

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COLLABORATIVE (NIMEC) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST COST ELECTRICITY PROVIDER FOR A PERIOD UP TO 36 MONTHS.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 2, 2007, the State of Illinois implemented a plan to deregulate Commonwealth Edison; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this deregulation, electricity may be purchased based on market price and Commonwealth Edison will no longer be the sole supplier of electricity in northern Illinois, resulting in new electricity suppliers being able to compete against Commonwealth Edison, and competitive market forces dictating the price of electricity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Crest Hill has selected the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) to serve as the City's broker relative to the acquisition of electrical energy for City facilities, due to NIMEC's municipal experience and the fact that NIMEC is the largest municipal Collaborative in northern Illinois which will be aggregating the energy needs of 150 government members of the Collaborative in order to secure more competitive pricing based in higher volumes than can be provided individually to a single municipality; and,

**WHEREAS**, the amount of compensation that NIMEC receives, if the City chooses the NIMEC electricity supplier, is included in the electricity prices supplied by NIMEC, so there will be no direct payment made to NIMEC by the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City has been working with NIMEC since 2008, and has enjoyed a good and satisfactory working relationship with NIMEC; and

**WHEREAS**, Commonwealth Edison no longer offers a fixed energy rate for large or medium sized commercial accounts and instead charges based on a floating hourly rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to enter the market to secure a fixed rate, up to 36 months in term, for its electricity.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The City Council hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are true, correct, and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference hereto and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 2:** That the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative

(NIMEC) is appointed as the City's broker for purposes of obtaining an electricity supplier for the City's municipal needs.

**SECTION 3:** That the Mayor or his designee is authorized to negotiate energy rates directly with suppliers in an effort to secure lower energy costs for the City.

**SECTION 4:** That in light of the time constraints and procedures applicable to the acceptance of a competitive bid for a supply of electricity, once the bids are received by NIMEC, the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to sign the contract with the most optimal bidder, with the Mayor being hereby directed to place said contract on the first available City Council regular meeting following the execution thereof by the Mayor, for ratification by the City Council.

**SECTION 5:** That the Mayor or his designee is authorized to name the City Administrator as the Mayor's designee in matters concerning the bid.

**SECTION 6:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form, as provided by law.

**SECTION 7:** In the event that any provision or provisions, portion or portions, or clause or clauses of this Ordinance shall be declared to be invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall in no way affect or impair the validity or enforceability of any of the remaining provisions, portions, or clauses of this Ordinance that may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, portion or portions, or clause or clauses.

**SECTION 8:** That all ordinances, resolutions, motions, or parts thereof, conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**SECTION 9:** That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

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PASSED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Alderman Scott Dyke	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Angelo Deserio	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderwoman Claudia Gazal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Darrell Jefferson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderperson Tina Oberlin	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Mark Cipiti	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Nate Albert	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Joe Kubal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Raymond R. Soliman	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

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Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk