

**MINUTES
NOME PORT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 18th, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Nome Port Commission was called to order at 7:01pm by Chairman West in Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: C. Smithhisler; C. Lean; C. West Jr.; C. Johnson; C. Cox; C. McLarty

Absent: C. Henderson;

Also Present: Lucas Stotts, Harbormaster; Tom Moran, City Manager; Joy Baker, Port Director; Garth Howlett, PND Engineers (telephonically)

In the audience: Lauren Frost, KNOM; Sandra Medearis, Arctic News;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman West asked for a motion to approve the agenda, with a request from staff to allow discussion on engineering of Old/New Business to occur immediately after the Approval of Minutes, as Garth Howlett has a narrow window of availability tonight.

A motion was made by C. Lean to approve the agenda as amended, and seconded by C. Johnson.

At the Roll Call:
Ayes: Lean, West, Johnson, Cox, McLarty, Smithhisler
Nays:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 20, 2017 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by C. Lean and seconded by C. Cox to approve the minutes.

At the Roll Call:
Ayes: West, Johnson, Cox, McLarty, Smithhisler, Lean
Nays:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

Chairman West opened the floor for Garth Howlett w/PND Engineers to speak about the design changes he made to the deadman anchor for the haul out ramp, described under Old Business. Garth indicated the changes were based the desire to make good use of some available materials the City has on-hand. This layout, using existing materials with some additional welding, will provide substantial capacity for hauling out vessels. Cox inquired about the original design with H pile and pipe pile, and the new drawing requires significant more welding, and if the additional I beams were

necessary to achieve the strength? Garth indicated, yes, anything less would not reach the capacity needed to support removal of large vessels. Intent is for shackle attachment to be buried so there's less chance of it being tweaked by equipment on the surface. Questions came up about compaction being difficult with the pile cap already welded to the beam, which was resolved by having Public Works make the call to do the field compaction, and then weld the pile cap on the exposed beam.

Garth moved onto the discussion of a draft layout of additional ladders on the South Wall, showing new locations alternating between existing. The ability to double the ladders does exist, but it is likely overkill, based on need. Also, he does not recommend making the new ladders fixed in nature, similar to those in place, as that allows zero flexibility if impacted by a vessel. This means the new ladders would be somewhat different than existing, but much easier to install/remove. Installation of any new ladders will require relocation of some of the camel fender chain attachments, with the volume of work being dependent on the number of new ladders desired. Garth will need water-side photos of ladders and fenders installed, to make further recommendations and suggest quantity.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Port of Nome Ship Schedule at 5.15.17
- FY17 Energy-Water Omnibus Appropriations – PON Excerpts

Discussion: None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (05/15/17 Written)

No questions

Discussion: None

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT (Verbal)

Permit applications are picking up with larger vessels getting closer to launching. Floats should be installed next week, and we have a Russian Research vessel and the first AML cargo barge arriving on 1 June. Several research vessels added to the schedule with more anticipated. New Dock Watch staff has been hired, and once training is complete, their schedule will be pushed to later in the day to cover the evening shift. At this time, Port and Public Works crews are working together on facility opening tasks, as well as some repairs and maintenance tasks.

Discussion:

Lean inquired about getting the delineators in place on Belmont Beach for launching small vessels, yes, install tomorrow.

Port Director Report / Projects Update (Written)

05.15.17 Port Director/Projects Status Report

Contractors are getting mobilized for the season's project - the Knik barge arriving mid-June at the Cape with rock placement equipment; Orion crews/equipment arriving 1 June to do ramp extension; Q Trucking will be hauling dry fill on the TBS project beginning the end of June; and surveyor for the annual Corps maintenance dredging will be in town doing the pre-dredge in early June, while the Alaska Marine Excavation is wrapping up Dillingham project, and working in Nome by 15 June.

Discussion:

Was the preliminary survey changes made for the Cape? The design changes were drafted that incorporated the changed sea floor, and have been submitted to DHS/FEMA for approval. Since it ultimately results in lower quantities/cost, FEMA was agreeable. Was there a preliminary survey done on the winter excavation of the survey? We anticipate the Corps dredging survey to conduct the river post-dredge once they have completed the federal project survey work.

OLD BUSINESS

Launch Ramp – Haul Out Anchor/Deadman

Discussion:

(See discussion after Approval of Minutes)

Motion:

The following motion was moved by Cox and seconded by Johnson

Recommending the installation of anchor deadman at barge ramp by the Public Works crew, with final welding and compaction specifications to be determined in the field.

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: Johnson, Cox, McLarty, Smithhisler, Lean, West

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

South Wall Ladder Additions – Draft Schematic

Discussion:

More information needs to be conveyed to PND, and internal assessment done on placement, quantity and style.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS - None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

C. Lean – None

C. Johnson – definitely value to putting the buoy outside the Causeway as Ed Page presented.

C. Cox – good meeting, but this is my last, and I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this. If anyone wishes to bounce anything off me, just reach out.

C. Smithhisler – Ed's presentation was good, having more info about what happens in and around the Port is always good.

C. McLarty – thought the presentation by Ed Page was fantastic and would like to see more things in that realm. Glad to see some fine-tuning efforts.

C. West – having more information on safety is always a good thing, and makes us more attractive.

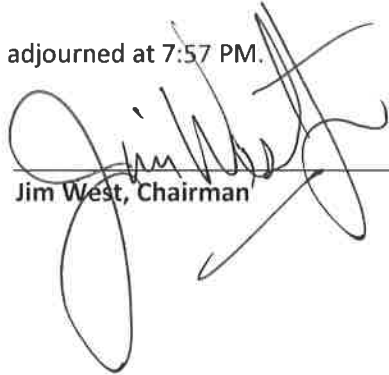
SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting: June 15, 2017 at 5:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by C. Johnson for adjournment – meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 15 day of June, 2017.



Jim West, Chairman

ATTEST:



Joy Baker, Port Director