

Mayor
John K. Handeland

City Clerk/Treasurer
Dan Grimmer



Nome Common Council
Kohren Green
Scot Henderson
Mark Johnson
Maggie Miller
Adam Martinson
Cameron Piscoya

NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 at 5:30/07:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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WORK SESSION AT 05:36PM

- A. Discussion on Cab Licenses
- B. Discussion on Legislative Priorities

ROLL CALL AT 07:12PM

Members Present: C.Henderson, C.Johnson, C.Martinson, C.Green, C.Miller
Also Present: Mayor - John K. Handeland, City Clerk - Dan Grimmer, Nickie Crowe (Zoom)
In the Audience: Austin Ahmasuk, Brad Soske, Jamie Burgess, Diana Haecker, Ben Townsend

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dan Grimmer suggests that the addition hand out from the HR manager to communications (B).
C.Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and seconded by C.Miller.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. 25-01-13 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes.

C.Martinson made a motion to accept the January 13, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by C.Henderson.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. January 24, 2025 Sponsorship of KNOM: The Mayor mentions to the council that there is a notification they are sponsoring Facebook and Youtube live.
A council member requested this be presented to the council. To cover the special meetings, work sessions and other Council's meetings. Dan Grimmer asked the finance director if there are any funds for this and there is, so he felt comfortable in signing the paperwork. Miranda from KNOM says they are willing to do it. There will be more employees, so there will be more manpower to cover more meetings. The council is interested in seeing a proposal.
- B. Dan Grimmer – he received information for the city clerk and for the mayor from the HR manager, Cynthia Gray. Update on the city manager search. There are 2 to 3 strong applicants. There is 22 applicants from all over the U.S and a couple from Alaska.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Austin Ahmasuk – This evening he wants to speak against Resolution R-25-01-08. It seeks to require unanimity.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A Discussion on the Fees Paid by Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority on a Discontinued Project. Mayor John mentions the BSRHA paid a building fee and decided not to do it. There are expenses right off the back, captures future inspections. The City should look into refund to some of the fees, if the project runs forward. It is here for discussion. Dan's request to refund 90% of the building fee. He likes the percentage fee.
The council asks Dan to draft a policy for refund.
- B. A Memo to the Nome Common Council from the City Clerk re: Write off of the balance on account 50584 for Personal Property Taxes – The council agrees to PP tax write off on account number 50584.
C.Henderson made a motion to do a tax write off on account number 50584, seconded by C.Martinson.
At the roll call:
Aye: C.Henderson, C.Johnson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Green
Nay:
THE MOTION CARRIED.
- C. A Memo from the City Clerk Re: A Determination on the Bid for the Nome Public Schools- ADA and Security Upgrades Project. Superintendant Burgess is present in the meeting and can answer any questions the council may have. The current budget is \$328,000. Mayor John asks Superintendant Burgess if this project part of the state DOE? Ms. Burgess says the state reimbursement is 70%. Mayor asks the Superintendant if she thinks they should move forward with this and she says yes.
The Council agreed to table this for the next Council Meeting. The Council says to ask if John Blees has any opinions on this and to give him an update.
- D. R-25-01-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Bristol Engineering Services Corporation (BESC) as Acting City Engineer,
C.Johnson made a motion to accept Resolution, R-25-01-05 to authorize the acting city manager to enter into agreement with BESC, seconded by C.Martinson.
At the roll call:
Aye: C.Henderson, C.Johnson, C.Martinson, C.Green, C.Miller, C.Piscoya
Nay:
THE MOTION CARRIED.
- E. R-25-01-06 A Resolution Designating Daniel Grimmer as Acting City Manager for January 27th Through February 24th 2025. Mayor says they should revert the dates from January 27th to January 01, 2025 through February 24th, 2025.
C.Henderson made a motion to accept Resolution, R-25-01-06 as amended to designate Daniel Grimmer as the Acting City Manager, seconded by C.Piscoya.
At the roll call:
Aye: C.Henderson, C.Johnson, C.Martinson, C.Green, C.Miller, C.Piscoya
Nay:
THE MOTION CARRIED.
- F. R-25-01-07 A Resolution Authorizing the city of Nome to Apply for and Participate in the USDOT Raise Discretionary Grant Program for Funding Construction of the Local Service

Facilities Associated with the Port of Nome Modification Project for the Arctic Deep Draft Port.

C.Henderson made a motion to accept Resolution, R-25-01-07, seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

THE MOTION CARRIED.

- G. R-25-01-08 A Resolution Endorsing Projects for the City of Nome's 2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities. C.Miller and Mayor John added a few amendments in this resolution with the language.

C.Henderson makes a motion to accept Resolution R-25-01-08, seconded by C.Martinson.

C.Miller makes a motion to accept the twice amended Resotulion R-25-01-08, seconded by C.Piscoya.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

THE MOTION CARRIED.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mayor John says this has been a crazy bit of time with no internet. It is a concern for the city and NJU about the outage. He spoke to Quintillion and Telalaska in attempts in getting the community back to some level of performance. Starlink is providing internet service only. The City is looking at other options in the matter. The City is working with Quintilliom and Telalaska to see what we can do to expedite any permits, if necessary, or to provide support at a cost.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - Building Inspector

A council member asks about the building inspector's duty to cite any violators. At this point nothing has been done to give latitude to issue any citations. The council needs to give authority to deliver citations and the cops should not be able to give out building permit citation.

- B. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - Clerks

- C. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - Finance,

- D. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - Harbormaster,

- E. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - Human Resources,

- F. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - IT,

- G. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - Library,

- H. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - Museum,

- I. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - Nome Police Department,

- J. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - Parks & Rec,

- K. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - Port Projects,

- L. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - Public Works,

- M. FY25 Q2 Manager's Report - Visitor's Center and Chamber of Commerce,

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Austin Ahmasuk wanted to recognize the action of the council on Resolution R-25-01-08, even though he is against the port of Nome improvement project. He wanted to raise the issue of the port of Nome escrow account #1 issue 82,000,000 was put out for competitive bid, #2 issue is

the sitting port commissioner is also a bank manager of Northrim Bank. And this should have been a conflict.

Ben Townsend of KNOM appreciates the sponsorship of live streams and the support you give. We have an upcoming KNOM community townhall meeting on February 23rd at 5p.m. in Old St. Joes and it is about the community of Nome, to listen to the interests of the community and to get inputs.

Brad Soske asks about the NJUS app not working. Is the NJUS site still working or is out still? Utility Manager noted that it is down due to the FibreLink Break.
On a City note, NSEDC will be in here to do sign up subsidiary.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

C.Green – No comment

C.Miller – where are we at getting an ATM machine for the Recreation Center? Asks Dan to pass this on.

C.Henderson – No comment

C.Piscoya – No comment

C.Martinson – No comment

C.Johnson – thanks the citizens for their insights.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor – No comment

ADJOURNMENT at 8:36p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025

**JOHN K. HANDELAND
MAYOR**

**DAN GRIMMER
CITY CLERK**