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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

DEPARTMENT: Finance and Business Services

DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action regarding Six Month Review of a Beer/Wine/Cooler Off-sale License, Sabah Shoshani dba Bell's Market 720 West Owens Avenue, Sabah H. Shoshani, 100% - Ward 5 (Weekly)

Fiscal Impact

No Impact Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available Dept./Division:

Amount:

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Discussion and possible action regarding Six Month Review of a Beer/Wine/Cooler Off-sale License.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to be provided following discussion of this item at the City Council meeting.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Agenda Memo
2. Map

Motion made by LAWRENCE WEEKLY to Approve the license, allowing the applicant to provide security from 2:00 p.m. to closing daily, with a review 3/21/2007 and subject to the following conditions:1) hire a licensed security firm to address parking lot issues; 2) install a video surveillance system to aid in monitoring activity inside and outside the store; 3) post signs inside and outside the store which notify patrons of the video surveillance system; 4) work with Metro and security to enforce trespassing of undesirables; and 5) enforce the no loitering and no alcohol consumption laws within a thousand feet of the establishment

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 1; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

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

NOTE: MAYOR GOODMAN disclosed that he would be abstaining because of a partnership interest he shares with ATTORNEY JAY BROWN on a building on West Charleston.

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Minutes:

The applicants for Items 43 and 45 were present, accompanied by attorney, JAY BROWN. This matter, along with Item 45, was trailed at the request of COUNCILMAN WEEKLY, pending the arrival of the applicant's representative.

After the applicant's arrival, JIM DiFIORE, Manager of Business Services, indicated that the following conditions were placed on both Items 43 and 45: 1) hire a licensed security firm to address parking lot issues; 2) install a video surveillance system to aid in monitoring activity inside and outside the store; 3) post signs inside and outside the store which notify patrons of the video surveillance system; 4) work with Metro and security to enforce trespassing of undesirables; and 5) enforce the no loitering and no alcohol consumption laws within a thousand feet of the establishment. He conceded that there were a high number of calls for service; however, those were self generated, which means that the applicant is making a cooperative effort with Metro to address some of the concerns.

ATTORNEY BROWN commented that he has had numerous conversations with COUNCILMAN WEEKLY and is well aware of his numerous concerns about this area. He requested allowing the applicant to use its own security personnel, in order to be able to make higher demands, and have security on-site during the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY noted that the security used thus far has not done a very good job. They seem to become frightened when they find themselves in the midst of confrontation. TONI WEEKS, Detective, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro), indicated that the security has to be provided through a licensed security firm. If the applicant is not satisfied with the security being provided through its current agency, it should find another agency.

ATTORNEY BROWN said that if security has to be provided through a licensed security agency, then his request is moot. However, he noted that security agencies send out security guards that are not physically fit. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY said he appreciates the efforts the owner has made thus far. The area is saturated with alcohol and crime. DETECTIVE WEEKS suggested the applicant express his concerns to the owner of the security company it currently employs.

As far as the hours of providing security, COUNCILMAN WEEKLY said he did not have a problem with granting the applicant his petition to provide security during the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. MR. DiFIORE recommended continuing with the original conditions imposed, allowing the applicant to provide security during the hours requested and with a review on 3/21/2007. ATTORNEY BROWN requested the provision for security be from 2:00 p.m. to closing daily, because, during the weekends, the store can close as late as 11:00 p.m. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred with this request.