. Focusing on strategic, targeted growth in the technology sector will yield far greater returns for our community than prioritizing residential expansion within this crucial zone. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. I believe a strong and vibrant Technology Corridor is vital for Naperville's future.

Nancy Roberts (Wheaton) Karis Critical has made bold claims regarding projected benefits for the City of Naperville if their data center is built. However, serious concerns remain. Firstly, First, Naperville's power grid is already under immense pressure. Data centers are causing a strain on the energy grid in every location where they have been built. In Naperville, IL, the proposed data center is expected to draw 10% of the city's already-strained capacity, using the energy equivalent to 16,000 homes! Second, data centers have historically caused utility prices to rise in nearby cities, and there is no reason to expect Naperville to be the exception. Third, the volume of energy the data center would draw from IMEA's current portfolio would increase Naperville's reliance on carbon-intensive sources like coal, which is a negative for the health of our environment. Fourth, there are serious health risks associated with living near a data center, bearing in mind that the proposed Karis facility would be located a mere 1,000 feet from homes in Naper Commons. In November of this year, 25 physicians across a variety of specialties signed on to an 8-page letter detailing their concerns about adverse health impacts due to the proximity to homes near the data center. These physicians attested to the hazards a data center would pose for children, pets and sensitive populations due to exposure to diesel fumes, constant noise and more, basing their statements on sources that



included the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Lung Association, the Environmental Protection Agency, and others. Therefore, I urge the Council to reject the proposal to build a data center in the proposed location.

## **P. NEW BUSINESS:**

Renewal of the IMEA contract

Holzhauser requested Council support to schedule an agenda item for consideration and a vote on the proposed extension of the IMEA contract for the January 20, 2026 Council meeting.

Council discussed the timing of this item for the next Council meeting scheduled for January 20, 2026, noting that the proposed data center is also scheduled for discussion at the same meeting.

By consensus, Council directed staff to schedule a future Council agenda item for consideration and a vote on the proposed extension of the IMEA contract, with service to commence on October 1, 2035.

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to recess to Closed Session to discuss [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(23) Operations of a municipality of a municipal utility when the discussion involves contracts relating to the purchase, sale, or delivery of electricity or the results or conclusions of load forecast studies. and adjourn Regular Session at the conclusion of the discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Wehrli, Jain, Kelly, McBroom, White, and Wilson

**Nay:** 3 - Gibson, Holzhauser, and Syed

## **Q. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Council adjourned Closed Session and the Regular Session of the December 16, 2025, City Council meeting at 10:01 p.m.**

/s/ Dawn C. Portner  
Dawn C. Portner  
City Clerk