



City of Naperville

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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3. Submit a written comment to the City in advance of the City Council meeting by 4 p.m. on July 21. Written comments will be compiled and posted with the electronic meeting agenda on the City's website prior to the start of the meeting. The cumulative number of comments will be announced during the City Council meeting.
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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 July 21, 2026 City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: 8 - Mayor Scott Wehrli
Councilwoman Mary Gibson
Councilman Ian Holzhauer
Councilwoman Supna Jain
Councilman Patrick Kelly
Councilman Josh McBroom
Councilman Ashfaq Syed
Councilman Nathan Wilson

Absent: 1 - Councilman Benjamin White

C. CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer, to recess to Closed Session to discuss [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)] Approval of Minutes, [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)] Collective Bargaining, [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)] Purchase of Property and [5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Jain, Kelly, McBroom, Syed, and Wilson

Absent: 1 - White

OPEN SESSION - 7:00 p.m.

D. 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

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 Arres; Director of Finance Ray Munch; Deputy Finance Director Traci Marrocco; Director of IT Jacqueline Nguyen; Director of TED Jennifer Loudon; Deputy Director of TED Allison Laff; Director of Public Works Dan Randolph; Deputy Director of Public Utilities - Electric Michael Mann; Director of Public Utilities - Water Darryl 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer, to allow Councilman White to participate via teleconference due to an employment responsibility. The motion carried by a voice vote.

F. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

SPEAKERS

Request City consider INTERNALLY hosting ALPR data
Norman Jerome (Naperville) discussed securing the data gathered by flock cameras.

Climate Change's Importance

Astha Savalia (Naperville Accelerate Climate Solutions) discussed issues surrounding climate change.

John Doyle (Naperville) discussed affordable electricity.

Adi Julka (Naperville) discussed creating a climate action and resilience plan.

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

Overall comments on government

Bob Carlson (Naperville) discussed the amount of government entities in Illinois.

Regarding the IMEA deal and its alternatives

Dhwani Varun (Aurora) discussed the current IMEA contract and alternative solutions.

Proposal presented by Historic Preservation Inc

John Shindler (Naperville) discussed renewed attention needs to be given to Historic Preservation Inc.

Construction in the neighborhood

Robert Jungels (Naperville) discussed his concerns with recent construction projects in his neighborhood, speeding issues on Royal St. George and alleged drug issues near Nike Park.

Joseph Hus (Naperville - NEST) discussed recent air quality issues and climate change.

Tree trimming debauchery

Stephanie Jacks (Naperville) discussed trees obstructing traffic control devices in various areas of the City, noting that the resulting reduced visibility creates safety concerns for both drivers and pedestrians.

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer, to continue Public Forum for two additional speakers rather than bifurcate the remaining speakers until the end of the meeting. The motion carried by a voice vote.

June 3 PZC hearing

Rita Treonis (Naperville) discussed concerns regarding the handling of ecological data collected from the DuPage Water Commission property proposed for the Pulte Naperville Ridge development.

Three minutes with NEST)

Ted Bourlard (Naperville - NEST) discussed a recent social media post stating NEST was misleading the public and wanted to set the record straight.

Council discussed concerns regarding tree trimming, particularly where overgrown trees may obstruct the visibility of stop signs and traffic signals, data provided by Flock cameras, the possibility of evaluating alternative camera providers for the 2027 budget that would allow the City to store data in-house, the recent review of the City's task forces, and concerns regarding recent construction projects.

Randolph stated that Public Works crews were recently dispatched to trim trees along Washington Street. He also noted that staff coordinated with TED to ensure the visibility of at least two traffic signals in the area met the requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Based on that coordination, the traffic signals were determined to have adequate visibility and to be in compliance with MUTCD standards. He also stated that Public Works crews are addressing a large number of tree trimming requests, which have been prioritized based on need.

