



City of Naperville

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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1. Address the City Council live during the City Council meeting in-person in City Council Chambers. Individuals wishing to address the City Council during the meeting must sign up online at www.naperville.il.us/speakerssignup by 6:30 p.m. on November 18.
2. Individuals can also have their name added to the speaker list by calling the Community Services Department at (630) 305-5300 by 6:30 p.m. on November 18.
3. Submit a written comment to the City in advance of the City Council meeting by 4 p.m. on November 4. 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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There will be no on-site speaker sign up permitted.

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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 November 18, 2025 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)(2) Collective Bargaining. 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:

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Councilman Josh McBroom
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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 Louden; Budget and Administrative Manager Christine Schwartzhoff; 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, Project Manager - Finance Rudy Zucker, Police Commander; Tammy Spencer.

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E. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

F. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

SPEAKERS

IMEA

Mike Alley (Naperville) is in favor of renewing the IMEA contract.

Keeping costs down for Napervillians

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

Parking in the River District - 22 E Chicago Ave

Jordan Abbinante (Salon Lofts) discussed parking issues in the River District lot.

Lack of parking enforcement on Washington

Stephanie Jacks (Naperville) discussed the lack of parking enforcement on

Washington Street between 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m..

Ramifications of leaving IMEA

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

Enclave Homeowners Association) Address the possibility of adding an ordinance that investors may not hold more than 50% or a homeowners association board

Mary Boyle (Naperville) discussed adding an ordinance that investors or landlords may not hold more than 50% or on homeowner's associations board.

3 minutes with NEST

Theresa Hus (Naperville - NEST) discussed future proofing city buildings and updating the IL. energy stretch codes.

IMEA renewal

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

Towing at River District Plaza

Jen Kuchta (New Lenox-Salon Lofts) discussed parking issues in the River District lot.

Council discussed the parking issues in the River District lot, parking enforcement on Washington Street, the Enclave Homeowners Association concerns, maintenance of public art on private property, energy stretch codes, parking concerns in downtown Naperville versus Block 59, energy efficient programs offered in the City and through Nicor and traffic concerns along Rt. 59.

Wehrli stated concerns involving the River District lot are private issues between the landlord and the locator, but the City can contact the landlord and pass along the concerns.

Arres stated the Police Department's CSO's patrol Washington Street throughout the day and evening shifts as part of their regular duties, the CSO's will continue to monitor this area and additional violations will be issued if needed.

DiSanto stated Homeowners Associations (HOA's) are private organizations not governed by City ordinances and are handled as private issues. If issues are not resolved the HOA can contact the State for assistance.

Marcordes stated that maintenance of public art on City property is preferred over maintenance on private property. However, factors such as the age of a piece, nearby construction, or damage can require adjustments to the planned maintenance schedule, which occurred this year.

Louden stated that parts of the Building Codes are currently under review. At a recent meeting, NEST presented on the stretch energy codes, and several builders expressed concern that adopting the proposed codes would increase

their costs. Staff will update Council soon with their recommendations. She also noted that staff is not currently researching downtown parking impacts related to Block 59, but they can work with the Finance Department, the Downtown Naperville Alliance (DNA), and the Naperville Development Partnership (NDP) on such a study if Council requests it.

Hynes stated that Route 59 is a State road under IDOT's jurisdiction and no improvements are currently planned. He added that the City evaluated Route 59 as part of its Roadway Improvement Plan and will share any concerns with the State for consideration in future improvements.

Groth stated that the City and Nicor offer energy-efficiency programs for both residential and commercial customers, and about 3,600 households have participated in these programs.

Wehrli congratulated the boys soccer team at Naperville North High School for their recent Class 3A Championship. A proclamation was delivered to the team during the schools celebration.

WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

Matthew Jones (Naperville) I want to propose the city adds a "3 way stop "below the Stop signs that lead into Bay Scott Ct complex from book Three Farms/Book Rd entrance. With the one stop sign as you enter not being there anymore the other three stop signs do not indicate anything about their not being a 4th stop sign anymore and has almost caused accidents that I have seen.

Karsten Koepcke (Naperville) I wish to speak against the Data Center proposal. It will not bring all the "riches" as presented by the petitioners. They invariably inflate the benefits while hiding the benefits they will receive and discount disadvantages. Invariably the benefits accrue to those who live somewhere else, and the local inhabitants must live with the disadvantages. I ask you to please consider the wishes and welfare of the people who elected you to watch for their interests. You may recall that "The needs of the many, outweigh the needs of the few."

