



# City of Naperville

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Tuesday, February 3, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**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 February 3, 2026 City Council meeting to order at 6:30 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 - 6:30 p.m.**

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer, to recess to Closed Session to discuss [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)] Approval of Minutes and [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) Sale of Property. 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 Holzhauser  
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; Deputy Fire Chief Phil Giannattasio; Police Chief Jason Arres; Director of Finance Ray Munch; Director of IT Jacqueline Nguyen; Director of TED Jennifer Louden; Deputy Director of TED Kimberly Schmidt; 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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

1. Proclaim the month of February as Black History month in the City of Naperville

The proclamation was presented by Councilman White.

#### ***SPEAKER***

Regina Brent (Naperville - Unity Partnership - Martin Luther King Unity Project) thanked the City of Naperville for its courage, support, and loyalty in continuing to recognize Black History Month in DuPage County and the City of Naperville.

2. Proclaim February 3, 2026 as #203 Day for the Naperville 203 Community

The proclamation was presented by Mayor Wehrli.

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

**SPEAKERS**

## Diesel Back Generators Air Emissions

Tim Ferritto (Naperville) discussed air emissions and the progress that has been made since the 1990s.

## Recommendation to develop an electricity strategy

Richard Stark (Naperville) discussed developing the framework for a long-term electricity strategy for the City of Naperville.

Dan Jurjovek (Naperville - Northern Illinois Home Builders Assoc - Housing Advocacy Committee) is opposed to the implementation of the building stretch codes.

Swati Dayl (Naperville) discussed how technology and educators can work together to empower learning.

Council discussed modifications to the Building Stretch Codes and requested an update on illegal vehicle modifications being made by any business or entity within the City, as discussed under New Business at the November 4, 2025, Council meeting.

DiSanto stated that the Illinois Vehicle Code currently provides that no person shall modify the exhaust system of a motor vehicle in a manner that amplifies or increases the vehicle's noise level. Staff has been working to develop a strategy to ensure this law is enforced; however, it may be difficult for the City of Naperville to modify this provision, as it is already established in state law.

**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 removing I11. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

1. Approval of the January 20, 2026, regular City Council meeting minutes

**Council approved.**

2. Approve the City Council meeting schedule for February, March, and April 2026

**Council approved.**

3. Approve the award of Change Order #2 to Option Year #2 of Contract 21-243, Consulting Engineering Services for Soils and Materials Testing, to NASHnal Soil Testing, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$144,776.31 and a total award of \$329,943.36

**Council approved.**

4. Approve the award of Change Order #2 to Contract 17-086B, Fire Engine Replacement and Maintenance Agreement, to MacQueen Equipment, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 and a total award of \$763,185

**Council approved.**

5. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Work Order 17-122G, 248th Avenue Phase II Engineering, to Civiltech Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$74,239.74, and a total award of \$1,031,765.00

**Council approved.**

6. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 24-212, Fairway and Country Lakes Water Main Improvements, to Bluewater Construction, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$117,422.19, for a total award of \$1,502,422.19 and for an additional 61 days

**Council approved.**

7. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Work Order 22-067-WATER-25-03, Construction Engineering Services - Fairway and Country Lakes Water Main Improvements, to Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$11,600.00, for a total award of \$109,770.00 and an additional 242 calendar days

**Council approved.**

8. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 25-007, 2025 Southeast Waterworks Generator Replacement, to William T. Connelly, Inc, dba Connelly Electric Co. for an additional 99 days

**Council approved.**

9. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 23-217, Northwest Waterworks Improvements - Phase II, to Dahme Mechanical Industries, Inc. for an additional 124 days

**Council approved.**

10. Approve an appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board

**Council approved.**

11. Conduct the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1 (Building Codes) of Title 5 (Building Regulations) of the Naperville Municipal Code adopting the 2024 International Code Council set of codes, including proposed local amendments

**SPEAKERS**

Court Airhart (West Chicago) is opposed to any changes to the current energy stretch codes.

Chad Mease (Naperville) is opposed to any changes to the current energy stretch codes.

Council discussed proposed changes to the current energy stretch codes.

