



Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Notice of Open Meeting

Open Public Hearing (*Please Note: City residents can address the 2025 Street and Utility Improvements Brookside Lane Project for up to three minutes.*)

1. Public Hearing on the Preliminary Special Assessment Report for the 2025 Brookside Lane Residential Street and Utility Improvement Project.

Close Public Hearing

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment (*Please Note: City residents can address the Committee of the Whole members on one or more topics for up to three minutes.*)

New Business

- 2. Discussion of "Class A" Alcohol License Applications for Licensing period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 which include:** Jose Roberto Alvarado, Owner dba Blanca's Mexican Store; Chestor Bandits Store Inc dba Chestor Bandits Store; Columbus Market LLC; Dolgencorp, LLC dba Dollar General Store #10422; Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Kwik Trip #808; Liberty Square Gas Station, Inc. dba Refuel Pantry – Columbus West; Ultra Mart Foods, LLC dba Pick 'n Save #392; and Walgreen Co dba Walgreens #10396.
- 3. Discussion of "Class B" Alcohol License Applications for the Licensing period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 which include:** Jamesco, Inc dba Cardinal Cage; Columbus Country Club, Inc. dba Columbus Country Club; Columbus Family Restaurant, LLC dba Columbus Family Restaurant; Hui Yang, Agent dba Hachi Hachi Sushi & Hibachi; Kestrel Golf Properties, LLC dba Kestrel Ridge Golf Course; Magnolia I. Fuentes, Owner dba Magnolia's Grill and Bar; MP's Town Tap. LLC dba MP's Town Tap; Tequilas Bar & Grill, LLC dba Tequilas Bar & Grill; and Wisco Cheese & Cheers Bistro dba Cheese & Cheers Bistro.
- 4. Discussion of Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License Application for Licensing period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 for Columbus Transport Co., Inc. dba Kurth Brewery.**
- 5. Discussion of Cigarette, Tobacco and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Applications for the Licensing period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 for Chestor Bandits Store, Inc.; Columbus Market, LLC, Dolgencorp, LLC dba Dollar General Store #10422; Jamesco, Inc. dba The Cardinal Cage; Kestrel Golf Properties, LLC dba Kestrel Ridge Golf Course; Kwik Trip #808; Last Minute Vape; Liberty Square Gas Station, LLC dba Refuel Pantry - Columbus West; Tobacco and Vape Marketplace, LLC dba Smoke World Vape; and Walgreens #10396.**
- 6. Discussion regarding ordinance amendments related to the appointment of Zoning Administrator and Weed Commissioner.**
- 7. Discussion and consideration of the purchase of four used, partially equipped Police Squad Vehicles to be paid for with existing LESO (Law Enforcement Support Office) funding.**

Adjourn

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole Meeting

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Item Title: Discussion of "Class A" Alcohol License Applications for Licensing period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

Submitted By: Susan Caine, Clerk

Detailed Description of Subject Matter: The following establishments have applied for their renewals of their "Class A" Alcohol License for the licensing period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026:

- Jose Roberto Alvarado, Owner dba Blanca's Mexican Store
- Chestor Bandits Store Inc dba Chestor Bandits Store
- Columbus Market LLC
- Dolgencorp, LLC dba Dollar General Store #10422
- Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Kwik Trip #808
- Liberty Square Gas Station, Inc. dba Refuel Pantry – Columbus West
- Ultra Mart Foods, LLC dba Pick 'n Save #392
- Walgreen Co dba Walgreens #10396

All fees due to the city are paid in full, and each establishment has passed their Fire Inspection.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Copy of Legal Notification placed in the Daily Citizen – Beaver Dam on June 10, 12 and 14, 2025.

Action Requested of Council: Consider "Class A" Alcohol renewal applications for approval.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, WI
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Item #2.

The City of Columbus Common Council will meet on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. at Columbus City Hall, 105 N. Dickason Blvd, to review and consider the following applications for alcohol beverage licenses in the City of Columbus. Applications for the licenses referenced below are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are open to public inspection Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, and Friday, 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON at 105 N. Dickason Blvd, Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin. Susan L. Caine, City Clerk

"CLASS A" LIQUOR AND FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE

Business: Blanca's Mexican Store, 146 W. Mill Street, Jose Roberto Alvarado, Owner
Owner: Jose Roberto Alvarado, 146 W. Mill Street, Columbus, WI 53925

Business: Chestor Bandits Store, 1250 Park Avenue, Edward H Wolf, Jr, Agent
Owner: Chestor Bandits Store, Inc., N2313 Boelte Road, Columbus WI 53925

