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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 29, 2016

DATE: November 18, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager
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THROUGH: John Slaughter, County Manager

SUBJECT: Request by the Manager’s Office through the Washoe County Clerk pursuant to WCC 2.030 for the Board of County Commissioners to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 110 (Development Code) at Article 304, *Use Classification System*, to expand the current definition of Outdoor Entertainment (Commercial Recreation, Commercial Use Type) to include other types of outdoor entertainment venues such as amphitheatres, race tracks, golf courses, ski resorts, and/or other appropriate venues; and to incorporate a wider range of typical uses such as sporting events, concerts, outdoor plays, outdoor music festivals with live or recorded music, and/or other appropriate uses. Additionally, initiate amendments to Washoe County Code Chapter 110 at Article 302, *Allowed Uses*, to potentially expand the regulatory zones within which the outdoor entertainment use type is allowed or allowed with the approval of an appropriate discretionary permit. Further, to direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance, pursuant to Washoe County Code Sections 2.030 and 2.040.

SUMMARY

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Washoe County Strategic Objective: Proactive Economic development and diversification.

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action

BACKGROUND

Washoe County Code 2.030 Chapter 110 (Development Code) at Article 304, *Use Classification System*, has not been reviewed in over a decade. The request is to expand the current definition of Outdoor Entertainment (Commercial Recreation, Commercial Use Type) to include other types of outdoor entertainment venues such as amphitheaters, race tracks, golf courses, ski resorts, and/or other appropriate venues; and to incorporate a wider range of typical uses such as sporting events, concerts, outdoor plays, outdoor music festivals with live or recorded music, and/or other appropriate uses. This request was initiated through contact from event vendors looking to expand events and or special events within Washoe County.

Upon BCC approval, staff will establish a community wide stakeholder group of representatives of various events and organizations to review and develop possible amendments to bring forward for further action. This may include expanding regulatory zones within which the outdoor entertainment use type is allowed or allowed with an appropriate discretionary permit. Changes support further expansion of events and may bring further economic growth to the Washoe County region.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact, however changes may lead to further economic growth through increased events which could lead to further revenue for the region.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board per the Request by the Manager's Office through the Washoe County Clerk pursuant to WCC 2.030 for the Board of County Commissioners initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 110 (Development Code) at Article 304, *Use Classification System*, to expand the current definition of Outdoor Entertainment (Commercial Recreation, Commercial Use Type) to include other types of outdoor entertainment venues such as amphitheaters, race tracks, golf courses, ski resorts, and/or other appropriate venues; and to incorporate a wider range of typical uses such as sporting events, concerts, outdoor plays, outdoor music festivals with live or recorded music, and/or other appropriate uses. Additionally, initiate amendments to Washoe County Code Chapter 110 at Article 302, *Allowed Uses*, to potentially expand the regulatory zones within which the outdoor entertainment use type is allowed or allowed with the approval of an appropriate discretionary permit. Further, to direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance, pursuant to Washoe County Code Sections 2.030 and 2.040.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be to “per the Request by the Manager’s Office through the Washoe County Clerk pursuant to WCC 2.030 for the Board of County Commissioners initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 110 (Development Code) at Article 304, *Use Classification System*, to expand the current definition of Outdoor Entertainment (Commercial Recreation, Commercial Use Type) to include other types of outdoor entertainment venues such as amphitheaters, race tracks, golf courses, ski resorts, and/or other appropriate venues; and to incorporate a wider range of typical uses such as sporting events, concerts, outdoor plays, outdoor music festivals with live or recorded music, and/or other appropriate uses. Additionally, initiate amendments to Washoe County Code Chapter 110 at Article 302, *Allowed Uses*, to potentially expand the regulatory zones within which the outdoor entertainment use type is allowed or allowed with the approval of an appropriate discretionary permit. Further, to direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance, pursuant to Washoe County Code Sections 2.030 and 2.040.”