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After Close of the Public Hearing

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Public hearing is closed.

Commissioner Murphy: Mr. Chairman, before we-we go over the decision.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Oh, okay.

Commissioner Murphy: Yes, thank you very much. Do we have any time constraints? Is it still, like, about a couple weeks? Are we okay?

Doug Hansen, Zoning Evaluation Division, Department of Planning and Zoning: We are running up against a time deadline but, I think, in light of tonight's conversations the applicant would be more than willing to extend the deadline. It's - it's a negotiation now, we're - we're past the - the state-mandated deadlines, past that point negotiated and I'm sure the applicant would be willing to negotiate a later deadline.

Commissioner Murphy: Can I have an affirmation of that from the applicant?

Benjamin Pelletier, Applicant's Agent, Network Building & Consulting, LLC: Yes, so on behalf of Verizon Wireless we will agree to extend that deadline in order to resolve these issues in - in, you know, in due time.

Commissioner Murphy: Okay, I intend to defer this for a couple of weeks initially, and let's just see where we go with this, okay? So, that's about - I'm thinking of February 3rd.

Benjamin Pelletier, Applicant's Agent, Network Building & Consulting, LLC: Okay.

Commissioner Murphy: And just to clarify that point for the folks tonight, there are state mandates on the 2232 application; it has to be heard within a certain period of time or it's automatically approved. To preclude that from happening the applicant, very agreeably, will allow us to extend that date so we can take a look at some of the issues that were discussed here this evening. Okay, thank you very much.

Mr. Pelletier: Thank you.

Commissioner Murphy: Before we - before I make the motion, as I say I'm not calling balls and strikes here, but let me just - the capacity and what Mr. Lawrence brought up for the band width is a serious problem in Fairfax County because, believe it or not, there is economic development that's involved with monopolies right now. And believe it or not, one of the questions people who are going to come here with a business, and have concerns in - they ask about how good are

the schools and they ask do you have a network. And all of us who have cellphones, who have iPads, who have iPods in our homes; our children carry them to school; we are all – we all share in the responsibility of capacity and bandwidth. Every time you punch that app, every time you make a phone call, it affects the capacity of one of these poles at one of these sites in one of these neighborhoods. And there are plenty of monopoles in Fairfax County in neighborhoods. So, we all contribute to the capacity problem and we all contribute to the lack of capacity. And saying well will transfer it to another location is not really solve the problem, okay. And that's we have to sort out. We have to look at the three criteria established by the state for the 2232 – the character, location, and extent – and we have to look at the special exception and the standards in the special exception to see if they have been meet and we have to look at the Comprehensive Plan. As I mentioned, this is not a rezoning application, so the – the - the R-C zoning designation for the sites along Braddock Road will never change with this application, but the use is permitted through the special exception and 2232 process. It's a land use issue and that's what we have to decide. I want to thank you all for coming this evening. Please drive carefully, we're going to give this some consideration over the next two weeks. And so Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT WE DEFER DECISION ON SE 2015-SP-023 AND 2232-S15-5 TO A DATE CERTAIN OF FEBRUARY 3RD, WITH THE RECORD REMAINING OPEN FOR COMMENT.

Commissioner Hart: Second.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Seconded by Mr. Hart. Any discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Opposed? The motion carries.

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(The motion carried by a vote of 12-0.)

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