



**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MAY 7, 2008**

**DEPARTMENT: FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES**

**DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT**

Consent  Discussion

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and possible action regarding a Six Month Review of Temporary Approval for a Restricted Gaming License for 15 slots, Amer Ramo & Emad Binna, dba Corner Store, 2558 South Valley View Boulevard, Amer Ramo, Ptner, 50% and Emad Binna, Ptner, 50% - Ward 1 (Tarkanian)

**Fiscal Impact**

- No Impact  Augmentation Required  
 Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**

**Funding Source:**

**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Discussion and possible action regarding a Six Month Review of Temporary Approval for a Restricted Gaming License for 15 slots.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

None

Motion made by LOIS TARKANIAN to Approve subject to the following conditions:

- A. The owner or key employee shall be on the premises for during the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- B. The business hours shall be 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- C. Employed security in uniform shall be on the premises during the hours of operation.
- D. The lighting in the rear of the store shall be improved to meet Metro's standards for safety.
- E. The licensees will continue to keep the site clean and free of trash.
- F. The window signage shall be limited to 25 percent or less of the window space.

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- G. A 90-day review shall be held on the security condition to ensure compliance.
- H. A six-month review shall be held on the entire operation.
- I. The safety of the rear entrance shall be approved by Metro.
- J. The licensees shall work with the Bolden Area Command to eliminate crime, attend the First Tuesday program and join the Trespass program.
- K. The shelves shall be adequately stocked with food.

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0  
RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSZARIE GOODMAN,  
GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None);  
(Did Not Vote-None); (Excuse-None)

### Minutes:

JIM DiFIORE, Manager of Business Services, gave a report on this item. The review is for the gaming license only; liquor was approved in August 2002 with the following conditions: 1) The owner/key employee must be on the premises for the majority of time during business hours; 2) The outside pay phone must be removed; 3) Adequate lighting shall be installed in the rear of the building; 4) All trash must be removed; 5) Window signage shall be limited to 25 percent of window space.

During the last six months, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro), completed a report indicating that there were 34 calls for service, only five of which were generated by Metro. Also, the residents of the Sunrise Gardens complex have complained that seniors are attacked/robbed when returning home from the store. It appears the owner is not interested in working with the Bolden Area Command to help reduce crime and loitering on the premises; and the owners only became compliant on the signage requirement April 30, 2008, which MR. DiFIORE demonstrated with pictures. He stressed that the licensees seem reluctant to cooperate with staff and Metro.

MR. DiFIORE stated that staff and Metro would recommend security through a private security company, which is more effective, be required to be present during peak hours. He estimated for the Mayor that it would cost the owners about \$3,300 a month to have private security on premises during the peak hours of about 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN advised the licensees that, at the time she met with them, she made them fully aware of the problems at the site and how important it was to come into compliance and help make changes, to which they committed. Yet, the problems persist. Therefore, she said she would prefer to suspend the gaming license until improvements are made, require private security on the premises from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and require the licensees to work directly with the Bolden Area Command and join its Trespass Program.

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DAVID EDER, Nevada Gaming Application Consultants, conceded that the lighting in the rear could be improved; however, as far as the screen door being required for the rear, he explained that wrought-iron fencing was installed on both sides of the back entrance and the trash and pay phone have been removed. It has taken 20 years for the store to get in its present condition, and the licensees have done as much as possible to make improvements during the last six months. It is a difficult area, but he strongly felt that another six months would suffice to make the necessary improvements.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN insisted that the owners have not come into compliance with some of the simplest requirements; for example, the signage was barely fixed at the end of April 2008, and they have not been receptive to Metro's offer of assistance. MR. RAMO pointed out that there are problems in the center that cannot be attributed to his store. His partner and he cannot control everything.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON observed that the area lends itself to crime and problems because of the demographics. He suggested all the businesses in the center help pay for the cost of a private security guard. He questioned the nature of the call for service.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN dictated the conditions for this matter: 1) A six-month extension of the temporary licenses; 2) Licensees shall meet with Metro to ensure the screening on the back door is adequate; 3) The licensees must work with the Bolden Area Command to eliminate crime, attend the Tuesday program and join the Trespass program; 4) The new hours of operation shall be 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; 5) The signage shall be limited to 20/25 percent of the window space, as depicted in the picture dated April 30, 2008; 6) Uniformed security shall be provided during peak hours; 7) A review on the provision of security shall be held in three months to determine its effectiveness.

MR. RAMO remarked that a Metro detective comes by the store every night, and he knows that he is very cooperative. Also, he expressed concern about the financial impact the reduced hours of operation and the security expense might have on the business. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN advised him that she would expand the hours of operation when she sees improvement and that the conditions are being met. She pointed out to MR. RAMO that she opted for employed uniformed security instead of private security to minimize the expense.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON also expressed concern that the restricted hours and increased overhead might put these licensees out of business. MR. EDER said it would be very difficult, but he assured the Council that the owners want to make improvements and cooperate with Metro and the City.

Lastly, MR. DiFIORE delineated the final conditions for accuracy.