



## **UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Friday, November 21, 2025, 7:15 A.M.  
Evanston Water Treatment Plant, 555 Lincoln St.,  
Large Conference Room

### **AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF October 17, 2025**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. NEWS OF INTEREST & CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS RELEVANT TO UC**
- 5. STAFF REPORTS**
  - a. Highlights from/Questions about the monthly utility reliability report and the Water/Sewer Fund Capital Improvement Project Summaries
- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. Privately Initiated Lead Service Line Replacement Program – Council/APW endorsement?
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. For Action:
    - Vote on the 2026 Meeting Calendar
    - Vote for 2026 Chair and Vice Chair
  - b. Water Service Line Material Notification Feedback
  - c. Tour of facilities
  - d. Goals – check in on 2025 and discuss 2026
- 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT 8:45 a.m.**

Next Meeting: December 19, 2025, 7:15 A.M.



**MEETING MINUTES**

**UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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Members Present: S. Blazey, J. Hargrove, M. Kerr, K. Lackey, S. McComb, S. Waters  
Members Absent: M. Sutton  
Guests Present: J. Freeman, B. Goldman, D. Lanyon, Councilmember Nieuwsma, P. Scholl  
Staff Present: D. King, C. Pratt, A. Price  
Presiding Member: S. McComb

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**1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum being present, S. McComb called the meeting to order at 7:16 a.m.

S. McComb welcomed new Utilities Commission member, Michael Kerr.

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF August 15, 2025**

S. Waters moved to approve the minutes, seconded by J. Hargrove, all approved.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

D. Lanyon arranged a tour for the Utilities Commission of the geothermal installation at the Loyola University School of Sustainability on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**4. NEWS OF INTEREST & CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS RELEVANT TO THE UC**

Councilmember Nieuwsma reported that the rooftop solar installation at the Robert Crown Center is underway and should go live late this year or early next year. C. Pratt said that she thinks it has been a pretty steep learning curve for staff on how to manage a project like that but feels like staff are in a good place now. The brand-new renovated ecology center that is an all-electric building is having their grand opening ceremony sometime next week.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Highlights from/Questions about the monthly utility reliability report and the Water/Sewer Fund Capital Improvement Project Summaries**

D. King reported the following:

September's Yearly Average Report shows that the city is at a five-year average for water main breaks with 35 so far this year, now 36 breaks because a contractor just hit one yesterday. The city is currently evaluating RFP proposals for engineering services for lead service line replacements as well as water main design. The city will start doubling the amount of water main that is replaced starting in 2026. Staff hopes to get a consultant on board that will assist staff with all the lead service line replacement design, coordination, outreach, and water main design. A full-time engineer will ultimately be hired to take over the task. D. King attended the ISAWWA Regulatory Update yesterday and it seems Illinois is moving forward with the 10-year program to replace all lead services.

### **LSLR Prioritized Replacements**

Work has started in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. The city received \$3,000,000 in IEPA SRF Funding. The cost for associated water main replacement and restoration not covered by the IEPA is paid for out of the Water Fund.

### **CSO Outlet Rehabilitation**

City Council approved award of the contract to Hey and Associates on September 8<sup>th</sup>. A kickoff meeting was held on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Inspection is expected to begin in October or November depending on the vegetation overgrowth around the outlets along the Northshore Channel and weather.

### **Medium Voltage Reliability and Generator**

A kickoff meeting was held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contractor submittals have begun. The contractor is expected to mobilize on site in January with work scheduled for completion in November 2028.

### **Security Fence**

A meeting lead by the consultant to review recommendations for each site was held on September 5<sup>th</sup> with a follow up meeting with staff on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Staff is preparing final comments to send back to the consultant. The city is also looking at having 24-hour armed security at the water plant and other city facilities.

### **Chlorine to Hypochlorite Conversion**

This project was awarded to CDM Smith, and a kickoff meeting was held on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

D. Lanyon said he received a memo about sewer system monitoring. D. King said that he believes staff has received the monitors but does not know if they have been installed yet. He will speak with Bridget Nash, Senior Project Manager and Shawn Pestka, Sewer Supervisor, and report back to the Commission.

