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Deputy Clerk
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**Nome Public Safety
Advisory Commission**
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Vacant, *Vice-Chair*
Jana Hoggan
Traci McGarry
Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna
Kirsten Timbers
VACANT

**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 02, 2024 at 6:00 PM
NOME COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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ROLL CALL Meeting started 6:00pm.

Members Present: In Person: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna; Carol Piscoya;
Jana Hoggan; Traci McGarry;

Members Absent: Kirsten Timbers

Also Present: Brad Soske, Deputy Clerk; Brooks Chandler, Interim City Manager

In the Audience: Anna Lionas, Nome Nugget; Dan Grimmer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. McGarry and seconded by C. Hoggan to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: McGarry; Piscoya; Bruner-Alvanna; Hoggan.

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 03, 2024 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes,

A motion was made by C. Bruner-Alvanna and seconded by C. Hoggan to approve the June 3, 2024 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: McGarry; Piscoya; Bruner-Alvanna; Hoggan.

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Status Updates on the Accreditation Process

VERBAL

City Manager Chandler stated that accreditation process is 95% completed. C. Hoggan asked about how evidence is stored and is staff being trained on how to handle evidence. Paul Kosko is the only evidence technician at this time. Commission would like to see yearly updates on the accreditation process.

B. Status of Vacant Seats

VERBAL

DCC Soske stated he spoke to Mayor and he hopes to have the vacant seats filled sometime in January. Would also like to see how NSHC is handling ambulance responsibilities and response times.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion regarding the frequency of PSAC Meetings

VERBAL

DCC Soske mentioned that we only had quorum twice in the past year and that ordinance states quarterly meetings for PSAC. Also stated that next meeting will be February, but after that will be moving back to quarterly. If a topic comes up we can hold a special meeting.

B. Nome Police Department Quarter 1 Report

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CM Chandler spoke on this report stating highlights include the investigations of sexual assault cases are down to 21, compared to 41 for the same timeframe in 2023. New radio system working well with no hiccups. Commission would like to see police presence in the PSAC meetings. Would also like to see DA's input on closed SA cases vs charges. Would also like to see how NSHC is handling ambulance calls and response times.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Gave update on recruiter's visit to Nome, that recruiter met with numerous staff and council members to see what we are looking for in a city manager. Why come to Nome? Also stated that hopefully interviews would happen in February, but no promises. Looking for another replacement for an interim when his time is up. Suggested coffee with a cop program in hopes of the NPD getting to know community better as well as the community getting to know our officers better. Not a place for complaints, just trying to get to know each other better. A more positive look at our officers. NPD should be fully staffed within two months.

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Bruner-Alvanna** grateful for accreditation, audit process. Sad we lost Justin, looking forward to seeing new faces and thanked CM for all he does.
- **Commissioner Hoggan** stated that it was nice to see things moving along. Refreshing to hear people with new opinions/ideas. Looking forward to having a full committee.
- **Commissioner McGarry** was excited that we had a quorum. Hoping to get the two seats filled ASAP. Glad accreditation is moving along.
- **Chair Piscoya** stated that we need to get the vacant positions filled. Wants to hopefully get a couple of men on the commission. Will also work with clerk to coordinate meetings.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

02/03/2025

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:53pm. Motioned C. McGarry and seconded by C. Bruner-Alvanna