**Council conducted the first reading.**

- 12. Waive the first reading and pass the ordinance amending Section 2-16-2 of the Naperville Municipal Code to add a non-voting member of the Accessible Community Task Force to the Advisory Commission on Disabilities (requires six positive votes)

**POSITION STATEMENT**

SUPPORT

Mary Hamill (Naperville)

ORD 26-004

**Council passed.**

- 13. Waive the first reading and pass the ordinance amending Section 1-9-G of the Naperville Municipal Code regarding the 9-1-1 system surcharge (requires six positive votes)

ORD 26-005

**Council passed.**

**J. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 1. Conduct the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2026 Annual Action Plan (Item 1 of 2)

Mayor Wehrlı opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly to close the public hearing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2026 Annual Action Plan at 7:56 p.m.. The motion carried by a voice vote.

**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. Approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2026 Annual Action Plan allocating \$535,000 (Item 2 of 2)

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Council Kelly, to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2026 Annual Action Plan allocating \$535,000. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

2. Consider whether to direct staff to discontinue, for the time being, negotiations for a successor power sales agreement with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA)

**SPEAKERS**

Michael J Lapinski (Naperville - Affordable Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

Catherine Clarkin (Naperville) is opposed to renewing the IMEA contract.

Steve Cushman (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

John Desmond Doyle (Naperville) is opposed to renewing the IMEA contract.

Patrick Hughes (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

Joseph Hus (Naperville - NEST) is opposed to renewing the IMEA contract.

Theresa Hus (Naperville - NEST) is opposed to renewing the IMEA contract.

Larry Kollasch (Naperville - NEST) is opposed to renewing the IMEA contract.

Al Karvelis (Naperville - NEST) is opposed to renewing the IMEA contract.

Tim Ferritto (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

Rich Sternal (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

James Fillar (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

Adi Julka (Naperville) is opposed to renewing the IMEA contract. .

Ashley Penick (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

Robert Giese (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

Dick Fustenuau (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

Don Heller (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

Marilyn Schweitzer (Naperville) is opposed to renewing the IMEA contract.

Judith McGowan (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

Greg Hubert (Naperville) is opposed to renewing the IMEA contract.

Julie Berkowicz (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract

Jimena Argueta (Aurora) is opposed to renewing the IMEA contract.

*The meeting recessed from 9:02 p.m. - 9:10 p.m..*

Council discussed the process used to review the original proposed IMEA contract renewal; the discussion points provided to staff when they were directed to negotiate with IMEA following the August 19, 2025, Council meeting; IMEA's response to the points presented by staff after that meeting; Member Directed Resources (MDR) included in the proposed IMEA contract renewal, for which staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP); Council's desire to pause discussions with IMEA until a majority of Council directs staff to resume negotiations; and the proposed timelines for alternative energy procurement options.

Groth stated the City received its first offer from IMEA in February 2024, and at the direction of Council, staff began negotiating the Council-identified points in August 2025. The State-mandated integrated planning process IMEA is required to undertake is expected to begin this year and will take approximately two years to complete. This process will address how IMEA intends to serve its load through 2035 and beyond. To date, IMEA has not received contract extensions from Naperville or St. Charles; therefore, IMEA will not plan for those communities' load beyond September 30, 2035, when the current contractual requirements expire. In order for IMEA to serve Naperville, which lies in the PJM region, using an asset (Prairie State) located in the MISO region, a financial link, also known as a pseudo-tie, was required and created by IMEA. If Naperville is no longer a member of IMEA, IMEA would seek to discontinue the pseudo-tie. The agency is currently researching the timeline required to discontinue the pseudo-tie, and it is expected that, if discontinued, the decision would be irreversible. With respect to alternative power procurement timelines, CES outlined a range of options. Construction of City-owned generation facilities could take up to eight years, while contracting with a power marketer would require approximately one to two years. The City would also need to add staff to assume certain functions that are currently performed by IMEA.

