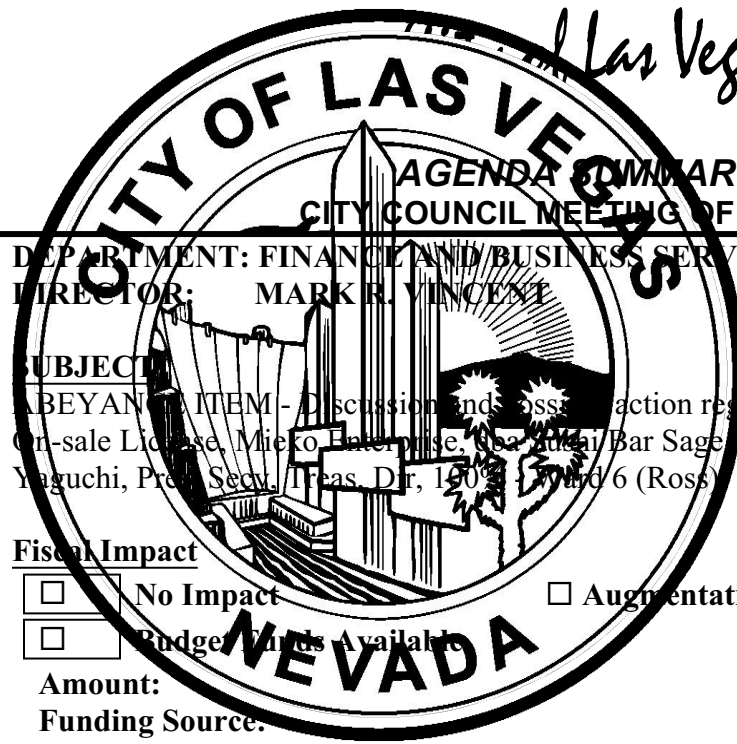




Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 67.

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DEPARTMENT: FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

BEYANT ITEM - Discussion and possible action regarding a Temporary Beer/Wine/Cooler On-sale License, Mieko Enterprise, 832 Tutui Bar Sage, 4408 North Rancho Drive, Mieko Yaguchi, Pres. Secy. /Treas. Dir, 1903 - Ward 6 (Ross)

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Discussion and possible action regarding a Temporary Beer/Wine/Cooler On-sale License.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

Motion made by STEVEN D. ROSS to Approve subject to the following condition:

A. The temporary license shall be extended for six-months, with a review at the conclusion of that period.

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

JIM DiFIORE, Business Services Manager, referred to the investigative report and indicated that the applicant was accompanied with a certified court interpreter, TAKUYA IWAMOTO.

MR. DiFIORE informed COUNCILMAN BARLOW that no backup documentation was attached, because it is submitted in the way of a confidential investigative report to each of the Councilmembers.

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MR. DiFIORE proceeded and indicated that the investigative report revealed omissions on the application during the interview process. In her responses, which were inconsistent, she stated that she was trying to push the application through. This review marks the end of the six-month temporary license, which could be extended another six months. Under a normal economy, he would recommend denial, as there are sufficient grounds, although the business inspections have shown compliance.

MR. DiFIORE explained to COUNCILMAN ROSS that when he tried to get an explanation from MS. YAGUCHI as to why she was not candid on her application, she indicated that she omitted the mortgage payment because the house was going into foreclosure, and she did not feel that it was necessary to include it. MR. DiFIORE added that there was also inconsistency with some deposits, and, as the investigation progressed, the loan amount changed repeatedly. The applicant justified it by stating that she needed to move quickly to convince the owner that she had the money to acquire the business. MR. DiFIORE noted that a six-month review would give staff sufficient time to monitor the business.

MS. YAGUCHI explained to the Council that she is struggling to keep her business and admitted that she had a lot of debt and that the foreclosure affected her credit after she had to short sale her property. When she saw the business opportunity, she wanted to act quickly to earn money and sustain herself and be able to pay her bills to live. She had to borrow money from a friend and her family in Japan. She asked for the opportunity to work.

COUNCILMAN ROSS reminded the applicant of the significance of obtaining a privileged license. He encouraged her to contact MR. DiFIORE regarding any questions on filing the paperwork, and cautioned her to comply with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) and Business Services, or else her business license could be revoked.

MR. DiFIORE recommended extending the temporary license for six months with a review at the conclusion of that period.