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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lacey G. Simpson, Acting General Manager

DATE: August 24, 2022

RE: **Request for Executive Session – KPU Telecommunications Division Potential Broadband Grant Funding Opportunities**

The General Manager's office is requesting an executive session with the City Council following the regular course of business at its meeting of September 1, 2022. The purpose of this executive session as outlined in Acting Telecommunications Division Manager Dan Lindgren's transmittal memorandum is to discuss KPU's potential application to broadband grant funding opportunities. As the discussion may pertain to the competitive aspects of securing grant funding and will address trade secrets and other confidential information concerning the business dealings of the Telecommunications Division, I am requesting that the City Council convene in executive session to review and discuss pursuing broadband grant funding opportunities.

A motion has been prepared for City Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to the Acting General Manager's memorandum dated August 24, 2022, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the motion declaring that it is in the City's best interest to consider broadband grant funding opportunities in executive session and that the City Council go into executive session under KMC 2.04.025(a)(1) and (3) to review and discuss those aspects of the grant funding opportunities concerning matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City and matters which are required to be confidential pursuant to the Alaska Trade Secrets Act.

Recommended Motion: I move that the City Council declare that consistent with the Acting General Manager's memorandum dated August 24, 2022, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the motion declaring that it is in the City's best interest to consider broadband grant funding opportunities in executive session and that the City Council go into executive session under KMC 2.04.025(a)(1) and (3) to review and discuss those aspects of the grant funding opportunities concerning matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City and matters which are required to be confidential pursuant to the Alaska Trade Secrets Act.



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Memorandum

To: Lacey Simpson, Acting KPU General Manager

From: Dan Lindgren, Acting KPU Telecommunications Division Manager

Date: August 22, 2022

Subject: **Request for Executive Session to Discuss Potential Broadband Grant Funding Opportunities**

The purpose of this memorandum is to request that the General Manager establish an executive session so that City Council members may discuss potential broadband grant funding opportunities.

There are multiple broadband grant funding opportunities that are and will be available through both federal and state agencies. Most notable from a financial commitment standpoint is the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program which was authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021. BEAD will be administered by the State of Alaska with federal funding through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). There are also grant programs administered by the Rasmussen Foundation, Denali Commission, Rural Utility Service (RUS) and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) among others.

Request for Executive Session:

Due to the competitive nature of grant funding opportunities and to address "Trade Secrets" and other confidential information we are recommending that the General Manager establish an executive session so that City Council members have an opportunity to review confidential information as necessary relative to pursuing broadband grant funding opportunities.

Cc: Michelle Johansen, City Finance Director