



City of Naperville

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Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wehrli called the May 5, 2026 City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:**C. CLOSED SESSION - CANCELED**

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; Fire Chief Mark Puknaitis; Police Chief Jason Arres; Director of Finance Ray Munch; Director of IT Jacqueline Nguyen; Director of TED Jennifer Louden; Deputy Director of TED Allison Laff; Director of Public Works Dan Randolph; Director of Public Utilities - Electric Brian Groth; Director of Public Utilities - Water Darryl Blenniss; Budget and Administrative Manager Shebnem Ozkaptan; 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 May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Naperville

The proclamation was presented by Councilman McBroom.

2. Proclaim May 9, 2026 as the 34th Annual Letter Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive Day

The proclamation was presented by Councilman McBroom.

G. PUBLIC FORUM:***SPEAKERS***

Share about YAC and National Prevention Week.

Sarah (Naperville 360 Youth Services Youth Advisory Committee) provided an update on the Youth Advisory Committee.

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Antara (Naperville) 360 Youth Services Youth Advisory Committee) provided an update on the Youth Advisory Committee.

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Ashrita (Naperville 360 Youth Services Youth Advisory Committee) provided an update on the Youth Advisory Committee.

John Doyle (Naperville) discussed the path to affordable electricity.

Draft ordinance - city protection of immigrants

Signe C Gleeson (Naperville) is in favor of adopting a due process and municipal property use ordinance.

IMEA's coal contract

Ted Bourlard (Naperville NEST) discussed a recent letter newsletter from Affordable Naperville.

Bill Simon (Naperville Preservation Inc.) discussed May as National Historic Preservation Month and updated the Council on recent activities of the organization, including the completion of the Don Tosi survey, which was partially funded through SECA.

Public Safety

Robert Jungels (Naperville) discussed speeding issues in the Cress Creek neighborhood, as well as drug activity and e-bike concerns at Nike Park.

E-Bikes

Santos Chaparro (Naperville) discussed safety concerns with E-bikes at RiverPlace Condominiums, located at 509 and 511 Aurora Avenue.

Sustainability

Ashley Penick (Naperville) discussed sustainability issues and requested that the Council review the comments she distributed to the dais.

Council thanked the Youth Advisory Committee from 360 Youth Services for their presentation and their work in the community. Council also discussed HB5626 - The Build Act and provided staff direction regarding future projects, special studies, and initiatives. Additional topics of discussion included the potential installation of a traffic control device on Jefferson Avenue near Target on Route 59, e-bike traffic concerns on Aurora Avenue, and speeding issues in the Cress Creek neighborhood.

Krieger stated that staff supports the installation of a traffic control device at the intersection of Jefferson Avenue near Target on Route 59 due to ongoing traffic concerns. He noted that Brixmor Property Group, the Block 59 property owner to the south, has committed to financially supporting the project. However, Target has indicated that it does not believe the device is necessary. Krieger explained that the City still has the option to move forward with the project without Target's support by establishing a Special Service Area (SSA), which would require support from three of the four affected property owners.

Arres stated the Police Department will do its part in addressing any traffic-related concerns and noted that he will reach out to the Police

Department's Traffic Section for additional follow-up regarding the E-bike concerns on Aurora Avenue. He also emphasized that parents and community members share responsibility for educating children on the proper operation of E-bikes in accordance with the rules of the road.

Louden stated the speeding concerns in the Cress Creek area are not new and have been reviewed and addressed in the past. She noted that staff will review when traffic data was last collected and will work with the Police Department on additional measures, including education efforts, to determine whether further data collection is needed. Louden added that during the last major traffic study conducted in the area, staff found that the majority of the speeding violations were committed by local residents.

WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

Joseph Geraci (Naperville) Sedgewick Community I am requesting that the City Council reconsider, stay, or modify the April 7 approval of The Atlas development at 2939 Audrey Avenue before any building permits, site-work permits, demolition, grading, or related implementation approvals are issued. This request is not opposition to reasonable development. The property can and should be put to productive use. But the approval granted for The Atlas authorizes a 236-unit, five-story apartment project with extraordinary zoning relief, including increased density, increased height, and reduced parking. Those are not minor technical variances. They are core zoning protections, and when they are relaxed simultaneously, the surrounding neighborhood is entitled to a higher level of scrutiny and enforceable safeguards. A serious access issue also requires immediate review. Based on the site plan, there does not appear to be a direct full-access entry from Route 59 into the apartment development. Instead, access appears to be concentrated through Audrey Avenue. If that is correct, then the practical burden of this high-density project may fall disproportionately on Audrey Avenue, Mayfair residents, and nearby residential streets. That issue materially affects the traffic, parking, pedestrian safety, emergency access, and neighborhood-impact analysis. The project's proximity to Route 59 should not be used to justify density if the actual apartment traffic is not primarily entering and exiting through Route 59. Before any permits issue, the City should require an independent review of:

- Actual ingress and egress for residents, guests, deliveries, trash service, moving trucks, ride-share vehicles, and emergency vehicles;
- Whether Audrey Avenue can safely absorb traffic from 236 residential units and any future commercial development on the remaining parcel;
- Whether the approved parking reduction is realistic given likely vehicle ownership, guests, deliveries, and overflow parking;
- Whether nearby residential streets and Mayfair residents will experience parking spillover or cut-through traffic;
- Whether pedestrian routes near Audrey Avenue, Route 59, Fort Hill, and the Mayfair area are safe;
- Whether emergency access is adequate if primary circulation is concentrated away from Route 59;
- Whether the future retail parcel creates additional traffic-stacking, access, or safety concerns;
- Whether stronger buffering, lighting controls, construction limits, and noise protections are needed for adjacent residential properties.

The City should not allow this approval to become irreversible without first addressing these issues in a transparent and enforceable manner. If the access plan, traffic study, parking assumptions, and

pedestrian-safety analysis are sound, then an independent review should confirm that. If they are incomplete, overly optimistic, or based on assumptions that do not reflect real-world conditions, the City should correct the approval before construction proceeds. Nearby residents are now reviewing the record and evaluating all available options. A land-use attorney may be retained shortly to review the approval, the variance findings, the public process, the traffic and parking materials, and any available grounds to seek reconsideration, modification, delay, or other relief. I am raising these issues now in the hope that the City will address them voluntarily before residents are forced to escalate. Respectfully, I request that the Council place this matter back on an upcoming agenda and take action to reconsider, stay, or modify the April 7 approval before permits issue. At minimum, the City should require additional independent review and adopt binding conditions addressing access, traffic, parking, pedestrian safety, construction impacts, emergency access, and residential buffering.

Santos Chaparro (Naperville). I serve on the Board of Directors for RiverPlace Condominiums, located at 509 and 511 Aurora Avenue. This evening, I wanted to share and raise a growing safety concern at the intersection of Aurora Avenue and West Street-specifically at the entrance and exit to our community. Over the past year, we have experienced approximately six confirmed incidents involving e-bikes colliding with resident vehicles at this location, along with several additional near misses. These incidents typically occur when residents are:

- Waiting at the light to turn east or west onto Aurora Avenue
- Traveling North on West Street and crossing Aurora to enter our property
- Exiting our property to travel South on West Street

The core issue stems from a combination of factors:

- The sidewalk along Aurora Avenue is both curved and elevated near our driveway and then the elevation drops
- This creates limited visibility for drivers who are cautiously checking for pedestrians and traffic
- At the same time, e-bike users are traveling at higher speeds, often appearing suddenly within a driver's field of vision. This creates a dangerous and unpredictable environment-not just for drivers, but for pedestrians and e-bike riders as well. This is a very busy intersection with ambulances, high school kids, bus stop as well as the awkward configuration at the light. We are deeply concerned that, without intervention, it is only a matter of time before a more serious injury occurs. Our goal is not to restrict mobility, but to improve safety for everyone. We respectfully request that the City evaluate this intersection and consider potential solutions such as:
- Enhanced signage or pavement markings to alert both drivers and e-bike users
- Speed mitigation measures for the sidewalk corridor
- Improved sightline visibility or design adjustments at the driveway entrance
- Clarification and enforcement of e-bike usage rules on sidewalks in this area

We are fully committed to partnering with the City to find a practical and effective solution. I would be more than willing to meet with staff, participate in a site walkthrough, or provide additional information if helpful. Thank you for your time, your service to our community, and your consideration of this important safety matter. "We all share the same goal-a safe environment

for residents, pedestrians, and cyclists alike-and we appreciate your partnership in helping us achieve that.”

