



**CITY OF SPARKS, NV
COMMUNITY
SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Janet Stout, Administrative Secretary
Subject: Report of Planning Commission Action
PCN12020
Date: July 24, 2012

RE: ALFA AESAR, Consideration of and possible action on a request for a Special Use Permit to allow for storage and distribution of hazardous chemical on a site approximately 9.6 acres in size in the TOD (Transit Oriented Development - Employment) zoning district generally located at 2070 Brierley Way, Sparks, NV.

Senior Planner Jim Rundle introduced this item and reviewed the information in the staff report.

John Krmpotic with KLS Planning, representing the applicant, introduced himself and also introduced Michael Castana with Alfa Aesar. Mr. Krmpotic explained Alfa Aesar is an international company who has chosen to have their primary distribution center located in Sparks, Nevada. Alfa Aesar primarily works with universities, pharmaceutical companies, and research laboratories located mostly in California. Mr. Krmpotic noted the applicant accepts all six conditions staff requires of the Special Use Permit.

There was discussion on how much and what type of security will be in and around the building. The applicant stated the building will be surrounded with a security fence.

There was discussion on the type of and amount of chemicals being shipped into Sparks. It was made clear once the applicant renews their business license each year, City staff will review whether or not the applicant is in compliance with their Conditions before their license is renewed once again.

Commissioner Lean noted he is in favor of this project and is very supportive of a new business coming into the area which spurs on employment.

The public hearing was opened.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Planning Commissioner Peterson moved to forward a recommendation of approval to City Council the Special Use Permit request associated with PCN12020 based on findings S1 through S6 and the facts supporting these findings as set forth in the staff report.

Commissioner Peterson amended the motion to include Conditions 1 through 6.

SECOND: Planning Commissioner Nowicki.

AYES: Planning Commissioner Lean, Nowicki, Peterson, Voelz, Fewins, and Sperber.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Sanders.

Passed.