## 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### a. Energy Menu 3.0

S. McComb asked C. Pratt to provide an update on where the RFP for community choice aggregation is at. C. Pratt said that the RFP is unchanged from the last time they discussed it. She held off on advertising it because she knew the Commission wanted to talk about it today, but staff has quite a bit of urgency to advertise the RFP at this point and they hope to do so today. S. McComb asked for a copy of the draft RFP. C. Pratt replied that the city cannot legally provide a copy of the RFP to the Commission. The Commission discussed the options included on the Energy Menu in detail. S. McComb asked if the consultant could provide indicative pricing ranges. C. Pratt said they cannot wait for it for this year plus they cannot publicly talk about pricing. C. Pratt said staff is desperate to get the RFP to City Council for next July as she will be out on leave and there is no one else who can do it.

### b. Privately initiated Lead Service Line Replacement Program – Council/APW endorsement?

S. McComb stated this item was approved by the Commission some time ago. D. King said that he needs for someone to tell him whether it requires City Council action or if it is just a policy that he can implement. Councilmember Nieuwsma said that he would reach out to the City Manager to request that D. King be directed to proceed with this program.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Referrals Committee Recommendation by Councilmember Geracaris: Water Protection Ordinance – Referral to ensure Evanston’s public water infrastructure will always be a city owned resource and prevent privatization

S. McComb said the Commission is concerned about the language in the ordinance referring to a “private transaction” of the utility, which he said clearly could not happen. The Commission discussed the concept of providing specific edits, but the members were not in favor of that and preferred that the city provide something that was more fully vetted.

### b. Water Service Line Material Notification Feedback

D. King reported that he did not receive any additional feedback from residents.

### c. UC Prospective Membership

S. McComb said new member Michael Kerr’s appointment was approved at the October 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and the Commission is now at full membership. However, there are several members whose first terms will be expiring in 2026 but they are eligible to serve a second term if they wish to do so.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

**a. Forthcoming Public Works Agency activities relative to the Utilities Commission**

No update provided.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

**STAFF REPORTS**  
**10/1/25 to 10/31/25**

**Basement Backups - Private**

**Number - 6**

| Date     | Address          | Rainfall | Cause   |
|----------|------------------|----------|---------|
| 10/04/25 | 2514 Cowper Ave  | 0.00"    | Private |
| 10/06/25 | 2315 Bradley Pl  | 0.25"    | Private |
| 10/09/25 | 1215 Croft Ln    | 0.00"    | Private |
| 10/14/25 | 415 South Blvd   | 0.00"    | Private |
| 10/17/25 | 1824 Hartrey Ave | 0.00"    | Private |
| 10/30/25 | 1220 Fowler Ave  | 0.00"    | Private |

**Basement Backup - City**

**Number - 0**

| Date | Address | Rainfall | Cause |
|------|---------|----------|-------|
| NA   |         |          |       |

**Basement Flooding - Private**

**Number - 1**

| Date     | Address           | Rainfall | Cause   |
|----------|-------------------|----------|---------|
| 10/15/25 | 1300 Cleveland St | 0.00"    | Private |

**Water Main Breaks - Repair - Blow Out**

**Number - 1**

| Date    | Address        | Installed | Diameter | # Breaks | Down Time | # Affected |
|---------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 10/5/25 | 2718 Ewing Ave | 1/1/1909  | 6"       | 2        | 1.00 hrs. | 44         |

**Water Main Breaks - Repair - Damage**

**Number - 1**

| Date     | Address          | Installed | Diameter | # Breaks | Down Time | # Affected |
|----------|------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 10/16/25 | 1821 Hartrey Ave | 1/1/1923  | 10"      | 0        | 4.00 hrs. | 15         |

**Sewer Service Repair Permits Obtained**

**Number - 31**

| Date       | Address               | Work Description          |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 10/2/2025  | 2102 Dobson St        | Install cleanout          |
| 10/3/2025  | 2131 Central St 2     | Sewer repair              |
| 10/3/2025  | 414 Wesley Ave        | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/4/2025  | 709 Foster St         | Sewer repair              |
| 10/6/2025  | 2500 Grant St         | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/6/2025  | 2436 Orrington Ave    | Install cleanout          |
| 10/7/2025  | 1235 Leon Pl          | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/8/2025  | 1118 South Blvd       | Sewer repair              |
| 10/8/2025  | 1524 Mulford St       | Sewer repair              |
| 10/9/2025  | 2202 Central Park Ave | Sewer repair              |
| 10/13/2025 | 2127 Lincolnwood Dr   | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/14/2025 | 2321 Forestview Rd    | Cleanout and sewer repair |

