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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, General Manager

DATE: February 24, 2021

RE: **Request for Executive Session – Discussion of Strategic Competitive Aspects of the Ketchikan Public Utilities Telecommunications Division Business Plan and Operations**

My office is requesting an executive session with the City Council following the regular course of business at its meeting of March 4, 2021. The purpose of this executive session is to discuss strategic competitive aspects of the Ketchikan Public Utilities Telecommunications Division business plan and operations. With the utility's subsea fiber optic cable between Ketchikan and Prince Rupert, British Columbia now complete, staff believes it is an appropriate time to discuss new opportunities that may become available and incorporate them into an updated business plan and marketing strategy for the Telecommunications Division.

A motion has been prepared for City Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the motion declaring that consistent with the General Manager's memorandum dated February 24, 2021, it is in the best interests of the City to discuss strategic competitive aspects of the Ketchikan Public Utilities Telecommunications Division business plan and operations in executive session in accordance with KMC Section 2.04.025(a)(1) and (3) in order to discuss subjects the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse impact upon the finances of the City.

Recommended Motion: I move the City Council declare that consistent with the General Manager's memorandum dated February 24, 2021, it is in the best interests of the City to discuss strategic competitive aspects of the Ketchikan Public Utilities Telecommunications Division business plan and operations in executive session in accordance with KMC Section 2.04.025(a)(1) and (3) in order to discuss subjects the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse impact upon the finances of the City.

Following the executive session, the following motion may be appropriate for the City Council to consider:

Recommended Motion: I move the City Council authorize the General Manager to enter into a Master Services Agreement & License and Statement of Work for 2,500 to 3,300 square feet of City of Ketchikan property at the north end of Shoup Street with Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX).