



City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 110.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JULY 12, 2006**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:
SPECIAL USE PERMIT

SUP-12631 BEYANCE ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: MPOWER/KRISTIN L. WILLIAMS - OWNER: IRVINGTON PROPERTIES, LLC. - Appeal filed by the applicant from the denial by the Planning Commission of a request for a Special Use Permit FOR A MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT AND A WAIVER OF THE 200 FOOT DISTANCE SEPARATION REQUIREMENT FROM A RESIDENTIAL USE at 1215 South Las Vegas Boulevard (APN 162703-1229) C-2 (General Commercial) Zone, Ward 3 (Reese). The Planning Commission (4-2-1 vote) and staff recommend DENIAL.

PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:

APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission (4-2-1 vote) and staff recommend DENIAL.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Location Map
2. Conditions and Staff Report For This Application
3. Support Documentation
4. Justification Letter
5. Submitted at meeting - Schematic designs by applicant
6. Backup referenced from the 05/11/06 Planning Commission meeting Item 38

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve subject to conditions and adding the following conditions as read for the record as follows:

A. Approval shall be subject to a one-year review and is pursuant to the site plan date stamped 6/21/2006 and floor plans submitted on 7/12/06.

B. There shall be no in-room massages.

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

LOIS TARKANIAN, LAWRENCE WEEKLY, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

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Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

ATTORNEY MATTHEW DUCHAF appeared on behalf of the applicant and stated that the Aruba Casino and Hotel wants to revitalize and provide services similar to those of other Strip properties. The intent is to provide massage services for their customers at an affordable rate, to include all necessary amenities such as separate changing rooms for men and women.

ATTORNEY DUCHAF referenced renderings of the massage rooms and adjacent changing rooms, and noted that there would not be any massages provided in hotel rooms. The total massage area would consist of 523 square feet.

KRISTIN WILLIAMS, a licensed massage therapist, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to start a business and provide these services at the Aruba. She stated she intends to contract with other licensed therapists that would endure a background check through Metro. She clarified that the services would be provided for hotel guests only, although she intends to expand to outside guests as well.

COUNCILMAN REESE voiced concern for the location of the massage rooms within the Aruba Casino and Hotel. ATTORNEY DUCHAF explained that a therapist or coordinator would escort their guests to the massage room to create a more personalized experience and avoid potential confusion regarding the location of the massage room. COUNCILMAN REESE noted that he has received concerns about the residential efficiency issue but because the hotel currently exists, he did not believe this amenity would further aggravate the matter. He supported MS.

WILLIAMS' desire to conduct a profitable business and encouraged further success at the Aruba Casino and Hotel.

COUNCILMAN REESE briefly outlined the conditions associated with the application and added a one-year review. MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, stated that approval is pursuant to the site plan date stamped 6/21/2006 and she also requested the displayed renderings, noting that the floor plans submitted at the Council meeting of 7/12/2006 shall be part of the application. She added an additional condition prohibiting in-room massages. ATTORNEY DUCHAF agreed to all conditions and submitted the renderings displayed.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.