DiSanto stated that there is no clear definition of task forces in the Municipal Code, nor is there a formal process for designating them. He explained that the City Council is authorized to establish boards and commissions because they operate in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, whereas task forces are private, independent groups that operate separately from the City. He noted that the City has publicly recognized the Accessible Community Task Force, NEST, and the Senior Task Force, and that these groups are currently listed on the City's website. As additional organizations have inquired about becoming officially recognized task forces, staff reviewed the City's practices and determined that no ordinances or policies exist to govern such designations. He added that the current practice also raises questions regarding equity, endorsements, and the use of City resources. He stated that staff has communicated with all three groups and informed them that the City will be removing their web pages from the City's website and discontinuing the limited support currently provided. He explained that the goal is to treat these private groups in the same manner as other private nonprofit organizations with which the City interacts.

Krieger stated the pages of the Accessible Community Task Force, NEST and the Senior Task Force will be removed immediately.

Mayor Wehrli thanked Finance Director Ray Munch for his service to the Naperville community and wished him the best as he becomes the City Manager for the City of Wheaton.

H. CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO USE OMNIBUS METHOD FOR THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer, 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 pulling items I16 and I19. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

1. Approve the Cash Disbursements for the period of June 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, for a total of \$42,355,124.01
Council approved.
2. Approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of June 16, 2026
Council approved.
3. Approve the City Council meeting schedule for August, September, and October 2026
Council approved.
4. Approve the appointments of Dr. Kathleen Briseno and Ijeoma Daramola to the Advisory Commission on Disabilities, Casey Krapfl to the Building Review Board, and Kun Wang to the Transportation Advisory Board
Council approved.
5. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 26-194, Switch Refresh for DPW, WSC and SPB, to Sentinel Technologies, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$249,893.43 and for a three-year term
Council approved.
6. Approve the award of Bid 26-112, Curbside Leaf Collection Services, to Class One Professionals, LLC and Steve Piper and Sons, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$280,440 and for a two-year term
Council approved.
7. Approve the award of JOC Procurement NS-002-CY26-A, Century Memorial Chapel Roof Replacement, to McDonagh Demolition for an amount not to exceed \$288,249.47
Council approved.
8. Approve the award of Single Source Procurement 26-181, Sensus Water Meters, to Core and Main for an amount not to exceed \$738,276 and for a six-month term
Council approved.
9. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 26-190, Pneumatic Forklift Replacement - Unit 450, to Atlas Toyota Material Handling for an amount not to exceed \$287,399
Council approved.
10. Accept the record of Emergency Procurement 26-193, June 2026 Storm Restoration and Cleanup, to various vendors for an amount not to exceed \$627,549.28

Council accepted.

11. Approve the award of Bid 26-154, Fire Station 7 Generator Replacement, to Powerlink Electric, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$297,637 plus a 5% contingency

Council approved.

12. Approve the award of Change Order #2 to Purchase Order #20260048, Third-Party Plan Review Services, to Safebuilt Illinois LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and a total award of \$135,000

Council approved.

13. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Contract 26-041, 2026 Pavement Marking, to Maintenance Coatings Co., for an amount not to exceed \$30,544.90 and a total award of \$139,724.55

Council approved.

14. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Option Year #1 to Contract 25-111, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Dehumidification Services, to Beery Heating and Cooling, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$129,970 and a total award of \$289,970

Council approved.

15. Pass the ordinance approving a conditional use in the B2 District for an amusement establishment for the property located at 2603 Aurora Av Suite 119 (Taste Buds Kitchen) - DEV-0030-2026

Council passed.

16. Conduct the first reading on an ordinance amending Section 10-4-7 (Bee Keeping) of the Naperville Municipal Code

SPEAKERS

Chong Yi (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed changes to the beekeeping ordinance.

Robert W. Fieseler, Sr. (Naperville) discussed his concerns with the proposed changes to the beekeeping ordinance.

Janine Yi (Naperville) is opposed to the proposed changes to the beekeeping ordinance.

Darrell Hanson (Naperville) is in favor of the proposed changes to the bee keeping ordinance.

Simone Schuppan (Naperville) discussed her concerns with the proposed changes to the current beekeeping ordinance.

