



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Golden Valley City Council Meeting

July 7, 2026

Agenda Item

3C.1. Approve Gambling License Exemption and Waiver of Notice Requirement - Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON)

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Summary

Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has applied for a Gambling License Exemption to conduct gambling (raffle) at their 20th Anniversary Celebration at the Metropolitan Ballroom, 5418 Wayzata Boulevard, on September 19, 2026. According to their website "NEON's mission is to build wealth for low-to-moderate income entrepreneurs in North Minneapolis and surrounding communities."

As per State Statute organizations that conduct gambling within the City limits have to submit an application for a lawful gambling permit to the State after the permit has been approved or denied by the City. Depending upon the timing of the permit the applicants may request the City to waive the 30-day waiting period.

Legal Considerations

This item does not require legal review.

Equity Considerations

Approving lawful gambling exemptions gives nonprofit organizations the opportunity to create relationships within the community and make connections that can help provide unbiased programs and services to those in need.

Recommended Action

Motion to receive and file the gambling license exemption and approve the waiver of notice requirement for Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON) to conduct gambling (raffle) at an event at the Metropolitan Ballroom, 5418 Wayzata Boulevard, on September 19, 2026.