



City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Agenda Introductory Language

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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:

Chirico called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

- Present:** 8 - Mayor Steve Chirico
Councilwoman Jennifer Bruzan Taylor
Councilman Paul Hinterlong
Councilman Ian Holzhauer
Councilman Paul Leong
Councilwoman Theresa Sullivan
Councilman Benjamin White
Councilwoman Nicki Anderson
- Absent:** 1 - Councilman Patrick Kelly

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

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to recess to Closed Session to discuss 120/2(c)(1) Performance of a Specific Individual, 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining, 120/2(c)(6) Sale of Property, and 120/2(c)(21) Approval of Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauer, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

Absent: 1 - Kelly

OPEN SESSION - 7:00 p.m.

Chirico called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

D. ROLL CALL:

Present: 9 - Mayor Steve Chirico
Councilwoman Jennifer Bruzan Taylor
Councilman Paul Hinterlong
Councilman Ian Holzhauer
Councilman Patrick Kelly
Councilman Paul Leong
Councilwoman Theresa Sullivan
Councilman Benjamin White
Councilwoman Nicki Anderson

Also Present

City Manager, Doug Krieger; Deputy City Manager, Marcie Schatz; City Attorney, Mike DiSanto; Director of Community Services/City Clerk, Pam Gallahue; Fire Chief, Mark Puknaitis; Police Chief, Jason Arres; Director of Finance, Rachel Mayer; Director of IT, Jacqueline Nguyen; Director of TED, Bill Novack; Deputy 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, Jr.; Director of Public Works, Dick Dublinski, Director of Communications, Linda LaCloche

Daily Herald, Naperville Sun, NCTV-17

E. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

The pledge was given.

F. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

1. [Proclamation honoring the North Central College Women's Triathlon Team for its fourth National Championship, 100 years of women's sports at North Central, and the 50th anniversary of Title IX](#)

Councilman White presented the Proclamation.

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

3 Minutes with NEST

Carl VanDril (Naperville Environment and Sustainability Task Force) discussed investing in the municipal grid for capacity upgrades, renewable power generation, and cleaning the electric supply.

Public Parking Facilities

Derek McDaniel (Naperville) spoke in support of building a Nichols parking deck.

Parking Options

George Howard stated parking options shouldn't be discussed until after the new councilmembers are sworn in.

Chirico clarified that the City does not have any jurisdictional authority over private business decisions and asked Colin Dalough to the podium.

Colin Dalough (Manager, Community and Government Relations Edward-Elmhurst Health) explained statistics leading to the decision to close the fitness facility, highlighted the Seven Bridges location, and stated that expanded service offerings will be announced later in the month.

Closure of Edward-Elmhurst Fitness Center

Phillip Seeberg (Naperville) spoke against the closing of the fitness center.

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Lisa Shamrock (Naperville) spoke against the closing of the fitness center.

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Loira McClure (Naperville) spoke against the closing of the fitness center.

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Nora Gorman (Naperville) spoke against the closing of the fitness center.

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Daniel Blumen (Naperville) spoke against the closing of the fitness center.

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Pamela Gallagher (Naperville) spoke against the closing of the fitness center.

Closure of Edward-Elmhurst Fitness Center

Paula Vollmer (Naperville) spoke against the closing of the fitness center.

Closure of Edward-Elmhurst Fitness Center

Liz Beutel (Naperville) spoke against the closing of the fitness center.

Closure of Edward-Elmhurst Fitness Center

Donald Baskin (Naperville) spoke against the closing of the fitness center.

Closure of Edward-Elmhurst Fitness Center

Michelle Pelc (Naperville) spoke against the closing of the fitness center.

Closure of Edward-Elmhurst Fitness Center

Nancy Ryan (Naperville) spoke against the closing of the fitness center.

Council reiterated that the City has no authority over Edward-Elmhurst, encouraged the hospital representative to take in the comments and consider incorporating a fitness center in any upcoming renovations, and discussed closing procedures and notifications done by the YMCA.

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

Steven Shamrock (Naperville) Closing of Edward Health Fitness Center - On March 1, 2023, Edward-Elmhurst Hospitals announced the closure of the fitness center on Brom Drive in Naperville. The corporation has made no

announcement that I am aware of the reason. There was no community input. My wife and I have been members for over 15 years. Many older adults maintain their health at this facility. It is right next to a senior living facility. For a company that espouses that it is "making investments in public health", for it to close this center that is part of the fabric of people's lives and relationships that serves to prevent illness that is costly, leaves me incredulous. The way I see it, this move signals that they want people to become ill or injured so they can boost profits. This is the opposite of what a health institution is supposed to do. Edward-Elmhurst counters criticism by noting that the Seven Bridges facility will remain open. However, for those who use the pools, which is a significant number, the opportunity to use it will be limited. This is especially an issue for members who use the facility before or after work. Five or ten minutes longer to get to or from the facility before or after work can be the difference between exercising and not. Many elderly members use aquatics for cardio and therapy because it is their only choice. And their ability to get to and from the seven bridges facility will be complicated. Will Edward-Elmhurst at least consider providing transportation for these seniors? With so many people under stress of inflation, taking away a place to maintain their health and nurture relationships is antithetical to what a healthcare provider should do.

Christine (Naperville) Waves Swim Club - Closing Edward Fitness Facility - The closing of Edward fitness facility is not a closing of a redundant facility. While members can travel to seven bridges to use fitness equipment, and classes, members of the very successful Waves Swim Club will be greatly affected. The 7 Bridges pool does not have the access, or size to accommodate a swim club with such size and sophistication . There is an entire community of Naperville residents who are being ignored with this decision. Swimming is often a sport that people turn to when they are unable to participate in other sports. If Edward believes in fitness as a key component to health, it should think of the swim community that has blossomed as a result of rehabilitation needs. This is a catastrophic loss for people with hip, back, knee and other issues who seek a regular fitness regimen.