Council discussed the proposed amendments to the beekeeping ordinance,

including allowing natural barriers as an alternative to a flyaway barrier wall between a beekeeper's property and an adjacent residence. Council directed staff to work with interested parties to discuss their concerns and any suggested changes to the current ordinance. Council also requested that staff consider the potential negative impacts on beekeepers if the proposed amendments are adopted, while also recognizing the need to protect residents with bee sting allergies. Additional discussion included whether the current ordinance conflicts with the more stringent best practices recommended by beekeeping associations, the number of complaints the City has received regarding beekeeping over the years, the feedback received when staff and the Illinois Department of Agriculture visited the resident's property, and whether any amendments to the current ordinance are necessary.

Krieger stated that a member of the City's Code Enforcement Division, along with a representative from the Illinois Department of Agriculture, visited the concerned resident's property and determined that the resident was in compliance with all applicable state and City laws and regulations. He added that staff would incorporate Council's direction, address the concerns raised during the discussion, continue evaluating the issues, and bring the matter back to the Council for further consideration at either the August meeting or the first Council meeting in September.

Louden stated that the City has received one complaint related to the beekeeping ordinance in 2025 and two additional complaints over the past ten years. .

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

Rober W. Fieseler, Sr (Naperville) Thank you Mayor and Council for your thoughtful consideration of the proposed amendments to Naperville's beekeeping ordinance. I appreciate the City's efforts to balance the interests of responsible beekeepers with those of neighboring residents. I also firmly support reasonable regulations that promote neighborhood safety while encouraging responsible beekeeping. Although I was no longer serving on the City Council in 2016, when the beekeeping amendments were last considered, then-Mayor Chirico invited me to address the Council because of my experience as a beekeeper. Following that discussion, the Council adopted the current 5-foot setback rather than the 15-foot setback proposed at that time. I offer these comments in that same constructive spirit. After carefully reviewing the proposed amendments, I respectfully request that the Council reconsider three specific provisions. The three revisions I'm suggesting below will accomplish the City's neighborhood safety objectives while providing practical flexibility for beekeepers and avoiding unintended negative consequences.

Restore the Existing Five-Foot Backyard Property Line Setback The

proposed increase from a 5-foot setback to a 15-foot setback will have unintended negative consequences on many typical Naperville residential lots. Since beehives are already prohibited in front yards, a 15-foot setback from the backyard property line will force beekeepers to move their hives toward the middle of their backyards. Ironically, increasing the setback will make hives more openly visible, not less, by forcing the hives away from mature screening vegetation and into otherwise areas. Under the current 5-foot setback, many hives remain substantially shrouded by existing mature vegetation, which also directs departing bees upward. The current 5-foot setback was expressly adopted in 2016 after the Council considered and declined to adopt a 15-foot setback. Before reversing that long-standing precedent, I encourage the Council to consider whether experience under the existing 5-foot ordinance actually demonstrates that a larger setback is necessary.

Recognize Existing Vegetation or Other Natural Barriers as an Alternative to Flyaway Fencing

I support a flyaway barrier requirement because it encourages bees to gain altitude immediately after leaving the hive. However, the ordinance should recognize that mature evergreen trees, dense hedges, shrubs, berms, or other natural features can achieve the same objective as a constructed fence. Where existing vegetation substantially shrouds the hive and directs bee flight upward, requiring construction of an additional 6-foot fence - and obtaining a fence permit for it - adds cost and administrative burden without materially improving neighborhood safety. An outcome-based standard that permits mature vegetation to shroud the hive will accomplish the City's safety objectives while providing beekeepers with reasonable flexibility.

Simplify the Neighbor Notification Requirement

I support notifying neighboring property owners when a hive is established. Requiring notification by certified mail, however, is unnecessarily burdensome. Certified mail is generally reserved for situations in which proof of receipt is legally significant. Since the ordinance simply requires notice - not acknowledgment or consent - less burdensome methods, such as hand delivery, regular U.S. mail, or email will adequately accomplish that purpose.

Conclusion

I therefore encourage the Council to consider the following revisions to the proposed beekeeping ordinance amendments: Retain the existing 5-foot backyard property line setback. Recognize existing vegetation or other natural barriers that substantially shroud the hive as an acceptable alternative to construction of a 6-foot flyaway fence. Permit neighbor notification by hand delivery, regular mail, or email instead of by certified mail. Favor outcome-based standards that focus on achieving the City's neighborhood safety objectives rather than prescribing a single method of compliance. The ordinance appropriately continues to require registration of all Naperville honeybee colonies with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, which already provides inspection and regulatory oversight. With the State already overseeing hive health and management, the City's ordinance can properly focus on neighborhood safety and compatibility through practical, outcome-based local standards. The revisions proposed in these comments will further the City's

neighborhood safety objectives while giving responsible beekeepers flexibility to achieve those objectives using equivalent means. Thank you for considering these comments.