#### **WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Helen Huie (Naperville) Please vote to support the agenda item 26-0012 IMEA - "Consider whether to direct staff to discontinue, for the time being, negotiations for a successor power sales agreement with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA)." There is plenty of time to decide on an electric contract before the 2030 deadline to re-sign with IMEA. By waiting, there will be a clearer picture of what energy options are available to the City and at what cost both in dollars and in harm to the environment. In order to make the best decision, the City should get input from other agencies so that Council is able to make a

well-informed decision.

Lisa Polsby (Naperville) I support discontinuing negotiations with IMEA currently. Our IMEA contract is until 2035. IMEA uses a coal power plant for much of its energy. With the IMEA contract we don't have flexibility. Other electricity providers are much more affordable and are better for our environment.

Karen Peck (Naperville) I SUPPORT the Tuesday, February 3, 2026, Agenda Item 26-0112, which is to STOP pursuing the IMEA coal power negotiations. The negotiations have gone on long enough. It's time to look more closely at alternatives that better serve the City of Naperville's sustainability and environmental goals.

Kay Akins (Naperville) I SUPPORT the Feb 3, 2026, agenda item 26-0112 to STOP negotiations with IMEA coal power. It is past time for Naperville to find alternatives to coal!

Paige Haviland (Naperville) I SUPPORT the Tuesday, February 3, 2026, Agenda Item 26-0112, which is to STOP pursuing the IMEA coal power negotiations. The negotiations have gone on long enough. It's time to look more closely at alternatives that better serve the City of Naperville's sustainability and environmental goals.

Jim Bono (Naperville) I agree strongly that the Council should direct Naperville city staff to cease negotiations with our existing energy provider and seek alternative sources of energy for the city.

Hannah Graver (Naperville) Naperville should not lock itself into a future dependent on coal. I am shocked this is even being considered with so many better options out there for the earth, our air, and our children.

Susan McNeal-Bulak (Naperville) - NEST - Please please end the negotiations with IMEA. On behalf of my children and precious grandchildren, please safeguard our energy, environment, and future.

David Blood (Aurora) - First Congressional Church of Naperville - Let's stop negotiating a new contract with IMEA. At the end of the nine years remaining on the contract, we can renegotiate, even with IMEA if they are the best at that time. I feel like IMEA will move toward greener sources even without our signing on.

Clare Waite (Naperville) We should transition to renewable energy due to concise evidence of climate change, this will help us move into a cleaner future.

Evangeline Kilar (Naperville) While I support ending negotiations with IMEA, I am concerned with the lack of council time being spent on securing an alternative power provider for the City of Naperville. When is City Council planning to start securing a power alternative that offers the City of Naperville a reasonable contract length, at a minimum? This actual search process shouldn't be left until the last minute; it should have been started at least several years ago.

Please demonstrate that you are getting to work on this. This vote about continuing or discontinuing negotiations with IMEA amounts to stalling, as the request to attempt to negotiate with IMEA happened in October 2025 and now it's February 2026. Please do not stall anymore but find the people of Naperville the best deal. Actually, consider other options, now. Thank you.

Diane W Diamond (Naperville) Please bring this city into the 21st century and find a better balance between coal and renewable energy. Do not extend the imea contract until you find other sources. Please.

Paul Bloom (Naperville) It's simple. Maybe IMEA can provide cheaper electricity to Naperville today. Maybe. But it is not possible to make such a statement about 10 years from now, let alone 30. The industry is undergoing rapid change due to rapid adoption of renewable power generation and grid storage energy. Aside from the environmental concerns (which are huge), the fundamental issue is about the council's fiduciary responsibility. Locking Naperville into a 30-year energy contract with no constraints on pricing at a time when the energy market is undergoing rapid evolution is utterly irresponsible. While I would still be against it for environmental reasons, I could at least imagine that a short extension could be justified. But since we seem to be in a take-it-or-leave-it situation, we should leave it. Look elsewhere. Don't lock this community into a multi-decade contract for a commodity or service where the sector is undergoing rapid change. It doesn't make any sense. Dr. Paul C. Bloom, PhD

Amy Phillips (Naperville) I SUPPORT NOT continuing IMEA negotiations.