|            |                       |                           |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 10/15/2025 | 2626 Hartzell St      | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/16/2025 | 325 Dodge Ave         | Sewer repair              |
| 10/17/2025 | 2757 Marcy Ave        | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/20/2025 | 2229 Central Park Ave | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/21/2025 | 1417 Oak Ave          | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/22/2025 | 412 Greenwood St      | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/22/2025 | 222 Burnham Pl        | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/22/2025 | 1332 Main St          | Sewer repair              |
| 10/23/2025 | 1034 Asbury Ave       | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/27/2025 | 2718 Sheridan Rd      | Sewer repair              |
| 10/27/2025 | 2748 Central Park Ave | Sewer repair              |
| 10/27/2025 | 1459 Asbury Ave       | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/27/2025 | 2539 Marcy Ave        | Sewer repair              |
| 10/28/2025 | 815 Lincoln St        | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/29/2025 | 553 Elmwood Ave       | Sewer repair              |
| 10/29/2025 | 2115 Sherman Ave      | Install cleanout          |
| 10/30/2025 | 1215 Forest Ave       | Cleanout and sewer repair |
| 10/30/2025 | 828 Monroe St         | Sewer repair              |
| 10/31/2025 | 1328 Monroe St        | Sewer repair              |

| As of Cost October 2025          |                       | LSLR-Watermain                        | Watermain Only                        | Prioritized   | Prioritized Watermain Only | Pilot  | Leak  | Homeowner Initiated | Water Service Upgrade   | Totals  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|---|---------------------|---|---|
| Eligibility                      |                       | Main Replacement                      |                                       | Disadvantaged Area  |                            | Identified by City   | Emergency   | Self                | Self  |   |
| Description                      |                       | Full or Partial LSL                   |                                       | Full or Partial LSL   |                            | Private Side   | Full or Partial LSL                                 | Full or Partial LSL | Upgrade due to increased fixture count  |   |
| Work Execution                   | Public                | City Contractor                       |                                       | City Contractor   |                            | n/a  | City Crews  | City Crews          | City Crews/Tap Only   |   |
|                                  | Private               | City Contractor                       |                                       | City Contractor   |                            | City Contractor  | City Contractor                                     | Private Contractor  |   |   |
| Payment                          | Public                | City                                  |                                       | City  |                            | n/a  | City  | City                | Homeowner   |   |
|                                  | Private               | City                                  |                                       | City  |                            | City   | City  | Homeowner           | Homeowner   |   |
| Cost per LSL                     | Public                | \$ 8,492                              |                                       | \$ 5,233  |                            | \$ -   | \$ 5,345  | \$ 5,345            |   |   |
|                                  | Private               | \$ 3,566                              |                                       | \$ 7,400  |                            | \$ 13,421  | \$ 5,553  |                     |   |   |
|                                  | City Cost for Full/ea | \$ 11,972                             |                                       | \$ 14,446   |                            |  | \$ 10,898   |                     | \$ -  |   |
|                                  | Full LSLR Cost        | \$ 1,352,881                          |                                       | \$ 462,272  |                            |  | \$ 272,440  |                     |   |   |
|                                  | Public LSLR Cost      |                                       |                                       | \$ 36,631   |                            |  | \$ 48,104   |                     |   |   |
|                                  | Private LSLR Cost     | \$ 8,492                              |                                       | \$ -  |                            | \$ 281,847   | \$ 49,974   |                     |   |   |
|                                  | Total Cost            | \$ 1,361,374                          | \$ 5,218,213                          | \$ 498,903  | \$ 1,218,453               | \$ 281,847   | \$ 370,518  | \$ 213,796          |   |   |
| Average Cost Across All Programs |                       |                                       |                                       |   |                            |  |   |                     |   | \$8,071   |
| Total Target                     |                       | 153                                   |                                       | 280   |                            | 22   | 49  | 25                  | 30  | 559   |
| Counts                           | Full LSLR             | 113                                   |                                       | 32  |                            |  | 25  |                     |   |   |
|                                  | Public LSLR           | 19                                    |                                       | 7   |                            |  | 9   |                     |   |   |
|                                  | Private LSLR          | 1                                     |                                       |   |                            |  | 9   |                     |   |   |
|                                  | LSLRs Completed       | 133                                   |                                       | 39  |                            | 21   | 43  | 40                  | 24  | 276   |
| Funding                          | Cost 2025             | \$ 1,361,374                          |                                       |   |                            | \$ 281,847   | \$ 370,518  | \$ 213,796          |   | \$ 2,227,535  |
|                                  | Funding 2025          | \$ 1,361,374                          |                                       | \$ 5,000,000  |                            | \$ 281,847   | \$ 298,000  | \$ 213,796          |   |   |
|                                  | Funding Total         | \$ 1,593,000                          | \$ 5,218,213                          | \$ 5,000,000  |                            | \$ 1,342,130   | \$ 298,000  | \$ 25,900           |   |   |
|                                  | Water Fund Total      | \$ 1,593,000                          | \$ 5,218,213                          |   |                            | \$ 140,820   | \$ 298,000  | \$ 25,900           |   |   |
|                                  | ARPA Total            |                                       |                                       |   |                            | \$ -   | \$ -  |                     |   |   |
|                                  | TIF Total             |                                       |                                       |   |                            | \$ -   |   |                     |   |   |
| DCEO Total                       |                       |                                       |                                       |   | \$ 1,000,000               |  |   |                     |   |   |
| Other Fees                       |                       |                                       |                                       |   |                            |  |   |                     |   |   |
| Notes                            |                       | The total bid cost equals \$1,593,000 | The total bid cost equals \$5,218,213 | 1. This cost includes costs that are ineligible for the IEPA loan (ineligible costs include many of the restoration costs that are outside of State standards - for example city allowable trench width is greater than State Standard trech width). Cost total: \$ 3,923,773 |                            | Project is funded by a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant (\$1,000,000) & TIF | 147 Target Total leaks represent 49 leaks x 3 years |                     | This category includes new building demo and service upgrades paid for exclusively by the property owner. | The Total LSLRs completed does not include the Water Service Upgrade category (29). The City does not perform any part of these replacements. They are performed exclusively by the property owner. |