Nancy E Ryan (Naperville) - Opposition to closing EE Fitness Center - As a resident of Naperville for over 40 years with three generations of my family benefitting from this facility, I can tell you that it is a one-of-a-kind resource that is essential to the health and well-being of the surrounding community. There was no communication with members about this, just a hastily-placed sign posted on the facility front door and desk saying that the doors of the facility would be permanently shuttered by month's end. When I asked "what recourse do members have?" I was told "well, you could quit your membership or go to 7 Bridges". Neither is tenable. Asking all current members to either quit or commute to an adjacent town to an already-packed sister facility is cold, ill-conceived, and not possible for many. Beyond being poor optics and PR for the "healthy driven" EE Health organization, this move is harmful to the health and well being of the local community. If the powers that be could see the feeling of community at this branch and the way that senior citizens during pool classes in particular laugh and socialize and connect, they would surely realize the importance of this facility to the well-being of the surrounding community. The way this decision was executed was very cold-hearted and shameful.

Beth Russell (Plainfield) - Council meeting closure of Edward Fitness - I lost over 100 pounds working out at this facility. This is a community of people. Please don't destroy a community.

Mark Kozlowski (Wheaton/Illinois) Good Day Councilmen Regarding the closure of the Edward Health and Fitness Center: For the Public - this closure results in a vacuum of public health. It leaves vacated hearts and unhealthy souls. For the Hospital - closing this facility may result in a savings in operating cost, but at the cost of community health, which from where I sit - should have prevailed (overwhelmingly) in the conversations leading to the decision to cut a healthy lifeline to wellness, mindfulness, mental, and physical health. If health and wellness are so incredibly important to keep the cost of healthcare affordable and valuable - why are they taking away the tools for success? This is similar to taking nails away from a carpenter. This is a healthcare travesty. The fact that I have to write this message, and that so many others are doing the same, should be an embarrassment for the healthcare system. This closure is a complete disregard for public health and is the antithesis of the lifestyle promoted by the healthcare industry. Naperville should be a model system for moving forward, not a failure model. Imagine the headlines associated with: "Northshore University Health System Closes a Pillar of Community Wellness in Naperville" or "Amid Fitness Center Closure - Costs for Healthcare and Personal Wellness are on the Rise." Personally - At 47, I have successfully maintained a healthy lifestyle with bipolar illness for almost 25 years. My wellness is largely a result of my travel from Wheaton to EHFC in the mornings to exercise with my colleagues, peers, and friends. The closure of the Edward Health and Fitness Center directly impacts me (and hundreds of others) by literally creating a void in my social, emotional, and mental health. Since 2012, the EHFC has provided many of the tools I have used for planning, decompressing, coping, healing, closure, resolution and a solid workout. Please don't take away this happy place. Mark S. Kozlowski

Anne Casperson (Naperville) - Closing of Edward Fitness Center, Naperville - Please stop the closing of the Naperville Edward Fitness center. It is a lifeline especially for seniors, a community that promotes good health and fitness. It is close to home and has been a staple of this area for years. The staff is kind and knowledgeable, and it encourages us to move at a time we are likely to give up. It is my lifeline, and I cannot imagine not having it any longer. After covid, where we all didn't move, it is imperative to have a place that gets us back on our feet and gives us hope! If you walk through midday, you will see the hope all around you! Please do not let it close!

John Chamberlain (Naperville) - The closure of the Edward Hospital Fitness Center will be a tremendous loss the City of Naperville community. Fitness activities are an essential part of preventative medicine, designed to keep people out of the hospital. Fitness creates energy and confidence and reduces stress and strengthens health. The Fitness Center provides residents with a convenient, safe and fun place to engage in fitness activities. And not only does the Fitness Center serve as a place for residents of the City of Naperville to engage in healthy exercise and rehabilitative activities, but it provides a great spirit of community within Naperville where members of the community socialize and come together. I have met many of my very own neighbors

through our memberships at this facility. In a day and age where our primary social activity with our neighbors is to wave at them before we pull into our garage and close the door, this facility provides much needed socialization. Many of the members at the Fitness Center are elderly residents of the community who rely on the Fitness Center, and many members have been coming to the Fitness Center for decades. The other fitness facility operated by the hospital is located in Woodridge, a 20-minute drive from downtown Naperville, and will not be a viable alternative for many members. The Woodridge facility is also smaller and I doubt it could accommodate all the members from both facilities. There is no substitute in the Naperville area for the pool and water rehabilitation facilities which are in the Fitness Center, and no other fitness facility has such a central location in the heart of Naperville close to business district and the train station. In addition, I understand that most of the wonderful staff at this facility, many of whom have worked there for many years, are being let go. For a hospital whose slogan is "Healthy Driven" it is indeed puzzling why it would choose to close a facility so important to the preventive health of the community in favor of more profit centered activities.

Jeff Eastman (Naperville) member of the Naperville Waves swim club - Closure of the Edwards Health and Fitness Center - I would like to point out to the Council that, while the city of Naperville provides a wealth of wonderful fitness-related facilities to the community, it currently provides no aquatic facilities. Swimming and other aquatics activities provide low impact exercise that residents of all ages can benefit from. The closure of the Edwards facility and other health clubs in the area diminishes even further the facilities that are available to residents. This is an opportunity for the Council to develop new plans for providing needed aquatic facilities to the communities. Thanks for your consideration!

Drew Lecher (Naperville) Members of EHFC and myself - EHFC Closing - My wife and I have been members for almost 20 years. EHFC has been a God-send for our health. The use of all the training equipment and the lap pool are amazing to have. We all felt the blow when things closed down due to the Covid effect. It was difficult to return, but we did and haven't stopped since. Now someone has made a huge mistake, by deciding to close EHFC! Brilliant! So the hospital is not interested in providing facilities for us to maintain and even improve our health. This goes against the ethos of American culture and the support of the individual to improve their lives and that of others. It always seems to boil down to \$\$\$\$\$\$. If this closure goes through, I recommend that all of us take our medical needs elsewhere. Chicago area is full of world class health care facilities - all within a short drive. Hm - about 2,500 "patients" could easily effect the balance sheet... Drew Lecher Resident since 1982

Verónica (Naperville) Naperville waves - Edward fitness center sudden closure - My name is Veronica Perez I am writhing to oppose the sudden closure of the edwards fitness center. I been a member of the fitness center for the past 14 yrs, with son who has Autism and he is already very limited of what he can do or places he can attend due to his Autism. We attended the facility 4 to 5 times a week, my son enjoy playing basketball, swimming, edwards employees are like our second family, my son feel comfortable around them, swimming is been making miracles for my son like boosting his self steam , reducing negative

behaviors like reducing his anxiety, he is always a better person after he is done swimming. I really don't think is a good idea the closure of the facility, like my son there are many other special needs members that feel very comfortable at this facility, moving them to another place will be a big deal, in my case it will take years for my son till he will feel comfortable in a new place due to his Autism. Many elderly people gather there every day and relay of this facility to exercise and socialize, please take a moment en consider this sudden decision. Naperville is already lacking of a public indoor pool to serve the needs of this great community.

