

Regular Ketchikan City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kiffer at 7:00 p.m., July 7, 2022, with the following members present: Riley Gass, Janalee Gage, Mark Flora, Jai Mahtani, Abby Bradberry and Lalette Kistler. Judy Zenge was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all persons in Council Chambers.

Mayor Kiffer stated the Recital of Native Lands Acknowledgement.

Staff present were Acting City Manager Simpson, Finance Director Johansen, City Attorney Seaver, Deputy Police Chief Mattson, Water Division Manager Kleinegger, Fire Chief Hines, Port & Harbors Director Verfaillie, Safety Coordinator Alderson, Sr. System Admin Combrink and City Clerk Stanker.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Kiffer informed there was a laid on the table with additional information regarding the discussion of the Port Dock Vendor Booth Lease Program from Port & Harbors Director Verfaillie.

Mayor Kiffer read a proclamation proclaiming July 26, 2022 as the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and encouraged the community of Ketchikan to celebrate the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of this civil rights law.

Representative Dan Ortiz presented Library Director Pat Tully with a citation from the Thirty-Second State Legislature honoring the Ketchikan Public Library for its services to the Ketchikan community during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Library Director Tully thanked Representative Ortiz and stated she was honored to accept this citation on behalf of the staff at the Ketchikan Public Library.

### **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

JD Martin stated she was the acting president of The Ketchikan Pride Alliance, and was here to speak to the discussion item regarding conversion therapy that was introduced by Councilmember Gage. She said the mission of The Ketchikan Pride Alliance is to provide education, support and aid to the local lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community and their allies. She informed as the only local LGBTQ organization, they are uniquely positioned to provide education and resources regarding issues related to the LGBTQ community in Ketchikan. She spoke in favor of implementing an ordinance banning conversion therapy as it is usually targeted at minors who cannot fully consent and are often coerced and vulnerable to family rejection and homelessness. She encouraged the City Council to move forward with an ordinance. She said she was here to answer questions from the Council.

Brittany Pope stated she is a mental health clinician in the community and is here tonight to speak to the discussion item regarding conversion therapy. She said in all her years of schooling she has never learned that conversion therapy was evidence-based practice. She informed that almost every American Psychology Association and American Psychiatric Association has asserted that conversion therapy lacks scientific credibility. She indicated that clinicians are trained in evidence-based practice and this type of therapy basically is unethical. She encouraged the Council to explore the Trevor Project which is published in the American Journal of Public Health. She said she supports this discussion and the banning of this type of therapy. She thanked Councilmember Gage for bringing this forward.

Martha Thomas said since February she has voiced her concerns regarding the Dock Vendor Program which included a request for a reduction in the monthly fee they pay to the City. She indicated with the lower passenger counts for May and June and the cancellation of one cruise line they have basically worked for the City during this time. She encouraged the Council to consider a reduction for 2022 during their discussion tonight. She stated you can't change the past, but you can change the future for what happens in Ketchikan.

Councilmember Gass questioned what amount of reduction Ms. Thomas is looking for.

In answer to Councilmember Gass, Ms. Thomas said their bid amount was based on 75% to 90% of ship capacity, and it is far less. She said in Juneau they pay an across the board fee. She felt a 25% reduction would be fair.

Councilmember Mahtani questioned how the recent passenger traffic has been around the vendor booth.

In answer to Councilmember Mahtani, Ms. Thomas stated people are not spending money and this could be caused by various economic reasons.

Acting City Manager Simpson confirmed this year's Dock Vendor Program does generate approximately \$350,000 for the entire season, and it goes into the Port Enterprise Fund.

Councilmember Kistler stated the brick and mortar stores have to pay their rent not knowing if they will make any money and they actually had to pay rent when there weren't any ships.

Norman A. Arriola said there needs to be something done about the hawking downtown along Sprucemill Way and Front Street. He said he has seen store owners taking people by the arm and into their store. He said whoever cleaned the tunnel did a good job and wanted to thank them.

