



City Council Voting Process Subcommittee Meeting re Burlington Telecom 11/16/2017

Minutes of the City Council BT Voting Process Subcommittee

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Present: President Knodell, Councilors Mason, Roof, and Wright

Staff: City Attorney Blackwood

President Knodell called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

1.01 Wright moved, Roof seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Unanimous.

2.01 The subcommittee decided the council's process for voting on the selection of a buyer for BT should meet the following objectives: The council should utilize a voting process

- that is clear, simple, and fair;
- that will lead to the selection of a buyer for BT at the 11/27 meeting;
- that will not involve any third party as a tiebreaker (in part based on legal advice that the council needs to be the decision maker, not a third party); and
- that will result in selecting a buyer who is approved by at least a majority of the councilors present and voting.

Numerous potential voting processes were considered by the committee, and the committee tentatively agreed to at least 3 rounds of voting using the following general process:

1) In the first round of 4 bidders, each councilor will vote for 2 bidders, resulting in the 3 highest vote-getters moving on and the lowest vote-getter being eliminated. If there is a tie for third place, the top two move on, and all councilors cast one vote between the remaining two, and that continues until one of them is eliminated.

2) In the second round of 3 bidders, each councilor will vote for 2 bidders, resulting in the 2 highest vote-getters moving on and the lowest vote-getter being eliminated. If there is a tie for second place, the top one moves on, and all councilors cast one vote between the remaining two, and that continues until one of them is eliminated.



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3) In the third round of 2 bidders, each councilor will vote for 1 bidder, and the highest vote-getter is selected. If there is a tie, the council continues the process until one is eliminated.

Following that discussion, the committee asked the City Attorney to write up and circulate a draft resolution for their consideration. The committee will think carefully about whether it is comfortable with this process and will share any changes/concerns with the City Attorney. The goal will be to share the resolution with the rest of the council by the weekend.

3.01 The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.