

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Special Committee to Explore Audio Options
for Council Chambers**

September 17, 2018

Members: Mike Brillhart, Chair
Paul Colavecchio, Vice Chair
Russ Iona
Jeff Iula
Mary Nichols-Rhodes

Mr. Brillhart called the meeting to order at 8:17 p.m. All members were present.

Discussion:

Mr. John Konich, Information Technology Services Director, stated that United Sound Technologies had the lowest bid. They are a Cuyahoga Falls business. The City has done business with them before, and they do a good job. It is his recommendation that Council go with United Sound Technologies and move forward. The equipment will be moved into the storage room, so that any adjustments can be done while listening to it. There is a 90-day warranty on the equipment. There is an agreement with them that, for the life of the system, they will come out and check it out. Obviously, if there is something wrong after 90 days, the City is going to have to pay for it. Mr. Brillhart asked if 90 days would be sufficient. Mr. Konich stated that that is customary on hardware. Mr. Colavecchio stated that he thinks there should be a clause written in in the contract for this equipment that is above and beyond a warranty. Typically, this equipment is not going to fail, but whether it will work in this setting has always been a concern. Mr. Iona agreed with Mr. Colavecchio. Mr. Konich stated that they could certainly discuss it and see if they can do that.

Mr. Pallotta asked if the takedown and setup would be similar to what they have experienced in past. Mr. Konich stated the microphones will come in a case and will be put in a stand. The stand will just be supporting the microphone and there will be no wires, so it will be much easier to set up. The warranty says that the equipment is required to work. If it breaks, that is a different issue, and that is something they can certainly put in contract. Mrs. Pyke asked if there is any use for the old equipment and if it couldn't be used at Quirk Cultural Center. Mr. Konich said that, because the microphones are wireless, they would have to have the equipment to receive the transmission. Mr. Gorbach stated before they would sell it, maybe they can see if any of the local schools would want to use it.

Mr. Colavecchio made a motion that Council enter a contract with United Sound Technologies subject to, within six months of purchase, the City have the option to return that system with a full refund for any reason Council wants, regardless of the performance of the equipment, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed, voice vote (5-0)

Mr. Brillhart asked Mr. Konich to contact United Sound Technologies to see if that would be possible and notify him before Council's next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.