

Public Comment

Item 25-0553 Request to approve the Chris J. Hartwig Revocable Trust - E. Northland Ave/441 Annexation consisting of approximately 11.1796 acres located near the intersection of E. Northland Avenue/S.T.H. 441

Item 25-0572: WI United Football Club - Summer Shootout Special Event Application

Item 25-0573: McFleshman's Full-Service Retail Outlet Request for alcohol sales/service at the ADI Farmer's Market July 12, 19 & 26 (2025)

Common Council

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Mayor Jake Woodford 15:07

All right, we come now to time of public participation. At each meeting in the council, the council allocates 30 minutes to public participation. Members of the public are asked to limit their comments to five minutes or less on items that appear on the agenda. And so, we'll, we'll work our way through the list here. We have seven members of the public who signed up to speak on a couple of different items. So, we will, we will take these up more or less in the order in which folks signed up. We—I will need some clarification from Benji when you come up but, but hang tight and we'll get to you. Just want to make sure we got the item you're speaking on before we get into comment.

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Mayor Jake Woodford 21:15

All right, next to sign up was Benji Rowe. And before you, before you address the body, which item on the agenda would you like to speak on?

Benji Rowe (Appleton Resident) 21:40

So, there was no official item on the agenda outside of the proclamation for Pride Month, but I'm here to speak on a homophobic hate crime that happened at my residence.

Mayor Jake Woodford 21:50

Okay, so, per Council rules, we don't have open public comment during meetings unless an item appears on the agenda.

Benji Rowe (Appleton Resident) 21:59

Understood.

Mayor Jake Woodford 22:00

But would—I'd like to connect with you right after the meeting, if you're willing to stick around. Otherwise, you can get in touch with me, give us a call at the office, and we'll set up some time, because we want to hear about what you have to say and look into it. So let let's connect either right after this meeting or afterwards. And I've got, I've got your name and address here, so at the very least we'll be able to get in touch with you. Okay?

Benji Rowe (Appleton Resident) 22:27

Thank you very much.

Mayor Jake Woodford 22:27

Okay. Thank you, Benji.

Mayor Jake Woodford 22:46

All right. Next is Carissa.

Carissa Gliniecki (Events Director - Appleton Downtown Inc) 22:55

Hello. I am Carissa Gliniecki. I am the Farm Market director down here in Appleton. ADI was approached by one of our members, McFleshman's, interested in participating in the farm market as a vendor with a beer garden. The ADI board discussed and would like a pilot test and concept with dates throughout the summer. We reached out to APD and the city's clerk to discuss and for assistance as we pursue this option. First and foremost, we want to maintain the integrity of the event as a family friendly experience. We're still working through the details of what this would look like, and we understand it could alter our charge back agreement. Just a few bullet points, the beer garden would be clearly marked area.

Mayor Jake Woodford 23:41

Carissa, just want to make sure, is this on here? This is Safety and Lice—25-0573? Okay, I'm sorry. Go ahead. Keep going.

Carissa Gliniecki (Events Director - Appleton Downtown Inc) 23:50

[...] nervous.

Mayor Jake Woodford 23:51

No, keep keep—you're doing great. Keep going. Just wanted to make sure. Keep on going. You're doing great.

Carissa Gliniecki (Events Director - Appleton Downtown Inc) 23:58

We have identified Morrison Street north of College Avenue between Johnston and College as the area where they would like to set up. And it is the intense that McFleshman's would hold the license and then hold the liquor liability as well. And lastly, we just ask that you don't hold the Farm Market license as a whole, as we are ready to kick off in just a few short days. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 24:21

All right. And then next is Devon. Or Devon?

Devon Pittman 24:33

Hello. My name is Devon Pittman, [XXXXXX] from Bayside, Wisconsin. I'm here on behalf of—from Ryan Building on behalf of the Chris J Hartwig trust in the annexation that you are to review this evening, and if you have any questions, I'm here to present if needed. That's the only reason I signed up.

Mayor Jake Woodford 24:54

Thank you. All right, that's it for members of the public who signed up to speak. Is there anybody else who'd like to speak on an item that appears on the agenda, but you didn't have a chance to sign up? Okay.

Mayor Jake Woodford 25:09

So, with that we'll close public participation and move into establishing the order of the day. All right. Alder, Croatt.

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 25:25

Thank you, Mayor. A couple from safety and licensing, please, separate votes, preferably in this order. I'm not sure if anyone's here from the Wisconsin United Football Club, but I'd like to separate that vote out for 25-0572, and the 25-0573, which is the McFleshman's full-service retail outlet request. And then 25-0599, which is the non-renewal of the license for Tandem Wine and Beer LLC.