Lili Burciaga (Naperville) On behalf of ALMAS, the Alliance of Latinos Motivating Action in the Suburbs, Naperville's first Latino-led and Latino-serving nonprofit, we are submitting this written public comment, as no member of our Board is able to attend tonight's meeting in person. Naperville is one of the most diverse communities in the western suburbs, with nearly 20 percent of residents born outside the United States. Our city is also consistently ranked among the safest in America, a reflection of longstanding trust between residents, businesses, and local government. In recent months, however, that trust has been profoundly shaken. Families across Naperville have reported sightings of armed, masked, and unidentified Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents near homes, parks, stores, and schools. These actions create fear, confusion, and real public-safety risks. Parents are questioning whether their children are safe outdoors, and workers are afraid to

show up for their jobs. Multiple ALMAS board members have reported their children asking whether ICE could take them away simply for being immigrants, for how they look, or for speaking Spanish. These fears are grounded in lived reality, as ALMAS members and other community members have been detained by ICE in recent weeks. When children in Naperville believe their families can be taken without warning, we have reached a crisis point that demands immediate and transparent action from the City. Silence or delay only deepens the harm. There is now additional cause for concern. A video circulating today on social media shows a Naperville Police Department squad car and officers casually interacting with an unmarked vehicle that community members have identified as containing ICE personnel. Whether this interaction was a misunderstanding or part of coordinated operations, the absence of clear communication from the City fuels distrust at a moment when residents already feel targeted and vulnerable. Transparency is essential to restoring confidence. This is not only a moral issue; it is an economic and public-safety issue. Our city's prosperity depends on immigrant families, workers, and small business owners. When people are afraid, they stop shopping, dining, contracting locally, and contributing to the local economy. We have already heard from residents whose projects or work commitments were halted after recent ICE activity. From a safety standpoint, masked and unmarked agents operating in neighborhoods create chaos. Residents cannot distinguish legitimate law enforcement from impersonators, placing children, bystanders, and even officers at risk. These actions also undermine years of community-policing efforts by our police department to build trust with immigrant communities. Let us be clear: this is not a partisan matter. It is about fairness, dignity, and the rule of law. The Illinois TRUST Act provides critical guardrails, and Naperville Police leadership has historically upheld them with integrity. As federal enforcement becomes increasingly unpredictable and less transparent, our city must take proactive and codified action. The cities of Aurora and West Chicago have already taken action by adopting local ordinances that protect residents and clarify the limits of local involvement in federal immigration enforcement. What is stopping Naperville, one of the largest, most diverse, and most resourced cities in the region, from exploring the same? For these reasons, we respectfully request that the City Council take the following steps and publicly communicate a timeline for each: Direct the City's legal and public-safety leadership to provide a public explanation of the Naperville Police Department's interaction with the unmarked vehicle believed to contain ICE personnel, and ensure that no city resources are used to support federal immigration enforcement. Convene a public study session within 30 days to examine adoption of a Welcoming City Ordinance that prohibits masked or unidentified arrests and protects schools, hospitals, homes, and workplaces as safe spaces. Establish clear, written public protocols governing all interactions between the Naperville Police Department and federal agencies, including explicit limits on information-sharing and operational cooperation as required under the Illinois TRUST Act. Affirm and publicly communicate that sensitive locations such as schools, hospitals, homes, and workplaces are protected, and ensure that these protections are widely understood by residents, businesses, and community partners. Naperville has led before in areas such as gun-safety measures, equity efforts, and community partnership. We can and must lead again. Silence in the face of community fear is not neutrality; it communicates disregard and leaves

thousands of residents unprotected. ALMAS and other community members addressed the City Council at the last City Council meeting and ALMAS have received no response or follow-up. We therefore request a direct written response to this letter and a clear point of contact from the City. Please identify the appropriate staff liaison and timeline for next steps so that we may coordinate accordingly. Our Board remains ready to work collaboratively, transparently, and urgently to ensure the safety and well-being of all Naperville families. Thank you for your attention and anticipated response.

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 items I8 and I14. 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 October 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025, for a total of \$49,993,257.33

Council approved.

2. Approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of November 4, 2025

Council approved.

3. Approve the City Council meeting schedule for December 2025 and January, February 2026

Council approved.

4. Receive the year-to-date budget report through October 31, 2025

Council approved.

5. Receive the year-to-date Investment and Cash Balance Report through September 30, 2025

Report received.

6. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 25-315, Police and Fire SUV Vehicle Replacements, to Currie Motors Fleet for an amount not to exceed \$393,936

Council approved.

7. Approve the award of Cooperative Procurement 25-317, Hydro Excavator Replacement - Unit 777, to Vac-Con for an amount not to exceed \$739,351

Council approved.

8. Approve the Calendar Year 2026 SECA Grant Fund Program City Obligations allocations in the amount of \$1,309,198

SPEAKER

Marilyn Schweitzer (Naperville) discussed her concerns with approving the 2026 SECA Grant Fund City Obligations.

Council discussed conducting a review of the SECA Grant Fund program in 2026, to include the public art maintenance program.

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the Calendar Year 2026 SECA Grant Fund Program City Obligations allocations in the amount of \$1,309,198. The motion carried by the following vote"

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

9. Approve the award of Option Year #2 to RFQ 23-070, Design Build Pollinator and Native Vegetation Program, to V3 Construction Group for an amount not to exceed \$325,000

Council approved.

10. Approve the award of Option Year #4 to Contract 21-382, Parkway Tree Trimming Services, to NJ Ryan Tree & Landscape and Steve Piper and Sons, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 and for a one-year term

Council approved.

