



Lowell City Council

Environment & Flood SC

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City Clerk

Date: January 22, 2019
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber
Lowell City Hall, Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Cirillo, C. Elliott and C. Kennedy. Others present were C. Mercier, C. Conway, Chris Clancy (City Engineer) and Chief Winward (LFD).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Cirillo called the meeting to order and commented on attempt to get representatives from Enel to participate in the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Cirillo opened meeting up to public and the following addressed the subcommittee: John Hamblet; Deb Forgione and Jim McMarrow. C. Elliott requested information regarding status of correspondence with Enel. Ms. Clancy noted request made to Enel made by City Solicitor as well as follow up phone calls. Chief Winward noted letter sent to Enel some time ago. C. Cirillo noted additional groups involved with the discussion. C. Kennedy commented on the gage use and location of the gage on the river. Ms. Clancy commented on installation of any gage on the river and that if there were two means of measurement it may cause confusion. C. Kennedy supported use of two gages or relocation of current gage up river. Chief Winward noted legal document which binds City and Enel. C. Elliott outlined three possible options available to the City. Ms. Clancy noted that the Fire Chief, she and the City Solicitor have been involved with these discussions with Enel. Ms. Clancy noted that there has been discussion regarding yard stick with Enel. C. Elliott noted agreements can be amended between the parties. C. Mercier noted that relationship with Enel has always been strained and that involvement with Enel's relicensing efforts would be a chance to gain leverage on the company. **Motion** by C. Elliott, seconded by C. Cirillo to request Representative Trahan provide letter to USGS or any other regulatory agency and to Enel relative to relocating the existing measuring gage on the river and to have City Council request City Manager designate personnel to oversee the resolution of existing issues with Enel and the use of the dam. Adopted per Roll Call vote, 3 years. So



voted. C. Kennedy noted the gage needs to be above the dam and if legal changes need to be made the Law Department should make them. Chief Winward commented on possible location of gage.

C. Cirillo commented on the flash board located at the dam. Chief Winward noted that they may be frozen. **Motion** by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Elliott to request City Manager inform Enel of possible freezing at the dam and outline process when such an even may happen and in addition have City Manager research costs of new gages and/or relocation of existing gages. Adopted per Roll Call vote, 3 yeas. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Elliott, seconded by C. Kennedy. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

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