Don Secor (Naperville) - I am writing on behalf of the Naperville Waves Swim Club and members of Edward-Elmhurst Health Fitness (EEHF) in regards to EEHF closing down their Naperville facility on March 31. This decision not only affects the many members of EEHF but it heavily impacts the Naperville Waves Swim club and EEHF members who utilize the pool there. The pool at 7 Bridges is too small to accommodate a 200 member masters swim team and its other members who utilize it for exercise. The facility itself will not be able to handle the increased attendance, the pool stands no chance. Naperville has a wealth of fitness related facilities, but they do not provide any swim related facilities. This is a town with 2 very big age group swim teams, a 200 member masters swim team (and that number would be much larger if we had more pool time available) plus countless triathletes. Naperville, has running paths, bike paths, parks, gyms, courts, you name it except for a proper swim facility. This is beyond embarrassing for a city of our size and the amount of taxes we pay to live here. Naperville has had ample opportunities in the past to build a natatorium but every time refuses to do so. As recent as a few years ago Naperville sent out a survey about what to do with the land at 95th and Wolf's Crossing. The overwhelming response from your constituents was to build a swim facility. And once again we were ignored. Now EEHF is going to close down the Naperville facility which will effectively decimate the Naperville Waves swim team and leave countless others without a pool to swim. I realize there is probably not much The City Council can do to prevent this from happening but we implore you to take a close look at this and see what can be done to salvage this situation. Whether that is by working with EEHF to remain open or maybe by realizing that this city needs a proper swim facility. EEHF is closing due to money reasons, but their parent company, Northshore University Health System has a \$\$1.3 billion surplus in 2021. Whatever maintenance needs to be done to keep EEHF open, Northshore has the means to do so. Northshore closing EEHF to build a patient care facility sends the message that they would rather people become ill or injured so that it can boost profits rather than encouraging people to stay healthy. Exercising at EEHF helps it members to maintain their physical, social, mental and emotional well-being. Closing a fitness center is antithetical to what the mission of a healthcare provider should be. Thank you for taking the time to consider helping out countless members of your community. Don

Anthony Trunnell (Naperville) - EHFC Member and local business owner - Trunnell Insurance Services LLC - I wanted to speak publicly tonight, but it's my wife's 45th birthday and cancelling our dinner plans wasn't going to go over well. lol There's no reason everyone can't be happy in this situation. There is plenty of land. Edwards could easily incorporate a fitness club into the first floor of a

brand new building on the same site and build another parking dec on the south lot. I question why this wasn't explored before the sudden announcement to close. This is one of the downsides of Edward's recent mergers: The people making decisions at the top are not connected to the community so pure profit becomes their singular motivation. I get the feeling the same executives who made this decision without any community input will show up with hat in hand and ask the city council for all kinds of favors regarding zoning and ordinance exceptions. I'm asking the City Council to vote down any new proposed structure by Edwards Elmhurst that doesn't incorporate a new health facility for the community AND its employees. Thank you for your time and consideration

Guido Gavars (Naperville) - Naperville Waves Swim Club "Healthy Driven" is the motto or tagline for the Edward Health System. Unfortunately, their recent decision to close the fitness center on Brom Drive appears to contradict this motto. While I understand and respect that a private business (i.e. Edward Hospital) has a right to operate as they wish, Edward also operates as a Non-Profit (EDWARD-ELMHURST HEALTHCARE EIN: 36-3513954) and claims to support numerous community support functions. Per their website, the mission of Edward-Elmhurst is: "advancing the health of our communities by providing financial and management assistance to its exempt affiliates", including Edward Health and Fitness. As a member of Edward Health and Fitness, I repeatedly am reminded of all the positive effects of exercise and wellness the center provides on a daily basis. And while many facilities can offer land-based options, few offer pool or water-based activities. Edward Health on Brom has a unique group of lap, therapy, and whirlpools providing conditioning, rehab, therapy and water safety/education opportunities and programs. On any day there may be swim teams and triathletes working out, swim lessons for adults, pre-natal/neo-natal conditioning, low-impact conditioning, or classes for those afflicted with numerous medical conditions limiting land-based exercise. Removing this asset harms Naperville at large and is contrary to its mission. And while I realize the COVID has impacted many businesses adversely, this closure along with closure of the Kroehler YMCA removes valuable services from the downtown area. Edward's "announcement" of closure was/is a sign on the door that states they are closing in 30 days. That's it, nothing else. No community discussions, outreach, etc. This left both the membership and those employed at Edward shocked, dismayed and saddened at the way they were treated. Frankly, this is reminiscent of Mayor Daley's overnight bulldozing of Meigs Field to build Northerly Island: heavy-handed and short-sighted. Respectfully, I implore the City Council to help communicate to Edward the disservice to our community and my opposition to the closing of the Brom facility. Regards, Guido Gavars

Lauren Bezdek (Naperville) - I am writing to express my hope that the City can work with Edward-Elmhurst Health and Fitness Center and their parent company to work through a mutually beneficial solution that does not involve closure of the fitness center. Many people I know would be negatively affected by this closure; people with special needs as well as senior citizens and a swim team who relies on this center. Closing the facility would be a true loss to our community and would have a negative impact on our community's wellness

Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville) - I think most people would agree that we live

in a time of heightened divisiveness. One way to reverse course is by choosing our words carefully so as smooth rather than inflame a sensitive or potential volatile situation. Thus, I was very disappointed that the announcement to close the Edward-Elmhurst Health & Fitness on Brom Drive included the phrase "We realize that change is never easy, but...". I've heard this phrase too numerous times to count on issues going before the PZC and City Council. Change is often easy and desirable. Change happens for good or for worse. People's viewpoints regarding change should not be dismissed callously. In the case of closing the fitness center, for example, driving to a facility 6 miles away and only giving 1 month's notice are legitimate concerns. A well respected community partner such as Edward's could have and should have been more sensitive and instead make an attempt to win over detractors by acknowledging that there may be downsides to the change and asking for suggestions that would make the transition easier. I'm not trying alter Edward's decision to close the fitness center. But, I wish all entities would take more time forming announcements and appeals. Words indeed do matter.