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. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

1. Approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of April 21, 2026
Council approved.
2. Approve the City Council meeting schedule for May, June, and July 2026
Council approved.
3. Approve appointments to various boards and commissions
Council approved.
4. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 26-108, Fire Department Vehicle Replacements (Units 303, 307 and 345) to Currie Motors Fleet for an amount not to exceed \$150,021
Council approved.
5. Approve the award of Bid 26-012, 2026 Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal, to Hard Rock Concrete Cutters for an amount not to exceed \$236,754 plus a 5% contingency
Council approved.
6. Approve the award of Bid 26-035, Mill Street Lighting Project, to Utility Dynamics Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$380,770 plus a 5% contingency
Council approved.
7. Approve the award of Bid 26-090, 2026 Small Diameter Sanitary Main Line Rehabilitation, to Performance Pipelining, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$854,347 plus a 3% contingency
Council approved.

8. Approve the award of Bid 26-101, Police Department Evidence Area Remodel, to Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$579,000 plus a 3% contingency
Council approved.
9. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Option Year #2 of Contract 23-070, Design Build Pollinator and Native Vegetation Program, to V3 Construction Group for an amount not to exceed \$72,000 and a total award of \$397,000
Council approved.
10. Pass the ordinance granting variances to Sections 5-10-3:4.3.2, 5-10-3:5.2.4, and 6-6E-7 of the Naperville Municipal Code for 595 W 5th Avenue and 601 W 5th Avenue (Naperville CUSD 203 Transportation Building) - DEV-0166-2025
Council passed.
11. Pass the ordinance granting a variance to the corner side yard setback to permit an addition to the principal structure at 32 South Columbia St. - DEV-0001-2026
Council passed.
12. Pass the ordinance approving the final plat of subdivision and the Owner's Acknowledgement and Acceptance for Everly Trace - DEV-0176-2025
Council passed.
13. Pass the ordinance to establish temporary traffic controls and issue Special Event and Amplifier permits for the 2026 Downtown Naperville Car Show on Saturday, June 20, 2026
Council passed.
14. Pass the ordinance approving the transfer of the 2026 Volume Cap in the amount of \$20,671,740 to the Town of Normal
Council passed.
15. Adopt the resolution authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Naperville and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council for the Naperville Police Department Detention Officers
Council adopted.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**K. OLD BUSINESS:****L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:****M. AWARD OF BIDS AND OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE:**

1. Approve the award of Bid 26-011, 2026 Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance Program, to Everlast Blacktop, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,122,180 plus a 3% contingency

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the award of Bid 26-011, 2026 Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance Program, to Everlast Blacktop, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,122,180 plus a 3% contingency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauser, Jain, Kelly, McBroom, Syed, White, and Wilson

2. Approve the award of Bid 26-079, Fire Station #4 Improvements, to Kandu Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,898,000 plus a 3% contingency

Krieger requested that Item M2 be removed from the Council agenda and brought back at a future date.

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Kelly to remove Item O2 from the agenda and authorize staff to bring the item back at a later date. The motion carried b a voice vote.

N. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

O. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Confirm the selection of the 2031 Bicentennial Committee Tri-chairs

SPEAKERS

Stacey Fontechia (Naperville) introduced herself as one of the three chairs for the 2031 Bicentennial Committee.

Atusa Freyer (Naperville) introduced herself as one of the three chairs for the 2031 Bicentennial Committee.

Paul Hinterlong (Naperville) introduced himself as one of the three chairs for the 2031 Bicentennial Committee.

Council inquired about the process used for the selection of the Bicentennial Committee chairs.

Gallahue stated that in November 2025, Council approved the Bicentennial framework developed by the 2024-2025 class of Emerging Leaders, which included a timeline for the application and selection process. Applications opened in January and closed in mid-February. Following the application period, representatives from the Naperville Park District, Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Naperville Alliance, Naper Settlement, and the City reviewed submissions and selected eleven candidates for interviews. Two rounds of interviews were conducted, with final selections made at the end of April.

