

City of Naperville
Long-Term Energy Options Workshop
July 28, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Scott Wehrli called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Also Present

City Manager, Doug Krieger; Deputy City Manager, Pam Gallahue; City Attorney, Mike Desanto; Assistant to the City Manager, Marcie Schatz; Police Chief, Jason Arres; Director of Finance, Ray Munch; Director of Public Utilities-Electric, Brian Groth

B. INTRODUCTION

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

SPEAKER

Mike Lipinski (Naperville) is in support of the extension of the IMEA contract.

Roger Blomquist (Naperville) is in support of the extension of the IMEA contract.

Louis Halkias (Naperville) discussed the Public Utility Advisor Board's (PUAB) review of Naperville's energy future which included input from IMEA, Customer Energy Solutions (CES), CJT Energy Law, concerned citizens, and local stake holders on the importance of extending the IMEA contract.

Tim Ferrito (Naperville) discussed coal vs. natural gas, the cost of IMEA moving from coal power to renewable net zero, and the volatility and risk of relying on the wholesale marketplace to meet 100% of the demand.

Paul Deffenbaugh (Naperville) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

Maureen Stillman (Naperville) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

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

Anushka Sampathkumar (Naperville) is opposed to the extension of the IMEA contract.

Tarek Farag (Westmont) discussed his concerns with global warming.

Ashley Penick (Naperville) is in support of extending the IMEA contract.

D. PRESENTATIONS:

Groth began the presentation portion of the Workshop by providing a brief overview of the City's long-term energy options, strategies and next steps.

Additional presentations were given by the following groups and organizations:

- CJT Law – Sustainability, Affordability, and Reliability as it relates to procuring energy beyond 2035.
- Customized Energy Solutions Options – energy procurement and services, market projections, including pros and cons, risks, and recommendations.
- Naperville Environment and Sustainability Task Force (NEST)
- PUAB – Majority Opinion
- PUAB – Minority Opinion

Council discussed the future of the IMEA contract.

E. ADJOURNMENT: The workshop was adjourned at 11:11 p.m.