Anonymous (Naperville) - Dear City Council, I am a Naperville resident of over 30 years, and I submit the following comments regarding the closure of the Naperville Edward-Elmhurst Health and Fitness Center. I am submitting my comments anonymously due to part-time employment of a member of my household by an Edward entity, and I wish to avoid possible retaliation. While I don't know if Naperville can influence the closure of the fitness center, this decision and the conduct of Northshore/Edward-Elmhurst as not-for-profit corporations in Naperville concerns me greatly, and I would ask City Council to scrutinize the actions and motivations of NS/Edward-Elmhurst going forward as it relates to their operations and impact on our city. The question comes to mind as to whether Edward continues to fulfill the requirements of a not-for-profit, and should their conduct be reflected in how our city deals with this organization? Does Edward continue to meet its obligations to our community as a not-for-profit? Edward isn't the same community hospital/health care system of the past. The hospital suggests that patient care needs trump the function of the fitness center at the hospital campus; that is pretext for economic motives. My household is like thousands in Naperville-we have turned to Edward and its excellent medical providers for most of our medical needs from primary care, childbirth, serious illnesses, surgery, and emergency care. That is what you expect from a not-for-profit community-based hospital and health care system, and I am grateful to have lived minutes from 801 S. Washington St. Not so anymore-I now have to make finances a factor before seeking care from Edward and its affiliated entities. Can I practically use my trusted and skilled Edward-affiliated doctors? Sadly, despite excellent health insurance and in-network coverage, Edward business practices force me to fully vet, to the extent possible, finances up front, and regrettably, my household increasingly goes elsewhere for care. Once you receive care, and it comes to billing, Edward stops acting like a not-for-profit. That is fine-but it should not expect to continue to enjoy the benefits and status of a not-for-profit when it comes to treatment and taxation by the City of Naperville. Current Edward leadership forgets that its medically-based fitness center was a product of Edward innovation-and to this day, the Naperville fitness center is an integral part of Edward's delivery of health care to its community of customers. The Naperville club's location, on the hospital campus and in our city, is key to its credibility

and effectiveness in achieving health in our community and for thousands of Naperville residents and Naperville-based Edward employees. With rare exception, anyone at the Naperville center can tell you how it impacted their health-be it prevention, treatment, or recovery. Every single member of my household has recovered from a surgery at this fitness center, and yes, even one of us was CURED of disease in large part by working out at Naperville. It just doesn't make as much money as other health care streams. City Council, if there is anything our city can do to prevent the loss of this resource, please act. Thank you.

Closing of Edward Health facility

SUPPORT

Nicolette Solano (Naperville) - Edward Elmhurst Health & Fitness

Nick Morreale (Naperville) - Edward Elmhurst Health & Fitness

Cindy Solano (Naperville) - Edward Elmhurst Health & Fitness

Dana Rozsypalkova (Naperville)

OPPOSE

Jeff Berta (Naperville) - Naperville Waves

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

A motion was made by Councilman Hinterlong, seconded by Councilman White, 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 Hinterlong, seconded by Councilman White, to approve the Consent Agenda with minutes as amended in the Q&A. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauer, Kelly, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

1. [Approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of February 21, 2023](#)

Council approved as amended in the Q&A.

2. [Approve the City Council meeting schedule for March, April and May 2023](#)

Council approved.

3. [Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 21-354, Grant Application Assessment - Preparation and Submittal Services, to West Monroe Partners for an additional 12 months](#)

Council approved.

4. [Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 22-341, Molded Rubber and Cold Shrink Products, to Universal Utility Supply, Fletcher-Reinhardt Company, RESCO, Wesco Distribution Inc. and Power Line Supply for an amount not to exceed \\$100,000](#)

and a total award of \$260,000

Council approved.

5. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 17-119, Spot Purchases of Single Phase and Three Phase Transformers, to Power Line Supply, Universal Utility Supply Co. and Wesco for an amount not to exceed \$85,000 and a total award of \$1,295,157

Council approved.

6. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 23-047, Telecommunications and Internet Services, to AT&T Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and for a two-year term

Council approved.

7. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 23-059, Substation Battery Replacements, to Wesco for an amount not to exceed \$299,479

Council approved with CIP #EU047.

8. Approve the award of Bid 23-027, Generator Maintenance Services, to Midwest Power Industry Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and for a two-year term

Council approved.

9. Approve the award of Bid 23-020, Bridge and Retaining Wall Railing Maintenance, to Crossroad Construction for an amount not to exceed \$386,316.00 plus a 5% contingency

Council approved.

10. Approve the award of Bid 23-007, 2023 Lateral Grouting Brookdale Phase One to Hoerr Construction Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$193,080, plus a 5% contingency

Council approved.

11. Approve the award of Option Year One to Bid 21-093, Custodial Services - Central Business District, to Total Facility Maintenance for an amount not to exceed \$210,000

Council approved.

12. Approve the award of Option Year Two to Bid 21-017, Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation, to Spectra Tech, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$182,680, plus a 5% contingency

Council approved.

13. Approve the award of Option Year Two to Contract 21-132, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Dehumidification (HVAC-D) Services, to Beery Heating and Cooling Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$272,930 and for a one-year term

Council approved.

