

**MINUTES
NOME PORT COMMISSION
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
February 26th, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Nome Port Commission was called to order at 5:42 pm by Acting Chairman Henderson in Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Smithhisler; Henderson; Sheffield; McLarty (left 5:58pm); Lean (arrive 5:54pm)

Absent: Rowe; West; (both excused)

Also Present: Joy Baker, Port Director (telephonically); Lucas Stotts, Harbormaster;

In the audience: Emily Hofstaedter, KNOM; Austin Ahmasuk; Mark Johnson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acting Chairman Henderson asked for a motion to approve the agenda

Motion was made by Smithhisler and seconded by McLarty:

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: Henderson, Sheffield, McLarty, Smithhisler

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jan 17, 2019 Motion was made by McLarty, seconded by Sheffield to approve the minutes:
Regular Meeting

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: Henderson, Sheffield, McLarty, Smithhisler

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Austin Ahmasuk provided personal comments regarding the Council's recent discussion on advertising for vacancies on the Port Commission. He added comments on the history of the Port and Alaska Native's use of the facility back prior to the presence of non-natives, and reminded the Commission of the destruction of an archaeological site during the last major construction project.

(5:54pm Lean joined and assumed role as Chair - 5:58pm McLarty departed to make quorum at NJUB)

COMMUNICATIONS

- 19--12-21 Notice of Public Comment Period for Alaskan Arctic Coast Port Access Route Study – deadline 1 Sept 2019
- 19-01-24 Emergency Response in the Arctic (ERA) Advisory Committee
- 19-02-15 USCG Receives Funding for New Icebreaker – Maritime Executive

TSP selection actually triggers a 60-day window for the Corps to have the draft report on the street and into their agency headquarters for comment.

S. 3740 SEAL Act (proposed federal legislation):

PD Baker briefly shared some details on this proposed legislation regarding establishing this organization in a similar pattern to the St. Lawrence Seaway, with the budget funded as fees donated from vessel operators. More to come on this as the legislation is refined...

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Draft port-related updates to the Nome Comp Plan (coordinate joint work session w/Planning Commission)

Discussion:

Commissioners agreed that they should have input on the port-related matters being identified in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan so there is alignment with the Port's strategic development plan update. A decision was made to invite the Planning Commission to a work session at the 21 March 2019 meeting.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

C. Sheffield – latest satellite imagery, shows the only sea ice in the region is south of St. Lawrence. I don't see that we'll be able to recover from this. Also contacted by a guy with the National Park Service, regarding the jaw that was found during the dredging, just need to know who to forward that too. There was discussion at last night's Council meeting regarding the discharge of firearms – she's wondering if there was any context to that? PD Baker said it was just in relation to the agenda statement on the tariff revision, essentially passing that issue to the Council for their evaluation and decision-making.

C. Henderson – Kudos to the Public Works trying to move snow – they're doing a great job dealing with it.

C. Smithhisler - None

C. Lean – I've been watching the ice south of the Bering Strait, and waiting for the wind to switch and the shore-fast ice to break off since there's no back pressure. I'm part of the upcoming Anthropology Conference, to host ice-fishing for the visitors.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is SCHEDULED for March 21, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Smithhisler and seconded by Henderson for adjournment – 7:01 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 21st day of March 2019.



Jim West, Chairman

ATTEST:



Joy Baker, Port Director