

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL  
OCTOBER 22, 2009  
7:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilors Decelles, Dober, Paul, Kehoe, Keogh, Kaplan, Adrian, Bushor, Mulvaney-Stanak (arrived at 7:21 p.m.), Caldwell and Mayor Kiss

ABSENT: Councilors Davis, Shannon, Ellis

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY: Ken Schatz

CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE: Jonathan P.A. Leopold, Jr., Ben Pacy

PRESIDENT KEOGH PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

Council President Keogh thanked the Mayor for calling the public forum re: Burlington Telecom.

2. PUBLIC FORUM: Re: Burlington Telecom

Council President Keogh opened the public forum at 7:05 p.m.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Seth Sherman	4	Questioned BT viability and financial procedures
Mark Heyman	5	Administration accountability; CAO Leopold should be removed ASAP
Ann Barton	4	Spoke in favor of BT
Roger Cole	3	Spoke in favor of open government; no admission of any wrongdoing
Steve Gould	7	Blamed Mayor Kiss for \$17 million; criticized City Council for not seeing it; need leadership, not blame
Joe Delaney	7	City Council should hold Kiss Administration accountable for \$17 million
Jenny Davis	4	Spoke in favor of BT; need collective effort to address issues
Scott Anderson	6	Does Council have authority to prevent future borrowing and to remove CAO from office.
Lauritz Larsen	4	Elected officials doing the best that they

			can; open government needs to be taken seriously
Martha Abbott,	Burlington Business Owner		Spoke in favor of BT; dislikes blaming and finger pointing
Greg Jenkins		7	Feels let down; supports BT
Jan Schultz		6	Don't throw the baby out with the bath water; start-ups have problems
Loyal Ploof		4	Frustration, problem expanding is ridiculous; Mayor and CAO should be fired.
Kurt Wright		4	Administration is not forthright
David Porteous		6	BT is an asset; economy unforeseen challenge
David Grossnickle		4	Not right to break the law
George Ewins, Jr.		6	BT confusing; discussed cash flow
Liz Curry		3	Spoke in favor of BT; not surprised tangled up in regulations
Dean Corren		1	Need to preserve this asset; similar to BED
Norbie Lavigne		7	Very disappointed in administration; violation of CPG
Catherine Kronk		5	Disturbed by cavalier attitude from the Administration
Roger Kilbourn		7	Concerned about handling of the mess
Martha Lang		1	Concerned with the business
Jeff Wick		6	BT credible and viable asset; how to make it work ASAP
Eric Bradford		4	Concerned about taxpayers being at risk for the \$17 million
Hinda Miller		6	Spoke of business/financial models
Julia Curry		3	Spoke in favor of BT
Haik Bedrosian		7	Tim Nulty wanted to expand; Mayor wanted to hold off; City Council in charge of BT

Mathew Viens		Hiding info and fiscal malfeasance
Kevin Parad, Burlington Business Owner		BT high-tech, infrastructure good
Denis O'Brien	7	BT shocking, insulting, who knew what when
John Franco	1	Spoke in favor of BT
Joe Golden	2	Spoke in favor of BT; have many questions.
Norm Williams	6	Spoke about John Franco; public kept in dark; BT referred to as a disaster
Christopher Cwieka	2	BT not any better than Comcast
Nick Karabelas, Burlington Business Owner		Disappointed about what he is hearing; expects City Council to lead by example
Kiernan Flynn	5	BT customer; appreciates risk; stopped when Administration chose not to be candid
Michael Seaver	4	Hire independent auditor; Councilors should hire independent legal counsel
Solveig Overby	2	BT supporter; invited case history

There being no one further coming forward, Council President Keogh closed the public forum at 8:42 p.m.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Adrian made a motion, seconded by Councilor Kehoe, to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Attest:

Benjamin Pacy, Assistant CAO for Administration and Management and Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting and Records Coordinator