

**N. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:****O. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the recommendation to: (1) extend the speaker sign-up deadline to 5 pm; (2) continue to allow the submission of written comments; and (3) include a call-in option as an alternative to online registration for speaker sign-ups

Council discussed extending the speaker sign-up deadline to 6:30 p.m., continuing to allow written comments, and eliminating the 30-minute time limit on Public Forum at the beginning of the meeting.

DiSanto explained the time limit provision in the Municipal Code does not require Public Forum stop after 30 minutes but rather allows for the Council to choose to hear 30 minutes of Public Forum at the beginning of the meeting and the remainder at the end of the meeting. He stated that Council could still manage the meeting as it deems appropriate, however time limits would not be codified.

**WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY**

Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville) - Please support this in its entirety. I wholeheartedly agree with staff that accepting written comments has been both efficient and effective. Promoting the call-in sign-up (rather than having it be a hidden feature) will be more equitable to community members who were not aware of it. I also wish to express my great appreciation that the City posts agendas a 6 days prior to meetings rather than the mere 48 required by the OMA. I wish more public bodies followed suit. It allows for better community participation. Thank you.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Bruzan-Taylor, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the recommendations as modified to extend the online speaker sign-up deadline to 6:30 pm; continue to allow the submission of written comments until 4:00 p.m.; include a call-in option as an alternative to online registration for speaker sign-ups and direct staff to bring back an ordinance eliminating the 30-minute time limit for Public Forum at the January 16, 2024 Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Wehrli, Bruzan Taylor, Holzhauser, Kelly, Longenbaugh, McBroom, and Wilson

**Nay:** 2 - Leong, and White

2. Receive the report and provide direction on the options proposed by the Sister Cities Commission

**SPEAKERS**

Kevin Coyne (Naperville) spoke in favor of Option 1.

Laurie Donahue (Naperville) spoke in favor of Option 1.

Arun Vijay V Mani (Naperville) spoke in favor of Option 1.

Alan Lowe (Naperville) spoke in favor of Option 1.

Dr. Kent Mercado (Naperville) spoke in favor of Option 1.

Rosemary Mack Wisnosky (Naperville) spoke in favor of Option 1.

Maria Rodriguez DiGioia (Naperville) spoke in favor of Option 1.

Jose Luis Gutierrez (West Chicago - Casa Michoacan DuPage) spoke in favor of Option 1.

Greg Gustin (Naperville) spoke in favor of Option 1.

Marilyn Schweitzer (Naperville) spoke in favor of Option 2 and discussed roles, mission, social media, and transparency improvements.

Shaiska Makca (Naperville - DuPage Hispanic Alliance) spoke in favor of Option 1.

Council discussed the Commission staying in place versus the Foundation taking on the Sister Cities mission, that the Council should retain the right to appoint commissioners since they will be representing the community to other Sister Cities, that there is a need for process improvements, and that the Commission must return to its original mission.

**A motion was made by Councilman Holzhauer, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to receive the report and direct staff to adopt Option 1 of the Sister Cities reorganization plan - Sister Cities remains a Commission and continues a partnership with the Sister Cities Foundation.**

Council discussed board and commission responsibilities, that the Sister Cities Commission is currently not adhering to its mission, the appropriateness of the Commission organizing the Hispanic Festival, and options for meeting frequency.

**A motion in substitution was made by Councilman McBroom, seconded by Councilwoman Bruzan Taylor, to receive the report, adopt Option 1, reduce the meetings from monthly to quarterly, hold the Sister Cities Commission to the mission of communicating with our Sister Cities, and anything beyond needs to come back to the Council for approval.**

Council continued to discuss the meeting schedule of the Commission and whether they should have quarterly versus monthly meetings.

**Mayor Wehrli amended the motion in substitution which was accepted by Councilman McBroom and seconded by Councilwoman Bruzan Taylor, to receive the report, adopt Option 1, maintain the Commission with a scope as defined in Section 2-11-1 of the Naperville Municipal Code, change the meeting schedule to quarterly, define transparent distinctions between the roles of the Sister Cities**

Commission and the Sister Cities Foundation, and direct staff to provide annual updates on all the City's boards and commissions and the effectiveness of their missions.

Councilman Kelly offered a second amendment to the motion in substitution which was accepted by Councilman McBroom and seconded by Councilwoman Bruzan Taylor, to receive the report, to maintain the Commission with a scope as defined in Section 2-11-1 of the Naperville Municipal Code, to allow the Commission to schedule quarterly meetings with the flexibility for additional meetings as needed, define transparent distinctions between the roles of the Sister Cities Commission and the Sister Cities Foundation, and direct staff to provide annual updates on all the City's boards and commissions and the effectiveness of their missions, and allow the Commission the ability to hold quarterly meetings, with the flexibility to have the Commission decide if more frequent meetings are needed. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Wehrli, Bruzan Taylor, Kelly, Longenbaugh, McBroom, White, and Wilson

**Nay:** 2 - Holzhauer, and Leong

## **P. NEW BUSINESS:**

IMEA Sustainability Plan

Kelly stated that the plan is being voted on at the December 7 IMEA board meeting, that the Council and public have not had the opportunity to vet the plan, and questioned the plan's role in contract renewal discussions.

Groth explained, as a member of the board, he can abstain or vote against the plan.

Council discussed Groth asking the IMEA board to table the vote.

DiSanto stated that Groth has authority to make these types of decisions based on his role and responsibilities, that the Council cannot make a motion or vote on the request since the item is not on the agenda, and that the Council can provide input to Krieger and Groth.

Kelly requested the Krieger and Groth consider Council's input prior to the vote on the Sustainability Plan. He also stated that he would like to have a formal discussion regarding when a department director needs to seek Council direction.

Army/Navy football game

White recognized service members and reminded everyone of the game on Saturday, December 9.

## **Q. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of December 5, 2023 at 9:21 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.