Jared Semingson was here tonight to speak on behalf of John Malouf. He stated Alaska Amphibious Tours has been involved with the Dock Vendor Booth Program for over 15 years. He said this year they were told they can no longer broker tours from other tour vendors and this interpretation of the rule has changed from years past, but the language in the lease is the same. He said their rent is high and their business plan depends on the ability to broker other tours. He encouraged the Council to have staff amend the lease to allow brokering of other vendors' products.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Kiffer suggested moving appointments to boards and commissions and exempting the procurement of ambulance refurbishment and authorizing a budget transfer to Braun Northwest, Inc. to the Consent Agenda, and no objections were heard.

### **Approval of Minutes – Regular City Council Meeting of June 16, 2022 and Special City Council Meeting of June 21, 2022**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass for approval of the minutes from the regular City Council meeting of June 16, 2022 and the special meeting of June 21, 2022.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Zenge absent.

**Thirty-Second State of Alaska Legislative Citation – Ketchikan  
Public Library**

Representative Dan Ortiz read and presented the citation to Library Director Tully under communications.

**Change Order No. 2 (FINAL) to Contract No. 21-09 – Interim  
Bituminous Road Repairs, SECON, Inc.**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass the City Council approve Change Order No. 2 (final) in the amount of \$6,677.05 to Contract No. 21-09, Interim Bituminous Road Repairs, between the City of Ketchikan and SECON, Inc.; authorize funding in the amount of \$6,677.05 from the contract contingency, bringing the project total to \$148,079.05; and direct the Acting City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City Council.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Zenge absent.

**Exempting the Procurement of Wastewater Treatment Rotary  
Screen Micro Sieve Parts from the Competitive  
Bidding/Written Quotation Requirements of the Ketchikan  
Municipal Code – Parkson Corporation**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass pursuant to subparagraph 6 of Section 3.12.050(a) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, the City Council exempt the procurement of wastewater treatment rotary screen micro sieve parts for the Wastewater Division from the competitive bidding/written quotation requirements of the Ketchikan Municipal Code; authorize the Acting City Manager to purchase parts from Parkson Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$41,370; and approve funding from the Wastewater Division's 2022 Minor Capital Outlay Machinery & Equipment Account No. 790.25.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Zenge absent.

**Change Order No. 1 (FINAL) to Contract No. 22-06 – Fire  
Station 2 Lot Improvements Phase 1 - Three Dog Construction**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass the City Council approve Change Order No. 1 (final) in the amount of \$469.57 to Contract No. 22-06, Fire Station 2 Lot Improvements Phase 1, between the City of Ketchikan and Three Dog Construction, bringing the contract total to \$102,126.43; and direct the Acting City Manager to execute the change order on behalf of the City Council.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Zenge absent.

**Budget Transfer – Harbors Department BHN Maintenance  
Dredging**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass the City Council authorize the Acting City Manager to transfer \$26,000 from the Harbors Department's 2022 Piling Replacements Capital Accounts to the Harbors Department's 2022 BHN Maintenance Dredging Capital Account to provide for maintenance dredging of Bar Harbor North.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Zenge absent.

**Budget Transfer and Award of 2022-2025 Insurance Broker Service Agreement to Davies-Barry Insurance and Alliant Insurance Services**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass the City Council award 2022-2025 Insurance Broker Service Agreement to Davies-Barry Insurance and Alliant Insurance Services in the amount of \$100,000 per year for a total contract amount of \$300,000; authorize a budget transfer from the 2022 Property Insurance premiums Account No. 625.01 to the 2022 Risk Management Department's Management and Consulting Service Account No. 640.04; and authorize the Acting City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City Council.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Zenge absent.

**Resolution No. 22-2854 – Increased Election Worker Pay – Establishing the Rates of Pay for Election Officials**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass the City Council approve Resolution No. 22-2854 establishing the rates of pay for City of Ketchikan election officials, and establishing an effective date.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Zenge absent.

**Liquor License Renewal Application – Pioneer Entertainment LLC d/b/a Red Snapper**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass the City Council approve the liquor license renewal application for Beverage Dispensary License No. 864 and Package Store No. 870 – Pioneer Entertainment LLC d/b/a Red Snapper 300 Mill Street, Suite 22, Ketchikan, AK 99901.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Zenge absent.

