



# City of Naperville

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Tuesday, May 6, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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

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

**A. CALL TO ORDER:****B. ROLL CALL:**

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

**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, [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Pending Litigation and [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Kelly, Longenbaugh, 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  
Councilman Patrick Kelly  
Councilwoman Allison Longenbaugh  
Councilman Josh McBroom  
Councilman Ashfaq Syed  
Councilman Benjamin White  
Councilman Nathan Wilson

Also Present

City Manager Doug Krieger; Deputy City Manager Pam Gallahue; City Attorney Mike DiSanto; City Clerk Dawn Portner; Assistant to the City Manager Marcie Schatz; Fire Chief Mark Puknaitis; Police Chief Jason Arres; Director of Finance Raymond Munch; Director of IT Jacqueline Nguyen; Director of TED Jennifer Loudon; Director of Public Works; Dick Dublinski; 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, Deputy Director of TED Andy Hynes

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**E. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Wehrli acknowledged recent staff promotions, Helga Oles as the Director of Human Resources, Jennifer Loudon as the Director of TED and Andy Hynes as the Deputy Director of TED and City Engineer.

**F. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

1. Present the Accessible Community Task Force student recognition awards

The proclamation was presented by Councilwoman Longenbaugh.

2. Proclaim May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Naperville

The proclamation was presented by Councilwoman Gibson.

3. Proclaim May 10, 2025 as the 33rd Annual Letter Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive Day

The proclamation was presented by Councilwoman Gibson.

Wehrli recognized and thanked City staff in honor of Public Service Recognition

Week, and in honor of Drinking Water Week a proclamation was presented earlier in the day to the City's Water and Waste Water staff members.

## **G. PUBLIC FORUM:**

### ***SPEAKERS***

Energy Selection Process

Ted Bourlard (Naperville - NEST) discussed Naperville's path to a cost effective, sustainable energy future.

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Theresa Hus (Naperville - NEST) discussed Naperville's path to a cost effective, sustainable energy future.

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Joe Hus (Naperville - NEST) discussed Naperville's path to a cost effective, sustainable energy future.

Government Budget Cuts

Tim Messer (Naperville) discussed the federal government's proposed budget cuts for 2026 that could specifically affect Naperville - particularly programs such as the Fair Housing Initiatives and the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) program.

Upcoming Grocery Tax Decision

Dylan Sharkey (Chicago) discussed allowing the current grocery tax to expire.

Council discussed a trial run for the elimination of the grocery tax to determine the impact, community engagement for the renewal of the IMEA contract, update on the road widening for 248th Avenue, Open Mosque Day hosted by the Islamic Center of Naperville on Sunday, May 18, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m and City Hall tours available to local Scout troops.

Munch stated the Financial Advisory Board discussed the elimination of the grocery tax when the Board met in April and will again be doing so at their May 19, 2025 meeting with the goal to identify a solution by October 1, 2025. If there is a trial period or if there is a gap in the revenue collection there will need to be an adjustment as part of the budget process. Council will be reviewing revenue options at the June 17, 2025 Council meeting.

Hynes stated for the past two years the 248th Avenue road improvement project has been under review by IDOT and just recently received design approval which now allows the City to move forward with the final designs and the land acquisition phases. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2027.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Ted Bourlard (Naperville) NEST As my written comment submission, I would like to direct your attention to the following document, "Power Supply Considerations for Naperville, Winnetka, and St. Charles." This has been added to the Meeting Details. Here is a link to the pdf: <https://naperville.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1285949&GUID=890DD9DF-51D8-4F10-A3C7-5493323E9701&Options=&Search=>>

**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 with comments on I7 and removing items I10, I14, I15 and I16. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

1. Approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of April 15, 2025  
**Council approved.**
2. Approve the City Council meeting schedule for May, June, and July 2025  
**Council approved.**
3. Approve the award of Bid 25-007, 2025 Southeast Waterworks Generator Replacement, to William T. Connelly, Inc, dba Connelly Electric Co. for an amount not to exceed \$680,000 plus a 3% contingency  
**Council approved.**
4. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 25-145, Switch Refresh for Fire Stations, to Sentinel Technologies, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$182,986.68 and for a three-year term  
**Council approved.**
5. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 25-165, Dump Truck Vehicle Replacement (Unit 757), to JX Peterbilt for an amount not to exceed \$238,570  
**Council approved.**
6. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 25-166, 1-Ton Swaploader Vehicle

