## CITY OF HIGH POINT AGENDA ITEM

Title: Right-Of-Way Encroachment RE-15-0024, RE-15-0025 \& RE-15-0026 (Lightower Fiber Networks / Fibertech Networks)

From: | Lee Burnette, Planning \& Development Meeting Date: February 15, 2016 |
| :--- |
| Director |

Advertising Date: Not Applicable
Advertised By: Not Applicable

Attachments: A. Staff Memo
B. Location Map
C. Sample Renderings

## PURPOSE:

A request by Fibertech Networks to install multiple small cell antenna poles within various right-ofway locations in the City.

## BACKGROUND:

Staff memo and the Technical Review Committee's recommendation is enclosed.

## BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact.

## RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

A. On December 2, 2015 the Technical Review Committee recommended approval of Right-OfWay Encroachments RE-15-0024, RE-15-0025 \& RE-15-0026, provided the applicant installs poles that mimic existing light poles and streetscapes already installed.

# RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT PERMITS 

RE-15-0024, RE-15-0025 \& RE-15-0026
February 15, 2016

| Request |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Applicant: | Proposal: |
| Lightower Fiber Networks / | To allow 3 utility poles to be located in the public right-of-way <br> Fibertech Networks |


| Adjacent Streets |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Name: | Classification: | R/W and Pavement Width: |
| Various - see attached map | various - see attached map | various - see attached map |

## Analysis

The applicant is requesting permission to allow 3 utility poles to be erected within the city street right-of- way in various areas of the City. The poles encroach in to the right-of-way at differing amounts dependent upon location.

The encroachments consist of 30.5 -foot tall poles, with small cell antennas mounted on the top of each pole, and various other related equipment attached to the poles themselves. The poles were originally proposed to be constructed of either metal or wood, depending on their location within the City. The applicant has stated that the need for this equipment in the right-of-way is to assist in constructing a fiber optic network within the City. These right-of-way encroachments are in accordance with a Pole Attachment agreement between the applicant and the City of High Point, signed August 20, 2015.

The Technical Review Committee reviewed these three requests on December 2, 2015, and determined that the proposed encroachments would not affect public safety or interfere with maintenance needs. TRC noted that each of the applicant's proposed pole locations are subject to varying comments related to the individual locations. These comments generally are instructional for the applicant, or requests to show additional information on the site plans, and can be easily accommodated by the applicant. This group of three proposed pole locations are in areas where the City has placed existing utility lines underground.

As with earlier submissions regarding poles in underground utility areas, the same design criteria, including the use of stealth poles, are expected to be applied to these three requests. Previous discussions with the applicant, reiterated that any pole located in an underground utility area is to resemble the existing light poles used by the City in that area.

The stealth rendering is attached, as well as a site plan depicting the location for each of the three proposed poles.

## Recommendation

The proposed locations of the three poles would not affect public safety or interfere with street or utility maintenance. Staff recommends approval of these three requested right-of-
way encroachments contingent upon the applicant addressing any individual pole site plan comments and installing stealth poles as depicted on the attached drawings.

## Report Preparation

This report was prepared by Planning and Development Department staff member Justin S. Westbrook, and was reviewed by Robert L. Robbins, AICP and G. Lee Burnette, AICP.

## FiberTech

## Proposed Poles

Underground Utility Areas
'Wheel \& Spoke' Network

New Underground Utility Areas
R RE-15-0024

- RE-15-0025

R RE-15-0026
proposed pole locations