Business: Columbus Market, 501 Park Avenue, Sukhdeep Garcha, Agent
Owner: Columbus Market, LLC, 501 Park Avenue, Columbus WI 53925

Business: Dollar General Store #10422, 951 W James Street, Kelli Van Bendegom, Agent
Owner: Dolgencorp, LLC, 100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville TN 37072

Business: Kwik Trip #808, 204 Dix Street, Jeremy Christian, Agent
Owner: Kwik Trip, Inc., PO Box 2107 La Crosse, WI 54602

Business: Pick N Save #392, 210 Dix Street, Donald Klug, Agent
Owner: Ultra Mart Foods, LLC, PO Box 305103, Nashville TN 37230-5103

Business: Refuel Pantry – Columbus West, 2200 W. James Street, Likhbir Singh, Agent
Owner: Liberty Square Gas Station, Inc, 6664 Tartan Trail, Sun Prairie WI 53590

Business: Walgreens #10396, 1500 W James Street, Matthew Schultz, Agent
Owner: Walgreen Co, PO Box 901, Deerfield, IL 60015

CLASS "B" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE

Business: Kurth Brewery, 729 Park Avenue, John Kurth, Agent
Owner: Columbus Transport Co., Inc, PO Box 187 Columbus WI 53925

"CLASS B" LIQUOR AND FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE

Business: Cardinal Cage, 119 E James Street, Chad Purvis, Agent
Owner: Jamesco, Inc, W426 Oak Shore Dr., Fall River WI 53932

Business: Columbus Country Club, 301 Ingalsbe Street, Nicole Schulenburg, Agent
Owner: Columbus Country Club, Inc, 301 Ingalsbe Street, Columbus WI 53925

Business: Columbus Family Restaurant, 224 Dix St., Fernando Diaz, Agent
Owner: Columbus Family Restaurant LLC, 224 Dix St., Columbus, WI 53925

Business: Hachi Hachi Sushi & Hibachi, 141 E. James Street, Hui Yang, Agent
Owner: Hui Yang, 141 E. James Street, Columbus, WI 53925

Business: Kestrel Ridge Golf Course, 900 Avalon Road, Jessica M Blaska, Agent
Owner: Kestrel Golf Properties, LLC 3010 Pheasant Run, Cottage Grove WI 53527

Business: Magnolia's Grill and Bar, 128 E. James Street, Magnolia I. Fuentes, Owner
Owner: Magnolia I. Fuentes, 128 E. James Street, Columbus, WI 53925

Business: MP's Town Tap, 153 N Ludington Street, Maria L Peterson, Agent
Owner: MP's Town Tap, LLC, 153 N Ludington Street, Columbus WI 53925

Business: Tequilas Bar & Grill, 126 S Ludington Street, Fabian Arzate-Ramirez, Agent
Owner: Tequilas Bar & Grill, LLC, 940 Silver Ripple Way, DeForest WI 53532

Business: Cheese & Cheers Bistro, 2200 W. James St., Ste B, Mellisa Jacobson, Agent
Owner: Wisco Cheese & Cheers Bistro, 2200 W. James St., Ste. B, Columbus, WI 53925



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole Meeting

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Item Title: Discussion of "Class B" Alcohol License Applications for Licensing period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

Submitted By: Susan Caine, Clerk

Detailed Description of Subject Matter: The following establishments have applied for their renewals of their "Class B" Alcohol License for the licensing period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026:

- Jamesco, Inc dba Cardinal Cage
- Columbus Country Club, Inc. dba Columbus Country Club
- Columbus Family Restaurant, LLC dba Columbus Family Restaurant
- Hui Yang, Agent dba Hachi Hachi Sushi & Hibachi
- Kestrel Golf Properties, LLC dba Kestrel Ridge Golf Course
- Magnolia I. Fuentes, Owner dba Magnolia's Grill and Bar
- MP's Town Tap. LLC dba MP's Town Tap
- Tequilas Bar & Grill, LLC dba Tequilas Bar & Grill
- Wisco Cheese & Cheers Bistro dba Cheese & Cheers Bistro

All fees due to the city are paid in full, and each establishment has passed their Fire Inspection.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Copy of Legal Notification placed in the Daily Citizen – Beaver Dam on June 10, 12 and 14, 2025.

Action Requested of Council: Consider "Class B" Alcohol renewal applications for approval.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, WI
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
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Item #3.

