

TO: James L. App, City Manager

FROM: Jennifer Sorenson, Interim Director of Administrative Services

SUBJECT003A Card Room License Transfer - Central Coast Casino

DATE: October 16, 2007

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Needs: For the City Council to consider approval of a request from the Central Coast Casino to transfer their card room license to a new location.

Facts:

1. The Central Coast Casino has an existing business license and card room license to operate a card parlour at its current location at 1428 Spring Street.
2. The existing business and card room license was previously approved by the City Council according to the provisions of the City Code.
3. Due to a desire by the Central Coast Casino to move its location to 1124 Black Oak Drive, the owner has submitted a new application for a business license at this address in accordance with the City Code Section 5.08.020.
4. The owner currently has a cash bond placed with the City in the amount of \$500 as required by City Code. This cash bond will remain on deposit with the City to satisfy the bonding requirement for the new location.
5. According to City Code Section 5.08.030, the City Council may, if satisfied with the form of application and bond, and that the applicant is a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years and of good moral character, order issued to the applicant the license applied for upon payment of an annual license fee and other additional fees that may be required.
6. The applicant has already received approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP 05-012) to operate a card room at the new location.

Analysis &  
Conclusion:

The applicant has an approved CUP 05-012 from Planning Commission to allow the use at the new location. Conditions of approval were applied to the permit that address public safety concerns and included on-site security, video cameras, lighting, fencing, and annual security plan review by the Chief of Police. They are nearing completion of building improvements. However, prior to approving a business license to establish a card room at a new location, it is required that the City Council approve a transfer of the card room license. The applicant, David Stearns, meets the required criteria noted above, in compliance with Section 5.08.030 of the El Paso de Robles Municipal Code.

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Impact: None

Options:

- a. That the Council approve transfer of the card room license and order that a business license be issued for the new location upon payment of the annual fee and any additional fees that might be required in accordance to Section 5.08.030; or
- b. That the City Council make findings as to why a business license should not be issued; or
- c. Amend, modify, or reject the options above.