

**CITY OF KETCHIKAN
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

July 30, 2009

12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance

3. COMMUNICATIONS

4. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Collective Bargaining Agreement – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 (IBEW)

Recommended Motion: I move that the City Council declare that consistent with the city manager's memorandum dated July 23, 2009 it is in the best interest of the City to discuss negotiations regarding a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ketchikan and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 in executive session; in accordance with that finding, the City Council go into executive session in accordance with KMC 2.04.025(a)(1) and (b)(2) and AS 44.62.310(c)(1) and (3) to discuss said negotiations and the auxiliary items described in the city manager's memorandum dated July 23, 2009, 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 settlements.

- b. Collective Bargaining Agreement – Public Safety Employees Association

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6. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

7. ADJOURNMENT



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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, City Manager

DATE: July 23, 2009

RE: **Request for Executive Session - Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Ketchikan and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547**

Mayor Williams has scheduled a special meeting of the City Council for Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the status of collective bargaining with IBEW Local 1547 and PSEA.

As the City Council is aware, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Ketchikan and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 expired on December 31, 2008. Negotiations for a successor agreement began on October 29, 2008. On July 16, 2009, the membership of Local 1547 rejected a tentative agreement, which had been tentatively reached by the City and IBEW negotiating committees. As indicated in the attached correspondence from Dennis Zeiser, Assistant Business Manager, a strike authorization was also ratified by the membership of Local 1547.

My office is requesting an executive session with the City Council to discuss this issue. The purpose of this executive session is to seek direction as to under what terms and conditions a successor collective bargaining agreement may be negotiated.

Mr. Jerry Gates of Victor-Four Labor Relations may or may not attend this executive session by teleconference.

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 City Manager's memorandum dated July 23, 2009 it is in the best interest of the City to discuss negotiations regarding a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ketchikan and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 in executive session; in accordance with that finding, the City Council go into executive session in accordance with KMC 2.04.025(a)(1) and (b)(2) and AS 44.62.310(c)(1) and (3) to discuss said negotiations and the auxiliary items described in the City Manager's memorandum dated July 23, 2009, 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 settlements.

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International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Local 1547

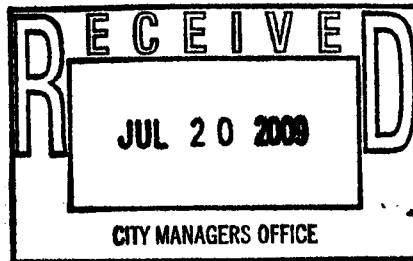
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BUSINESS MANAGER • FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT



July 20, 2009

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RETURN RECEIPT

Jerry Gates
Victor-Four Labor Relations
14013 51st Avenue N.W.
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

Dear Mr. Gates:

Please find this letter as official written notification of the City of Ketchikan/IBEW Bargaining Unit's rejection and strike authorization regarding the 2009 successor Collective Bargaining Agreement.

As expressed to Karl Amylon, City Manager, it is the hope of the IBEW that the Ketchikan City Council will give new direction and send your committee back to the bargaining table immediately.

If the City Council should give such direction, the IBEW will be available to reconvene negotiations as soon as July 29, 2009 through July 31, 2009.

The seriousness of this matter dictates that both parties give it the highest priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis C. Zeiser".

Dennis C. Zeiser
Assistant Business Manager

cc: Karl Amylon, City Manager
IBEW Negotiating Committee



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