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Owner: Jose Roberto Alvarado, 146 W. Mill Street, Columbus, WI 53925

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Owner: Chestor Bandits Store, Inc., N2313 Boelte Road, Columbus WI 53925

Business: Columbus Market, 501 Park Avenue, Sukhdeep Garcha, Agent
Owner: Columbus Market, LLC, 501 Park Avenue, Columbus WI 53925

Business: Dollar General Store #10422, 951 W James Street, Kelli Van Bendegom, Agent
Owner: Dolgencorp, LLC, 100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville TN 37072

Business: Kwik Trip #808, 204 Dix Street, Jeremy Christian, Agent
Owner: Kwik Trip, Inc., PO Box 2107 La Crosse, WI 54602

Business: Pick N Save #392, 210 Dix Street, Donald Klug, Agent
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Business: Refuel Pantry – Columbus West, 2200 W. James Street, Likhbir Singh, Agent
Owner: Liberty Square Gas Station, Inc, 6664 Tartan Trail, Sun Prairie WI 53590

Business: Walgreens #10396, 1500 W James Street, Matthew Schultz, Agent
Owner: Walgreen Co, PO Box 901, Deerfield, IL 60015

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Owner: Columbus Transport Co., Inc, PO Box 187 Columbus WI 53925

"CLASS B" LIQUOR AND FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE

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Owner: Hui Yang, 141 E. James Street, Columbus, WI 53925

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Business: Magnolia's Grill and Bar, 128 E. James Street, Magnolia I. Fuentes, Owner
Owner: Magnolia I. Fuentes, 128 E. James Street, Columbus, WI 53925

Business: MP's Town Tap, 153 N Ludington Street, Maria L Peterson, Agent
Owner: MP's Town Tap, LLC, 153 N Ludington Street, Columbus WI 53925

Business: Tequilas Bar & Grill, 126 S Ludington Street, Fabian Arzate-Ramirez, Agent
Owner: Tequilas Bar & Grill, LLC, 940 Silver Ripple Way, DeForest WI 53532

Business: Cheese & Cheers Bistro, 2200 W. James St., Ste B, Mellisa Jacobson, Agent
Owner: Wisco Cheese & Cheers Bistro, 2200 W. James St., Ste. B, Columbus, WI 53925



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole Meeting

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Item Title: Discussion of Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License Application for Licensing period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

Submitted By: Susan Caine, Clerk

Detailed Description of Subject Matter: The following establishment has applied for their renewal of their Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License for the licensing period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026:

- Columbus Transport Co., Inc. dba Kurth Brewery

All fees due to the city are paid in full, and each establishment has passed their Fire Inspection.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Copy of Legal Notification placed in the Daily Citizen – Beaver Dam on June 10, 12 and 14, 2025.

Action Requested of Council: Consider Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage renewal application for approval.

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Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole Meeting

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Item Title: Discussion of Cigarette, Tobacco and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Applications for the July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 licensing period.

Submitted By: Susan Caine, Clerk

Detailed Description of Subject Matter: The following establishments have applied for their renewals of their Cigarette, Tobacco and Electronic Vaping Device Retail Licenses for the licensing period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

- Last Minute Vape
- Tobacco and Vape Marketplace, LLC dba Smoke World Vape

All fees due to the city are paid in full, and each establishment has passed their Fire Inspection.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached: None.

Action Requested of Council: Consider Cigarette, Tobacco and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License renewal applications for approval.

Tobacco/Cigarette Licenses: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Item #5.

**Chestor Bandits Store, Inc.
Chestor Bandits Store
1250 Park Avenue, Columbus, WI 53925**

**Columbus Market, LLC
Columbus Market
501 Park Avenue, Columbus, WI 53925**

**Dolgencorp, LLC
Dollar General Store #10422
951 W. James St., Columbus, WI 53925**

**Jamesco, Inc.
The Cardinal Cage
119 E. James Street, Columbus, WI 53925**

**Kestrel Golf Properties, LLC
Kestrel Ridge Golf Course
900 Avalon Road, Columbus, WI 53925**

**Kwik Trip, Inc.
Kwik Trip #808
204 Dix Street, Columbus, WI 53925**

**Last Minute Vape, LLC
Last Minute Vape
127 E. James Street, Columbus, WI 53925**

**Liberty Square Gas Station, LLC
Refuel Pantry – Columbus West
2200 W. James Street, Columbus, WI 53925**

**Tobacco and Vape Marketplace, LLC
Smoke World Vape
133 N. Ludington Street, Columbus, WI 53925**

**Walgreens Co.
Walgreens #10396
1500 W. James Street, Columbus, WI 53925**

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Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole / Council

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Item Title: Discussion regarding ordinance amendments related to the appointment of Zoning Administrator and Weed Commissioner.

