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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, General Manager

DATE: March 19, 2021

RE: **Request for Executive Session - Discussion of Strategies Relative to Negotiation of a New Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Ketchikan d/b/a Ketchikan Public Utilities and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 to Replace the Existing Contract that Expired December 31, 2020**

The existing collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ketchikan d/b/a Ketchikan Public Utilities and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 expired December 31, 2020. In early November, IBEW Assistant Business Manager Robert Stamm filed timely notice of the union's intent to begin negotiations for a successor bargaining agreement. KPU and the union have agreed upon ground rules and the first bargaining session is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2021.

My office is requesting an executive session with the City Council following the regular course of business at its meeting of April 1, 2021. The purpose of this executive session is to discuss strategies relative to negotiation of a new collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ketchikan d/b/a Ketchikan Public Utilities and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 to replace the existing contract that expired December 31, 2020.

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 March 19, 2021 it is in the best interest of the City to discuss strategies relative to negotiation of a new collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ketchikan d/b/a Ketchikan Public Utilities and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 to replace the existing contract that expired December 31, 2020 in executive session; in accordance with that finding, the City Council go into executive session in accordance with KMC 2.04.025(a)(1) to discuss said negotiations and the auxiliary items described in the General Manager's memorandum which matters include the need to discuss subjects the knowledge of which would have an adverse impact upon the finances of the City and upon the City's ability to negotiate favorable labor agreements.

Recommended Motion: I move the City Council declare that consistent with the General Manager's memorandum dated March 19, 2021 it is in the best interest of the City to discuss strategies relative to negotiation of a new collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ketchikan d/b/a Ketchikan Public Utilities and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 to replace the existing contract that expired December 31, 2020 in executive session; in accordance with that finding, the City Council go into executive session in accordance with KMC 2.04.025(a)(1) to discuss said negotiations and the auxiliary items described in the General Manager's memorandum which matters include the need to discuss subjects the knowledge of which would have an adverse impact upon the finances of the City and upon the City's ability to negotiate favorable labor agreements.

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Re: KPU/IBEW Negotiations

Dear Mr. Amylon,

In accordance with Article 26, Section 26.1 of the KPU/IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement, consider this timely notification of the IBEW's desire to amend the current agreement.

We look forward to a productive negotiation process and ensure the continued success of KPU.

Please contact this office to discuss meeting options and times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Stamm', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

Robert Stamm
Assistant Business Manager