

**TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, City Manager

DATE: June 13, 2019

RE: **Resolution No. 19-2739 – Honoring Curtis Thomas For His Years Of Service To The City of Ketchikan and Ketchikan Public Utilities; And Establishing An Effective Date**

On June 19, 2019, Information Technology Director Curtis Thomas will mark thirty years of service with the City of Ketchikan. Curtis has been instrumental in ensuring that the technology and network systems of both the City and KPU remain in good working order and adapt to changing innovations and needs. Under Curtis's leadership, the City and KPU's network and key software systems have been elevated to modern industry standards. Curtis has instilled in his department the philosophy of excellent customer service to all City and KPU departments. Mr. Thomas has been an important member of the City's management team and has consistently stepped forward when departments and divisions of General Government and KPU have been asked to do more with less. Curtis has also been at the forefront in succession planning for the Information Technology Department.

I wish to congratulate Mr. Thomas on achieving this milestone and thank him for his many technological contributions to the City of Ketchikan and Ketchikan Public Utilities.

A motion has been prepared for City Council consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the motion approving Resolution No. 19-2739 honoring Curtis Thomas for his years of service to the City of Ketchikan and Ketchikan Public Utilities; and establishing an effective date.

**Recommended Motion:** I move the City Council approve Resolution No. 19-2739 honoring Curtis Thomas for his years of service to the City of Ketchikan and Ketchikan Public Utilities; and establishing an effective date.

**CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-2739**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA HONORING CURTIS THOMAS FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN AND KETCHIKAN PUBLIC UTILITIES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Curtis Thomas began his employment at the City of Ketchikan as an Analyst/Programmer for the Finance Department on June 19, 1989;

**WHEREAS**, Curtis Thomas in his position as Analyst/Programmer made such contributions as enhancing the capabilities of the AS400 system to meet the needs of the City of Ketchikan and Ketchikan Public Utilities and was instrumental in introducing desktop computers to staff and educating them on how to use these computers to carry out their responsibilities, and he performed these duties admirably for nearly 9 years; and

**WHEREAS**, due to his demonstrated proficiency and understanding of the City and Ketchikan Public Utilities' technology systems and network and his ability to quickly adapt to changing systems, Curtis Thomas was promoted to Data Processing Manager on March 2, 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 when the Information Technology Department was established independently of the Finance Department, Curtis Thomas was appointed to Information Technology Director; and

**WHEREAS**, Curtis Thomas has greatly contributed to furthering the technological needs of the City and Ketchikan Public Utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Curtis Thomas has affably and thoughtfully guided the City and Ketchikan Public Utilities through various modernization initiatives, including the historic migration from the AS400 platform to the New World accounting and billing software system, and

**WHEREAS**, Curtis Thomas contributed greatly to the City and Ketchikan Public Utilities' billing procedures in eliminating in-house printing and mailing, which has created efficiency and cost savings in monthly bill mailings; and

**WHEREAS**, Curtis Thomas has prioritized and encouraged modernization of the City and Ketchikan Public Utilities' network and security systems through the implementation of the latest cybersecurity software and the regimented upgrade and replacement program of personal computers in use City and Ketchikan Public Utilities-wide; and

**WHEREAS**, Curtis Thomas has encouraged confidence in his staff by offering support and freedom so that they may succeed and further both themselves and the Information Technology Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Curtis Thomas has fostered a department which is always willing and available to assist fellow City and Ketchikan Public Utilities Departments and Divisions in any and all technology matters; and

**WHEREAS**, Curtis Thomas has acted as a fair, positive and trusted manager for all employees of the Information Technology Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Curtis Thomas has been a dedicated and confident leader for the Information Technology Department for 13 years, guiding the department through many technological transitions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

**Section 1:** The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska, recognizes and commends Curtis Thomas for his dedicated service and significant contributions during his thirty years of service to the City of Ketchikan, Ketchikan Public Utilities, and the community.

**Section 2:** The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska thanks Curtis Thomas for his past service and looks forward to his future contributions.

**Section 3:** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Ketchikan on this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2019.

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Robert Sivertsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Stanker, City Clerk