

**MINUTES
NOME PORT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
February 16th, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Nome Port Commission was called to order at 5:40pm by Chairman West in Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: C. Smithhisler; C. West Jr.; C. Henderson; C. Johnson;

Absent: C. Lean; C. Cox; C. McLarty

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

In the audience: Lauren Frost, KNOM; Chuck Wheeler;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman West asked for an approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Johnson and seconded by C. Henderson to approve the agenda as presented.

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: West, Henderson, Johnson, Smithhisler

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 19, 2017 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by C Johnson and seconded by C. Smithhisler to approve the minutes.

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: West, Henderson, Johnson, Smithhisler

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.27.16 USCG D17 Response to Mayor on Seasonal Vessel Detachment
- January 2017 NCVB Report – Section on Expedition Cruises

- February 2017 Packet of ADDP Study Restart Support Letters
 - Mayor Beneville, City of Nome
 - Richard Strutz, Sitnasuak Native Corporation
 - Art Ivanoff, Bering Strait Alliance
 - Judith Miller, Alaska Response Company

Discussion:

PD Baker explained that a Nome delegation would be traveling to Juneau for meetings on 6-8 March, 2017, and intended to further discuss the seasonal vessel detachment issue with USCG D17.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (02/10/17 Written)

Discussion: None

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT (Verbal)

HM Stotts gave a brief update; first round of impound resulted in collection of 13 out of 17 accounts, and we have begun processing the second round based on accounts over 90 days past due with collateral on the property. Maintenance and improvements to existing harbor ladders is underway, with some upgrades scheduled for the Causeway water trailer to follow.

Port Director Report / Projects Update (Written)

02.10.17 Port Director/Projects Status Report

PD Baker advised the Council's award of the Cape Nome Repairs Additive Alternate's #2 and #3 to Knik Construction, based on receipt of the final funding from FEMA to support completion of the project through the 2017 season.

An extensive discussion occurred regarding how various pending Port projects qualify as "project-ready" status per the recent federal agencies request. Consideration will be given to evaluate the status of each pending project.

OLD BUSINESS

Mid Dock Ramp Extension Change Order – Revised drawing w/requested changes

Discussion:

Minor discussion took place regarding the revisions to the ramp extension drawing to reflect treatment at the concrete joint to ensure a good seal, as well as specific locations of the growser plate studs. Modifications were found to be acceptable, with motion made to recommend the work.

Motion:

The following motion was moved by **C Henderson** and seconded by **C Johnson**:

Recommend the Nome Common council award the Concrete Ramp Extension to Orion marine Contractors in the amount of \$253,225.00 as a Change order to the Mid Dock Project contract.

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: C. Henderson, C. Johnson, C. Smithhisler, C. West

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

Port of Nome Tariff No 12 Revisions for Consideration & Recommendation

Discussion:

PD Baker touched on the few revisions to the draft since the last work session; S. Henderson asked what the monetary difference will be to the port for the rate adjustments to the Summer/Winter Idle Vessel categories. PD Baker advised, based on the 2016 activity, there would be a loss of \$5,565 in idle vessel revenue. In depth discussion ensued regarding the long term implications of rate adjustments that lower revenue, as well as being mindful of rate increases when trying to attract business.

Motion:

The following motion was moved by **C Henderson** and seconded by **C Johnson**:

Recommend the Nome Common Council adopt Port Tariff No. 13 Rules & Regulations to replace all previously existing tariffs and reflecting various regulation changes and minimal rate adjustments.

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: C. Johnson, C. Smithhisler, C. West, C. Henderson

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

C. Smithhisler – thanks to staff for efforts in working through the tariff to make revisions. It was my first time, and it seemed fairly cumbersome. Also, as far as the support letters contained in the communications, does the City ever solicit letters from the tribes? (PD Baker advised yes, we have several that came through in the first round of letters on the Deep Draft Port project.)

C. Johnson – interested to see new updated economic study, which should possibly shed more light on the situation.

C. Henderson – glad to see we're not doing an across the board tariff increase this time around. Also inquires as to whether any efforts have been made to estimate how much revenue will be realized at the port from the seasonal sales tax increase.

C. West – yes, the tariff reviews each year does get cumbersome but it is our role. We also want to keep Nome as attractive to newcomers and not deter users. The ability to begin utilizing the USAF tank farm site for vessel storage will be beneficial, as we are maxing out existing space.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING


The next meeting: March 23rd, 2017 at 5:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by C. Henderson for adjournment – meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 23rd day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:



Tony Cox, Secretary



Jim West, Chairman