14. [Approve the award of Option Year Three to Contract 18-204, Large Diameter Water Meters, to Core & Main LP for an amount not to exceed \\$175,180.10 for a one-year term](#)

Council approved.

15. [Waive the applicable provision of the Naperville Procurement Code and award Procurement 23-058, Hot Mix Asphalt, to Arrow Road Construction, Builders Asphalt, Chicago Materials Corporation, PT Ferro Asphalt, RW Dunteman, and Superior Asphalt Materials for an amount not to exceed \\$200,000 and for a one-year term \(requires six positive votes\)](#)

Council approved.

16. [Waive the first reading and pass the ordinance amending Section 2-12 of the Naperville Municipal Code to increase the number of Riverwalk Commission members from 12 to 13 \(requires six positive votes\)](#)

ORD 23-019

Council waived the first reading and passed.

17. [Pass the ordinance approving a major change to a conditional use for an automobile service station located at 1290 S Route 59 \(Casey's\) - PZC 21-1-079](#)

ORD 23-020

Council passed.

18. [Pass the ordinance approving a major change to the Design Pointe PUD to permit deviations to allow for construction of a multi-tenant commercial building at 1336 N Route 59 - PZC 22-1-079](#)

ORD 23-021

Council passed.

19. [Pass the ordinance to establish temporary traffic controls and issue Special Event and Amplifier permits for the 2023 Soap Box Derby races scheduled on April 29-30, June 3, \(rain date of June 4\), September 9-10 and October 7-8](#)

Council passed.

20. [Accept the public underground improvements at Lincoln at City Gate and authorize the City Clerk to reduce the corresponding public improvement surety](#)

Council approved.

21. [Adopt the resolution authorizing execution and approval of new Parallel Operation and Energy Purchase Agreement between the City of Naperville and Nalco Company LLC](#)

RES 23-06

Council adopted.

22. [Adopt the IDOT resolution to allow for the expenditure of State Rebuild Illinois funds as the local cost share of the Downtown Washington Street Bridge Improvements project in the amount of \\$2,200,000](#)

RES 23-07

Council adopted.

23. [Adopt the IDOT resolution to allow for the expenditure of State Rebuild Illinois funds for 248th Avenue Phase II Engineering in the amount of \\$957,525.26](#)

RES 23-08

Council adopted.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. [Conduct the public hearing and adopt the resolution endorsing the Naperville Affordable Housing Plan as required by the Illinois Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act](#)

The public hearing opened at 7:58 p.m.

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville) - The lackadaisical effort to prioritize affordable housing in Naperville and this plan is not what I would have wished for my community. While the plan may be "intended to confirm Naperville's commitment to increasing affordable housing", it is an extremely weak committal as it has been for the last twenty years or more. Nothing in the plan that I can tell will create well distributed affordable housing nor different types to meet a variety of needs. Even beyond having a plan to improve the % of affordable housing in Naperville, Naperville should have begun monitoring and transparently reporting on its affordable housing stock. This includes setting a goal, what areas in the city affordable housing is lacking, where progress is being made, and metrics as to various types of affordable housing. For example both the states calculation and the city's preferred calculation and senior versus non-senior affordable housing. Again, I refer you to the Charleston, SC affordable housing dashboard:

[<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/357b5d4150db47f486de491447](https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/357b5d4150db47f486de4914476cc079)

[6cc079](https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/357b5d4150db47f486de4914476cc079)> The city has squandered many opportunities instead of wholeheartedly embracing the problem. I hope the city and council will have a change in heart.

RES 23-09

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to close the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. and adopt the resolution endorsing the Naperville Affordable Housing Plan as required by the Illinois Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. [Conduct the public hearing for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency \(IEPA\) Public Water Supply Loan Program to fund replacement of lead water services throughout the city](#)

The public hearing opened at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to close the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Public Water Supply Loan Program to fund replacement of lead water services throughout the city. The motion carried by a voice vote.

K. OLD BUSINESS:

L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. [Pass the ordinance approving a purchase and sale agreement between the City of Naperville and LTF Real Estate Company for the sale of 12.55 acres of City property located at the southeast corner of Route 59 and 103rd Street to LTF Real Estate Company for \\$6,560,000 \(requires seven positive votes\)](#)

ORD 23-022

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to pass the ordinance approving a purchase and sale agreement between the City of Naperville and LTF Real Estate Company for the sale of 12.55 acres of City property located at the southeast corner of Route 59 and 103rd Street to LTF Real Estate Company for \$6,560,000. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauser, Kelly, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

2. [Pass the ordinance authorizing execution of a boundary line agreement between the City of Naperville and the Village of Plainfield](#)

ORD 23-023

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to pass the ordinance authorizing execution of a boundary line agreement between the City of Naperville and the Village of Plainfield. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauser, Kelly, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

3. [Receive the staff report for Naperville Polo Club located north of 119th Street, east of Route 59 and west of Book Road, and conduct the public hearing to consider the Annexation Agreement and related ordinances for said property - PZC 22-1-056 \(Item 1 of 10\)](#)

Russell Whitaker (Petitioner) explained the PZC process and stated he is available for questions.

Jeff Maxick (Naperville - Plan for Us) showed a drone video and spoke against the project.

Michael Krzywinski (Naperville) spoke in favor of the project.

Jeremy Embalabala (Naperville) spoke against the project as presented related

to the Hawkweed gate closing timeline.

Brent Biernbaum (Naperville) spoke against the project as presented related to the Hawkweed gate closing timeline.

Adam Connors (Naperville) spoke against the project as presented related to the Hawkweed gate closing timeline.

Michele Marko (Naperville - South Pointe Homeowners Association) spoke against the project as presented related to the Hawkweed gate closing timeline.

James Urso (Naperville - Plan for Us Southpointe) spoke against the project as presented related to the Hawkweed gate closing timeline.

Syeda Hasan (Naperville) spoke against the project as presented related to the Hawkweed gate closing timeline.

Kevin S. (Naperville) spoke against the project as presented related to the Hawkweed gate closing timeline.

Daniel Shafron (Naperville) spoke against the project as presented related to the Hawkweed gate closing timeline.

