Mayor

John K. Handeland

Manager

Glenn Steckman

Clerk

**Bryant Hammond** 



#### Nome Common Council

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# NOME COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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## WORK SESSION - 6:30 PM

A. Discussion of Man Camp for Port Construction,

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**ROLL CALL** 

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

At the roll call:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion CARRIED.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

# **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. September 7, 2023 Kegoayah Kozga Public Library PSA: Caldecott Winning Illustrator & Author Michaela Goade Meet & Greet, Workshop,

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Mayor Handeland noted the

B. Letter of August 15, 2023 from Greg Smith/Nome Grown LLC to Nome Common Council re: Code Amendment,

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#### CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Nome Grown LLC business owner Greg Smith

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** 

**NEW BUSINESS** 

A. R-23-09-01 A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Execute MOD #002 Of Bristol Engineers' Task Order 54 To Engage Subcontractor Services To Design Repairs To The Cape Nome Jetty Damaged By Typhoon Merbok - Disaster DR4672AK,

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Manager Steckman identified the resolution as addressing damage caused by Typhoon Merbok, using funds from FEMA and ADHSEM.

Port Director Joy Baker detailed resolution

C. Henderson inquired to whether the project was fully covered.

Port Director Baker had affirmed the project cost would be covered once the resolution beforehand was approved.

B. R-23-09-02 A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) With The U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers (USACE) For Construction Of The Port Of Nome Modification Project (PONM) (aka; Arctic Deep Draft Port At Nome)

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(15-16:00ish)

Mayor Handeland noted project's 3 phases, for USACE, cannot

C. Johnson inquired into the potential executive session.

C. R-23-09-03 A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Award An Option To Lease Land For A Man Camp Facility To Bering Strait Native Corporation (BSNC) For Contractor Use During Construction Of The Port Of Nome Modification Construction (PONM) Project,

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(21/22:00ish)

- C. M. Johnson opined concern in taxpayer costs in addition to location of the man camp.
- C. Henderson expressed concern with the City's lease options. He further detailed his concerns with the location of the proposed BSNC man camp land, near residential district.

Mayor Handeland noted a difference of 200,000 in

Joy Baker

Knik, Shawn Pomrenke, BSNC all pose existing, fit examples.

Mayor Handeland directed attention to authorize the City to award an option to lease land for a man camp facility.

C. Tapqaq

# (47:20 - amendment)

(55:00) Mayor Handeland identified the resolution to award the lease option to Bering Straits Native Corporation, so publicly identifying the

# **UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. Activity Report: August 25 - September 8, 2023,

#### **VERBAL**

NJUS Assistant Manager Ken Morton gave moonlights springs readys for operation, water/sewer masterplan is on the horizon,

C. Henderson inquired into fuel surcharge

Mayor Handeland surmised fuel pricing going down.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. Activity Report: August 25 - September 8, 2023,

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(1:04:00)

Manager Steckman noted Nome Rec Center HVAC replacement costs of 2.3 million, City Hall HVAC at 1.2 million, City Hall's flagpole needs replacement, replacing OSJ' Christmas tree, damaged in the Public Works department building.

C. Henderson inquired into the Swimming Pool's repair status.

Manager Steckman responded, the pool's late-September timeline for repair.

C. M. Johnson requested further information into Manager Steckman's report mention of vaping.

Manager Steckman

Mayor Handeland detailed his concern in issuing an opinion without further discussion, planning, and involvement of public health officials to weigh-in.

B. September 2023 Port Director Report / Capital Projects Update,

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# CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

- 1.) Council Member Topkok, no comment.
- 2.) Council Member Henderson inquired into the next meeting's time, and gave appreciation to the \_\_\_\_.
- 3.) Council Member D. Johnson, no comment.
- 4.) Council Member M. Johnson noted his intent was not
- 5.) Council Member Martinson, no comment.

## MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

A. Activity Report: August 25 - September 8, 2023,

#### **VERBAL**

Mayor Handeland gave thanks to all those who reached with a helping hand, with cruise ship visitors. He shared NORAD's warm sentiments with their recent visit to Nome. Mayor Handeland acknowledged the recent passing of long-standing public servant, Stanley Anderson.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Discussion of Contractual Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which May Have Adverse Impacts on City Finances,

# **VERBAL**

# **ADJOURNMENT**