

**MINUTES
NOME PORT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
April 20th, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Nome Port Commission was called to order at 6:32pm by Chairman West in Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: C. Lean, C. West Jr.; C. Henderson; C. McLarty

Absent: C. Cox; C. Johnson; C. Smithhisler

Also Present: Lucas Stotts, Harbormaster; Tom Moran, City Manager; Julie Liew, Finance Director; Joy Baker, Port Director; (telephonically)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman West asked for an approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Lean and seconded by C. McLarty to approve the agenda as presented.

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: Lean, West, Henderson, McLarty

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 23, 2017 Regular Meeting

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

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: West, Henderson, McLarty, Lean

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS

- April 2017 Arctic Encounter Symposium Agenda – Seattle, WA
- 04.17.17 Port of Nome 2017 Ship Schedule
- Excerpt from April 4, 2017 Draft Planning Comm Minutes – Cruise Tender Floats

Discussion: None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (04/10/17 Written)

Moran touched on a few items of his report; Candace Weidler's retirement luncheon and Nathan Barron's retirement party, both of which will be sorely missed. The City has a new hire for Animal Control Officer. Calcium has been added to the Greg Kruschek Road in preparation for the busy hauling season, with a new water truck enroute for the Public Works Dept. The Mayor and I listened online to audio of Joy's testimony at the Congressional Hearing on Alaska's Ports. Along with Sitnasuak personnel, we've been tag teaming the Arctic events to ensure the message on Nome's ADDP is kept in the discussion. The City and SNC are teaming up again for the City picnic to be held sometime in May. Budget discussions are ongoing for the F18 fiscal year.

Discussion: None

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT (Verbal)

Stotts gave a quick update on his transition back to the Port & Harbor. Wrapping up the 2nd round of impounds, and planning for maintenance and repair projects, with Public Works. We are currently wrapping up the final snow removal/cleanup of the pads to enable users to access their property to prepare for the ice-free season.

Resolve Marine is in town this week, working to dismantle the beached Phoenix barge for stacking on the lower barge ramp pad. Just started recruitment of staff and should have personnel on board by early to mid-May.

Discussion: None

Port Director Report / Projects Update (Written)

04.17.17 Port Director/Projects Status Report

Baker highlighted the sea floor change at the Cape Nome Jetty, which impacts the repair design in reconfiguring the base of the armor slope. PND is currently developing estimates on the reduced rock quantities and costs for submission to DHS/FEMA for review/approval.

Discussion:

Lean inquired about the river dredging; Baker responded that the river work has ceased due to instability of the ice. It is anticipated that 75% of the material was captured, but the post-dredge survey to be done by the contractor will provide an accurate number of removed and remaining. Although there is an option to capture the remaining material through suction dredging, there is a better option to capture the material in spring 2018, with a small grant that doesn't expire until Dec 2018. Lean said he would be concerned about using the cutter head on virgin digging as there's risk to hit engine parts, tires, etc.

West inquired about the basis of the material quantity removed; Baker replied, truck counts versus footprint of the excavated area to achieve an approximate calculation. McLarty inquires on whether a survey was occurring during excavation. No, a post-dredge will occur when the contractor arrives in early June.

OLD BUSINESS There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Port & Harbor Development Analysis Draft

Discussion:

Henderson asked for the ultimate purpose for the document; is there an option to accept the report once phase 2 is complete? (Better to approve the phases as they are completed.)

Lean indicated he would like more time to review, but believes that it should be approved within the next month or so.

Moran weighed in that it should probably be approved and sent to the Council at some point, but there wasn't a rush for it to happen tonight. Phase 2 would then proceed with a target to be complete by end of the summer.

McLarty inquired if there are additional items that need to be changed can they be made before the document goes final? Is there an option to add in projections for reduced tariff rates? (New scope would require more contract budget for Phase 1, but that can be considered.)

There was a consensus to hold a work session the week of 8 May, 2017 to further discuss the report and draft F18 Port & Harbor budget.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS - None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

C. Henderson – good work session, different ideas. Glad we're taking more time to review the report, as sometimes differing opinions result in a better product. Also, I did attend the Arctic Encounter and witnessed Joy's presentation; she did an outstanding job compressing her power point in the reduced window allowed, and she does a great job promoting Nome's Port.

C. McLarty – welcome back Harbormaster.

C. Lean – think this development report is far superior to the past one, actually able to understand this one better. Good work.

C. West – agrees with Charlie, definitely a much better document that can be carried to the Council. Lorraine is well versed in this area and looking forward to her next report.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting: May 18, 2017 at 7:00PM, with a Work Session at 5:30pm.

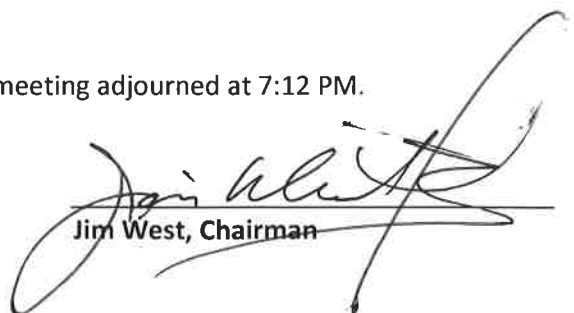
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by C. Henderson for adjournment – meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 18 day of May, 2017.

ATTEST:


Joy Baker, Port Director


Jim West, Chairman