



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 61.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2006

DEPARTMENT: FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action regarding a Temporary Transfer of Interest and Approval of Officers for a Martial Arts Instruction Business License From: American Taekwondo Federation, Inc. To: American Taekwondo Federation, LLC, dba ATF Black Belt Academy, 3211 North Tropic Way, Suite 105, Allan S. Melatti, Mngr, 50% and Ursula S. Melatti, Mngr, 50% - Ward 4 (Str)

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Discussion and possible action regarding a Temporary Transfer of Interest and Approval of Officers for a Martial Arts Instruction Business License.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval with authority for the Director or Designee to issue a permanent license upon receipt of a favorable investigation report or extend the temporary in the event the investigation is not completed.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Map

Motion made by LARRY BROWN to Approve the temporary transfer of interest, with authority granted to the Director or Designee to issue a permanent license or extend the temporary in the event the police report is not completed within the six-month temporary period

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)

Minutes:

The applicants were present.

JIM DiFIORE, Manager of Business Services, indicated that there is no preliminary area of concern. He suggested temporary approval of the transfer of interest as recommended.

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MR. MELATTI requested approval.

COUNCILMAN BROWN stated that he was contacted by parents of some of the Academy students with concerns about the operation of the business. He would like those parents to have an opportunity to speak, and MR. MELATTI has been made aware of this.

KIN SIN CHOW, resident of Northwest Las Vegas, ANNABELLE SANTOS, RIO MARCUS and JOSHUA NOONAN expressed concerns about the Academy, mainly about non-professional instructors without proper certification. MR. CHOW also expressed concern about the safety of the children and questioned whether the instructors have first-aid training.

MR. MELATTI rebutted that the students do not receive diplomas. Martial Arts is a sport like soccer, football or baseball, for which coaches do not have to be certified. He asserted that both of his schools have safety procedures in place to address any injuries. He added that his door is open to any parent that wants to voice any concerns.

MAYOR GOODMAN noted that all the issues raised are contractual between the school and the parents.

COUNCILMAN BROWN asked MR. DiFIORE to review the Code for these types of businesses and ensure that they are operating properly.