

November 19, 2020
Regular City Council Meeting

**Discussion of City Council Representation/Participation in Upcoming Negotiations
for Successor Collective Bargaining Agreements - Councilmember Gage**

Ketchikan1 Subsea Fiber Cable Activation

General Manager Amylon attached for Council review a memorandum from Telecommunications Division Manager Cushing confirming the subsea fiber cable was placed into service on October 29, 2020. He congratulated him and his staff for bringing this critically important project to fruition and to the Council and residents of Ketchikan for their foresight in making this happen. He informed the cable has been working very well, and a significant amount of traffic has been moved off our contractual purchases from GCI.

Telecommunications Division Manager Cushing said the cable is working flawlessly, and our contractual relationship with GCI for the lease capacity will officially end this weekend. He said the circuit itself will be shut off on Monday, November 9, 2020.

CITY CLERK'S FILE – None

CITY ATTORNEY'S FILE

The City Attorney's office provided a report of significant activities for the month of September 2020.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Gage asked if a couple councilmembers could be in on the negotiations with the unions so the Council has a better understanding of what is going on.

Councilmember Flora said he would like the Remote Worker Program brought back to the table for discussion at the next Council meeting along with the a budget option for the \$10,000 contribution.

Councilmember Bradberry asked for the next Council meeting a discussion on our Port fees in terms of 2021 and beyond regarding COVID, PPE, fencing and extra cleaning and how we can work with the cruise lines to initiate a fee on passengers that do come here.

Councilmember Gass felt we should continue discussion regarding the general operations of the Port.

Manager Amylon said staff was asked to bring forward this discussion for the first meeting in December of a Port Authority, along with general background information. He said one thing the Council needs to decide is if we need to start recruiting for that position, or wait until the Council determines the methodology by which the Council wants to manage the Port.

Councilmember Kiffer said he had asked to bring forward that discussion. He informed he has started discussions with the Mayors of Prince Rupert, Juneau, Skagway and other areas. He said he will have additional information to provide at that first meeting on this topic.

Councilmember Zenge said she just received a report from the Borough regarding information on a Port Authority and she would forward to everyone for review.

Mayor Sivertsen felt we should have the plan of operation before we go out and hire the personnel to staff it.