**YEARLY COMPARISON**

| <b>ITEM/YEAR</b>                | <b>2025<br/>Thru Oct</b> | <b>2024</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> | <b>5 Year Average</b> | <b>2025<br/>% of Average</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Basement Backups - City         | 2                        | 3           | 3           | 2           | 5           | 3.00                  | 66.67%                       |
| Basement Backups - Private      | 83                       | 88          | 98          | 132         | 118         | 103.80                | 79.96%                       |
| Basement Flooding - City        | 1                        | 0           | 1           | 1           | 2           | 1.00                  | 100.00%                      |
| Basement Flooding - Private     | 7                        | 10          | 10          | 14          | 21          | 12.40                 | 56.45%                       |
| Water Main - Blow Out           | 24                       | 25          | 23          | 24          | 22          | 23.60                 | 101.69%                      |
| Water Main - Damage             | 1                        | 0           | 0           | 1           | 3           | 1.00                  | 100.00%                      |
| Water Main - Shear Break        | 12                       | 6           | 10          | 14          | 12          | 10.80                 | 111.11%                      |
| Total Water Main Breaks         | 37                       | 31          | 33          | 39          | 37          | 35.40                 | 104.52%                      |
| Sewer Repair Permits            | 251                      | 208         | 202         | 202         | 206         | 213.80                | 117.40%                      |
| WSRP Permits (Disconnects/Demo) | 4                        | 7           | 13          | 13          | 4           | 8.20                  | 48.78%                       |
| LSLR                            | 276                      | 291         | 148         | 194         | NA          | 227.25                | 121.45%                      |

City Of Evanston Service Line Inventory Dashboard



No Lead

Has Lead

Total Services

4,752

9,904

14,657

Service Line Inventory

Lead Service Line Replacements

City Of Evanston Lead Service Line Replacements Dashboard



Select a date range

Predefined Calendar

- This Year
- Last Year
- This Month
- Last Month
- Since New Lead Regulations (2022)
- 2024
- 2023
- 2022
- 2021
- Pre-1990

Reset

City Projects

Homeowner

Leaks

LCRR

Total

529

291

164

22

1k

Service Line Inventory

Lead Service Line Replacements

# Utilities Commission: 2025 Outreach Activities

## Consumer Confidence Report

- Released in May
- Hyperlink included on May water bill
- Electronic copy available on the City website, distributed at community centers, advertised on social media and eNews, and directly mailed upon request
  - All above are approved methods of distribution by the IEPA.
- Beginning in 2026 a CCR availability mailer will be included in the City's annual newsletter. The City's annual newsletter is delivered to each postal address in Evanston and will include information about the CCR.

