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**NOME PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2022 at 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

- A. December 6, 2022, 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

TO: The Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: Historic Preservation Plan

October 28, 2022

I spoke with Dr. Barb Amorak, PHD., about her review of the HPP. She has asked the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Elders committee to review the plan. I will be assisting the elders to answer any questions regarding the plan. This should happen hopefully in the next two months.

After they review the plan, the plan will again be submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission for your input and approval. Once it's approved by you, it will be resubmitted to the Common Council.

TO: Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager report

October 21, 2022

**Senator Sullivan:**

The senator and his staff flew into Nome for a two-night, three-day tour of Nome and the region. Mayor Handeland gave a detailed tour of the region and the recovery efforts. Sullivan and his staff also visited Unakleet and Golovin.

The Senator was impressed with the hard work, cooperation and the determination in the recovery of Nome and the region. During his time here, he was briefed on the port development project. He also held a town hall meeting at OSJ on Monday night.

**504 Warren Place:**

As you remember, the City has been seeking to gain ownership of the building that is located on city land for several years. However, due to storm the city has made temporary repairs to building to make it inhabitable for displaced families from the storm. The project costs will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement. With the displacement of residents in Nome and the displacement of people in the region, finding housing for folks will be challenging over the next six – eight months.

**City Financials:**

Finance staff is currently closing out the city books for 2021/2022 for the annual audit to then take place. As part of this process the auditing conducts a sampling to determine if the city is following GASB guidelines.

**Planning Commission (NPC):**

The Planning Commission met last week to discuss items such as the Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) and an “administrative variance”. The HPP has been submitted to the Sitnsuak Native Corporation Elders Committee for their input. I will sit down with the elders to discuss the project and seek input for the plan. The new input will be submitted to the NPC before final approve from the Common Council.

While the “administrative Variance” was discussed, it was determined the process was not needed as much as an update to the variance application to make it more user friendly.

As you may remember a grant was sought for the East End Park area for a new sign and a story board to explain the history of the site. The grant was awarded and then pulled back by the Federal government after the fact for not meeting the grant guidelines. A new grant has been submitted that meets the new grant guidelines.

**Police Radio System:**

An RFP has been issued to diagnose problems in the current NPD radio system and to seek vendors to help develop proposal guidelines to eventually overhaul of the current radio and 911 system. Our current system's software is outdated. The network has occasional gaps in signal strength and we may need additional repeaters.

Another radio RFP will soon be issued for the in-vehicle radio system. Until three years ago, in-vehicle radios were not being replaced. The goal is to update the radio system and limit breakdowns of the in-vehicle systems.

**Typhoon Merbok:**

City staff continues to have meetings with FEMA staff and Alaska state officials on the recovery effort. City efforts include helping people with their claims or directing them to the correct agencies. Finding housing also continues to be the major issue for displaced residents here in Nome. Another issue is finding qualified contractors to perform repair work.

Because of the typhoon and the fire, the Bering Sea Restaurant is now in the process of being torn down. City staff recommended the debris not be pushed into basement to allow reconstruction to move forward faster. The new restaurant will also need to be rebuilt according to flood zone regulations.

**Community Center:**

Long-time Executive Director of the Community Center, Rhonda Schneider, will step down as of October 31, 2022. Rhonda will continue as a consultant until the completion of the Home Plate project. The pilings are now installed for the project.

Rhonda introduced me to her successor, Ephraim "Butch" Palmero, who is being introduced to leaders throughout Nome and is shadowing her during her final few weeks.

**Museum Director:**

Dr. Amy Phillips-Chan has submitted her resignation. Her last day of work will be Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank her for her effort in the opening of the new museum and her work in expanding the collection of what I believe is a first-class museum.