



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 29.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JUNE 1, 2011

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING
DIRECTOR: FLINN FAGG, Acting

☒ **Consent** ☐ **Discussion**

SUBJECT:
Approval of a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License for Raul Escobar, Location: 3120 Sirius Avenue, Suite 107, Dates: June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, and 29, 2011, Type: Special Event Beer/Wine, Event ECO Baile, Responsible Person in Charge: Melissa Harvey - Ward 1 (Tarkanian)

Fiscal Impact

☐ **No Impact** ☐ **Augmentation Required**
☐ **Budget Funds Available**

Amount:
Funding Source:
Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Approval of a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License. Event times are 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m. Estimated attendance is 200. Security provided by in house staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

Motion made by LOIS TARKANIAN to Approved subject to the following conditions: A. Approval of a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License Event on June 4, 2011.

B. Hired professionally licensed security personnel shall be approved by City staff.

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)

NOTE: Initial motion for approval by Reese carried unanimously and was reconsidered upon a motion by Tarkanian for approval which also carried unanimously

Minutes:

CAROL MEYER, Business Services Supervisor, reviewed the facts of the application. RAUL ESCOBAR, acting on behalf of the applicant, indicated that the property owner had spent significant funds to evict prior tenants who had been running illegal operations, and had spent a

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considerable amount on renovations and cleanup. MR. ESCOBAR also clarified that the purpose of the application was to test the waters for launching a new business and stated that the owner's objective was to hold periodic special events instead of leaving the property vacant and exposed to vandalism.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW asked for clarification regarding what actions would constitute the need for a permanent business license instead of a special events license. MS. MEYER stated that while the legal definition is ambiguous, the Business License Department was concerned that the frequency of events applied for on the application demonstrated business operations and not an occasional event. She also confirmed for COUNCILMAN BARLOW that applicants could only apply once within a two-month period.

MR. ESCOBAR confirmed with COUNCILMAN BARLOW that the desire is to target Hispanic populations by hosting birthday and quinceañera parties and that the building is located in a commercial area with plenty of parking.

COUNCILMAN REESE stated his desire was to see the item in final abeyance.

COUNCILMAN ROSS received clarification from MR. ESCOBAR that the applicant had followed advice from the City on how to apply for an application and that after following those instructions he found himself before the Council. COUNCILMAN ROSS agreed with MR. ESCOBAR's earlier statements that this is a good way for the business to proceed and reminded the applicant that a business license will have to be issued if this is to become a regular event.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON was concerned about property features such as bathrooms, accessibility, security measures, capacity, etc. MR. ESCOBAR confirmed the details of the property and the approval of the City's Planning Department.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW stated that he would only approve the Item if outside security was hired.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN indicated that she was concerned that there were too many dates listed within a seven week period, but MS. MEYER indicated that only approving some of the events is an option.

CAROL MEYER confirmed for COUNCILMAN WOLFSON that undercover Metro Officers do attend events that raise special concern.