## Lead Service Line

- Lead Service Line Inventory Notification: Distribute notices to impacted community members - Mailed April 28, 2025.
- **2025 Prioritized LSLR Project**
  - Outreach - Initial outreach began November 2024 and included:
    - Project Newsletter (bulk mailed by City)
    - Door-to-door canvassing/distribution of FAQs (performed by City's representative, CDM Smith)
    - Follow-up phone Calls/emails - performed by LSLR call center staff created by CDM Smith
    - Post Cards - mailed by CDM Smith
    - Yard Signs - signs installed on blocks participating in the 2025 LSLR Project (May 19, 2025).
    - 45-Day Notice (May 28-30)
    - 14-Day notice
    - 48-Hour notice
    - 24-hour notice
    - Post replacement notice distributed the day the water service is replaced.

\*Construction is currently underway, and outreach efforts continue to obtain the remaining Right-of-Entry forms.

- **2025 Annual Watermain Replacement LSLR Project**
  - Outreach - Initial outreach began November 2024 and included:
    - Project Newsletter (bulk mailed by City)
    - Door-to-door canvassing/distribution of FAQs (performed by City's representative, CDM Smith)
    - Follow-up phone Calls/emails - performed by LSLR call center staff created by CDM Smith
    - Post Cards - mailed by CDM Smith
    - Contractor Mobilization: May 12, 2025 (Outreach is also expected to be conducted by the Contractor).
    - 45-Day notice
    - 14-Day notice
    - 48-Hour notice
    - 24-Hour notice
    - Post replacement notice distributed the day the water service is replaced.

\*All services were completed as of 9/4, and official outreach for the project is now complete.

#### **MS4 Activities**

- Jan- Plant tour with City's Law Department
- Feb- Plant tour with Northwestern Engineering students
- March- Stormwater runoff info included on March water bill
- May- Plant tour with City's Public Works Department
- July- Plant tour with City's Engineering Department
- August- Public meeting held at City's Environment Board meeting for public comment on the Annual Facility Inspection Report
- Sept- Stormwater runoff info included on September water bill
- Planned collaborations with City's Communications Dept. for increased public outreach
- Provide information regarding effective pollution prevention as a press release through eNews system and on City's website.
- Develop a flyer with educational information on effective pollution prevention

#### **Source Water Protection Plan**

- Signage placement along Evanston's lakefronts (date to be determined)

## **Water Distribution**

- Water Distribution hands out 45 Day notices to all affected homes for the water main replacement project.
- Water distribution hands out 45 day notices to all affected homes for the lead service replacement projects.
- All water services affected by a construction project of any kind receive a 14 day notice.
- We distribute a post service replacement notification as required by the IEPA.

## **Water Meter and MIU replacement Program**

- Started in August of 2025, upgrade of the water metering/reading system.
- Letter notifications will be mailed out by contractor- Water Resources
- This is a 2 year contract and the City will be done in 3 sections
- All existing remote outside water meter interface units (MIU) will require replacement with a new meter interface unit (MIU)
- Some existing water meters may require replacement
- Customers can call for an appointment or NEW- self- service appointment scheduling is available.
- A basic inspection of service line material and cross connection survey will be performed.
- FAQ's and any other information will be on our website:
  - [cityofevanston.org/watermeterreplacement](http://cityofevanston.org/watermeterreplacement) for more information.

# Status of Water & Sewer Funds 2025 Capital Improvement Projects

November 3, 2025

## DISTRIBUTION

### **Retail Water Meter Replacement Program - \$3,100,000 total / \$2,000,000 2025-2027**

The project will include city-wide replacement of 13,000 Meter Interface Units (MIU's). Approximately 1000 water meters with copper service lines will be replaced.

Update: 1038 remote readout devices and 35 meters with remote readout devices have been replaced, for a total of 1073 replacements out of 5529 accounts that are in the South section. Overall work is 19% complete.

### **Annual Water Main Replacement and LSLR - \$8,931,000**

Water main replacement projects as part of the City's annual Water Main and Street Resurfacing Project, including full replacement of lead service lines from the water main to the indoor private meter. Work this year includes the replacement of eight water main sections: Ashland from Lyons to Emerson, Church from McDaniel to Florence (pending utility permit issuance from IDOT), Darrow from Lee to Dempster, Dewey from Foster to Simpson, McDaniel from Church to Leland, Park from McDaniel to Walnut, Woodbine from Livingston to Isabella, and Girard from Isabella to North Limits. Up to 150 lead water service lines are expected to be replaced as part of this project. Water main on Girard Avenue from Isabella Street to the North City Limits was added to the 2024 contract and has been completed.

