

City of Naperville

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Naperville

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, February 5, 2026

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

Liquor Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wehrli called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

- Present** 6 - Steve Chirico, Maria Rodriguez DiGioia, Jason Dy, Amanda Kunzer, Ray McGury, and Mayor Scott Wehrli
- Absent** 2 - Kelly Douglas, and Anthony Signorella

Also Present: Shebnem Ozkaptan, Budget and Administrative Manager; Jennifer Bonner, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Detective Marty Creighton, Liquor & Tobacco Liaison, Naperville Police Department

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approve the Liquor Commission meeting minutes of January 8, 2026

Attachments: [Draft Jan 8 Liquor Commission Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Chirico, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez DiGioia, approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Consider Taste Buds Kitchen’s request to increase the cap on Class M-Recreational license by one (1)

Attachments: [Taste Buds Kitchen Naperville Redacted](#)
[Taste Buds Kitchen Concept Jan 2026](#)

Petitioner Jackie Burton was present.

Senior Assistant City Attorney Bonner confirmed with state law regarding the daycare distance and determined it is fine to move forward with the request.

Liquor Commission approved and referred a text amendment to the City Council to increase the cap on Class M-Recreational licenses by one.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chirico, seconded by Commissioner McGury, approved and referred to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chirico, Rodriguez DiGioia, Dy, Kunzer, and McGury

Absent: 2 - Douglas, and Signorella

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Heinen's request to amend the Class G2-Boutique Market to allow consumption on an adjacent outdoor patio

Attachments: [Naperville -Outdoor Seating -Heinens](#)
[Outdoor Patio Fence](#)
[Outdoor Patio Furniture](#)
[Outdoor Patio -Pole Light #1](#)
[Outdoor seating plan with fence design](#)
[Pole Light #2 and Strip Light between planter CAP and brick](#)
[Suggested Revisions to Consumption Section for Class G2](#)

Petitioner Sharri Pieczynski from Heinen's presented.

Commissioners approved and referred a text amendment to the City Council to amend the Class G2-Boutique Market to allow consumption on an adjacent outdoor patio requiring security cameras, and fencing if required by the TED Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chirico, seconded by Commissioner McGury, approved and referred to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chirico, Rodriguez DiGioia, Dy, Kunzer, and McGury

Absent: 2 - Douglas, and Signorella

2. Consider Clarify Kitchen's request to increase the cap on Class M-Recreational license by one (1)

Attachments: [BusyButternut ClarifyKitchen](#)
[Mayor Recusal](#)

Mayor Wehrli recused himself from this agenda item and left the meeting at 3:14 p.m. He returned to the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Petitioners Cynthia Hyett and Ruben Valadez presented for Clarify Kitchen's request.

Liquor Commission approved and referred a text amendment to the City Council to increase the cap on Class M-Recreational licenses by one.

A motion was made by Commissioner McGury, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez DiGioia, approved and referred to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chirico, Rodriguez DiGioia, Dy, Kunzer, and McGury

Absent: 2 - Douglas, and Signorella

3. Receive the report on Mobile Identification

Attachments: [ILCC Digital ID Notice](#)
[Illinois Mobile ID Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Detective Creighton presented the report on Mobile Identification.

Commissioner Chirico inquired if the City has done any outreach to establishments.

Detective Creighton mentioned that mobile identification will be presented at upcoming events including:

2026 Special Event workshops
Annual Liquor Seminar in April
The State includes this information in BASSET training

Audience member Ruben Valadez spoke about his experience with mobile identification at O'Hare airport.

4. Receive the tobacco fines comparison report

Attachments: [Tobacco Fines Report](#)

Detective Creighton and Senior Assistant City Attorney Bonner presented the report.

Liquor Commission directed staff to bring back a draft penalty text amendment to the next Liquor Commission meeting.

F. REPORTS:

1. Receive the DUI reports for November and December 2026

Attachments: [City of Naperville DUI Report-December 2025](#)
[City of Naperville DUI Report-November 2025 \(Updated 01-30-2026\)](#)

Detective Creighton presented the DUI statistics for November and December 2025. He will be visiting the establishment listed on the reports multiple times in the near future.

2. Receive the tobacco report

Detective Creighton presented an update on inspections that were completed in December 2025. The two stores that failed compliance checks were re-checked and passed.

3. Receive Naperville Local Liquor Law Essentials class statistics for January 2026

Detective Creighton presented the Local Liquor Law Essentials class statistics for January 2026:

January - 39 attendees

- 4. Receive the Liquor Concept Committee report for January 2026

Attachments: [Liquor Concept Report January 2026](#)

Budget and Administrative Manager Ozkaptan presented the liquor concepts for January 2026.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

H. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Chirico, seconded by Commissioner McGury, to adjourn the Liquor Commission Meeting of February 5, 2026 at 3:52 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

/s/ S. Ozkaptan
Shebnem Ozkaptan
Budget and Administrative Manager

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT, BUSINESS, OR TRANSACTION

1-13-6: - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

It shall be lawful for members of the various boards and commissions of the City, established from time to time by the ordinances of the City and the statutes of the state, to have an ownership, employment, or family interest in any contract, business, or transaction with the City, provided that said member shall file with the City Manager and with the chairman or vice chairman of the member's board or commission, the following disclosure:

Name: **Scott Wehri**

Position with City: **Liquor Commissioner**

Name of entity contracting with City: **N/A**

Proposed contract, business, or transaction: **Clarify Kitchen's request to increase the cap on Class M-Recreational liquor license (2/5/26 LC Item E.2.)**

I have an

- Ownership
 Employment
 Family

interest in the proposed contract, business, or transaction as follows:

Partial ownership in the premises where the petitioner plans to lease.

Dated: **02/05/26**



Signature

Said disclosure shall be filed before any board or commission (including the member's own) or the City Council considers approval of the proposed contract, business, or transaction.

In the event the member's own board or commission is to review or recommend upon such contract, business, or transaction, the member shall leave the chamber where deliberations take place during the discussion and vote on the interested matter and such member shall have no vote upon the matter.

The disclosure form filed by said member shall be attached to and made a part of the minutes of the meeting of said board or commission and shall be attached to and made a part of the report or recommendation made by said board or commission to the City Council, the City Manager, or any other board or commission of the City to whom such report or recommendation is rendered. Such disclosure shall be included with the agenda when the matter is proposed for approval by the City Council.

Any member of a board or commission who knowingly fails to file a disclosure required by this Section shall be subject to immediate removal from such board or commission by the City Council.