

# **STAFF REPORT**

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: December 1, 2016

Staff Contact: Hope Sullivan, Planning Manager

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: To approve the transfer of the gaming license of the Carson Horseshoe Club from Nevada Treasure Chest to Silver Bullet of Nevada, LLC. (Hope Sullivan, Planning Manager, hsullivan@carson.org)

**Staff Summary:** The applicant is seeking to transfer the ownership of the gaming license of the Carson Horseshoe Club. Per the provisions of Carson City Municipal Code (CCMC) 4.14.050, a license may be transferred upon a majority vote of the Board. The Board has the authority to grant the transfer or deny the request.

Agenda Action: Formal Action/Motion

Time Requested: 45 minutes

# **Proposed Motion**

I move to approve the transfer of the gaming license of the Carson Horseshoe Club from Nevada Treasure Chest to Silver Bullet of Nevada, LLC.

# **Board's Strategic Goal**

**Economic Development** 

## **Previous Action**

The City has records demonstrating that the Carson Horseshoe Club operated a casino at 402 North Carson Street as long ago as 1975. The City does not have the records demonstrating the original approval action and date.

## **Background/Issues & Analysis**

The Carson Horseshoe Club operated a casino at 402 North Carson Street as long ago as 1975. Per the provisions of CCMC 4.14.060, gaming licenses are issued for a period of three months and expire at the end of the quarterly period in which issued. The Carson Horseshoe Club was in operation and paid its gaming license fees in the last quarter of 2014. It did not pay the gaming license fees in the first quarter of 2015. Therefore, the Carson City gaming license expired on December 31, 2014. On October 12, 2016, the applicant Silver Bullet of Nevada, LLC dba Carson Horseshoe Club, applied for a transfer of ownership for a gaming license, and paid the gaming license fees for the last quarter of 2016. As only the Board may authorize a transfer of ownership of a gaming license, the application is pending Board action.

Prior to the Board Meeting, the District Attorney's office will prepare a legal memorandum with issues and analysis for the Board's review.

CCMC 4.14.020 obligates the sheriff of Carson City to investigate into the legal qualifications of each applicant for gaming licenses before any such license is issued. The sheriff's office has performed a background check and found that the applicant qualifies to hold a license.

# Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

CCMC Chapter 4.14 (Gaming Licenses and Regulations), CCMC 4.14.050 (License nontransferable), CCMC 4.14.045 (Requirements for unrestricted gaming license), CCMC 4.14.046 (Effect of discontinuation of unrestricted gaming for twenty-four (24) months.)

Financial Information Is there a fiscal impact?  Ves  No			
If yes, account name/number:			
Is it currently budgeted? 🗌 Yes 🛛 No			
Explanation of Fiscal Impact:			
<u>Alternatives</u> Deny the request to transfer the gaming license.			
<b>Board Action Taken:</b> Motion:			

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Business License Fee	63.85	Business License Annual Fee: 83.00
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#### 4.14.010 - Definitions.

Whenever used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Banking game" shall mean a game conducted by one or more persons, where there is a fund, against which everyone has a right to bet, the bank being responsible for payment of all funds, taking all that is won and paying all that is lost. The fund which is provided for that purposes is generally called the "bank" and the person who conducts it the "banker."
- 2. "Board" shall mean the mayor and the members of the board of supervisors of Carson City.
- 3. "Convicted" shall mean a finding of guilt resulting from a plea of guilty, the decision of a court or magistrate or the verdict of a jury, irrespective of the pronouncement of judgment or the suspension thereof.
- 4. "Employee" shall mean an individual who performs services subject to the control by any employer. Where, for Federal Social Security tax purposes, a determination has been made that an individual is an employee, that determination will be controlling for the purposes of this chapter.
- 5. "Gambling device" shall mean and include any device or apparatus designed for carrying on any gambling game, or for determining whether the player is to win or lose.
- 6. "Gambling games" shall include all games specifically mentioned in this chapter and also shall be given a very general application and shall include bookmaking, pool selling, and all acts, games and contrivances by which one risks money or other things of value on a contest or chance of any kind.
- 7. "Jukebox" shall mean any mechanical device for the playing of music actuated and controlled by the placing of coins or tokens therein.
- 8. "License" shall mean a license issued pursuant to this chapter.
- 9. "Licensee" shall mean any person to whom a license has been issued pursuant to this chapter.
- 10. "Person" shall include an individual, partnership, firm or corporation, as the context requires.