Update: Construction on the project is complete. The contractor is completing final restoration and punch list items over the next two weeks.

### **LSLR Pilot Project – \$1,830,000**

Construction of the LSLR Pilot Project, including replacement of approximately 100 lead service lines in low- to moderate-income areas in the City primarily funded by a \$1 million grant from DCEO. This project is complete.

### **LSLR Prioritized Replacements – \$5,925,000**

Design and construction for the replacement of lead service lines in Census Tract 8092 (in Ward 5) which has been identified as the most likely to receive IEPA SRF funding. IEPA has earmarked up to \$3,027,000 for LSLR. The cost for associated water main replacement and restoration not covered by the IEPA is paid for out of the Water Fund. The project will include approximately 230 stand-alone LSLR, with an additional 50 associated with water main improvements on Hartrey from Church to Emerson and on Brown from Foster to Simpson.

Update: Water main installation is complete on Hartrey. LSLR replacement is complete on Hartrey and Brown, with restoration to be complete this month. Stand-alone LSLR (private side LSLR replacements without water main replacement) will continue as weather permits. Outreach continues with an 80% response rate.

**Green Bay Road, McCormick to Isabella / Water - \$1,523,000**

Funding for water main replacement included in the Green Bay Road Corridor Improvement Project. All associated water main work is complete.

**Emergency Water Main Repair - \$100,000**

Emergency water main repairs to be used as necessary.

**SEWER**

**Annual Sewer CIPP Rehabilitation – \$795,000**

Trenchless rehabilitation of sewer using cured-in-place pipe. Work includes rehabilitation of sewers needing repair as identified through the City’s in-house sewer inspection program and is also coordinated with the City’s annual water main and MFT street resurfacing projects. 11,353 feet of sewer lining is planned for this year.

Update: All work is complete.

**Drainage Structure Lining – \$200,000**

Rehabilitation of sewer system drainage structures and manholes using cementitious and epoxy spray-on liners. This annual work is scheduled for the fall.

Update: Work is expected to begin in November, with work being complete this year pending weather.

**Sewer Repairs on Street Improvements – \$215,000**

Sewer improvements that will be completed as part of the City’s annual Water Main Project.

**Green Bay Road, McCormick to Isabella / Sewer - \$830,000**

Funding for sewer improvements included in the Green Bay Road Corridor Improvement Project. Sewer repairs are complete, with drainage structures being completed as road work proceeds.

**Emergency Sewer Work - \$100,000**

Emergency sewer repairs to be used as necessary.

**STORMWATER**

**Stormwater Improvements – \$400,000**

Relief sewer extensions to be completed as part of the City’s Alley Improvement Project. This project is complete.

Update: Installation of the storm sewer extension on Colfax Street between Hartrey Avenue and Brown Avenue and sewer installation in the alley north of Grant, east of Hartrey is complete. Sewer installation in the alley north of Lincoln, east of Hartrey is

expected to be completed by Friday, October 31. Sewer installation in the alley north of Payne, east of Crawford will follow.

### **CSO Outlet Rehabilitation – \$200,000**

Inspection of 14 combined sewer overflow structures at 9 locations along the North Shore Channel, and design of needed improvements.

Update: City Council approved award of the contract to Hey and Associates on September 8<sup>th</sup>. A kickoff meeting was held on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Inspection is expected to begin in October or November depending on the vegetation overgrowth around the outlets along the Northshore Channel and weather.

### **Stormwater Planning**

Two sewer level loggers were installed on October 24<sup>th</sup> along Church Street; one at McDaniel Avenue, and a second at Pitner Avenue. Locations were coordinated with the consultant. Loggers will remain in place until we approach freezing weather. Data will be collected after significant rainfalls, or at least monthly. Additional loggers may be purchased and installed if this season proves successful.

## **WATER PLANT**

### **1909 Intake Replacement – \$55,665,939 total / \$16,694,585 2025**

Replacement of the existing 36"/42" raw water intake structure and pipeline which were built in 1909.

Update: Work continues with testing/acceptance of the marine pipeline, installation of the intake cone array, installation of the power cables and chlorine feed lines and startup/commissioning. On the land side, installation of ancillary systems remains.