David Dunlap (Naperville) I am writing to urge the Council not to impose additional restrictions on backyard beekeeping. The city's current regulations have been in place for ten years and, to my knowledge, have worked effectively without evidence of widespread or recurring problems. It is concerning that a single complaint could lead to new restrictions affecting every responsible beekeeper in the community. Beekeepers already have a strong incentive to manage their colonies responsibly and to be considerate of their neighbors. If a specific property creates a genuine nuisance, the city should address that individual situation through its existing enforcement processes rather than adding burdensome requirements for all beekeepers. In the absence of a documented pattern of problems, I respectfully ask the Council to retain the existing regulations and avoid imposing unnecessary restrictions on responsible backyard beekeeping. Thank you for your consideration.

The first reading was conducted.

17. Pass an ordinance to establish temporary traffic controls and issue Special Event and Amplifier permits for the 2026 Last Fling and Labor Day Parade on Friday, September 4 through Monday, September 7, 2026

ORD 26-063

Council passed.

18. Pass the ordinance to establish temporary traffic controls and issue a Special Event permit for the 2026 Riverwalk Fine Art Fair scheduled on September 19-20, 2026

ORD 26-064

Council passed.

19. Designate Douglas Avenue between Webster Street and Washington Street as "Sgt. Robert L. Miller Commemorative Way"

SPEAKER

John Miller (Geneva) provided background on his father's distinguished military career and expressed his appreciation for the City's efforts to designate Douglas Avenue between Webster and Washington Streets in his father's honor.

The meeting recessed from 8:43 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly and seconded by Councilman Holzhauer to designate Douglas Avenue between Webster Street and Washington Street as "Sgt. Robert L. Miller Commemorative Way". The motion

carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Jain, Kelly, McBroom, Syed, and Wilson

Excused: 1 - White

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Receive the staff report for the Bauer Road Duplexes located at 27W240 & 27W280 Bauer Road and reconvene the public hearing to consider the Annexation Agreement and related ordinances for the said property- DEV-0162-2025 (Item 1 of 6)

SPEAKERS

Caitlin Csuk (Rosanova and Whitaker - representing the Petitioner Hawkeye Property Holdings) provided an update on the proposed project and is requesting the annexation of the property into the City of Naperville, with zoning designated as a Transitional Use District upon annexation, for the purpose of constructing three duplex buildings as an extension of the existing Park Place development.

Robert Jungels (Naperville) is opposed to the approval of the Bauer Road Duplexes.

Mayor Wehrli reconvened the public hearing at 8:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly and seconded by Councilman Holzhauer to receive the staff report for the Bauer Road Duplexes located at 27W240 & 27W280 Bauer Road and close the public hearing at 8:59 p.m. to consider the Annexation Agreement and related ordinances for the said property- DEV-0162-2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

2. Pass the ordinance authorizing the execution of the Annexation Agreement (requires six positive votes) for the Bauer Road Duplexes - DEV-0162-2025 (Item 2 of 6)

ORD 26-065

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer, to pass the ordinance authorizing the execution of the Annexation Agreement (requires six positive votes) for the Bauer Road Duplexes - DEV-0162-2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Pass the ordinance annexing the subject property for the Bauer Road Duplexes - DEV-0162-2025 (Item 3 of 6)

ORD 26-066

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly and seconded by Councilman Holzhauer to pass the ordinance annexing the subject property for the Bauer Road Duplexes - DEV-0162-2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. Pass the ordinance rezoning the subject property to TU (Transitional Use) upon annexation for the Bauer Road Duplexes - DEV-0162-2025 (Item 4 of 6)

ORD 26-067

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer to pass the ordinance rezoning the subject property to TU (Transitional Use) upon annexation for the Bauer Road Duplexes - DEV-0162-2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5. Pass the ordinance approving a Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision for the Bauer Road Duplexes - DEV-0162-2025 (Item 5 of 6)