11. Approve the award of Change Order #1 to Option Year #1 of Contract 23-154, Street Lighting, Controller, Public Building and Municipal Lot Lighting Maintenance, to Meade Electric, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$175,000 and a total award of \$1,165,000

Council approved.

12. Pass the ordinance proposing the establishment of and setting a public hearing for Special Service Area No. 37 for Northwoods of Naperville

ORD 25-130

Council passed.

13. Pass the ordinance granting a Temporary Use to locate vehicle inventory on existing parking facilities located at 40 Shuman Boulevard for a period not to exceed three years expiring on November 18, 2028

ORD 25-131

Council passed.

14. Pass the ordinance amending Section 11-4 of the Naperville Municipal Code regulating the operation, classification, and safety of E-Bikes and E-Scooters

DiSanto stated that staff is requesting this item be tabled to the December 2, 2025, Council meeting due to a loophole discovered regarding low-speed electric vehicles without pedals, which are not covered under the current ordinance.

SPEAKER

Justin White (Naperville - NEST) discussed enforcement of the new ordinance and shared ideas for educating the public about its requirements.

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly to table the ordinance amending Section 11-4 of the Naperville Municipal Code regulating the operation, classification, and safety of E-Bikes and E-Scooters to the December 2, 2025 Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

15. Schedule a public hearing for the 2026 Annual Budget

Public hearing was scheduled.

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 Bicentennial Framework report and direct staff to initiate the selection of the 2031 Bicentennial Chairperson

SPEAKERS

Bill Simon (Naperville Preservation Inc.) discussed the willingness of Naperville Preservation Inc. to assist with the City's Bicentennial Celebration.

Mary Lou Wehrli (Naperville) discussed the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration for the City of Naperville.

Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville) discussed the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration for the City of Naperville and the opportunity to document the City's history.

Spencer and Zucker presented the Bicentennial Celebration framework on

behalf of the Emerging Leaders Program. The framework is intended to guide the Executive Committee through the planning process, outline key recommendations and elements of the 2031 celebration, and initiate the selection process for the Executive Committee Chair.

Council discussed the need to include all members of the Naperville community and to maintain flexibility in selecting additional Executive Committee Chairs.

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to receive the Bicentennial Framework report and direct staff to initiate the selection of the 2031 Bicentennial Chair with having the flexibility to name an additional one to two executive chairs if needed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Endorse the Naperville 2050 Road Improvement Plan

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to endorse the Naperville 2050 Road Improvement Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Receive the report on the addition of a Police Mobile Crisis Intervention Unit to the proposed 2026 Annual Budget

Report received.

4. Option A: Receive the estimated 2025 property tax levy for the City of Naperville, including the Naperville Public Library, totaling \$59,734,178; or

Option B: Receive the estimated 2025 property tax levy for the City of Naperville, including the Naperville Public Library, totaling \$60,694,537, and direct staff to publish notice for a truth-in-taxation hearing on December 16, 2025

Munch presented an overview of the history and budget impact of the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) on the 2026 Annual Budget. The initial request for the program was submitted in 2025 and proposed staffing the MCIT with five Police Officers and one Sergeant. However, due to financial constraints, the positions were not funded and resources were allocated to other priorities. At the third budget meeting on November 10, 2025, Council requested the estimated cost of adding these positions to the 2026 budget. Because staff had already presented a balanced budget, any funding for these positions would need to come from a property tax levy.

Council discussed the impact of the MCIT on the 2026 Annual Budget, the timeline needed to establish the team, and options for phasing in the positions-such as adding part of the team when the budget takes effect in January 2026 and adding the remainder in August 2026 after revenues can be

evaluated and the State issues its decision on Police and Fire pensions.

Arres stated that the Officers would be hired during the first quarter of 2026, and that implementing the program would begin approximately six to twelve months after the team is fully staffed.

A motion was made by Councilman Holzhauer, seconded by Councilman White to receive the estimated 2025 property tax levy for the City of Naperville, including the Naperville Public Library, totaling \$60,694,537 and direct staff to fully fund the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team at five Police Officers and one Sergeant and publish notice for the truth-in-taxation hearing on December 18, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Wehrli, Gibson, Holzhauer, Jain, Kelly, Syed, and White

Nay: 2 - McBroom, and Wilson

5. Receive the estimated 2025 property tax levies for special service area numbers 23, 25, 30, 31, 34, 35, and 36

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to receive the estimated 2025 property tax levies for special service area numbers 23, 25, 30, 31, 34, 35, and 36. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

P. NEW BUSINESS:

Study to determine the impact of Block 59 on downtown Naperville
White requested a study to evaluate the impact of Block 59 on downtown Naperville, with a specific focus on traffic and parking. The results of this study may be used to assist the City Council in their future decision-making.

Louden stated that staff can partner with NDP, DNA, the Finance Department, and other cities with similar concerns to determine the impact of Block 59 on downtown Naperville.

By consensus Council directed staff to study the impact of Block 59 on downtown Naperville and report their findings to the Council at a later date.

Q. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of November 18, 2025, at 9:05 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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