CITY OF HIGH POINT AGENDA ITEM



Right-Of-Way Encroachment RE-17-0013

Title: (Lightower Fiber Network / Fibertech Networks)

From: Lee Burnette, Planning & Development Meeting Date: February 19, 2018

Director

Advertising Date: Not Applicable

Public Hearing: No

Advertised By: Not Applicable

Attachments: A. Staff Report

B. Location Map

C. Sample Rendering

PURPOSE:

A request by Lightower Fiber Network / Fibertech Networks to install a small cell antenna pole within the North Lindsay Street right-of-way.

BACKGROUND:

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

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

A. On February 7, 2018 the Technical Review Committee recommended *approval* of Right-Of-Way Encroachment RE-17-0013.

CITY OF HIGH POINT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT RE-17-0013 February 17, 2018

Request			
Applicant:	Proposal:		
Lightower Fiber Networks /	To allow a utility pole to be located in the North Lindsay		
Fibertech Networks	Street public right-of-way in the City of High Point.		

Adjacent Streets				
Name:	Classification:	R/W Width:		
North Lindsay Street	Major Thoroughfare	59-feet		

Analysis

The applicant is requesting permission to allow a utility pole to be erected within the North Lindsay Street right-of- way. The pole encroaches into the right-of-way approximately 23-feet, on the northwest corner of the intersection of North Lindsay Street and West Ray Avenue.

On December 7, 2016, City Council approved a right-of-way encroachment for this applicant on the southwest corner of the North Lindsay Street and West Ray Avenue intersection. During construction, it was determined by the applicant that the encroachment location was not suitable for construction of a stealth pole. The applicant is now requesting a new location for the same proposed utility pole, to encroach into the right-of-way, on the northwest corner of North Lindsay Street and West Ray Avenue.

The encroachment request is for a 37-foot tall pole, consisting of a small cell antenna mounted on the top of the pole, and a various other related equipment attached or internal to the pole itself. 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.

The Technical Review Committee reviewed this request on January 22, 2018, and determined that the proposed encroachment would not affect public safety or interfere with maintenance needs. The proposed pole location is in an area where the City has placed existing utility lines underground, and thus will be a stealth pole.

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 this request. 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.

