

November 19, 2020  
Regular City Council Meeting

**Discussion of Standing Tourism Committee - Councilmember Kiffer**

**CITY CLERK'S FILE**

City Clerk Stanker informed of absentee voting being held at the Ketchikan Recreation Center for the General Election beginning Monday, October 19, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S FILE** – None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Kiffer said some time back there was discussion of bringing forward a future agenda item to discuss having a day recognizing First Responders. He indicated if he had missed that he would like to bring it back for discussion as a future agenda item.

Manager Amylon said a memorandum was transmitted to the Council regarding that, and he would resend it to the Council.

EOC Incident Commander Hoage said he and Police Chief White had discussed it and provided staff with a memo. He said it stated in short due to COVID they recommended to staff rather than something in person, we do something to recognize the first responders on paper. He said for the future years we can look at an annual event once things return to normal.

Councilmember Kiffer said he would like to comment in regards to the cruise committee and the bubble as Councilmember Flora mentioned. He indicated during the recent campaign there were questions as to why there was not a standing tourism committee. He indicated he would still like to see that happen. He felt the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau was a good option, but he would like to see it broader than that. He stated this needs to be a standing tourism advisory committee that make recommendations to the Council on a regular basis on these issues moving forward.

Councilmember Gass expressed concerns with regards to prolonging action being taken in regards to the request for proposals that we could lose our two remaining cruise customers Carnival and Royal. He said he would like to see Council take action at the special meeting / work session scheduled for October 21, 2020.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Zenge said she would like to recognize Public Works Director Hilson for his efforts, and all the work he has done with KYI as well as First City Homeless Services. She said she would also like to thank Ms. Moran and her team of people who have been writing grants that have brought approximately \$3 million into this community.

Councilmember Gage said she would like to add to the proclamation regarding disabilities that it is important to realize the Olmsted Decision just happened in 1999, and Justice Ginsburg was the author of that particular bill. She indicated her accident happened in 1995, and you don't realize there is discrimination until you have lived it yourself. She thanked Mayor Sivertsen for reading this proclamation, and appreciated the people who came to accept it. She informed there would be a women's march this Saturday, October 17, 2020 on Berth II at 11:00 a.m. in honor of Justice Ruth Ginsburg.