**Appointment to Boards and Commissions**

Mayor Kiffer recommended the appointment of Louisa (Lucy) Ortiz to the Library Advisory Board. No objections were heard.

**Exempting the Procurement of Ambulance No. 52-758 (Medic 1) Refurbishment from the Competitive Bidding/Written Quotation Requirements of the Ketchikan Municipal Code and Authorizing Budget Transfer –Braun Northwest, Inc.**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass pursuant to subparagraph 9 of Ketchikan Municipal Code Section 3.12.050(a) the City Council exempt the procurement from the competitive bidding/written quotation requirements of the Ketchikan Municipal Code and authorize the purchase of a 2024 ambulance chassis and remount from Braun Northwest, Inc. at a cost of \$171,940 via Houston Galveston Area Council Contract AM 10-20; approve a budget transfer of \$120,000 from Appropriated Reserves of the Public Works Sales Tax Fund to the Fire Department's 2022 Refurbish Ambulance Cycle 1 Capital Account 52-758; authorize funding in the amount of \$240,000 from the Fire Department's 2022 Refurbish Ambulance Cycle 1 Capital Account 52-758 to complete the refurbishment of Ambulance No. 52-758 and make all associated purchases; and direct the Acting City manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the City Council.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Zenge absent.

**Exempting the Procurement of Annual Software and Services for the Telecommunications Division's 4G/LTE Network from the Competitive Bidding/Written Quotation Requirements of the Ketchikan Municipal Code – Ericsson Inc.**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass pursuant to subparagraph 6 of Section 3.12.050(a) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, the City Council exempt the procurement of Ericsson software and services from the Telecommunications Division's 4G/LTE network from the competitive bidding/written quotation requirements of the Ketchikan Municipal Code; authorize the Acting General manager to purchase such equipment, software and services from Ericsson Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$40,617; and approve funding from the Telecommunications Division's 2022 Software and Equipment Maintenance Services Account No. 635.04.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Zenge absent.

**Exempting the Procurement of Qwilt Media Delivery System Annual Support for the Telecommunications Division from the Competitive Bidding/Written Quotation Requirements of the Ketchikan Municipal Code – Qwilt**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass pursuant to subparagraph 6 of Section 3.12.050(a) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, the City Council exempt the procurement of Qwilt media delivery system annual support services for the Telecommunications Division from the competitive bidding/written quotation requirements of the Ketchikan Municipal Code; authorize the Acting General Manager to purchase such equipment, software and services from Qwilt at a cost not to exceed \$11,902; and approving funding from the Telecommunications Division's 2022 Software and Equipment Maintenance Services Account No. 635.04.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Zenge absent.

**Budget Transfer – Water Division Overtime**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass the City Council authorize the Acting General Manager to transfer \$60,000 from the Water Division's 2022 Salaries & Wages Account No. 500.01 to its Overtime Wages Account No. 501.01 to fund unanticipated overtime expenditures through the end of 2022.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Zenge absent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2022-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Ketchikan and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Flora the City Council approve the 2022-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Ketchikan, Alaska and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 and direct the Acting City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City Council.

Motion passed with Gage, Bradberry, Flora, Mahtani, and Kistler voting yea; Gass abstain; Zenge absent.

**Discussion of Port Dock Vendor Booth Lease Program – Mayor Kiffer**

Mayor Kiffer informed the reason he requested this on the agenda was because as we heard tonight, folks have been encouraging the Council to address this issue.

Councilmember Gage questioned how this would affect the Port Enterprise Fund if we adjust the bid amounts by 25% or 50%. She said she would be interested to see the type of program Juneau uses.

Acting City Manager Simpson indicated the six Dock Vendor Program brings in around \$350,000 for the season, so this would have a fairly nominal effect in the overall scheme of things in regards to what the Port Enterprise Fund typically brings in. She said the main source of revenue for the Port Enterprise Fund is comes from the ships themselves through dockage and wharfage fees.

Mayor Kiffer remembered from meeting years back, when this program first came about, it was never meant to cross-sell tours, but it was sporadically enforced.

