

Mayor
John K. Handeland

City Clerk/Treasurer
Dan Grimmer



Nome Common Council
Scot Henderson
Mark Johnson
Maggie Miller
Adam Martinson
Cameron Piscoya
M. Sigvanna Tapqaq

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2024 at 7:00 PM
RICHARD FOSTER ROOM**

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ROLL CALL AT 07:04PM

Members Present: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Piscoya, C. Henderson, C. Miller, C. Tapqaq (Zoom);

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Dan Grimmer, City Clerk/Acting City Manager;

In the Audience: Diana Haecker, Miranda Musich, Ben Townsend, Brad Soske (Zoom), Cynthia Gray (Zoom);

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was a request for an amendment to the agenda by Mayor Handeland. A request was made to add a memo to the end of New Business to item C.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C. Piscoya, C. Tapqaq, C. Miller

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 24-08-26 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,

A Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Piscoya.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C. Piscoya, C. Tapqaq, C. Miller

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant Opportunity,
- B. September 16-20 2024 Fall Haul Advertisement,
- C. Historic Preservation Workshop Thank You,

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-24-08-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.20.030 Application for Exemption SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,

At 07:09PM the Council Recessed for Public Hearing

With no comments from the public the Council came out of recess at 07:10PM

Discussion: C.Martinson asked if there was a conflict with him receiving this exemption. Mayor Handeland said that this was not a conflict as this does not speak to eligibility and only to the application process.

A Motion to Approve Ordinance O-24-08-01 was made by C.Johnson and seconded by C. Henderson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Piscoya, C.Tapqaq, C.Miller

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Memo from City Clerk's Office to the Nome Common Council re: Property Tax Penalties and Interest on Parcel Airport.04,

A Motion waive the penalties and interest charges on Parcel id: Airport.04 owned by Olson Ventures was made by C.Martinson and Seconded by C.Johnson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C.Johnson, C.Martinson, C.Miller

Nay: C.Henderson, C.Piscoya

The Motion **FAILED due to insufficient votes**.

- B. Memo From City Clerk's Office to the Nome Common Council re: Penalties and Interest From Late Payments Made by The Northwest Company,

There were no motions made to waive the penalties and interest of the Northwest Company.

- C. Memo From City Clerk's Office to the Nome Common Council re: A Change in Resolution 24-08-03

A Motion to change the dates of the City Surplus Auction for R-24-08-03 from Sept 16-20 to Sept 23-27 was made by C.Piscoya and Seconded by C.Henderson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C.Johnson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Henderson, C.Piscoya

Nay:

The Motion **CARRIED**

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Wind turbines are not working after being repaired. They are looking into what additional work needs to be done to get them running.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. September 1, 2024- City Manager Report,

The current report was sent in from former City Manager Glenn Steckman. The City Hall A/V project has been revised to be completed around Mid November.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

A Comment was made by Mr. Soske about cab drivers operating without active cab licenses and safety. Mayor Handeland said that the comment was noted and would be passed along to the Acting City Manager to discuss with the Police Department.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- C.Johnson- no comment
- C.Martinson- no comment
- C.Miller- no comment
- C.Henderson- no comment
- C.Piscoya- Congratulations to the cross country team and all the hunters.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

There is the commissioner of education and commissioner of labor in town. There was a round table discussion with them and some of the native corporations. There is an opportunity to meet with them for the community on Tuesday. There is also a contract moving through the negotiation process for the Port.

There was also a handout provided from the Nome Chamber of Commerce. The handout outlined a coffee reception at the visitors center with Municipal Candidates for the election.

EXECUTIVE SESSION at 07:35PM

A. Executive Session on Recruitment of an Interim City Manager and Transition of Old City Manager,

A motion to go into an executive session was made by C.Johnson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C.Johnson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Henderson, C.Piscoya

Nay:

The Motion **CARRIED**

Council came out of Executive session at 07:50pm

CONTINUED BUSINESS

A.

A motion to bring R-24-08-04 back to the table was made by C.Johnson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C.Johnson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Henderson, C.Piscoya

Nay:

The Motion **CARRIED**

A motion to amend R-24-08-04 was made by C.Martinson and Seconded by C.Johnson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C.Johnson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Henderson, C.Piscoya

Nay:

The Motion **CARRIED**

A roll call on a tabled motion to approve Resolution 24-08-04

At the roll call:

Aye: C.Johnson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Henderson, C.Piscoya

Nay:

The Motion **CARRIED**

- B. The Council was also reviewing the outgoing City Manager's employment agreement. It was recognized by the council that annual reviews were not conducted as required within the City Manager contract. A review by the Council showed that the calculated amount owed to Mr. Steckman would be \$14,713.37 to bring closure to Mr. Steckman's contract.

No Further Discussion

A motion approve the \$14,713.37 payment to Mr.Steckman was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C.Johnson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Henderson, C.Piscoya

Nay:

The Motion **CARRIED**

- C. There was a discussion draft for a requested proposal of search firms that we could use to recruit a permanent City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT AT 08:06PM

A motion to adjourn was made by C.Piscoya and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C.Johnson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Henderson, C.Piscoya

Nay:

The Motion **CARRIED**

APPROVED and SIGNED this 23rd Day of September, 2024.

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

DAN GRIMMER
City Clerk