Ted Bourland (Naperville) It's been 5 1/2 months since we authorized city staff to negotiate with IMEA. Five days ago, for the first time, the city shared our counter proposal, the IMEA's response, and IMEA CEO Kevin Gaden's letter with the public. In my opinion, the IMEA has failed to sufficiently meet our requests. In my reading, our request for a back door - an early exit from the contract - IMEA didn't just say no, they said hell no. And they refused to include in the power sales contract a rectification to our problem that for most matters, Naperville has only 3% of the vote, yet we pay 35% of the bill. I urge Council to direct staff to discontinue negotiations with IMEA.

Scott Gerami (Naperville) Request for Transparency on MDR Pricing and Contingency Planning Prior to IMEA Vote I am writing as a Naperville resident to respectfully request additional transparency and information before the Council considers the upcoming agenda item to determine - How MDR-related risks would be isolated to Naperville ratepayers versus shared across participants whether to direct staff to discontinue, for the time being, negotiations for a successor power sales agreement with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA). Specifically, I believe it is important for residents and Council members alike to understand the expected pricing, cost impacts, and risk assumptions associated with the proposed MDR options that have been discussed as part of these negotiations. To date, while MDR has been referenced as a source of flexibility, the actual pricing ranges, scenarios, and potential ratepayer impacts

have not been clearly shared with the public. Before any decision is made to pause or discontinue negotiations with IMEA, I respectfully ask that the City provide: - Estimated MDR pricing scenarios, including best-case, expected, and worst-case outcomes - How MDR pricing compares to continued participation in IMEA's pooled power supply. In addition, I believe it is reasonable for residents to understand the City's contingency plan should negotiations be discontinued. Specifically: - What is the City's alternative power supply strategy if negotiations are paused or terminated? - What exposure would Naperville face to PJM capacity and energy markets during that period? - How would price volatility and capacity risk be managed in the absence of a successor agreement? These are not academic questions. Power supply decisions have long-term financial consequences for residents, businesses, and the City's economic competitiveness. Transparency around both the proposed MDR economics and the City's fallback plan is essential for informed decision-making and public confidence. I appreciate the time, effort, and seriousness with which the Council approaches this issue, and I respectfully urge that these details be shared publicly before a vote is taken on whether to discontinue negotiations. Thank you for your service to the City and for considering this request

Sandy Gerami (Naperville) Dear City Council Members, As the City Council prepares to vote on renewing the contract with IMEA, I strongly urge you to vote YES and continue with IMEA. The recent storms and arctic temperatures make it clear why maintaining our partnership with IMEA is critical. When the temperature in Naperville dropped to -6°F, only 2.5% of our electricity came from wind and solar. It was natural gas and coal that provided consistent, reliable power - not intermittent renewables. What happens when the sun isn't shining, the wind isn't blowing, or we face severe weather like we just experienced? Rolling blackouts would be a real possibility - a disaster waiting to happen. In fact, as reported in the news, New England generated more electricity from burning trash and wood than from wind power during recent cold spells. Common sense tells us what works when reliability is on the line. Please don't let ideology outweigh the facts. Reliable power is essential for our community's safety, stability, and affordability. Vote YES for extending our contract with IMEA.

Tim Ferritto (Naperville) LMP Market - INVALID Proxy for a Naperville

- WRONGLY PROMOTED AS A PROXY AND ALTERNATIVE.
- Excessive LMP volatility makes this approach unsuitable for municipal utilities.
- No decent sized city in Illinois procures all their power needs via LMP
- Municipalities value stable prices over volatile outcomes.
  - o Both Naperville consultants as well the consultant for St. Charles verbally stressed this.
- LMP spot market. Trader's market and those who can stomach immense volatility.
- Raises a fundamental question: What was the motivation of using an unrealistic market proxy to evaluate IMEA's Price.