### **Medium Voltage Reliability and Generator – \$18,900,000 total / \$3,300,000 2025**

Electrical system improvements including two new 1000KW 4160 volt natural-gas generators, 4160 volt switchgear, 480 volt switchgear, building expansion, miscellaneous reliability improvements throughout the water plant, and the capability to incorporate electric vehicle chargers and solar power in the future. Construction is anticipated to take 39 months over a 4-year period, and the schedule provides almost a year for procurement of the new electrical equipment.

Update: Submittals for major long-lead items are being submitted and reviewed. The contractor is expected to mobilize on site in January with work scheduled for completion in November 2028.

### **Standpipe Water Quality – \$825,000**

Improvements to the chlorination systems at each of the City's two standpipes to improve water quality and better meet the updated standards for chlorine residual requirements in the water distribution system. This project is complete.

### **Revetment Rehabilitation – \$1,200,000**

Shoreline improvements east of the wash water detention basin based on recommendations from a city-wide shoreline assessment.

Update: The contractor mobilized on site on October 20<sup>th</sup> and work is proceeding with demolition of the existing compromised revetment. Work is scheduled for completion by the end of the year, depending on weather.

### **Corrosion Control Improvements – \$1,2075,000 / 200,000 2025**

Design of Corrosion Control Improvements based on recommendations from the study scheduled to be completed in 2025.

### **Filter Plant Reliability – \$46,800,000 / \$800,000 2025**

Improvements to the east and west filter plants. Improvements are based on recommendations from an earlier water plant studies and evaluations, along with needs identified by staff. The initial study will focus on evaluating needed filtration capacity for reliability and appropriate redundancy, further definition of filter plant needs, and phasing of the multi-year project, before engineering design is initiated. Staff is developing the RFP for engineering services.

### **Security Fence – \$3,300,000 / \$200,000 2025**

Evaluation of perimeter security for the water plant campus as well as the north and south standpipe sites. The evaluation will result in recommended improvements and design of security fence and access for each site.

Update: Staff has had several meetings to prepare final comments to send back to the consultant and initiate 60% design.

### **Chlorine to Hypochlorite Conversion – \$2,815,000 / \$100,000 2025**

Evaluation and feasibility study for converting the gaseous chlorine disinfection systems at the water plant and standpipes to hypochlorite systems.

Update: A kickoff meeting is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fire Sprinkler System Study – \$75,000**

Evaluation of the current fire sprinkler system throughout the water plant campus.

Update: Staff is finalizing review of the single submitted proposal to provide a recommendation to City Council in November.

### **Pump Station Dehumidification – \$300,000**

Replacement of the dehumidification unit that conditions the air in all the Pump Station basement pipe gallery areas. This project is complete.

## 2026 UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

**Meeting Dates:**

January 16  
 February 20  
 March 20  
 April 17

May 15  
 June 19-Closed, City Holiday  
 July 17  
 August 21

September 18  
 October 16  
 November 20  
 December 18

| JANUARY |          |     |     |          |          |     | FEBRUARY |          |     |     |          |          |     | MARCH     |          |     |     |          |          |     |
|---------|----------|-----|-----|----------|----------|-----|----------|----------|-----|-----|----------|----------|-----|-----------|----------|-----|-----|----------|----------|-----|
| SUN     | MON      | TUE | WED | THU      | FRI      | SAT | SUN      | MON      | TUE | WED | THU      | FRI      | SAT | SUN       | MON      | TUE | WED | THU      | FRI      | SAT |
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| 4       | 5        | 6   | 7   | 8        | 9        | 10  | 1        | 2        | 3   | 4   | 5        | 6        | 7   | 8         | 9        | 10  | 11  | 12       | 13       | 14  |
| 11      | 12       | 13  | 14  | 15       | 16       | 17  | 8        | 9        | 10  | 11  | 12       | 13       | 14  | 15        | 16       | 17  | 18  | 19       | 20       | 21  |
| 18      | <b>H</b> | 20  | 21  | 22       | 23       | 24  | 15       | 16       | 17  | 18  | 19       | 20       | 21  | 22        | 23       | 24  | 25  | 26       | 27       | 28  |
| 25      | 26       | 27  | 28  | 29       | 30       | 31  | 22       | 23       | 24  | 25  | 26       | 27       | 28  | 29        | 30       | 31  |     |          |          |     |
|         |          |     |     |          |          |     |          |          |     |     |          |          |     |           |          |     |     |          |          |     |
| APRIL   |          |     |     |          |          |     | MAY      |          |     |     |          |          |     | JUNE      |          |     |     |          |          |     |
| SUN     | MON      | TUE | WED | THU      | FRI      | SAT | SUN      | MON      | TUE | WED | THU      | FRI      | SAT | SUN       | MON      | TUE | WED | THU      | FRI      | SAT |
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| JULY    |          |     |     |          |          |     | AUGUST   |          |     |     |          |          |     | SEPTEMBER |          |     |     |          |          |     |
| SUN     | MON      | TUE | WED | THU      | FRI      | SAT | SUN      | MON      | TUE | WED | THU      | FRI      | SAT | SUN       | MON      | TUE | WED | THU      | FRI      | SAT |
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| OCTOBER |          |     |     |          |          |     | NOVEMBER |          |     |     |          |          |     | DECEMBER  |          |     |     |          |          |     |
| SUN     | MON      | TUE | WED | THU      | FRI      | SAT | SUN      | MON      | TUE | WED | THU      | FRI      | SAT | SUN       | MON      | TUE | WED | THU      | FRI      | SAT |
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## City of Evanston Utilities Commission