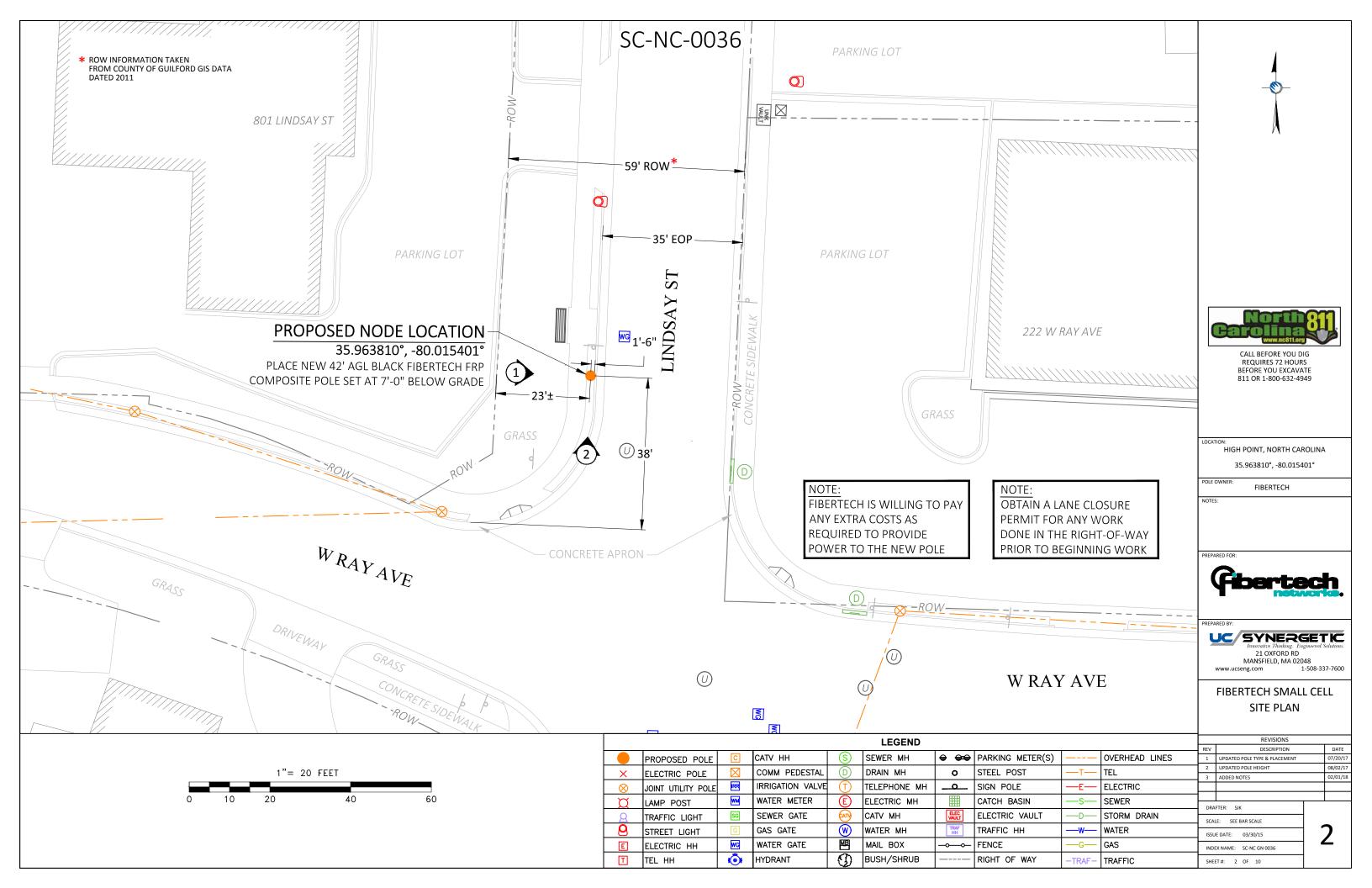
The stealth pole renderings are attached, as well as a site plan depicting the location of the proposed pole.

