

# **NOTICE OF PROTOCOL FOR CASINO PROPOSERS' PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS TO SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES**

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**Time:** December 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

**Place:** City Stage, One Columbus Center, Springfield, Massachusetts

**Purpose:** Section 1.6 of the Phase II-RFQ/P for the Proposed Destination Casino Resort for the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, Bid No. 13-213 provides that the casino companies vying for a gaming license in Springfield will make public presentations of their proposals. This notice is to advise the proposers and the public of the protocol for those presentations.

- Protocol:**
1. The presentations will be open to Springfield residents and business owners on a first come basis. City Stage doors will open at 4:30 p.m. The City Stage seats approximately 400 persons. There will be no reserved seating. The presentations will also be recorded for later broadcast on the local cable access channel.
  2. The session will commence promptly at 5:00 p.m. with brief opening remarks by Mayor Sarno. Each of Penn Gaming, Ameristar and MGM (in that order) will then make a formal presentation of its respective casino proposal. The order of the three presentations was decided by a "blind" drawing conducted by the Mayor's ad hoc casino review committee. Each casino company will be allotted up to 30 minutes to make its presentation. After each presentation there will be an approximately 10 minute intermission to allow the next casino company to set up for its presentation. No questions will be permitted during the presentations.
  3. Immediately following the conclusion of the last of the presentations, representatives of the casino companies as well as the City's consultants will respond to questions from Springfield residents and business owners. The City's consultants will moderate the session. Interested organizations, such as regional planning and tourism boards, which are not Springfield businesses, may submit written questions to Kevin Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy will ask such questions at the end of the meeting, time permitting, or have the casino companies respond in writing.
  4. Springfield residents and business owners who wish to ask questions at this session will be required to sign-in when they arrive, indicating their name and street or business address. Questions may be addressed to any of the casino companies and the City's consultants. Each resident will have two minutes to speak. Residents and business owners are encouraged to ask questions rather than make statements concerning whether or not they are in favor of casinos.

5. The casino companies have been requested to decline to comment on the proposals of the other casino companies; accordingly, any questions put to one casino company to comment on another company's proposal will not be answered.
6. The City expects all attendees to show a high degree of respect to the proposers and those Springfield residents and business owners who choose to ask questions. Banners, placards or signs of any kind will not be permitted in the facility.
7. The session will end promptly at 10:00 p.m.
8. A recording of the session will be posted to the Springfield Redevelopment Authority webpage.