

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
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VERBATIM EXCERPT ITEM 93

Item 93 EXCERPT PERTAINING TO ITEM 141 SUP-15347

Appearance List:

MATT BROWN

OSCAR GOODMAN, Mayor

GARY REESE, Councilman

MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development Department

LOIS TARKANIAN, Councilwoman

BRYAN SCOTT, Deputy City Attorney

BARBARA JO RONEMUS, City Clerk

STEVE WOLFSON, Councilman

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MATT BROWN

Id like to speak about one of the items.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Why dont you come on up, please. You have to give us your name.

MATT BROWN

My name is Matt Brown. I was here to speak about Item Number 141. Will I be able to do that if its held today? I will not be here on November the first.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Ill let you do it, of course.

MATT BROWN

Okay. Okay, thank you.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Yes, when we call the, when we get there, raise your hand and Ill be happy to have you speak.

COUNCILMAN REESE

Are there any other items?

MARGO WHEELER

Sir, that, excuse me, if I may, Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor, thats an abeyed item. So, we will not --

MAYOR GOODMAN

Oh, we wont get there?

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MARGO WHEELER

No Sir.

MAYOR GOODMAN

All right, I want to give the, if hes not gonna be here, I want to give him the opportunity to speak. Now? Very good. If he, come on up sir, please. This is on Item 141. Let me read that. Its SUP-15347, Sun Loan Company, Plaza Los Arcos, LLC. Request for a Special Use Permit for a financial institution at 7591 Washington Avenue. Yes, Sir.

MATT BROWN

Can you see the picture?

MAYOR GOODMAN

Do we have the overhead? Yes, we see it.

MATT BROWN

My name is Matt Brown. Im the District Manager for Dollar Financial Group. We do businesses loan (inaudible) for the State of Nevada. Im here today to come and request your sincere consideration for enforcement of the 1000-foot requirement been placed by the City for financial institutions. As you can see from my pictures, the Special Use Permit 15347, by applicant, Check City, would allow for another identical financial institution within 96 feet of our current facility. Can you see that picture?

MAYOR GOODMAN

Yes, we can.

MATT BROWN

Okay. Ive got one more here that shows --

MAYOR GOODMAN

All right.

MATT BROWN

-- this is looking from our store at the back side of what will be their proposed site. A hundred feet would put us in their back room. Im not here to debate the legitimacy of our industry; Im simply here as a representative for the largest international lender of pay loans and check cashing services to ask for your sincere respect.

Please understand that the City Planning Commission has already severely infected, impacted our ability to run our business to the fullest by allowing this building to be built to begin with. At its lowest point this new building is 10 feet above grade of anything in our existing system. It completely hid our--plaza.

To allow this direct competitor to set up shop in our front door would be forthcoming, would be a fatal blow (inaudible) to run a respectful and decent business. First we are hidden and next we are slapped in the face with the competitor right in direct shot of our store, not even across the street, 96 feet from our front door.

While I understand the Planning Commission has recommended approval, I respectfully ask that you reconsider the recommendation and turn the Special Use Permit down. Anything less would be devastating to those of us who work very hard to build a business and clientele and a relationship with those who live in that area.

We already lost two tenants in our plaza and we have one more thats getting ready to vacate. We are all for competition promoting to be in good business, but believe in fair standards and the enforcement of policies of the City. We have, on multiple occasions, come before the City Council and asked for a Special Use Permit waiver when were dealing with, maybe, eight or nine

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hundred feet and its been denied every time. But, yet, theyre within a hundred feet and the Planning Commission recommended approval.
I kind of ask you today to do the right thing and deny this request. This is not eight hundred and ninety-six feet. Its a 96-foot separation. I (inaudible) see youll send a clear message that fair enforcement is good business. Mayor and members of the Council, thank you for your time.

MAYOR GOODMAN

All right. Thank you, and Councilman, Councilwoman Tarkanian, I believe thats in Ward 1, so -

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN

Yes, it is.

MAYOR GOODMAN

-- well incorporate those remarks into the record, so, when we have the opportunity to --

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN

I, could I just have your name and telephone number, though.

MATT BROWN

Yes, my name is Matt Brown and my phone number is 8-0-9-6-5 --

BRYAN SCOTT

Wait, you probably--want to wait and do that off camera.

MATT BROWN

Oh, okay, well --

MAYOR GOODMAN

All right.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN

Okay. Off camera, then.

MATT BROWN

All right. Okay, thanks.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN

I just wanted to say the reason why we abeyed it, was because we had some questions about it. So, thank you for coming.

MATT BROWN

Yeah, if I can -- thank you very much.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Okay, and lets have a transcript of his remarks in our backup material.

BARBARA JO RONE MUS

Okay.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON

Mayor Goodman.

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MAYOR GOODMAN

Yes.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON

And that was going to be a question I had, from a technological standpoint, cause the gentleman made some -- compelling arguments, and I wanted to be able to refresh my memory with what he said. So, a transcript in our backup is a great idea. Thank you.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you.

(END OF DISCUSSION)

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