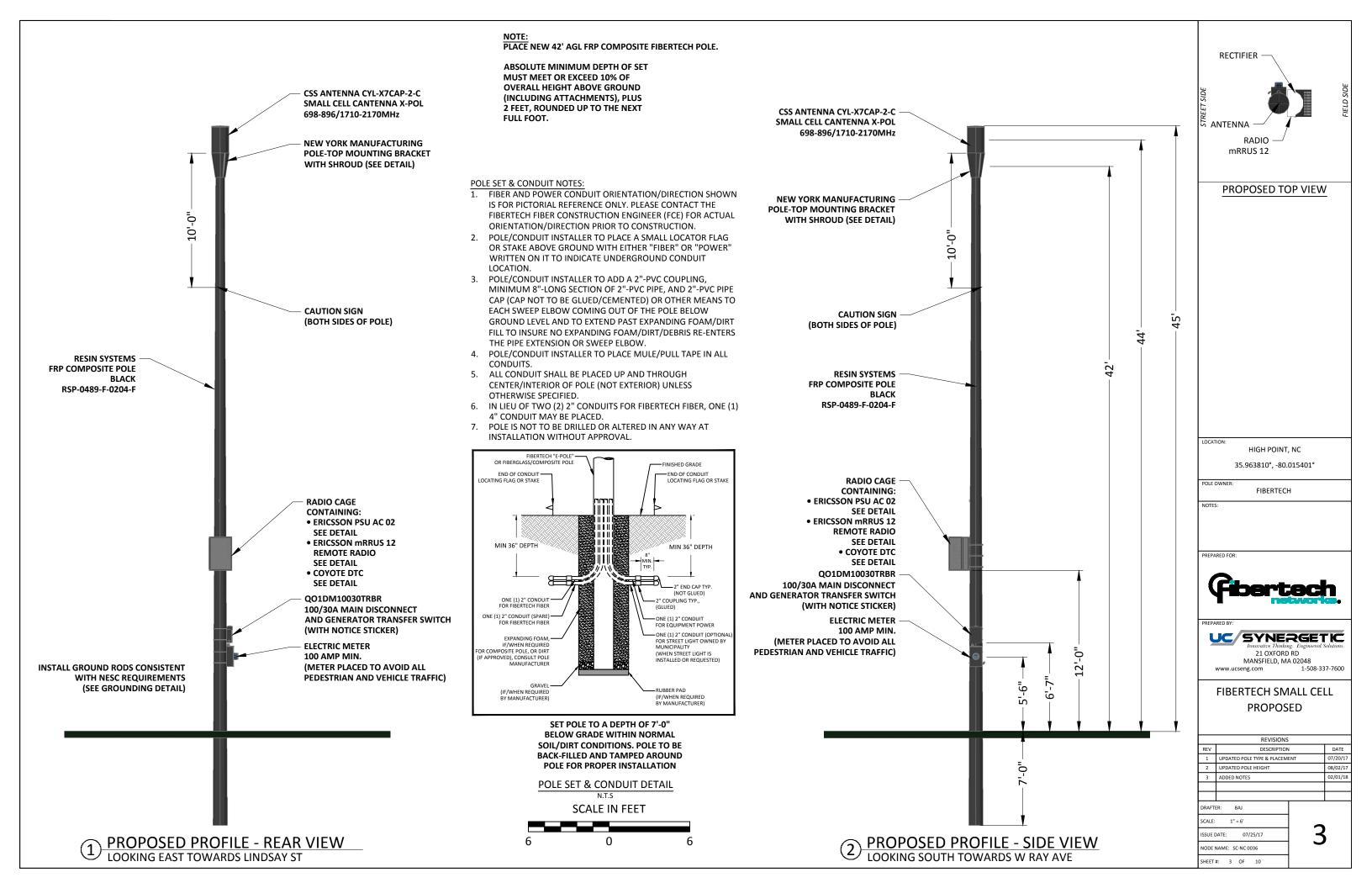
Recommendation

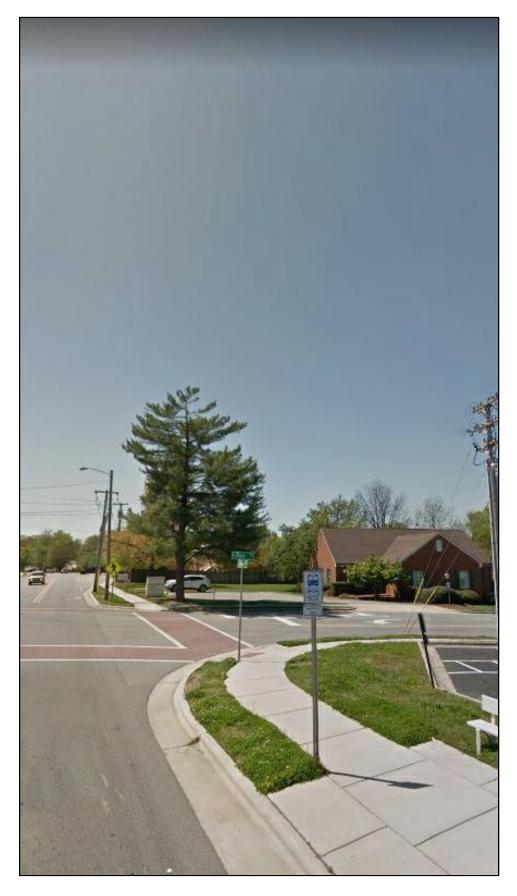
The proposed location of the pole would not affect public safety or interfere with street or utility maintenance. Staff recommends approval of this requested right-of-way encroachment contingent upon the applicant installing a stealth pole as depicted on the attached drawing.

Report Preparation

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







EXISTING PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEW



PROPOSED PHOTOGRAPHIC SIMULATION

HIGH POINT, NC 35.963810°, -80.015401°

FIBERTECH





FIBERTECH SMALL CELL PHOTO SIM

REVISIONS		
REV	DESCRIPTION	DATE
1	UPDATED POLE TYPE & PLACEMENT	07/20/17
2	UPDATED POLE HEIGHT	08/02/17
3	ADDED NOTES	02/01/18

ISSUE DATE: 07/25/17 NODE NAME: SC-NC 0036