Whittaker rebutted by explaining what has been done to address resident concerns and stated that development of 119th Street is outside Pulte authority, that Pulte considered the immediate-mid-long-term traffic improvements, engaged government entities, and presented the best package to facilitate the development.

Council discussed the five-year history of the project, the improvement schedule for 119th Street, that the process changed for the better with improved collaboration when Pulte became involved, whether the Hawkweed connection should jeopardize the entire development, and that residents want the gate opened only after the improvements to 119th Street have been made.

Council stated the need to find compromise, discussed the impact to public safety response times, appropriateness of extending the gate closure another five years or opening the gate when the subdivision is finished.

Novack explained that the gate would be locked and not equipped with a transponder.

Puknaitis and Arres stated that the locked gate will add minutes to response times.

Council stated that five years was the compromise that was approved in November, discussed the time added to emergency calls, the number of left turns, the importance of accessibility, having the gate equipped with a transponder, the need to rely on experts, and misuse of the City logo on flyers related to Polo Club residents and schools.

POSITION STATEMENT**OPPOSE**

Kim Loyza (Naperville)
Andrew (Naperville)
Jamie Thornton (Naperville)
Mark Landrosh (Naperville) - South Pointe
Susan Landrosh (Naperville) - South Pointe
Lindsay DeLuca (Naperville)
Deanna Todd (Naperville) - South Pointe neighborhood
Adam Todd (Naperville) - South Pointe neighborhood
Amber Hornbeck (Naperville) - South Pointe Subdivision
Andrew Hornbeck (Naperville) - South Pointe Subdivision
Ray Nasrallah (Naperville) - South Pointe
Satma Ala (Naperville)

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

Kim Loyza - Greetings City of Naperville Leaders,
I would like to add to the below concerns of my fellow residents on the connection of the Pulte Polo Development through Hawkweed Drive. This is an unnecessary endangerment to our children who have lived here for years. Progress should be improvement, not regression. I urge you to consider the residents of South Pointe when making decisions that affect our lives. I also have concerns about the impact to the environment given the Nature Preserve - we often see animals in the field that will now be displaced. And I further have major concerns that this new development will force water into our easement that already builds up to several feet due to the polo field. But should a development be inevitable, which unfortunately it seems the sale of this land is, please push to do so responsibly and at the very least make a permanent end to the question of connectivity through Hawkweed Dr. Thank you for your time. Respectfully, Kim Loyza

Re: VACATE HAWKWEED DRIVE IN PROPOSED PULTE DEVELOPMENT

South Pointe and High Meadow neighborhoods in South Naperville embody thousands of young adult residents with a significant Child population. South Pointe and High Meadow Families want to maintain our Children's safe surroundings! It is our concern that if the City of Naperville decides to approve the Pulte Development proposal, that South Pointe and High Meadow will in fact become a high-volume relief valve for lack of infrastructure today at Rt. 59 and 119th St. With no proper arterial roads available to the proposed Pulte development, South Pointe and High Meadow's interior roads and their main entry/exit roads (which today are next to the very busy and thriving Graham Elementary school) will no longer be a safe place for kids to play and bike. South Pointe Pool at Champion Rd. and the South Pointe Park will be steps from a new influx of dangerous cut-through traffic coming to/from Hawkweed. We respectfully request that prior to any annex consideration by our City Council that Hawkweed Drive be vacated at Polo and an EV accessible Cul-de-sac constructed. Temporary Only Closure is not a sustainable option for our Kids. We urge the City to thoughtfully review what seemingly small adjustments in road access could do to entire neighborhoods as traffic will always adjust to take the path of least resistance. In the case of the proposed Pulte development, potential future residents and

transient 119th travelers will quickly realize the easiest way in and out is to avoid gridlock at Rt. 59 and 119th and instead cut through High Meadow, to South Pointe, to their Pulte home.

Stephanie Biernbaum - Greetings City of Naperville Leaders,
As a resident of the South Pointe subdivision, I would like to once again implore you to vacate Hawkweed Drive should you proceed with the Polo Club development. The proposal to gate Hawkweed for 5 years or until 119th is properly addressed (whichever comes first) is unacceptable. All involved parties (the developer, city council, residents) agree that 119th traffic flow needs to be resolved. It is a foreseeable outcome that transient traffic will naturally take advantage of a new northbound route between 119th and 111th through the subdivisions. The only way to stop this is to either vacate Hawkweed or address the traffic issue on 119th. The 5 year wait proposal is arbitrary, disingenuous, and illogical. It is very simple, Hawkweed should be opened once and only once 119th is addressed. Opening Hawkweed should not be based on an arbitrary timeline but rather on the criteria of actually resolving the problem. Please consider the safety of our children and do the right thing. Stephanie Biernbaum

Michael Krzywinski - Hello, I live in South Pointe near the Hawkweed connection. I support this connection and opening it right away without a gate. I have 2 small kids and do not think there are traffic concerns. This connection will give direct access to the Polo Club park, fields, and trails without having to drive through 2 traffic signals and making left turns(which is unsafe). It will also give access to 119th street for our subdivision, which is a benefit to South Pointe. I think that the best option for the residents and the future was to make the connection, just like other subdivisions. This is just like in the 200s when our South Pointe Subdivision connected to High Meadow and it works well now. Why I do not believe cut thru traffic would be an issue is that the majority of the traffic backup at 119th and Route 59 is due to vehicles wanting to travel west to Plainfield. For them to avoid the backup, they would have to turn right, drive through Polo Club & South Pointe streets, wait to turn left at Champion Rd signal, then wait to turn right at the Route 59 signal, which is very unlikely.

