

**LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

**FILE:** 13187

**WARD:** 7

**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Downtown West

**APPLICANT:** TSSN, Inc.  
**ADDRESS:** 80 9<sup>th</sup> Street South  
**DBA:** The Melting Pot Restaurant  
**LICENSE APPLICATION TYPE:** On Sale Liquor Class C-1 with Sunday Sales  
**DATE OF APPLICATION:** November 15, 2011  
**INSPECTOR:** Craig Eliason

**BASIC LICENSE INFORMATION**

**Zoning District:** B4-2. This zoning designation allows an alcohol establishment.

**Church or School:** N/A

**Public Hearing:** Not required.

**PREMISES**

The licensed premises will consist of the same physical space licensed to and operated as the previous licensee and also known as The Melting Pot. The space contains 6,730 gross square feet located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Metro Building, located at 80 9<sup>th</sup> Street South. No construction or remodeling will occur. The seating capacity of the restaurant is 225 patrons. The maximum occupant load as determined by the Fire Department is 255 persons.

**APPLICANT**

The applicant is TSSN, Inc., a Minnesota corporation lawfully organized and registered with the MN Secretary of State's office on October 13, 2011 (file #448407100026). TSSN, Inc. purchased The Melting Pot Restaurant after the previous owner, New Grange, Inc., filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy. None of the officers of TSSN, Inc. had an interest in New Grange, Inc. The operating trustee for New Grange Inc. filed a motion for the assumption and assignment of the lease and the applicant will assume ownership of the restaurant immediately after the city issues a liquor license. The shareholders and officers of TSSN, Inc. are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Fuad Al-Nammari	President	35%
Camile Saleh	Vice-President	30%
Jamal Taha	Treasurer	30%
Michael Stead	Secretary	5%

Company documents include the proper restrictive legend on the transfer of member interests as required by Minneapolis Code.

### **BUSINESS PLAN AND OPERATIONS**

The applicant plans to operate in the same manner as the previous licensee. The Melting Pot will be open for lunch from 11:30 AM-2:00 PM seven days a week and for dinner from 4:00 PM-10:00 PM Sunday through Thursday and 4:00 PM-11:00 PM Friday and Saturday. The Melting Pot is a fondue restaurant, offering a wide variety of fondue dishes. The menu also features a variety of salads and desserts. The applicant has applied for a Class C-1 license, which allows music by 5 or fewer musicians, customer singing, radio, TV, jukebox, karaoke and electronically reproduced music. The restaurant contains a small stage, which could occasionally accommodate a small jazz trio or similar entertainment. The Melting Pot's policy will be to ask for identification from anyone ordering alcohol who appears to be under 35 years of age. The applicant indicates that it will not sponsor sports teams or offer charitable gambling at this time.

### **POLICE REVIEW**

Sgt. Markstrom completed background and financial reviews on November 18, 2011 and has recommended approval of the application.

Craig Eliason, Inspector  
Licenses and Consumer Services