



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: **23.**

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

DEPARTMENT: FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT

☒ **Consent** ☐ **Discussion**

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License for Southern Nevada Association of Pride, Inc., Location: Blue Moon Resort, 2651 Westwood Drive, Date: September 18, 2010, Type: Special Event General, Event: Men's V Dance, Responsible Person in Charge: Dennis Shaul - Ward 4 (Tarkanian)

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Budget Funds Available

☐ **Augmentation Required**

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Approval of a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License. Event time is 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Estimated attendance is 100. Security provided by in house staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

Motion made by LOIS TARKANIAN to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 0

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

Minutes:

JIM DiFIORE, Manager of Business Services, explained that the Blue Moon Resort is in room-tax arrears of over \$125,000. Although this event is for a non-profit organization, he felt it should be brought to the Council's attention.

JOHN HESSLING, owner, and JOE LaMARCA, manager, of the Blue Moon Resort, were present. MR. HESSLING explained that he is just recovering from a difficult year. Because he filed for Chapter 11 in August, he is prohibited from settling his debt with the City, which CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC affirmed, explaining to the Council that the bankruptcy court will rule on which debts will be paid. MR. LaMARCA commented that the judge has to authorize payment, but paying the City, being a government entity, is one of the priorities.

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MR. DiFIORE recommended that if the Council were inclined to approve this event, that any future events be scrutinized, pending the bankruptcy discharge.

COUNCILMAN REESE struggled with supporting this application given the outstanding \$125,000 debt.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW asked how this event affects room taxes. MR. DiFIORE answered that this event could bring in more people to rent rooms, thereby paying room taxes, which would be owed in addition to the current debt. MR. ROMARCA asserted that a check in the amount of \$8,600 was sent to the City for August taxes due 9/15/2010.

MR. DiFIORE explained to COUNCILMAN BARLOW that the process for properties that are outstanding on room taxes is notification to the owner, with a lien being filed, and then submittal of a report to the City Attorney's Office for pursuit of civil action against those properties that have not paid room taxes. Staff continues to work with the property owners despite any outstanding debt, and, in this case, brought it to the attention of the Council.

