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**Moratorium on Casinos  
Continues in Downtown Mountlake Terrace**

A moratorium on downtown casinos was continued by the Mountlake Terrace City Council at its October 16 meeting. The moratorium had been originally adopted this spring to allow the city time to develop a new Town Center Plan.

The new plan is expected to provide a vision for the City's future downtown. It would include consideration of whether or how casinos should be allowed in the downtown zone. The Council has directed staff to prepare a Town Center Plan for consideration by the end of the year.

Currently, the city has three casinos in an area around Highway 99 but none in the downtown area.

A public hearing on the downtown casino moratorium will be held December 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Mountlake Terrace City Hall. Unless the Council decides to change the moratorium, it will be in effect until April 14, 2007.