Mayor Jake Woodford 26:00

Okay. All right, got it. Alder Meltzer.

Alderperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 26:21

I was going to request a refer back, but given that Alder Croatt separated that item, I will wait and not do that yet at this moment.

Mayor Jake Woodford 26:32

Okay. All right, anyone else? Alder Croatt—oh, never mind. You're good. Don't worry, that was on me. All right. All right.

Mayor Jake Woodford 26:47

So just for members of the public who are here in attendance, what, what just happened now is Council has selected the items that they're going to take separate votes on and have separate conversations on from the agenda. So, the balance of the agenda will be taken up as a single item at the—after the conclusion. Although given that we have a representative here for the annexation request, if there's no objection, I'd also like to separate out from the City Plan Commission 25-0553, the annexation, the Hartwig annexation. If there's no objection, we'll get that taken care of. And actually, we're going to take that one up first. So, then anything else remaining on the agenda will be taken up after the separate discussions.

Mayor Jake Woodford 27:39

All right, so with that, there's no further requests. We're going to take up the item from City Plan commission. This is 25-0553, request to approve the Chris J Hartwig revocable trust East Northland Ave 441 annexation consisting of approximately 11.1796 acres located near the intersection of East Northland and state highway 441. We have a motion and a second to approve any discussion? Hearing none, please cast your votes. All right, that match—motion passes 14 to zero. That item has been approved.

Mayor Jake Woodford 28:24

All right, now let's get to work on the Safety and Licensing items, first of which is item 25-0572, Wisconsin United Football Club summer shootout special event application. We have a motion and a second to approve. We'll open the floor for discussion, and Alder Croatt.

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 28:45

Thank you, Mayor. Strongly request that everyone vote for this. The recommendation from the committee was unanimous. The only reason it was before the committee was because they were appealing a automatic decision to deny based on language in the new policy that says if it's late, it's automatically denied. Clerk Lynch could expand on that if necessary, but that that was really the only reason. Questions were asked about is Appleton in the departments ready for this based on that shorten timeline? And the answer was yes. It's a great event. You'll see support from the hotel downtown, and it brings a lot of people to our city, drives a lot of economic impact. I strongly support approving this special event license application.

Mayor Jake Woodford 29:37

Alder van Zeeland.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 29:39

Thank you, Chair. I'll just add that the folks in charge of this and the applicants were in touch with people from the city who are helping them complete the application although it did come in late. They were just trying to work through some items and make sure that they filled out the new application as completely as possible. So I give my whole hearted support. And also, just wanted to let everyone know they're not here this evening. They said during safety and licensing they could not, because they actually had games this evening. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 30:12

Alder Hartzheim.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 30:15

Thank you, Chair. As this is—this takes place in district 13, I was bit concerned about why the lateness of the application, etc. And I had a very good discussion with the applicants in regards to what happened step by step. And a big part of it was this new process that we knew that we would have some growing pains as a city to go through. So, I—after speaking with them and understanding more about what is occurring, I also wholeheartedly agree that we should allow this, even though I'm one of these people that, hey, we've got rules. We should stick the rules. This is an example of a good place that the council can make an exception. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 30:53

Any further discussion? Hearing none, we have a motion and a second to approve. Please cast your votes. Motion passes 14 to zero. That item has been approved.

Mayor Jake Woodford 31:08

Moving on, item 25-0573 McFleshman's full-service retail outlet request for alcohol sales and service at the ADI Farmers Market July 12, 19th, and 26th. We have a motion and a second to approve. Any discussion? Hearing none, please cast your votes. That motion passes 13 zero, and we will note Alder Schultz's abstention.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 31:50

The second on that item was offered by Alder Schultz.

Mayor Jake Woodford 31:54

Let's just see. It was. All right, is—all right. You know we're going to—what we're going to do is I'm going to rule that having been out of order, and we're just going to rerun this. So, look for, look for a new motion and a— appreciate Alder Schultz's zeal, but we're gonna need a new second here. Yeah, just hang tight. We're gonna get that updated here. All right, looking for a motion to approve. We have a motion and a second. We're good. We're good. We got it. Stop pushing your buttons. We've got it. We've got a motion and a second to approve, and is there any discussion? Hearing none, please cast your votes. All right, and that motion passes 13 zero, and we will again note Alder Schultz's abstention. And I will thank our colleague Alder Hartzheim for catching that so we didn't have to amend the minutes later. Thank you very much.