Diane Schwarz - Greetings City of Naperville Leaders, Re: VACATE HAWKWEED DRIVE IN PROPOSED PULTE DEVELOPMENT South Pointe and High Meadow neighborhoods in South Naperville embody thousands of young adult residents with a significant Child population. South Pointe and High Meadow Families want to maintain our Children's safe surroundings! It is our concern that if the City of Naperville decides to approve the Pulte Development proposal, that South Pointe and High Meadow will in fact become a high-volume relief valve for lack of infrastructure today at Rt. 59 and 119th St. With no proper arterial roads available to the proposed Pulte development, South Pointe and High Meadow's interior roads and their main entry/exit roads (which today are next to the very busy and thriving Graham Elementary school) will no longer be a safe place for kids to play and bike. South Pointe Pool at Champion Rd. and the South Pointe Park will be steps from a new influx of dangerous cut-through traffic coming to/from Hawkweed. We respectfully request that prior to any annex consideration by our City Council that Hawkweed Drive be vacated at Polo and an EV accessible Cul-de-sac constructed. Temporary Only Closure is not a sustainable option for our Kids. We urge the City to thoughtfully review

what seemingly small adjustments in road access could do to entire neighborhoods as traffic will always adjust to take the path of least resistance. In the case of the proposed Pulte development, potential future residents and transient 119th travelers will quickly realize the easiest way in and out is to avoid gridlock at Rt. 59 and 119th and instead cut through High Meadow, to South Pointe, to their Pulte home. Sincerely, Diana Schwarz

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to receive the staff report for Naperville Polo Club located north of 119th Street, east of Route 59 and west of Book Road and close the public hearing at 8:34 p.m. considering the Annexation Agreement for said property - PZC 22-1-056. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. [Pass the ordinance authorizing the execution of the Annexation Agreement \(requires six positive votes\) for Naperville Polo Club - PZC 22-1-056 \(Item 2 of 10\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to pass the ordinance authorizing the execution of the Annexation Agreement for Naperville Polo Club - PZC 22-1-056

A motion in substitution was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman White, to pass the ordinance as amended authorizing the execution of the Annexation Agreement with a modification to Section 12 that within sixty 60 days of the earliest of any of the following occurring, the emergency gate shall be removed by the City: (i) completion of the Long-term 119th Street Improvements referenced above in Section S11.5; or (ii) ten years from the date of approval of the first final PUD Plat or first final subdivision plat for any part of the Subject Property. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Kelly, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

Nay: 4 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, and Holzhauer

ORD 23-024

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to pass the ordinance authorizing the execution of the Annexation Agreement for Naperville Polo Club - PZC 22-1-056. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauer, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

Nay: 2 - Kelly, and Leong

A motion was made by Councilman Hinterlong, seconded by Councilman White, to use the Omnibus method to approve items L5-L12. The motion carried by a voice vote.

5. [Pass the ordinance annexing Naperville Polo Club - PZC 22-1-056 \(Item 3 of 10\)](#)

ORD 23-025

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to pass the ordinance annexing Naperville Polo Club - PZC 22-1-056. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauser, Kelly, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

6. [Pass the ordinance rezoning the subject property to R2 upon annexation - PZC 22-1-056 \(Item 4 of 10\)](#)

ORD 23-026

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to pass the ordinance rezoning the subject property to R2 upon annexation - PZC 22-1-056. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauser, Kelly, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

7. [Pass the ordinance approving a preliminary/final plat of subdivision - PZC 22-1-056 \(Item 5 of 10\)](#)

ORD 23-027

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to pass the ordinance approving a preliminary/final plat of subdivision - PZC 22-1-056. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauser, Kelly, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

8. [Pass the ordinance approving a conditional use to establish the Preliminary PUD for Naperville Polo Club with deviations - PZC 22-1-056 \(Item 6 of 10\)](#)

ORD 23-028

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to pass the ordinance approving a conditional use to establish the Preliminary PUD for Naperville Polo Club with deviations - PZC 22-1-056. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauser, Kelly, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

9. [Pass the ordinance approving a conditional use to permit single family attached units \(townhomes\) - PZC 22-1-056 \(Item 7 of 10\)](#)

ORD 23-029

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to pass the ordinance approving a conditional use to permit single family attached units (townhomes) - PZC 22-1-056. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauser, Kelly, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

10. [Pass the ordinance approving a variance to the exterior wall construction requirements - PZC 22-1-056 \(Item 8 of 10\)](#)

ORD 23-030

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to pass the ordinance approving a variance to the exterior wall construction requirements - PZC 22-1-056. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauer, Kelly, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

11. [Pass the ordinance approving a temporary use to establish a marketing signage plan - PZC 22-1-056 \(Item 9 of 10\)](#)

ORD 23-031

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to pass the ordinance approving a temporary use to establish a marketing signage plan - PZC 22-1-056. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauer, Kelly, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

12. [Pass the ordinance approving a temporary use to permit the continued use of the soccer fields and parking lot - PZC 22-1-056 \(Item 10 of 10\)](#)

ORD 23-032

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to pass the ordinance approving a temporary use to permit the continued use of the soccer fields and parking lot - PZC 22-1-056. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chirico, Bruzan Taylor, Hinterlong, Holzhauer, Kelly, Leong, Sullivan, White, and Anderson

M. AWARD OF BIDS AND OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE:

N. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

O. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. [Approve the staff recommendation to transition all commuter parking to daily fee and eliminate the quarterly permit program](#)

Michael Hackett (Naperville) spoke against the proposal to eliminate the quarterly permit program.

Council discussed eliminating an antiquated permit process, fees, and creating discounted programs for frequent ridership.

Louden explained benefits of the daily fee parking method including data gathering, that there are currently more spaces than is needed, Metra is not seeing return to ridership, and as demand increases staff will introduce technology solutions. She went on to say that staff has not identified a new rate, that any revenue will need to cover expenses, and that flexibility in ridership fees can be based on day of the week instead of by user.

Council discussed communication strategies and appropriateness of tabling to

get more commuter input.

Mayer explained that rates have not been determined and that the fund balance has been declining since 2020.

Louden detailed commuter outreach, the September 2022 Commuter Survey, that the proposal is based on feedback from survey and is in line with principles established in 2021. She discussed the elimination of Parkview permits in 2021 and stated that in all cases the decisions were made after direction was set and feedback received. She concluded by stating that the action requested is setting the direction and ordinances will come back for Council review.

Council discussed available technology, fairness to riders, ridership is down, that everyone should be able to get a space, and the need to utilize the commuter parking email list for outreach.