ORD 26-068

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer to pass the ordinance approving a Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision for the Bauer Road Duplexes - DEV-0162-2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Pass the ordinance approving a variance for the Bauer Road Duplexes - DEV-0162-2025 (Item 6 of 6)

ORD 26-069

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer to pass the ordinance approving a variance for the Bauer Road Duplexes - DEV-0162-2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

K. OLD BUSINESS:

L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

M. AWARD OF BIDS AND OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE:

1. Approve the award of Bid 26-055R, Tollway 34kV Switchgear Building, to Granite Construction Company for an amount not to exceed \$3,964,772, plus a 3% contingency

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer to approve the award of Bid 26-055R, Tollway 34kV Switchgear Building, to Granite Construction Company for an amount not to exceed \$3,964,772, plus a 3% contingency. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 26-195, 138kV Hitachi Circuit Breakers, to Wesco, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,693,102.00

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer, to approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 26-195, 138kV Hitachi Circuit Breakers, to Wesco, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,693,102.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Approve the award of Bid 26-132, South 40 Traffic Improvements, to Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,066,912.11 plus a 3% contingency

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer to approve the award of Bid 26-132, South 40 Traffic Improvements, to Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,066,912.11 plus a 3% contingency. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

N. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

O. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Receive the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Management Letter for the year ended December 31, 2025

Brian LeFevre (Sikich CPA) discussed the results from the City's annual year end audit.

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer to receive the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Management Letter for the year ended December 31, 2025. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. Receive the 2026 Mid-Year Financial Report

Marrocco presented the City's mid-year financial report that focused on the first six months of 2026 and also discussed the preparation of the 2027 Annual Budget.

Council inquired about the status of the Grocery Tax and the States role in collecting the tax.

Marrocco stated that the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) notified businesses of the implementation of the 1% Grocery Tax, and the City has been monitoring tax collections. She noted that while some retailers initially were not remitting the tax, compliance has improved and collections continue to increase each month. The City is tracking those businesses on a monthly basis and will continue working with IDOR to support the collection and enforcement of the tax.

Munch stated that IDOR is responsible for collecting the Grocery Tax. He explained that some retailers believed the State Grocery Tax had been eliminated and were unaware it had been replaced by a local tax because they had not followed the local legislative process. When the first tax remittances were received in April, the City monitored the sources of the payments. IDOR

has since worked with retailers that were not remitting the tax to correct the issue. Munch added that the City believes the projected \$6.5 million in Grocery Tax revenue is a conservative estimate and expects actual collections to range from \$6.5 million to \$7 million.

3. Receive the Electric Utility presentation regarding Market Participation without Asset Ownership

SPEAKERS

John Doyle (Naperville) discussed the development of a rate stabilization fund.

Joseph Hus (Naperville - NEST) discussed exploring market options in addition to City staff, risk needs to be a part of the selection criteria when choosing an energy provider and the City needs to set the objectives for September's energy strategy.

James Fillar (Naperville) discussed the trends in wholesale markets.

Krieger continued the series of presentations reviewing the City's future energy procurement options, focusing on option #3, Market Participation without Asset Ownership. He also summarized the City's components of evaluation.

Council discussed conducting a rate study in 2027 to establish a rate stabilization fund, and the impact of capacity penalties. Council also requested that staff research how neighboring communities purchase power from the market, including their procurement processes and associated costs.

Krieger stated that PJM would require a deposit equal to two months of the City's highest electric usage, which is estimated to be approximately \$24 million. He added that the City would work with its rate consultant to evaluate the requirement and obtain recommendations for a 2027 rate study. He also stated that any municipality receiving capacity payments from PJM is subject to penalties if it fails to meet its capacity delivery obligations.

P. NEW BUSINESS:

Eliminating the City's 1% Grocery Tax

By consensus, the City Council directed staff to prepare a 2027 budget projection that includes an option to eliminate the City's 1% Grocery Tax. The resulting loss of revenue would be offset by an increase in the City's Home Rule Sales Tax.

Q. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Holzhauer to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of July 21, 2026, at 10:03 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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