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to confirm the selection of the 2031 Bicentennial Committee Tri-chairs. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Receive the Electric Utility presentation regarding Joint Action Agencies

SPEAKERS

John Doyle (Naperville) discussed the lack of public engagement on the issues surrounding the Electric contract.

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

Joseph Hus (Naperville) is opposed to the renewal of the IMEA contract.

Tim Ferrito (Naperville) is opposed to implementing the IL. mandated low income discount.

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

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

The meeting recessed from 8:19 p.m. to 8:25 p.m.

Groth discussed and answered questions raised during the April 7, 2026 electric strategy presentation, including Naperville's current greenhouse gas emissions, and focused on Option #1, detailing participation in a Joint Action Agency (JAA).

Council discussed industry standards for Joint Action Agencies (JAAs), updates to the cost recovery period for battery storage, the level of flexibility as the City evaluates JAA options, infrastructure requirements for participation in a JAA, the potential to negotiate a pseudo-tie to deliver power into PJM Interconnection if the City were to join an existing JAA, Naperville's relative size within an existing JAA based on staff research, and the level of interest among existing JAAs in including Naperville as a member.

Groth stated some of the JAA's around the country are project-based, but that different agreements exist depending on the participating entities. He explained that much of what the City will or will not be able to do within a JAA will depend on the terms negotiated when entering into the contract, as well as what the current members are willing to agree to both now and in the future. Groth stated that if the City decided to establish its own JAA, it would not look at participating in other grids because doing so would require the City to double or triple its obligations. He explained that each time an entity registers on behalf of a load-serving entity, it becomes subject to all Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) rules, which would not be financially prudent. Groth added that if the City chose to start over and create its own JAA, it would remain within the PJM Interconnection system.

Flexibility within a JAA must be negotiated into the contracts and that all participating members need to clearly understand and agree on their intentions,

because costs can ultimately shift back to the individual communities, including Naperville. Regarding infrastructure, he explained that the City would want to select systems similar to those currently in place, including comparable reliability and operational processes. However, from an energy sales perspective, he noted that the specific infrastructure matters less and instead depends on what the City is ultimately trying to accomplish.

If the City is seeking the closest energy price spread between the sale and purchase of power, negotiating a pseudo tie would be nearly unattainable, and any connection to an existing JAA would likely need to occur within the PJM service area. Based on Naperville's size and energy needs, the City would fall within the mid-sized range from a load perspective at approximately 350 megawatts. Staff added that, based on research into existing JAAs, there are two to three agencies that appear to align with the City's needs.

Groth further explained that in the past it would have taken approximately 14 years for the City to realize a return on investment for battery storage, but that timeline has now improved significantly and the City could potentially see a return within three years. He added that he plans to discuss the topic in greater detail during his next presentation in June on Market Participation with Asset Management.

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

Joseph Hus (Naperville) Please answer these questions about your presentations. 1. Can we see the supporting information for the timelines? For example, can the city include an appendix listing the sources of the dates in the presentations? Is the information being obtained from industry sources? 2. What are the cost estimates for hiring the 33 people required for the JAA option presentation? 3. When we show an option with assets, are we considering only assets we can build from concept to generation, or also those in the development pipeline? 4. Since different assets (i.e., solar, wind, gas) have different timelines. Which assets are being used in the timelines presented? 5. Does market participation include going through a power marketer, or just the situation where we are a load-serving entity? 6. Are you exploring the option to release a bid for a full-requirements energy contract and a partial-requirements contract?

P. NEW BUSINESS:

Traffic control device on Jefferson Avenue near the Rt. 59 Target.
Holzhauer inquired on the status of the installation of the traffic control device on Jefferson Avenue near the Rt. 59 Target.

By consensus, Council directed staff to bring back a report on the status of the traffic control device proposed on Jefferson Avenue near the Rt. 59 Target.

Future projects, special studies or initiatives.

Gibson requested a future Council discussion regarding the April 16, 2026 Manager's Memorandum so the Council can provide input on which special study or initiative should be identified as the City's top priority to undertake in 2026.

By consensus, Council directed staff to return with a report regarding the April 16, 2026 Manager's Memorandum to facilitate Council discussion and provide input on future projects, studies, and initiatives.

Q. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of May 5, 2026, 2026, at 9:08 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

/s/ Dawn C. Portner
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City Clerk