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Chicago Aldermen Discuss, Question Casino Process As Decision Draws Near

After three decades of talk about bringing a casino to downtown Chicago and less than a week since Mayor Lori Lightfoot named Bally's her preferred operator, city aldermen aired different opinions Monday about the process and the speed with which to proceed.

The Special Committee on the Chicago Casino held its second meeting, and it was another marathon affair that stretched nearly six hours. . Lightfoot's selection of Bally's has received a mixed response, with Alderman Walter Burnett — whose 27th Ward includes the River West neighborhood where the casino would be located — providing the most support for the project. Residents have expressed concerns over crime and traffic congestion, and Alderman Brendan Reilly, whose 42nd Ward would house the temporary casino at the Medinah Temple in River North slated to open in 2023, did not sound pleased about how that development came to pass.

. A public forum is scheduled at the University of Illinois-Chicago Thursday to discuss the Bally's proposal. [Read](#)

A temporary casino at Medinah Temple? 'Horrible' idea, says local alderman, as opponents line up

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's plan for Chicago's long-awaited casino, the Medinah Temple could be the site of a temporary gambling complex — much to the ire of the local alderman and other opponents. Among those less than enthusiastic about the site is the casino developer, Bally's Chairman Soo Kim.

The plan to put the temporary casino inside Medinah Temple while the permanent structure is under construction has been widely panned by area residents, said Ald. Brendan Reilly, whose 42nd Ward includes the temporary location. At a hearing Monday, he called the idea “horrible,” and he also balked at a newly introduced ordinance to allow liquor to be served inside the temporary casino. [Read](#)

Agreements will enable Waukegan casino to feature Sportsbook; ‘It will be an integral part of the casino’

Plans for a sportsbook at both the American Place casino in Waukegan and The Temporary by American Place will apparently become a reality thanks to a partnership struck between American Place operator Full House Resorts and Circa Sports.

Full House Resorts and Circa Sports announced their partnership Monday assuring a sports wagering facility in the temporary casino planned for Waukegan that will enable people to place bets on sporting events along with wagering at its planned 1,000 slot machines and 50 table games. [Read](#)

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