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CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item D
January 24, 2011

SUBJECT: Approval of transfer of escrowed 2010 Class C liquor licensed, from 30855 Southfield, Southfield, MI 48076, Oakland County, Independent Bank Corporation, to City Center Plaza Limited Liability Partnership, 25875 Novi, Suite 170, Novi, MI 48375, Oakland County. Transfer is for recordkeeping purposes only; license will remain in escrow until a tenant is secured, and full review and approval process will be required to remove and complete transfer.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk *CH for MC*

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: *[Signature]*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: *[Signature]*

The applicant seeks to transfer a liquor license into Novi from Southfield, but only to hold for "recordkeeping" purposes until a tenant that desires a liquor license can be identified. When a tenant is identified, the tenant will apply for a license transfer in the normal course under the City's alcohol ordinance, and be subject to the usual review of background, proposed use, etc.

The attached correspondence from the applicant's counsel and the LCC was secured at the City Staff's request to document the fact that the purpose of the transfer is to allow the applicant to market the property by having control of a license that can be transferred out of escrow with the City's approval, and to confirm that the applicant gains no right to use the license unless and until a tenant applies for and is granted a transfer.

The Police Department found no reason to deny the recordkeeping transfer. Per the Planning Department, use is permitted in the zoning district, subject to site plan review for a specific tenant.

The Building and Fire Departments did not require approvals at this time as the space will not be used until a tenant is located. Inspections will be performed prior to the issuance of a license to a future tenant.

This process is different than typically occurs under the City's ordinance, but as documented Staff has no objections.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of transfer of escrowed 2010 Class C liquor licensed from 30855 Southfield, Southfield, MI 48076, Oakland County, Independent Bank Corporation, to City Center Plaza Limited Liability Partnership, 25875 Novi, Suite 170, Novi, MI 48375, Oakland County. Transfer is for recordkeeping purposes only; license will remain in escrow until a tenant is secured, and full review and approval process will be required to remove and complete transfer.

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