



# Lowell City Council

## *Regular Meeting Minutes*

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** August 8, 2017  
**Time:** 5:30 PM  
**Location:** City Council Chamber  
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

### **Technology & Utilities SC August 8, 2017.**

#### **PRESENT:**

Present on roll Call were Chairman Leary, C. Leahy, and C. Elliott. Also present were Kevin Murphy (City Manager), C. Mercier and Nicolas Bosonetto (Acting City Engineer).

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chairman Leary called the meeting noting the attendance and agenda items of the meeting.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Manager Murphy opened discussion regarding double poles in the City by introducing Susan Griffin (National Grid); Stephanie Lee (Verizon); and Greg Franks (Comcast).

Ms. Griffin commented on the operations of National Grid noting increase in infrastructure to accommodate businesses in Lowell. C. Elliott commented on the expansion needed for the Markley Group. Ms. Griffin noted the improvements in that area and also the removal of several double poles. Ms. Lee provided historical background regarding double poles and also provided updated schematic plan between National Grid and Verizon to handle these issues in the future. Ms. Lee outlined this new plan and noted that it streamlined the process for replacing poles noting the effectiveness to this point. C. Leary discussed the new plan. C. Leahy commented on safety issues surrounding the poles which have been standing for long periods of time. C. Leahy noted second issue of having wires hanging from the poles. Ms. Lee commented on the hanging lines and the customary procedure for them. Ms. Lee commented on updated data base being used by the company to assist with removal. C. Leary commented on customer use of that data base and that the companies should use best practice procedures



in their management of poles. Ms. Griffin noted that there is a lot of disruption with new infrastructure. C. Elliott noted the issue in urban centers where there are more poles. Ms. Griffin noted inventory expands with new infrastructure and damage to existing poles. C. Elliott questioned third party use of poles. Ms. Lee noted there are several third party companies using the poles. C. Leahy commented on the report and the effort. C. Leahy requested monthly reports to the Manager. Manager Murphy noted Michael Demaras would be involved as well in this effort.

**Motion** to accept the report as a report of progress by C. Leahy, seconded by C. Elliott. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** by C. Leahy, seconded by C. Elliott to Adjourn. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk