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Maggie Miller
Adam Martinson
Cameron Piscoya
M. Sigvanna Tapqaq

NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK, REGULAR & EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024 at 5:30 PM/7:00 PM
RICHARD FOSTER ROOM IN THE RICHARD FOSTER BUILDING

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WORK SESSION Started at 05:38PM

A. Landing Tax Memo,

ROLL CALL at 07:05PM

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

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Dan Grimmer, City Clerk; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (Zoom);

In the Audience: Diana Haecker (Zoom and In Person) Larry Pederson, Marguerite LaRiviere, Flannery Ballard (Zoom)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion to Approve the Agenda 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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 24-06-22 NCC Regular Meeting Minutes,

A Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes was made by C. Johnson and Seconded by C. Henderson.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Child Advocacy Center Quyaana,

B. June 25, 2024 Letter to ADOT from Mayor John K. Handeland re: Cape Nome Hauling,

C. June 25, 2024 Letter from Brownfields Program re: Assessment Grant Opportunity,

Mayor Handeland spoke about a potential cleanup site that would qualify for the Brownfields Program requirements. Flannery Ballard was on Zoom and talked about how they would like Nome to be part of this process.

- D. July 3, 2024 Letter from Arctic Security Studies,
- E. June 28, 2024 Public Notice from Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) re: IPOP Public Hearing deadline,

Council Member Piscoya encouraged the council to request a Public Hearing even if one was already requested. He also encouraged the council to draft their own letter to show alignment with the positions of the Native Corporations that have protested this permit.

- F. July 18, 2024 Letter to the Office of the City Clerk from NSHC re: 2024 Property Tax Bills, Payment Under Protest,

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

No Comments

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

- A. July 22, 2024 Memo to Common Council re: Late filings for Sr. Tax Exemption,

A Motion to Approve the Applications submitted for Senior Exemption as timely filed was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Piscoya.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. July 11, 2024 Memo to Common Council re: Write off of 2024 Taxes on Personal Property Acct # 50651,

A Motion to Approve the Write off of 2024 taxes on Personal Property Acct #50651 was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. July 18, 2024 Memo to the Nome Common Council re: Late Business Property Filing for Acct#50712 eTrac,

A Motion to Approve the late filing of an application for Business Property Acct #50712 was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Use of Floride suspended as there is a softener that is needed to apply it. Looking into what equipment is needed to apply that. Looking into potential for renewable energy projects. There have been discussions with the village of Solomon and NSHC about the 6th avenue project for a lift station. Working with DOT on Seppala project, Front Street and realigning Center Creek Road. An initial payment was made to the Battery Containment Storage System. The system will be barged here and available to install with the first barge. Harry Karumn moved from Public Works to Utilities. Peter Hobel was also hired in the power plant. Continued fire hydrant testing.

C.Henderson inquired about if there is a significant wage difference between public works and utilities. Mayor Handeland indicated that they are on scale with each other.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Domestic Violence Report,
- B. City of Nome Quarterly Reports,
- C. City Manager's Report,

This September is the anniversary of the great fire in Nome. Next February is the 100th Anniversary of the Serum Run. There will be Sled Dog Art displayed. The Foundation over the Seppala House is looking at making improvements to renovated the building out at the landfill. We have been rewarded 2.1 Million Dollars to make improvements to the seawall that was damaged during Hurricane Merbok. We'll be receiving 9 Million dollars to replace the port at Cape Nome. Not happy that one of the Public Works workers left to go to utilities. There has been a decrease in domestic violence. More reports forthcoming. We are working on the RFP for the potential Towing bid.

C.Henderson asked if there was an estimate of what the deficit would be. The current estimate is close to 1.7 Million. We should have a better idea in the next two months.

C.Piscoya asked if there could be an addition of what missing persons we currently have in our region.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

No Comments

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

C.Henderson- Quarterly reports are appreciated to keep council updated on what is going on in different departments within the City.

C.Piscoya-would like Public Hearing Request to be made along with the Statement.

C.Tapqaq- No Comment

C.Johnson-Asking for an Ordinance proposed to change the Senior Exemption Filings.

C.Martinson- No Comment

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

There was a DEC visit that Mayor Handeland and City Manager Steckmann attended with them. The old Gold Site is under review and monitoring. Mayor Handeland gave condolences to the families of those who have lost love ones. The Line crew will be helping put up the Sled Dog signs. Mayor had an opportunity to visit with Sandy Snodgrass who has been traveling around the state bringing awareness to Fentanyl. (One Pill Can Kill Campaign). There has

been talk about better access to NARCAN for those who are at risk for Opioid misuse. There is a Government Grant that would like to partner with the City of Nome in helping develop housing. There are stipulations upon its use as per the Grant Agreement. Overall the allocation of the money and use for housing is something we are interested in pursuing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Meeting on Property and Personnel , the immediate knowlege of which would clearly have an effect upon the finances of the government unit,

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 09:05PM

APPROVED and SIGNED this 12th Day of August, 2024.

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

DAN GRIMMER
City Clerk