- It distorts the truth of a serious economic decision.
  - Analysis itself contained inaccuracies amounting to \$\$19+/MWh.
    - o ComEd Zone Network Transmission RATE increase 21% June 2025.
    - o Naperville was paying a \$\$2.5/MWh late entry fee to IMEA Members.
- VALID Proxy For IMEA's Price:
- If Naperville was not with IMEA, they would procure power like the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) does for Commonwealth Edison UTILITY.
  - IPA procures 18x's than of Naperville
  - This is forms the basis for Power Bureau's comparative analysis as well as Naperville Utility's comparative analysis Commonwealth Edison Utility Customers.
- NAPERVILLE's REQUEST FOR POWER (up to 70 MW):
- Enough Power to supply 95+% of Naperville Residential Demand.
  - Meaningful size to power marketers to elicit their interest.
  - Results remained seal from public, but we have data to work with.
- PREMIUM ADDER REQUIRED TO TRUE UP RFQ RESULTS
- Load Following Premium vs Block Energy, estimate \$\$12/MWh (could be higher> volatility)
- Capacity> IMEA's cost is based on 100% Capacity Coverage
- IMEA Price to Compare (Excludes Trans & Bonds) = \$\$50 MWh
- Source \*Capacity Load Following Total Adder
- Nuclear 1 12 13 Wind 19 12 31 Solar 26 12 38
- No Capacity Source 28 12 40
- Constellation Sale to Federal GSA = \$\$84/MWh block energy for 10 years.
- True-up for Capacity and Load Following = \$\$97/MWh.
- NO BRAINER EXCERCISE:
- IMEA @ \$\$50/MWh versus alternative @ \$\$97+/MWh
- \*Based on Obligated Capacity of 281MW, Capacity Price of \$\$333/MW-Day, 1,225,000 Annual MWh
- Why Negotiations with IMEA SHOULD CONTINUE:
- IMEA IS THE BEST ECONOMIC CHOICE FOR NAPERVILLE
    - o This will not change with time, don't jeopardize it.
    - Future power supply/demand projected to become very tight. Will be a tough time to negotiate.
    - Allows IMEA to provide meaningful input.
    - Integrated Resource P
    - IMEA staff long term portfolio optimization.
      - o Eliminates option to buy distressed solar & wind PPA's.
    - Flush out concerns that some have about Transmission costs, negotiate terms around it.
    - Member Directed Resource Option (Only in contract extension).
      - o An OPTION that will be up to Naperville to exercise
      - o On a \$\$ for \$\$ basis, has more impact than REC's.
    - Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) starts this year. Will Naperville be able to

join in the middle of that process with guarantee of no penalty?

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Power prices are determined by supply/demand not “average” cost to produce.
- Price clears at the margin not avg price.
- Nat gas market will continue to trend higher with focus on growing exports, sellers will be of their offers in a tight market.
- Solar and Wind have always and will continue to struggle with intermittent issues. Including cost of firming, Lazard pegs LCOE for PJM solar at \$\$142/MWh. This compares to Prairie State cost of \$\$35/MWh.

Coleman (Naperville) As Chair of Climate Reality Chicago Metro (a 700-person organization) - which include Chicago and the suburbs like Naperville - and as a Naperville resident since 1995, PLEASE do not vote to extend the IMEA contract timewise. Cost: Lazard has benchmarked all forms of energy. Solar, wind, and batteries are the lowest cost form of energy in the nation. I urge the City Council NOT to benchmark the IMEA against ComEd or Ameren. Illinois gets about 54% of its energy from six nuclear power plants. Nuclear power is the most expensive form of power in the USA with coal also being a high-cost form of fuel. Further, fossil fuel energy is highly subsidized by the U.S. government so the true cost of fossil fuel energy like coal is not what it may appear to be. Further, as our emissions accumulate in the atmosphere, it is highly unlikely that doubling down on coal and other fossil fuels will be perpetuated in future government administrations. What is more likely is that subsidies will be removed, and the market will demand low-cost energy like renewables. This will leave fossil fuel companies with stranded assets as their sales are replaced by clean, low-cost energy. 2. Contract Duration: My understanding is that the proposed contract with the IMEA stretches the already bad 2035 timeline to past 2050. This is a non-starter. Coal is the dirtiest form of energy AND it is also the highest emitter of greenhouse gas emission. Speaking of emissions... 3. Environmental Balance: Nature generates emissions of its own and has always balanced these emissions with sinks, such as tree. Unfortunately, since the industrial revolution, and especially since 1980, mankind has added to nature's well-balanced emissions. This imbalance comes from burning fossil fuels and it amounts to 41 gigatons of emissions every year. Of this, about half of these emissions are absorbed by our great oceans and landmasses. But unfortunately, the balance - 20 gigatons added per year - remains in the atmosphere essentially forever. So, the cumulative effect over time is staggering. We stand at 427 ppm today - the highest in 40 million years - and every day, the scale of future climate crisis disasters deepens exponentially. 4. Net-Zero: Therefore, by 2050, we must be at net-zero emissions. This means our country needs to do its part to cut emissions from 41 gigatons of annual emissions to 12 gigatons. And this also requires we nearly double our emissions sinks to cancel out those 12 gigatons of emissions in 2050. 5. Doing