(Amended by Ord. 1973-9 § 1(2) (part), 1973)

4.14.046 - Effect of discontinuation of unrestricted gaming for twenty-four (24) months.

If gaming operations at any location for unrestricted gaming under the provisions of this code are discontinued for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, the exemptions set forth in Section 4.14.045 do not apply unless the licensee demonstrates that the discontinuance is due to the demolition and reconstruction, remodeling or expansion of the structure in which the licensed gaming activity took place. The licensee must have obtained a Carson City building permit for any such work and in any event has the burden of demonstrating that the discontinuance is for the purposes set forth herein. Any such demolition and reconstruction, remodeling or expansion must be diligently pursued and completed in a reasonably timely manner.

(Ord. 2002-7 § 2 (part), 2002).

#### 4.14.047 - Appeals.

- 1. If the Carson City gaming license is denied, the applicant may appeal to the board of supervisors as hereinafter provided.
- 2. A written notice of appeal from the denial of a license may be filed with the city treasurer not later than ten (10) business days after notice of the denial is provided to the applicant by certified mail sent to his last known address. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the treasurer shall schedule a hearing before the board of supervisors. Notice of the date, time and place of the hearing shall be

provided the applicant by certified mail sent to his last known address not later than ten (10) business days before the time specified for the hearing. The applicant or his representative must appear at the hearing. The board may sustain the treasurer's decision or order that the license by issued. The decision of the board must be in writing and must include one (1) or more of the following findings of fact:

- a. Evidence of payment dates showing timely post-marks or other proof of timely delivery of documents described in Section 4.14.045 (3) and (4);
- b. Evidence showing a reasonable sustained effort to timely comply or no fault of the applicant for failure to comply with performance dates set forth in Section 4.14.045 (3) and (4); or
- c. Evidence of special circumstances or conditions which apply to the applicant's parcel of real property which make compliance with the provisions of Section 4.14.045 difficult, provided that:
  - i. Such circumstances or conditions are not self-imposed; and
  - ii. The granting of the license will promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of Carson City by increasing tourism, commerce, or other similar activities in an amount equivalent to that which would be achieved by compliance with Section 4.14.045. The determination of equivalence shall be based on realistic estimates of either; a) an investment in tourism related infrastructure equivalent to that of one hundred (100) hotel rooms; or, b) an annual economic benefit equivalent to that may qualify as tourist related investments include, but are not limited to: parking garage, golf course, convention center or a visitor attraction facility such as a museum, amusement park, science center, etc. The measure of equivalence of annual economic benefit shall include an estimate of potential annual expenditures in the community from the resulting tourism.

(Ord. 2002-12 § 2 (part), 2002: Ord. 2002-7 § 2 (part), 2002).

4.14.050 - License nontransferable.

- 1. A license issued to any person to conduct or operate a gambling game of gambling device under the provisions of this chapter on any premises in Carson City may not be used for any other premises or for any other part of the building containing the licensed premises, without the consent of the majority vote of the board.
- 2. No license granted under the provisions of this chapter may be transferred by the licensee to any other person except upon application made to the sheriff, and which application must be approved by a majority vote of the board, who shall have the power and authority to grant the transfer or deny the request and require that a new and original application be made by the proposed transferee.
- 3. If the licensee shall cease to operate the licensed business, or if said license shall be revoked, there shall be no refund on said license, or if a receiver or assignee for the benefit of creditors shall be appointed for said business, or guardian of the property of an individual holding a license shall be appointed during the time for which such license was granted, or if a person holding a license shall die during the term for which such license was given, such receiver or assignee or guardian of such a license, or the administrator or executor of the estate of such a deceased licensee, may continue to carry on the license was effective with the same rights and subject to the same restrictions and liabilities as if he had been the original holder of such license, providing the authority of the board be first obtained. Before continuing such business, such receiver, assignee or guardian or administrator or executor shall file a statement with the board, setting forth the facts and circumstances by which they/he has succeeded to the rights of the original licensee.
- 4.14.060 Expiration of license.

Every license issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be for a period of three (3) months and shall expire at the end of the quarterly period in which issued, namely, on March 31st, June 30th, September 30th, and December 31st.