Councilmember Gass questioned the city attorney if there were any legal problems adjusting the lease midterm and the possibility of being sued in the future if this happens again and the Council says no.

City Attorney Seaver said as to some form of reduction, in this case, the number of bidders matched the number of booths put out for bid this year which does not always happen. He gave a brief analogy as in contracts when unforeseen conditions that no one could have reasonably expected come up, the contractor provides a change order to make up for that cost. He stated moving forward there is a window at the end of the year where the City can without repercussions terminate the leases that are out there, revise the outdated lease agreement and rebid them.

Councilmember Gass questioned why the booths cannot broker other vendors' tours.

Acting City Manager stated this lease is very difficult to decipher. She pointed out and read the applicable section of the lease agreement which is "Exhibit B". She explained they can sell other tours, just not other dock vendor tours. She said this topic we discussed at great length in 2008 with no action taken by the Council. She indicated this has not been consistently enforced.

Councilmember Bradberry said she was in favor of a cost reduction for the dock vendors for this cruise ship season, and this would be a good way to help out some locals who are trying to stay in business. She indicated she was also in favor of terminating this contract at the end this year as long as the lease is revised in a timely manner, and the agent/broker rule is defined. She indicated the season is at the halfway mark and now is the time to start working on for next year.

Councilmember Kistler said she was in favor of the broker concept for cross-selling other tours. She felt the cancellation of the Crown Princess does give merit to a change order for the dock vendor bidders.

Councilmember Mahtani said he agreed with comments made by Councilmember Bradberry. He indicated that he walks around the dock vendor booths almost every other day, and they are hurting. He questioned if we terminate the current leases can the City be held accountable for the remaining two years left in the contract.

City Attorney Seaver said it is set forth in the agreement and the clause is very clear the City can cancel the agreements at their discretion.

Councilmember Flora said it is tough to watch local businesses struggling. He said before we make a decision keep in mind the agreement provides no promises, it is signed of its own free will, the City does not influence ship capacity, it does not influence inflation nor does the City schedule the ships. He stated the pre-season estimate and the numbers to date are spot on. He said if this body decides that is appropriate to provide a discount to the dock vendors for the remainder of this year what do you tell the next person who comes to the podium asking for something. He said he would like the language to say that each company can only sell its own tours. He indicated if they are individual bidders who want to operate collectively then they should become an agent or broker. He felt with cross-selling why do individual bids, just do a flat fee and sell everything.

Councilmember Gass said he can relate to the first half of the comments made by Councilmember Flora. He felt it was dangerous to possibly set precedence moving forward in regards to reducing fees for folks who are having a hard time. He said the Council needs to be clear on how we come up with an appropriate reduction for the dock vendors who currently operate from one of the six booths.

Mayor Kiffer asked for four hands to have staff bring back an agenda item to offer the holders of the current dock vendor leases a 25% discount for the remainder of 2022, and at least four hands were shown.

**Ordinance No. 22-1948 –Proposing that Term Limits for the Mayor and Councilmembers be Added to Section 10-3 of Article 10 of the City Charter**

Copies of Ordinance No. 22-1948 were available for all present.

Moved by Flora, seconded by Mahtani the City Council approve in first reading Ordinance No. 22-1948 proposing that Section 10 3 of Article 10 of the City Charter be amended to reflect term limits for the Mayor and Councilmembers of no more than three (3) consecutive terms.

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gass to amend the term limits for Mayor and Councilmembers to no more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms.

A lengthy discussion ensued amongst the Councilmembers.

Motion to amend failed with Gass, Mahtani and Bradberry voting yea; Flora, Gage Kistler and Kiffer voting nay; Zenge absent.

City Attorney Seaver stated typically you want to avoid amendments on the final reading of an ordinance.

Main Motion passed with Gass, Bradberry, Flora, Mahtani and Kistler voting yea; Gage voting nay; Zenge absent.

