



City of Arts & Innovation

Public Safety Committee Memorandum

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE:** AUGUST 21, 2019
FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARD:** 6
SUBJECT: APPEAL IN RESPONSE TO DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT'S RENEWAL OF PERMIT FOR BUSINESS – SPA MILLENNIUM

ISSUE:

Consider the appeal from Eun Suk Kim and Jeffrey Strutzel, owners of Spa Millennium, located at 10600 Magnolia Avenue, in response to the Police Department's denial of the request to renew the massage establishment's permit for business.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Public Safety Committee deny the appeal from Eun Suk Kim and Jeffrey Strutzel, owners of Spa Millennium, located at 10600 Magnolia Avenue, and uphold the denial by the Riverside Police Department to renew the massage establishment's permit for business.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Riverside Police Department's Vice Unit conducted a review of the renewal application for Spa Millennium's massage establishment permit, located at 10600 Magnolia Avenue. During the review of the application, the detectives discovered that co-applicant Eun Suk Kim had a history of arrests from 1983 to 1987 including pandering, prostitution, pimping and maintaining a house of ill repute.

The detectives also discovered that co-applicant, Jeffrey Strutzel, owned another massage establishment in the city of Escondido. In 2018, two (2) employees from Mr. Strutzel's City of Escondido establishment were arrested and charged with municipal code violations. As a result of these arrests, the massage establishment permit Mr. Strutzel held in the City of Escondido was revoked.

Based on the circumstances surrounding this application, the Municipal Code language governing the issuance of permits, and the applicants' relevant criminal and business history, the Riverside Police Department denied the renewal of Spa Millennium's massage establishment permit.

On June 24, 2019, Mr. John R. Cogorno, attorney for the appellants Eun Suk Kim and Jeffrey

Strutzel, attended a pre-imposition hearing with Deputy Chief Jeffrey Greer. On June 26, 2019, A letter was sent to Attorney John R. Cogorno via certified mail stating that no new evidence was presented during the hearing on June 26, 2019 that would refute the past conduct uncovered during the review of the renewal application for Spa Millennium's massage establishment permit and that the revocation is upheld.

DISCUSSION:

On July 3, 2019, Mr. John R. Cogorno, Attorney for the owners of Spa Millennium, submitted the attached letter of appeal through the City Clerk's Office. The letter was accepted by the City Clerk's Office. The appeal for denying the renewal of the massage establishment permit for Spa Millennium is scheduled for the Public Safety Committee on August 21, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations in this report.

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Attachment: Appellant Letter