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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, City Manager

DATE: May 5, 2021

RE: **Request to Withdraw Executive Session - Approving Presentation to CLIA Alaska Regarding the City's Position on Various Issues Pertaining to the Port of Ketchikan Remaining a Viable Port of Call that is Competitive with Facilities at Ward Cove**

By report dated April 27, 2021, my office requested 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 was for staff to review with the City Council a draft presentation to CLIA Alaska regarding the City's position on various issues pertaining to the Port of Ketchikan remaining a viable port of call that is competitive with facilities at Ward Cove. Due to the EOC advancing the community to COVID-19 Response Level 3 (High), the City Council meeting of May 6, 2021 will now have to be held virtually.

As many of the subjects addressed in the draft presentation touch upon issues that the City will need to negotiate with industry and/or Ketchikan companies involved with Port operations, I believe it is important that the City Council meet in person to review the various concerns and then to discuss the direction that it will provide to staff. For these reasons, I am requesting that the City Council forego the executive session on May 6, 2021 and reschedule it for the next regular meeting of May 20, 2021.