**Discussion – An Ordinance of the City Council Regarding  
“Conversion Therapy Ban” – Councilmember Gage**

Councilmember Gage described the effects caused by current and past practices of conversion therapy. She indicated that even though it is not practiced in Ketchikan, her biggest fear is someone may decide to start the practice locally. She said she had contacted folks from the Trevor Project, and a State of Alaska Representative told her there are 23 therapists in Alaska that do practice this procedure. She said it is not evidence-based and is very damaging to the person, and felt education is also a key piece.

Councilmember Kistler thanked The Ketchikan Pride Alliance Group for the letter that they submitted to the Council, as it was very compelling. She said three weeks ago we were telling folks that parents can make choices for their children. She felt we have medical professionals that have boards and associations that are telling them that this is not a valid practice, but she didn't feel that an ordinance would stop the practice and felt it would be done behind closed doors.

Councilmember Gass stated concerns on how it would be enforced and he didn't feel as a Council it was our place to legislate health or religious practices.

Councilmember Gage said she was looking for four-hand support from the Council to either do an ordinance or to amend our anti-discrimination ordinance. She said if this is in our Code it may serve as a deterrent, or as a recourse for someone this has happened to. She said this should be a statewide ban and should be part of a nationwide ban. She encouraged everyone to do the research and informed there are documentaries on Netflix called “Pray it Away” and “Cured”.

Mayor Kiffer asked if there were four hands to bring this back as an action item at the next meeting and four hands were not shown.

**VOUCHERS** – None

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Acting City Manager Simpson indicated staff will be extremely busy next week, so the Council packet for July 21st will be light and requested that, unless your agenda item is essential, they will be pushed to the first meeting in August in order to spend time with the candidates. She informed the candidate forum on Friday night will be televised and the Council is encouraged to attend.

Councilmember Bradberry inquired on the status of the Tourism Manager position.

In answer to Councilmember Bradberry, Acting City Manager Simpson stated with all that has been going on, it has not been a priority.

Councilmember Bradberry asked if staff could provide an updated list of the department head positions that are vacant and what the status is.



**Schedule of General Government and KPU Appropriated Reserves Through the City Council Meeting of June 16, 2022**

Acting City Manager Simpson attached for Council review a schedule of the current balance of Appropriated Reserves of the various funds of General Government and KPU through the City Council meeting of June 16, 2022.

**2022 Sales Tax Report No. 5**

Acting City Manager Simpson provided the 2022 Sales Tax Report No. 5 sales tax collections, which includes an eleven (11) year sales tax comparison.

**City-PeaceHealth Healthcare Advisory Committee (HAC) – May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Acting City Manager Simpson included for Council review the approved minutes of the Healthcare Advisory Committee (HAC) meeting of May 26, 2022.

**Vehicle-Pedestrian Incidents**

Acting City Manager Simpson attached for Council review is a transmittal memorandum from Police Chief Walls concerning the vehicle-pedestrian incidents.

**Monthly Community Meetings – Police Department**

Acting City Manager Simpson provided for Council a memorandum from Police Chief Walls regarding the launch of a monthly community meeting series hosted by the Police Department in an effort to open the lines of communication between the department and the general public.

**Special City Council Meeting –July 16, 2022**

Acting City Manager Simpson reminded the Council of the special meeting for Saturday, July 16, 2022, to begin at 10 a.m. She said the purpose of the meeting is for the City Council to meet with and interview the finalist candidates in person and to select a candidate to begin negotiations for appointment to the city manager/general manager position. She reminded the Council of next week's candidate visits and the schedule. She indicated the recruiter has sent information to all the Councilmembers and the finalized schedule will be sent out next week. She said the recruiter asked for interview questions for the special meeting of July 16, 2022, and the deadline for those questions is tomorrow.

**Public Works Director's Project Status Report – June 2022**

Acting City Manager Simpson attached for Council review the project status report from Public Works Director Hilson for the month of June 2022.

**Surplus Property Auction Report**

Acting City Manager Simpson provided the Council with a memorandum from Public Works Director Hilson detailing the results of the June 23, 2022 surplus property auction.