a Deal: The net-zero goal by 2050 may seem optional to some on our City Council. I suppose it is normal to negotiate deals! Yet I don't see the IMEA negotiation as really being about a deal for Naperville. It is about Naperville doing its part to cut costs and curb emissions for America and the world. Some examples of global efforts include: a. Solar and wind now exceed all other forms of power in the EU. They recently passed fossil fuels in 2025 and nuclear in 2022. Countries in the EU are now adding electric vehicles at double or triple the rate in the USA with Scandinavia country upwards of 70% of all cars added to roadways. Norway is at 98%. b. China is cutting its use of coal becoming the global leader in renewable energy and electric vehicles inside the country AND in Asia and the EU. c. Australia leads the world in rooftop solar even though they have huge stockpiles of coal. They have so much solar that between 12 noon and 3:00 pm electricity is free for Australians. d. The move to A.I. and large-scale data centers and the move to electrification of our vehicles and homes will place a huge burden on Naperville with the IMEA. The fastest form of energy that can be added to the grid is solar energy. Energy must become more decentralized, and we need to stop wasting the power of the greatest nuclear reactor in the solar system: The sun. Naperville needs to lead and not follow. We should show Illinois and America what we can do. We have the technology and we should not be afraid of change our ways as the path should be clear to all the clean energy is the foundation for our homes and vehicles.

### **POSITION STATEMENTS**

#### **SUPPORT**

Sue Kipp-Garcia (Naperville)  
Thomas Berard (Naperville)  
Laura Cuber (Naperville)  
Kevin Mulqueeny (Naperville)  
Joseph Hus (Naperville)  
Jeff Henry (Naperville) - NEST  
Madeleine Krumins (Naperville) - NEST  
David Wise (Lisle) - NEST  
Liz Law (Naperville) - NEST  
Dale Bryson (Naperville)  
Cynthia Servis (Lisle) - Frist Congregational Church of Naperville  
Bradley G Swanson (Naperville) - NEST  
Chris Lorimer (Naperville) - NEST  
Jane (Naperville)  
Judy Bryson (Naperville)  
Valerie Lorimer (Naperville)  
Sharon Josefson (IL)  
Eric Stern (Naperville)  
Katie Mineck (Naperville)  
Evangeline Kilar (Naperville)  
Audrey Mougammadou  
Parker Smith (Naperville)

Allison Chorley (Naperville)  
Logan Riemer (Naperville)  
Charlotte La Monica (Elmhurst) - North Central Green Scene  
Naomi Virgil (Naperville) - North Central Green Scene  
Rhonda Capenter (Lisle)  
Allison Chorley (Naperville)  
Luke Gordon (Naperville)  
Ted Bourland (Naperville) - NEST  
Barbara Benson (Naperville)  
Kate Herlihy (Long Grove)  
Veronica (Lisle)  
Hamilton Cha (Lisle)  
Sandra Martinich (Naperville)  
Grazina Karvelis (Naperville)

**OPPOSE**

Scott Gerami (Naperville)  
Sandy Gerami (Naperville)  
Jeanne Coleman (Naperville)

**A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauser, to direct city staff to pause formal negotiations with IMEA regarding a contract extension unless a majority of city council members direct staff to re-engage in such negotiations. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Gibson, Holzhauser, Jain, Kelly, Syed, and White

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

**P. NEW BUSINESS:**

No New Business.

**Q. ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of February 3, 2026, at 9:54 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

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