

City of Naperville

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Naperville

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, January 8, 2026

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

Liquor Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT:**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Chirico called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present 7 - Steve Chirico, Kelly Douglas, Maria Rodriguez DiGioia, Jason Dy, Amanda Kunzer, Ray McGury, and Mayor Scott Wehrli
Absent 1 - 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

Commissioner Dy entered the meeting at 3:06 p.m.
Mayor Wehrli entered the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

C. PUBLIC FORUM:**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approve the Liquor Commission meeting minutes of September 4, 2025

Attachments: [9-4-25 Draft Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Douglas, seconded by Commissioner McGury, approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve the regular Liquor Commission meeting dates for 2026

Attachments: [2026 Liquor Commission Dates](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McGury, seconded by Commissioner Douglas, approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Consider Tasting deVine's request to amend to the Class S1 liquor license to allow the sale of tequila

Attachments: [Tequila Offerings](#)
[Barrel and Heritage](#)

John Beckman presented to the Liquor Commission. Tasting DeVine rebranded and is now known as Barrel and Heritage.

They currently sell wine, beer, bourbon, and are requesting that small batch, specialty tequila be allowed under their license.

Liquor Commission approved and referred a text amendment to the City Council to amend the Class S1 liquor license to allow the sale of tequila.

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

Aye: 6 - Chirico, Douglas, Rodriguez DiGioia, Dy, Kunzer, and McGury

Absent: 1 - Signorella

3. 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 presented Taste Buds Kitchen's request to increase the cap on Class M-Recreational licenses by one.

This request was tabled until the next Liquor Commission meeting pending additional information regarding a daycare center currently under construction across the street from the proposed location at 620 N. River Road, Unit 108.

This petitioner request was tabled.

F. REPORTS:

1. Approve the 2025 Liquor Commission Annual Report

Attachments: [2025 Annual Report Draft](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Chirico, seconded by Commissioner McGury, approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chirico, Douglas, Rodriguez DiGioia, Dy, Kunzer, and McGury

Absent: 1 - Signorella

2. Receive the DUI reports for September-November 2025

Attachments: [City of Naperville DUI Liquor Report-September 2025](#)
[City of Naperville DUI Liquor Report-October 2025](#)
[City of Naperville DUI Liquor Report-November 2025](#)

Detective Creighton presented the DUI statistics for September-November 2025.

3. Receive the tobacco report

Detective Creighton presented an update on tobacco inspections. FY26 round one inspections were completed in mid to late December. Two violations were

issued. One of the violations was issued to a repeat offender establishment.

Liquor Commissioners discussed penalties, fines, and revocation hearing options for repeat offenders. Liquor Commissioner Wehrli stated enforcement has been consistent over the years, but an upward trend in repeat offenses has continued.

Detective Creighton offered a possible solution including a text amendment to the Municipal Code to make the code more stringent for repeat offenders.

Commissioner Chirico said it has been approximately 10 years since fines have been reviewed or updated.

Liquor Commission advised staff to come back with a benchmark study to compare fines related to tobacco and liquor violations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chirico and seconded by Commissioner Douglas. The vote was unanimous.

4. Receive Naperville Local Liquor Law Essentials class statistics for September-December 2025

Detective Creighton presented the Local Liquor Law Essentials class statistics for September-December 2025:

September - 62 attendees

October - 59 attendees

November - 25 attendees

December - 14 attendees

5. Receive the Liquor Concept Committee report for September-December 2025

Attachments: [Liquor Concept Report 01-08-2026](#)

Budget and Administrative Manager Ozkaptan presented the liquor concepts for the months of September-December 2025.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

H. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Chirico, seconded by Commissioner McGury, to adjourn the Liquor Commission Meeting of January 8, 2026 at 3:31 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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