

Facilities Committee Report Thursday, September 19, 2007

To update Council, the Facilities Committee recommended, which recommendation was approved, that Lois Salter, Leigh Threadgill and Barbara Carroll serve on the Selection Committee to review proposals for the architect firm to be selected to begin our first phase of architectural design for the new City Hall. Eric Bosman of Urban Collage serves as facilitator of this group. There were 11 proposals submitted, which were reviewed, discussed and culled to four (4) firms based on criteria established through Committee discussion with Eric Bosman. These 4 firms were invited to participate in a face-to-face interview/presentation process with the Selection Committee, which took place last week. Discussion by the Committee followed the interviews and it was determined that two of the firms would meet our predetermined criteria. Wakefield Beasley and Associates, located in the Forum on Peachtree Parkway, and BRPH, located on Powers Ferry Road, were the finalists selected. The Selection Committee has requested a candidate site visit so that the members of the Committee can see first hand the resources and plant facilities each has available. It was also requested that project managers who would be assigned to oversee the design of our facility would be made available at that time as well. These site visits are planned for Thursday and Friday, October 4 and 5. The Committee will then make its recommendation to Council for approval based upon the criteria established by Eric Bosman and the Committee.

The Selection Committee will report to Council with its recommendation after the onsite visits take place.

Eric Bosman has suggested that, at some point as we get further down the road with the architectural design and prior to construction, Council should consider appointing a Construction Oversight Committee who will be responsible for serving as liaison between the selected construction contractor and Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Carroll