**Notice of Resignation – Executive Assistant to the City Manager**

Acting City Manager Simpson advised the Council the Executive Assistant to the City Manager Diane Bixby has tendered her resignation effective August 1, 2022. She stated Ms. Bixby has held the position since 2006 and is an immensely valuable member of the city manager's office and has provided support for some of the City's most ambitious and complex projects and initiatives. She indicated the city manager's office will begin recruiting for the executive assistant position immediately.

**Appointment of Acting Information Technology Director**

Acting City Manager Simpson informed she has appointed Systems Administrator Brock Hecla to serve as Acting Information & Technology Director.

**K.P.U. MANAGER'S REPORT****Appointment of Acting Telecommunications Division Manager**

Acting General Manager Simpson stated as the Council is aware the Telecommunications Division Manager Ed Cushing will retire effective August 22, 2022, and is currently on leave through the end of his employment. She said while the City undertakes a recruitment effort to fill the vacated position, she has appointed Assistant Telecommunications Division Manager Dan Lindgren to serve as Acting Division Manager.

**CITY CLERK'S FILE** – None**CITY ATTORNEY'S FILE**

Acting City Manager Simpson provided the Council a copy of the report of significant activities for the office of the City Attorney for the Month of May 2022.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Gage asked if we can start working on amending the Dock Vendor lease agreement.

Acting City Manager Simpson said when staff brings something back at a subsequent meeting in terms of a change order on the dock vendor leases, she would like the Council to also give direction at that time to cancel the current Dock Vendor Lease Agreements at the end of the year.

City Attorney Seaver informed the manager can just cancel the agreements and assured the Council the revised lease will get done in a timely fashion.

Mayor Kiffer said he did not hear any interest on the part of the Council to maintain the old lease agreement.

Councilmember Bradberry said in looking through the Code the Council should be doing annual evaluations of their direct employees and would like to have these evaluations before the Council changes at the next election.

City Attorney Seaver informed he is contract labor and would be happy to review things with the Council, but he will be out of town most of September.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Gass thanked the staff for their time. He realizes they are extremely busy.

Councilmember Mahtani thanked staff, especially the Acting City Manager, as she is taking on a lot right now, and losing her assistant. He said he is grateful for Councilmember Gage's passion as we need that passion to protect children, adults and everybody.

Councilmember Bradberry thanked KPU Telecommunications for helping her with something she didn't ever think she would need, and that is cellphone service where she lives. She stated there is no cellphone service in the Bear Valley area even though there is a new tower it is still nonexistent. She said if she can get service at George Inlet Lodge, middle of nowhere, she doesn't understand why she can't get service in the middle of Ketchikan where we have one of the best telecommunications departments.

Councilmember Kistler congratulated the library for the award they received tonight from Representative Ortiz, as they have gone through a rough month, and we should be proud of them for that.

Mayor Kiffer said ditto on comments made by Councilmember Kistler. He said he was on the Council when the City decided to allow fireworks, and the people in his neighborhood seem to shoot them off all year round, not just on the two designated days. He felt once again a few people who don't get it are endanger of messing it up for everyone else, and that worries him that there may be a blowback.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS** – None

## EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

### Request for Executive Session – Claim Against the City of Ketchikan – Hilton

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Flora, the City Council declare that consistent with the Acting City Manager's memorandum dated June 27, 2022 it is in the best interest of the City to discuss the property damage claim of Matthew and Taushia Hilton which matters include the need to discuss subjects the knowledge of which would have an adverse impact upon the finances of the City and to receive legal advice within Attorney-Client privilege.

Motion passed with Gass, Kistler, Gage, Bradberry, Flora and Mahtani voting yea; Zenge absent.

The Council recessed into executive session at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened in regular session at 9:08 p.m.

Mayor Kiffer said the Council has completed its executive session to discuss the property damage claim of Matthew and Taushia Hilton, and direction was given to staff.

**"UNAPPROVED"**

July 7, 2022

**Request for Executive Session – Discussion of Strategies  
Relative to Negotiation of a New Collective Bargaining  
Agreement Between the City of Ketchikan and the International  
Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 to Replace the  
Existing Contract that Expired December 31, 2021**

Action for this item was taken under New Business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the Council adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Dave Kiffer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Stanker, MMC  
City Clerk

**FYI ITEMS INCLUDED**

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