Replacement (Unit 279), to Bonnell Industries, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$146,751.40

**Council approved.**

7. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 23-267, Cellular Phone Services, to Verizon Wireless for an amount not to exceed \$87,560 and a total award of \$681,883

Council inquired about the use of City cell phones for departments such as Human Resources and Naper Settlement to determine if there were any efficiencies or new technologies that could assist the City in reducing these types of expenses in the future due to the removal of the grocery tax.

Oles stated the HR staff often use their City cell phones in the evenings and over the weekends to contact applicants and check references, using a City cell phone as opposed to personal phones is recommended and safer so the staff does not need to give out their personal phone numbers.

**Council approved.**

8. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 23-268, Mobile Broadband Data Services, to Verizon Wireless for an amount not to exceed \$72,204 and a total award of \$408,439

**Council approved.**

9. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Cooperative Contract 25-094, Elevator Modernization and Repair, to Otis Elevator Company for an amount not to exceed \$34,693.91 and a total award of \$230,925.23

**Council approved.**

10. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 24-227, Eagle Street Gateway and Accessibility Improvements, to Baumgartner Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$154,639.46, and a total award of \$3,670,640.73

Council inquired about the reason for the change order and why this change was not part of the original bidding process.

Hynes stated during additional discussions with the contractor the City was informed the change order was needed due to the construction of the retaining wall located in front of the Landform sculpture, the wall requires deep excavation in a very tight working space, additional sheet piling is the only way to protect the sculpture or it may put their workers at risk, even though the sculpture was on the plan it would have been difficult to know the complexity of the issue until the work had begun.

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 24-227, Eagle Street Gateway and Accessibility Improvements, to Baumgartner Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$154,639.46, and a total award of \$3,670,640.73. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Kelly, Longenbaugh, and Syed

**Nay:** 3 - McBroom, White, and Wilson

11. Approve the award of Change Order #2 to the second two-year extension of Contract 19-013, Job Order Contracting Services, to Robe, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 and a total award of \$2,830,000

**Council approved.**

12. Approve the award of Change Order #2 to Contract 24-283, Case Equipment Parts and Service, to McCann Industries for an amount not to exceed \$80,000, and a total award of \$134,000

**Council approved.**

13. Pass the ordinance to establish temporary traffic controls and issue Special Event and Amplifier permits for the 2025 Downtown Naperville Car Show on Saturday, June 14, 2025

ORD 25-040

**Council passed.**

14. Receive the staff report for 1301 Clyde Drive - PZC 24-1-124 (Item 1 of 3)

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to receive the staff report for 1301 Clyde Drive - PZC 24-1-124. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

15. Pass the ordinance approving a conditional use and variances from Section 6-13-10:5.3.1 of the Naperville Municipal Code to allow for a new telecommunications tower on the property located at 1301 Clyde Drive - PZC 24-1-124 (Item 2 of 3)

ORD 25-041

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to pass the ordinance approving a conditional use and variances from Section 6-13-10:5.3.1 of the Naperville Municipal Code to allow for a new telecommunications tower on the property located at 1301 Clyde Drive - PZC 24-1-124. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - McBroom

16. Adopt the resolution approving a lease agreement between the City and T-Mobile Central, LLC regarding communications tower at 1301 Clyde Drive (Item 3 of 3)

RES 25-19

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to adopt the resolution approving a lease agreement between the City and T-Mobile Central, LLC regarding communications tower at 1301 Clyde Drive. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - McBroom

17. Receive the staff report for 1151 E. Warrenville Road (Northwoods of Naperville) - PZC 24-1-130 (Item 1 of 4)

**Council received**

18. Pass the ordinance approving rezoning 1151 E. Warrenville Road from RD (Research and Development District) to OCI (Office, Commercial, and Institutional) (Northwoods of Naperville) - PZC 24-1-130 (Item 2 of 4)

ORD 25-042

**Council passed.**

19. Pass the ordinance approving a conditional use for single-family attached dwellings in the OCI District (Northwoods of Naperville) - PZC 24-1-130 (Item 3 of 4)

