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## TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Karl R. Amylon, General Manager

**DATE:** April 16, 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 held bargaining sessions on March 25 and April 13, 2021. A third bargaining session is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

My office is requesting an executive session with the City Council following the regular course of business at its meeting of May 6, 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 April 16, 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 April 16, 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 Assistant 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.