

STAFF REPORT

Date: February 28, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – Restricted Gaming - 4 Slot Machines (New) – United Coin Machine dba Century Gaming Technologies dbat Metro Market, Timothy Cogswell, 595 Booth Street.

From: Lance Ferrato, Director of Business Licensing

Department: Business Licensing

Summary:

This is an application (R161872G-APP-2024) for four (4) slot machines to operate within an existing convenience store. The site location was approved by the Planning Division and has a zoning designation of Neighborhood Commercial (NC). Zoning hours of operation are 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Previous Council Action:

September 27, 2023 – Council denied (4-2) the application for four slot machines.

Supplemental Information:

Review of the proposed site location revealed a high school directly across the street to the north.

State Analysis:

Pursuant to Nevada Gaming Commission Regulation 3.010, the Commission may deny an application based on the suitability of the location for multiple reasons. Relative to this application, vicinity to schools (NGC Reg. 3.010[1]) and premises having substantial minor clientele (NGC Reg. 3.010[3]) are two of the many criteria that may be used to make a suitability determination.

Deliberations by the Nevada Gaming Control Board at its September 6, 2023, meeting and by the Nevada Gaming Commission at its September 21, 2023, meeting revealed no significant concerns with the operation or its proximity to the school. It was also noted that the Board's Investigative Agent contacted the high school principal who shared no concerns. Discussions by

both bodies ultimately led to unanimous approval by the Commission.

City Analysis:

City staff confirmed that there are no applicable distancing requirements noted in the Reno Municipal Code (RMC) for restricted gaming uses relative to schools. Staff also followed up with the school principal and confirmed that they had no concerns. Also worth noting, a restricted gaming license has been in operation across the street to the east for more than 40 years.

Reapplication

RMC does not restrict an applicant from reapplying for licensure after a denial.

Attachments:

Privileged License Application Approval - Background, Discussion and Legal Implications
Vicinity Map - United Coin Machine dba Century Gaming Technologies dbat Metro Market
Nevada Gaming Commission Approval
LDC12-00034 Metro Market fka Idlewild Market