CITY OF HIGH POINT AGENDA ITEM



| Title: | Right-Of-Way Encroachment RE-18-0005 (Lightower Fiber Network / Fibertech Networks) | | | | | |
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| From: | Lee Burn Director | ette, Planning & Development | Meeting Date: | June 18, 2018 | | |
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PURPOSE:

A request by Lightower Fiber Network / Fibertech Networks to install a small cell antenna pole within the Gatewood Avenue 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:

On May 29, 2018 the Technical Review Committee recommended *approval* of Right-Of-Way Encroachment RE-18-0005.

CITY OF HIGH POINT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT RE-18-0005 June 18, 2018

| Request | | | | | |
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| Proposal: | | | | | |
| To allow a utility pole to be located in the Gatewood Avenue | | | | | |
| public right-of-way in the City of High Point. | | | | | |
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| Adjacent Streets | | | | | | |
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| Name: | Classification: | R/W Width: | | | | |
| Gatewood Avenue | Local | 52-feet | | | | |

Analysis

The applicant is requesting permission to allow a utility pole to be erected within the Gatewood Avenue right-of-way. The pole encroaches into the right-of-way approximately 4 feet 3 inches, on the northwest corner of the intersection of Gatewood Avenue and Pine Street.

On December 7, 2015, City Council approved a right-of-way encroachment for this applicant for a similar pole along Gatewood Avenue. In association with the construction of the baseball stadium, it was determined by the applicant that the encroachment location was in conflict with the construction of the baseball stadium, and was required to relocate. The applicant is requesting a new location for the proposed stealth utility pole on the west corner of Gatewood Avenue and Pine Street.

The encroachment request is for a 34-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 May 29, 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 which is to resemble the existing street 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

NOTE: EXISTING POLES IN AREA MAY BE REMOVED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION, POSSIBLE NEW STADIUM, IN AREA

LOCATION:

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HIGH POINT, NC

35.959639°, -80.012616°

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