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**Nome Planning Commission**  
Kenneth Hughes III, Chair  
John Odden  
Gregory Smith  
Carol Piscoya  
Melissa Ford  
Adam Lust  
Rhonda West

**NOME PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 04, 2024 at 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**ROLL CALL 7:02pm**

**Members Present:** Kenneth Hughes III; Carol Piscoya; Greg Smith; Adam Lust  
**Members Absent:** Melissa Ford (excused); John Odden (excused); Rhonda West (excused)  
**Also Present:** Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy City Clerk;  
Erin Reinders, City Planner; Cliff McHenry, City Building Inspector  
**In the audience:** Anna Lionas, Nome Nugget Newspaper; Daniel Martinson; Kirsten Bey

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to C. Piscoya and seconded by C. Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

A motion was made by C. Hughes and seconded by C. Piscoya to amend the agenda, removing all items from the agenda, except New Business Item A. (Variance Request).

A motion was made by C. Hughes and seconded by C. Piscoya to amend the agenda, removing Approval of Minutes Item A., Unfinished Business Item (Memo from Planner Reinders to Nome Planning Commission, Downtown Zoning Update).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. May 7, 2024 Nome Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes,  
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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ACTIVITIES**

- A. **VERBAL**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Special Public Notice of May 15, 2024 from US Army Corps of Engineers: Alaska District re: Permit Applications Are Now Available Online,

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- B. Letter of April 26, 2024 from FAA to Atlas Tower 1, LLC re: Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation,

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- C. Memorandum of May 28, 2024 from Clerk Grimmer to Nome Planning Commission re: Zoning Limitations for Variance Property,

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CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Memorandum of June 4, 2024 from City Planner Reinders to Nome Planning Commission re: Downtown Zoning Update,

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. Variance Request for Lot Tract A-2 of Nome 21st Century Subdivision Phase 2, Permitted Use (Resource Development) in General Zoning, PUBLIC HEARING,

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Commissioner Lust identified for the applicant the purpose of the Variance as well as the criteria which the Planning Commission must adhere to, when reviewing and approving requests.

City Planner Reinders gave suggestion to possible rezoning or zoning amendment as possible avenue.

Discussion:

(25:ish) Chair Hughes

Commissioner Smith stated the variance was the wrong venue.

City Manager Steckman stated wrong venue, however applicant's right to a hearing.

STAFF REPORTS

- D. Planning Commission Training,  
– Commissioners watched training in full, no immediate commentary thereafter.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- 1) Commissioner Piscoya thanked everyone and apologized for her absence last meeting, simply confused times with meeting, and questioned what upcoming trainings the commission might expect.
  - a. City Planner Reinders stated there are a number of trainings required.
- 2) Commissioner Smith thanked staff for \_\_\_\_.
- 3) Commissioner Lust gave appreciation to Chair Hughes guidance in tonight's meeting, special thanks to City Planner Reinders.
- 4) Chair Hughes

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Nome Planning Commission will be Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. West to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Planning Commission adjourned at 7:21PM.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2024.

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**KENNETH HUGHES III**  
**Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**JEREMY JACOBSON**  
**Deputy City Clerk**