

## STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 26, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** MGM National Harbor Expanded Gaming Areas (2)

**PRESENTER:** James Logue, Managing Director, Gaming

### ISSUE SUMMARY:

MGM National Harbor has submitted a request for the expansion of two separate gaming areas within their facility. The first expansion area would be adjacent to their outdoor gaming floor which currently holds 41 video lottery terminals (VLTs). The expansion would increase the size of the outdoor gaming floor and would add 71 VLTs on the vacant side of the outdoor space adjacent to the 41 currently operational VLTs. The new gaming space should be completed and opened on or about October of 2022. Once completed and opened, MGM will temporarily close the existing outdoor gaming floor for renovations. The entire outdoor gaming floor should be completed on or about December 15, 2022.

MGM is also requesting to expand its indoor gaming floor by annexing retail space along the south wall of the casino, which will include the relocation of the existing Starbucks and retail space currently occupied by Shyft and Swag and will add an additional 171 VLTs. The project should be completed on or about March of 2023.

When these projects are complete the number of MGM's VLTs will increase by 242 and the total number of VLTs will remain within the minimum and maximum limits approved by the Commission in November 2021; no Commission action regarding the proposed increase in VLTs is required.

MGM has secured the necessary approvals and permits for construction, intends to meet their MBE goals, and is working with the Governor's Office of Small, Minority and Women Business Affairs. MGM has been providing MLGCA staff with plans, drawings and updates as required. Staff will review the project for compliance with all regulatory requirements before MGM begins any gaming activities in these new areas. MGM's request and floor plans are on the MLGCA shared drive under commission reports (Logue Confidential).

### COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED/REQUESTED:

- Motion to approve MGM National Harbor's request for an expansion of its outdoor gaming area, temporary closure of their existing outdoor gaming area and renovation of the existing outdoor gaming area.
- Motion to approve MGM National Harbor's request for an expansion of its indoor gaming area along the south wall of the casino.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends approval.