POSITION STATEMENT

SUPPORT

Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville)

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

Paul Biles (Naperville) - City of Naperville City Council, Mayor, City Manager, Director of TED, Project Manager, et al., As you consider a shift from freezing the downtown Naperville Station permit waitlist to ending or terminating the quarterly permit program altogether, I respectfully request that you consider refunding deposits made by those not yet called for a permit. For example, I personally have two (2) deposits (both Kroehler and Burlington/Parkview) that due to the waitlist and then due to the suspension of the program, I have been unable to realize either as a permit for the Downtown Naperville Metra Station. Administrative or not, these deposits were made in good faith that permits would be issued when available. As the City shifts gears and repurposes the lots, I feel that residents are due a refund for the service that you will be unable to fulfill. If a cash or check refund is not possible, please consider a pre-paid card that could be used at the station daily fee machines, which could help commuters and residents offset future Metra train station parking since we've been bearing \$2.00 or \$5.00 daily expenses in the meantime. As we continue to weather the pandemic and post-pandemic reduction, suspension, and termination of services (such as the Guaranteed Ride Home Program and Pace weekday rush hour service, to name a couple of examples), I feel the City has collected quite a bit of funds that I believe should be refunded or returned to commuters/residents as a result of the City's staff's recommendation for termination. Sincerely, Paul A. Biles

Elise Crawley (Naperville) - OPPOSITION As a Naperville resident who uses the route 59 parking lot five days a week to commute downtown and pays for permit parking, I strongly oppose the proposal to eliminate the permit parking at route 59 and change all spots to daily fee parking. I have several concerns about the ways this proposal would make my daily commute substantially worse and disincentivize my use of the commuter lot. As a prefatory matter, I want to be clear that my comments can only encompass the proposal as it

applies to the Route 59 lot. I understand that different issues (specifically, a waitlist) exist in regard to the Naperville Fifth Avenue Station parking lot. I do not pretend that I have experience with that parking lot or ideas about how to solve those problems. However, I object to the idea that a change to solve issues at the Naperville Station Lot be imposed on the Route 59 stations lot just because both lots are in Naperville. There is no reason why the lots can't be treated differently given their differing locations and usage patterns. With that said, it is unclear to me what problem exists at the Route 59 station that is "solved" by making all spot into daily fee parking. The proposal indicates that daily fee parking is more "fair" because it is available on a first come, first served basis. It further indicates that permit parking spaces are being underutilized because not all permitted spaces are being used. Finally, the proposal describes daily fee parking as an advantage for commuters, because it is more "flexible" and commuters only pay for parking on the days they need. Changing all spots to daily fee parking is inherently unfair. Allocating spots on a first come, first served basis always advantages the same people whose work schedules start earlier in the day. It is the same as saying we're always going to pass out leftover cupcakes in alphabetical order. Those with names starting with "A" are always going to be advantaged compared to those whose names start with "Z." The first come, first served model with parking is also problematic given that those who arrive later in the morning are also more likely to come back from the city later at night. Given that people are almost certain to elect to take the spots nearer the platform first, this means commuters with later schedules are always going to be stuck walking farther distances back out to their cars in the dark. Permit parking being underutilized is not inherently problematic, unless there are not enough daily fee spots to meet the need of those who want them. That is not the case. The proposal acknowledges that only 50% of the daily fee parking spaces are being used. There is no lack of parking at the Route 59 station lot. I acknowledge that the permitted parking spots are better situated than the daily fee spots. If the proposal was to shrink the size of the permitted parking area, I would have no objections to that proposal. I just don't understand why the permitted parking system needs to be entirely abolished to accomplish this goal. Espousing "flexibility" for consumers is just hiding that this proposal would significantly increase the parking cost for commuters who consistently use the Route 59 station lot. If we use the current month (March 2023) as an example, there are 23 weekdays this month. The daily fee parking cost is \$\$2 (more if you don't keep an extensive reserve of cash and pay by credit card). Therefore, the monthly parking cost for daily fee parking would be \$\$46. Under the current permit system, the cost averages \$\$30 per month. I am not against paying more money for my permit parking. Being able to park my car in a spot near the platform and walk right on the train without having to deal with queuing at a machine to try and remember which parking space number is mine today and then trying to jab all the correct buttons when the temperature is hovering around zero degrees and then fumbling for my credit card while the train is approaching the station is worth a significant sum to me. I would happily pay an average of \$\$50 per month to retain the advantages of my permit parking. The proposal as it exists imposes significant increased time, money, and convenience costs on those who utilize the parking lot the most and provides only a modest benefit (access to some of the closer spots) to those who use it less frequently for daily fee parking. Finally, this proposal is unclear about what changes would be made to the Route 59 lot to make this practicable. There are

only 5 machines that process daily fee parking. Are they going to add additional machines or just require everyone to wait in a line for one everyday? The proposal references an offset of the cost of the signage changes this proposal would require by the savings in not having to mark the spot numbers on the pavement. At Route 59, none of the space number are marked on the pavement. All of them the spot numbers are on signs suspended above the spaces. Therefore, there is no savings to be had on the incremental cost of marking the pavement. Unless this proposal means to be changing how people pay for spots (the Aurora lot, for example, has people put in their license plate number), but that would presumably require new machines or updates of the current machines, which are not programmed that way. A more cohesive proposal should be required to effectuate such a significant change. I understand and have personally seen that use of the Route 59 train station parking lot has significantly decreased with the pandemic. Only in the last few months has any part of the lot started to look even a little bit full. For that reason, I think this proposal is, at minimum, premature. People who have just started returning to commuting downtown are not necessarily going to immediately elect permit parking but may move to that over time as they see the advantages. Moreover, I would encourage that the council reject this proposal, or, at minimum, revisit this proposal next year after the COVID 19 emergency officially ends in May 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinterlong, to approve the staff recommendation to transition all commuter parking to daily fee and eliminate the quarterly permit program. The motion carried by a voice vote.

P. NEW BUSINESS:

Q. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Hinterlong, seconded by Councilman White, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of March 7, 2023 at 9:23 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

/S/ Pam Gallahue
Pam Gallahue, PhD
Director of Community Services/City Clerk