



Lowell City Council

Technology & Utilities SC Meeting Minutes

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Date: May 21, 2019
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Leahy, C. Cirillo and C. Nuon. Also present were C. Mercier; C. Conway; Philip Ferreira (DPD), Katherine Moses (DPD), Jay Mason (Sustainability Council), Craig Thomas (DPD) and Carol Oldham (Ex Dir. – Massachusetts Climate Action Network).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Leahy called the meeting to order introducing those in attendance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Ms. Oldham made a presentation entitled “Green Aggregation”. The presentation outlined climate change effect; Class I renewable energy credits; background of the organization; opt out/default options; comparison to other communities; and policy of not providing pricing information. C. Cirillo commented on Class I renewables. Ms. Moses noted that they can cost out at whatever the Council desires; in addition she provided body with a summary of pricing as well indicating the amending of the current aggregate plan to include rates. C. Nuon requested current rates and questioned why they were not as favorable as other communities. C. Leahy noted that current rate was set over three years ago and the energy market is very fluid. C. Nuon noted the City must tell energy broker what is needed and they should supply that. Ms. Moses noted it was a favorable time to be in the energy market so need to be given a general direction to secure rates and renewables. C. Leahy questioned time frame needed to install new energy contract. Ms. Moses provided time line. Motion by C. Cirillo, seconded by C. Nuon to request DPD provide a report to the Council regarding costs associated with additional 25%; 35%; and 45% Class I renewables. Adopted per 3 yeas. So voted. C. Cirillo questioned use of different pricing rates. C. Moses noted they first must amend aggregate plan and then proceed to DPU hearings. C. Leahy noted that staying with current consultant is the best option. Ms. Moses noted current consultant is best option and that there is no need to break the contract with them. C. Leahy questioned having a short term or long term deal. C. Leahy opened matter



up to public and following addressed the subcommittee: Jay Mason; Neal Dale; John Grossman; Gary Potvin; Ty Chumm; and Steve Magnoli.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Cirillo. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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