



**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: MAY 6, 2008**

**DEPARTMENT: CITY CLERK
DIRECTOR: BEVERLY K. BRIDGES**

SUBJECT:
CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the committee. No subject may be acted upon by the committee unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come to the podium and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion on any single subject, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:
 COUNCILMAN BARLOW asked MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, about combining liquor and gaming into one process, as proposed in Bill No. 2008-25 under Item 7. MS. WHEELER explained that the number of gaming machines allowed in taverns, grocery stores and supper clubs is currently set by licensing code and has nothing to do with the land use. The intent of this bill is not to create one seamless application process, but rather that the land-use implications be considered together with general business-related gaming establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages, such as taverns or supper clubs, so that the conditions can be placed on the land use, thereby eliminating the requirement for two separate special use permits. The privilege-licensed operator would still have to appear before the Council at a separate public hearing, and another public hearing would still be required for the land use.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW questioned the possible loss of revenue. MS. WHEELER replied that the current \$500 application fee only covers about 20 percent of staff costs, so it is negligible. She then explained that this bill stems from the desire to eliminate conflicts. There have been several cases in the downtown area where the special use permit on the tavern carries different conditions than the gaming special use permit. The Council would retain the discretion to deny/approve gaming with taverns, supper clubs, etc. Staff would just prefer the discussion on the operation of a gaming establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages to be held at once.

See Item 7 for related discussion.