

**FEBRUARY 3, 2026, CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**POSITION STATEMENTS & WRITTEN COMMENTS**

**I12 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**

1. Mary Hamill (Naperville)

**O2 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)**

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**SUPPORT**

1. Sue Kipp-Garcia (Naperville)
2. Thomas Berard (Naperville)
3. Laura Cuber (Naperville)
4. Kevin Mulqueeny (Naperville)
5. Joseph Hus (Naperville)
6. Jeff Henry (Naperville) - NEST
7. Madeleine Krumins (Naperville) – NEST
8. David Wise (Lisle) – NEST
9. Liz Law (Naperville) – NEST
10. Dale Bryson (Naperville)
11. Cynthia Servis (Lisle) – Frist Congregational Church of Naperville
12. Bradley G Swanson (Naperville) – NEST
13. Chris Lorimer (Naperville) – NEST
14. Jane (Naperville)
15. Judy Bryson (Naperville)
16. Valerie Lorimer (Naperville)
17. Sharon Josefson (IL)
18. Eric Stern (Naperville)
19. Katie Mineck (Naperville)
20. Evangeline Kilar (Naperville)
21. Audrey Mougammadou
22. Parker Smith (Naperville)
23. Allison Chorley (Naperville)
24. Logan Riemer (Naperville)
25. Charlotte La Monica (Elmhurst) – North Central Green Scene
26. Naomi Virgil (Naperville) – North Central Green Scene
27. Rhonda Carpenter (Lisle)
28. Allison Chorley (Naperville)
29. Luke Gordon (Naperville)
30. Ted Bourland (Naperville) – NEST
31. Barbara Benson (Naperville)
32. Kate Herlihy (Long Grove)
33. Veronica (Lisle)

34. Hamilton Cha (Lisle)
35. Sandra Martinich (Naperville)
36. Grazina Karvelis (Naperville)

**OPPOSE**

1. Scott Gerami (Naperville)
2. Sandy Gerami (Naperville)

**WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY**

1. 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 resign 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.

Thank you, Helen D. Huie

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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!
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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

13. Amy Phillips (Naperville) I SUPPORT NOT continuing IMEA negotiations.
14. 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.
15. Scott Gerami (Naperville) Request for Transparency on MDR Pricing and Contingency Planning Prior to IMEA Vote

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

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

16. Sandy Gerami (Naperville) 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.
17. 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.
  - 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.
- ComEd Zone Network Transmission RATE increase 21% June 2025.
- 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 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 EXERCISE:

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
  - 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.
  - 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).
  - An OPTION that will be up to Naperville to exercise
  - 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.