ORD 25-043

**Council passed.**

20. Pass the ordinance approving a preliminary plat of subdivision and form of Owner's Acknowledgement and Acceptance for Northwoods of Naperville with a deviation to Section 7-3-3:1 (Right-Of-Way Improvements: Streets) of the Naperville Municipal Code (Northwoods of Naperville) - PZC 24-1-130 (Item 4 of 4)

ORD 25-044

**Council passed.**

21. Adopt the resolution authorizing a workers' compensation settlement contract between David Goodalis and the City of Naperville

RES 25-20

**Council adopted.**

**J. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**K. OLD BUSINESS:**

**L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**N. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**O. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**



1. Receive the update on the Naperville 2027: Investing in Our Community Priorities Plan

Staff presented the Priorities Plan Update including the history of the plan, the overview of the five priority areas (utilities, economy, mobility, natural environment/ community design, and safety) and an update on the priorities covered last fall. Tonight's update included an in-depth focus on safety, economy, and mobility and included next steps for the plan.

2. Receive the Urban Land Institute (ULI) presentation and approve the recommended stakeholder list

***SPEAKERS***

John Talty, Swasti Shah and Cindy McSherry (Urban Land institute (ULI)) discussed an overview of the 5th Avenue panel scheduled for June 10 and 11, 2025.

Council inquired about the specifics of the two-day process and what the City will receive in return for this study.

ULI has asked the City to identify key community stakeholders and experts-including residents, business and property owners, representatives from community institutions, neighborhood groups, and business associations-to participate in meetings with panel experts on June 10. In addition to these stakeholder interviews, ULI will host an evening reception to gather input from the broader community, such as residents-at-large and former elected officials. This will allow those involved in the original 5th Avenue Study, as well as new participants, to share feedback with ULI and the City. On June 11, ULI will review the collected input and begin developing recommendations. That day, they will also present initial findings to a smaller group, highlighting key recommendations and answering questions. A public presentation will follow within three to four weeks, and the final report will be delivered to the City by mid-fall.

***WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY***

Tim Messer (Naperville) A couple of minor comments/questions on the stakeholders list: "Edition" should be corrected to "Addition," as both Park Addition and Pilgrim Addition were named such as "additions" to Naperville when annexed and subdivided. The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation has dissolved. Will Dr. Buckman remain on this list, or is there another similar resident-focused local group that could be consulted for their input? I look

forward to the continuation of this process. Thanks.

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to receive the Urban Land Institute presentation and approve the stakeholder list to include the additional three stakeholders recommended in the Q&A. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## **P. NEW BUSINESS:**

Undergrounding of power lines and a franchise fee

Holzhauer requested a list of priorities for the next 5-10 years, focusing on problems that could be solved by placing power lines underground and how this would improve reliability. Additionally, analyze the potential costs of a franchise tax for utilities in Naperville compared to nearby cities, and its impact if passed on to consumers.

Council directed staff to prioritize potential underground utility projects over the next 5-10 years and analyze how a franchise fee for electric and water utilities could be calculated compared to nearby cities, then report back with findings and recommendations.

Adding two 15-minute loading zones on Main Street north of Van Buren Avenue. Kelly discussed adding two 15-minute loading zones on east side of Main Street north of Van Buren Avenue.

By consensus, Council directed staff to analyze and review adding two 15-minute loading zones on the east side of Main Street north of Van Buren Avenue and report back to Council on their findings and recommendations.

Traffic concerns on Jefferson Avenue from Ewing to West Streets.

Kelly requested an update on the traffic concerns along Jefferson Avenue from Ewing to West Streets, as discussed at the April 2, 2025 Council meeting, and asked staff to prepare an agenda item proposing an additional stop sign for consideration in the area.

Louden stated data collection has been scheduled and will take approximately three weeks to complete. Staff will also evaluate the effectiveness of the recently installed curb bulb-outs in reducing vehicle speeds. Council will be updated once the data has been reviewed and analyzed.

By consensus, Council directed staff to prepare an Agenda Item to add an additional stop sign on Jefferson Avenue at either Ewing or West Street.

## **Q. ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to**

adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of May 6, 2025, at 9:21 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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