



LOWELL CITY COUNCIL
TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES SC MINUTES

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: June 13, 2023
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT:

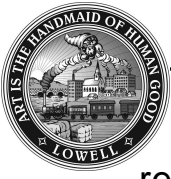
Present on Roll Call were C. Jenness C. Mercier and C. Nuon. Also present were Miran Fernandez (MIS), Corey Williams (City Solicitor) and C. Gitschier.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Jenness called the meeting to order noting those in attendance and agenda items.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Jenness commented on reason for motion and the need for outside audits with regards to cyber security as well as a structural ordinance to support effort to protect data. C. Jenness commented on the many platforms for security and that a framework through an ordinance would put a point person to ensure compliance. C. Mercier noted the framework creates checks and balances and that the cyber incident affected all in the City. C. Nuon commented on potential ordinance and requested information from Mr. Fernandez. Mr. Fernandez commented on federal grants available for cyber security for states and municipalities. Mr. Fernandez noted current state programs available to develop these frameworks with specific targeted grants. Mr. Fernandez noted basic elements should be policy and training and that audits would be of value to ensure best practices are being utilized. C. Jenness noted the need for law



review of the matter. Atty. Williams noted that MIS technical knowledge would assist with developing an ordinance to achieve stated goals. C. Mercier questioned possibility of future events. Mr. Fernandez noted that there are no guarantees but software improves to help prevent and restore if needed. C. Gitschier noted the pressing need is to have updated and strict standard operation procedures; that if not followed will result in unfavorable consequences. Mr. Fernandez noted policies and best practices are vital to any effort and that they could be specified in an ordinance. C. Jenness noted need for ordinance as it would call for audits which go beyond procedures. C. Gitschier questioned what scope would the Council have in developing the ordinance. **Motion** by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Mercier to request City Manager have MIS and Law Department develop a draft ordinance regarding cyber security for future review. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

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