### 2025 Goals (APPROVED)

**PURPOSE:** To protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens, businesses and institutions of Evanston, it is necessary to participate in the planning and improvement of electrical, natural gas, telephone, water and sewer services in Evanston to insure reliable and competitive service. Members of the Commission will listen to citizens' concerns. (49 0-93) (103-0-93) (89-O-10).

**COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:** The Mayor appoints commission members with the advice and consent of the City Council. In making appointments, the Mayor may consider an individual's engineering or finance experience and their familiarity with utilities industries and regulations. Members must be residents of the City or work in the City.

**PERIODIC REVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Pursuant to the requirement of the ordinance creating the Utilities Commission, the following is prepared to communicate the future goals of the Commission including any change in functions, proposed programs for the year and any budgetary requirements.

**Number of Members:** Seven (7) members appointed by the Mayor.

**Term:** Four (4) year terms, Members may serve no more than two (2) terms.

**Meeting Dates:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:15 A.M.

**Location:** Evanston Water Treatment Plant (555 Lincoln St.)

**Reports to:** Administrative and Public Works Committee

**Staff Contact:** Darrell King, Water Production Bureau Chief

| Member                    | Term       |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Stephen McComb (Chair)    | 02/14/2026 |
| Michael Sutton            | 02/14/2026 |
| Kameeshia Lackey          | 07/25/2026 |
| Steve Waters (Vice Chair) | 08/08/2026 |
| Samuel Blazey             | 07/24/2027 |
| Jonathan Hargrove         | 02/26/2028 |
| Vacant -                  |            |

**Council Liaison:** Council Member Jonathan Nieuwsma

**2025 Planned Meeting Dates:**

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| January 24  | July 18      |
| February 21 | August 15    |
| March 21    | September 19 |
| April 18    | October 17   |
| May 16      | November 21  |
| June 20     | December 19  |

**The Commission has adopted the following goals for 2025:**

1. Standing Goals:
  - a. Maintain a full complement of Commission members and work with the City and Aldermen for recruitment.
  - b. Prepare a written summary of accomplishments for the preceding year.
  - c. Prepare a written set of goals for the forthcoming year.
  - d. Undertake periodic tours of infrastructure relevant to the Commission including the water treatment plant and facilities, sewer facilities and electrical and gas infrastructure
2. Assist the city in rolling out the private side lead service line grant program and continue to assist in developing efficient lead service line replacement programs.
3. Support the city in leveraging assets and property to support clean energy systems and utility infrastructure.
4. Support the implementation of the CARP, in a manner that is sensitive to residents' ability/willingness to participate and assist the city in identifying low-cost, carbon free energy sources and attributes.
5. Establish standardized metrics with the City and ComEd for evaluating the condition of the electrical grid within Evanston for the current and future needs.
6. Identify and advise on opportunities for the city to beneficially participate in electrical energy and capacity markets.
7. Position the City to effectively address the PFAS issues associated with drinking water and the forthcoming legislation/regulations
8. Request an update/readout of the City's Emergency Response Plan for the Drinking Water System. Subsequently working with the City to determine any potential areas for improvement, including but not limited to communicating with business and residents efficiently during emergency situations.

**Budgetary Requirements:**

None requested