



WHEATON LOCAL LIQUOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

WHEATON CITY HALL, 303 W WESLEY STREET, WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

December 11, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair Pearse called the December 11, 2025 meeting of the Local Liquor Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Wheaton City Hall, 303 West Wesley Street and via Zoom.

Upon roll call, the following were present: Chair Pearse, Commissioner Laird, Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Whitmer. Absent: Commissioner Brown. City Staff Present: James P. Kozik, Director of Planning and Economic Development.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 11, 2025

Commissioner Taylor moved and Commissioner Laird seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2025 Local Liquor Commission meeting as submitted. On a voice vote, all voted aye.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2026 License Renewals - Section 6-90 of the Wheaton City Code

Mr. Kozik stated that Section 6-90 of the Wheaton City Code requires that licensees found guilty of a violation in the previous year, must attend a liquor license renewal meeting before the Local Liquor Commission prior to a license renewal.

Chair Pearse stated that in June, the Liquor Control Commission conducted hearings in aggravation and mitigation with respect to the charges against three licensees whereby liquor was sold to a person under the age of 21.

Mr. Yi Zhing and Mr. Julio Cano representing Light Sum LLC d/b/a Fuji Ramen and Sushi and Sabores Chingones 1 LLC d/b/a Sweetchilango respectively, described the steps they each have taken since their violation to ensure that future violations do not occur.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Commissioner Whitmer then moved and Commissioner Taylor seconded a motion to recommend that the licenses for 2026 be renewed for Light Sum LLC d/b/a Fuji Ramen and Sushi and Sabores Chingones 1 LLC d/b/a Sweetchilango. On a roll call vote, all voted aye.

As a representative of Royale Liquors LLC d/b/a Pete's Fresh Market was not in attendance, the Liquor Commission authorized the staff to renew their license for 2026 pending the Commission's review at their January 8th meeting of the actions taken by the licensee since their violation to ensure no future violations occur.

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Amendment to Section 6-87.5 (c) Special Event Liquor License

Mr. Kozik stated that this is a request to amend Section 6-87.5 (c) of the Wheaton City Code to replace text that was inadvertently deleted by a past City Code Amendment relating to the location where a special event liquor license may be issued.

Hearing no questions or comments, Commissioner Laird then moved and Commissioner Taylor seconded a motion to recommend approval of the proposed amendment to Section 6-87.5 (c) of the Wheaton City Code to the Mayor and City Council. On a roll call vote, all voted aye.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Pearse
Chair - Wheaton Local Liquor Commission