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

Zoning Administrator – the job description for the Community & Economic Development Director identifies that the position serves as the Zoning Administrator. Our current ordinance requires the Council to appoint a Zoning Administrator. The drafted ordinance identifies that the City Administrator shall appoint a Zoning Administrator as well as a deputy to work under the Zoning Administrator's direction. If the Committee of the Whole is comfortable with these changes, this item should be referred to the Plan Commission for a public hearing and subsequent direction to the Council.

Weed Commissioner – The current ordinance requires the Council to appoint a weed commissioner, the drafted ordinance changes the appointment process to the City Administrator. If the Committee is comfortable with this proposed change, it can be moved forward to the Council for possible adoption.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Ordinance Draft – Appointment of Zoning Administrator

Ordinance Draft – Appointment of Weed Commissioner

Action Requested of Council:

Discussion regarding ordinance amendments related to the appointment of Zoning Administrator and Weed Commissioner.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RECREATE SECTION 114-47 OF THE CITY
CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING
APPOINTMENT OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

The Common Council of the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

1. Sec. 114-47, Appointment of Zoning Administrator, is repealed in its entirety and recreated to read now as follows:

Sec. 114-47, Appointment of Zoning Administrator.

- (a) The City Administrator shall appoint a Zoning Administrator, who shall have the power and duty to enforce the provisions of this Chapter 114 and, as provided therein, Chapter 46, Floodplain Regulations, of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances.
 - (b) The City Administrator may, in writing, filed in the City Clerk's office, appoint a deputy, who shall act under the Zoning Administrator's direction, and in the Zoning Administrator's absence or disability, or in case of a vacancy, shall perform the Zoning Administrator's duties as set forth in Chapter 114 and Chapter 46 of the City Code of Ordinances.
2. **Severability.** Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word, and provision of this Section is severable, and if any such provision shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision(s) shall not affect the remainder of the ordinance nor any part thereof other than that affected by such decision.
3. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and posting as required by law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

By: _____
Joseph Hammer, Mayor

By: _____
Susan L. Caine, Clerk

CITY OF COLUMBUS

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RECREATE SECTION 106-126 OF THE CITY
CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING
APPOINTMENT OF THE WEED COMMISSIONER**

The Common Council of the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

1. Sec. 106-126, Appointment of Weed Commissioner, is repealed in its entirety and recreated to read now as follows:

Sec. 106-126, Appointment of Weed Commissioner.

- (a) The City Administrator shall appoint a Weed Commissioner, who shall have the power and duty to enforce the provisions of this Chapter 106 and as provided therein, other provisions of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances.
 - (b) The Weed Commissioner shall take the official oath and the oath shall be filed in the office of the city clerk. The weed commissioner shall hold office for one year and until a successor has qualified or the City Administrator determines not to appoint a weed commissioner.
2. **Severability.** Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word, and provision of this Section is severable, and if any such provision shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision(s) shall not affect the remainder of the ordinance nor any part thereof other than that affected by such decision.
3. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and posting as required by law.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

By: _____
Joseph Hammer, Mayor

By: _____
Susan L. Caine, Clerk



Memo

To: Columbus Council Members

From: Lt. Darrell Ward

Date: 06/11/2025

Re: Purchase of Squads with LESO funds

Council Members,

The Police Department is requesting authorization to use approximately \$25,000 from the LESO asset disposal fund for the purchase of 4 used squads, partially equipped. These funds are currently available in the LESO account from the recent sale of some of the LESO assets we had. The current balance in that account is \$36,629. City funds are not necessary for this purchase.

I came before the council prior to starting this program with the goal of starting a take-home squad program. The goal of this program is to increase officer retention and to be able to recruit higher quality applicants in a hiring pool that is very competitive and driven by pay and benefits.

Since starting this program, funds have been received from the disposal of LESO assets and we are now able to proceed with the purchase of and partial outfit of squads. I have been in contact with B&B motorcar from Beaver Dam who specializes in used police equipment, specifically squads. B&B currently has 4 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors available for purchase. These cars have between approximately 80,000-110,000 miles on them and come partially equipped with police equipment which would help save initial start-up costs.

The current conversation would be that we pay B&B \$10,000/squad for a total of \$40,000. This deal includes the trade in of the 1998 Hummer XLC2 that we currently have in our possession, that is available for disposal, for an immediate and guaranteed value of \$15,000. This vehicle would then be taken to auction to try and sell it for greater than the guaranteed amount. Should the vehicle auction for more than the \$15,000 B&B would return the excess funds, minus their auction/processing fees. The net payment amount to B&B would be approximately \$25,000.

This purchase would cover the needed squads to begin the take-home squad program and additional equipment needs would be covered by future LESO assets disposal to finalize the start-up of the program. We will need to wait for additional asset disposal funds to fully equip them, but this purchase of the 4 squads is the first large step forward.