ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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A. Discussion of Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which Could Have Adverse Effects on City of Nome Finances,

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ADJOURNMENT
AN EXTENSION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZING THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF NOME

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-20-07, authorizing the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and,

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-20-05-03, extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-21-07-01, extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Ordinance No. O-21-07-02 extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2021 the Nome Common Council adopted Ordinance No. O-21-09-01 extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nome Emergency Operations Plan (“EOP”), approved by Resolution No. R-11-09-05, recognizes that for emergency management organization in disaster emergencies may require the City to operate in a manner different from normal, day-to-day routines; and,
WHEREAS, the EOP provides guidance for preparedness, protection, response and recovery from emergencies that occur in or near the community of Nome, said Plan has been activated, and the City Manager is designated as Incident Commander (“IC”) to operate under a Unified Command (“UC”) structure; and,

WHEREAS, the IC is currently convening the UC on a regular basis, allowing for coordination of resources and responses, and the collective input of existing local government, agencies and resources and selected volunteer and private resources within the City to develop and implement the City’s response and management of this disaster;

WHEREAS, the Norton Sound Health Corporation has recommended the current declaration of emergency be extended and;

WHEREAS, the Nome Common Council finds to provide for timely response to situational development, it is prudent and in the best interest of the citizens of Nome to extend the authorization of emergency authority it granted to the City Manager through O-21-09-01 through June 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Nome Common Council as follows:

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a non-Code temporary ordinance.

SECTION 2. Legislative Findings and Declaration of Emergency. The council adopts by reference the Whereas clauses contained in Emergency Ordinances O-20-07, O-20-05-03, O-21-07-01, O-21-07-02, O-20-10-01, O-21-06-08 and O-21-09-01 and declares that the coronavirus threat and impact are and remain a public health emergency.

SECTION 3. Authorization of Emergency Authority.

1. In addition to any other powers conferred on the Nome Common Council by law, in order to prepare and position city resources in order to reduce the impact and spread of the coronavirus, the Nome Common Council acting through the City Manager and subject to subsequent Council ratification as set forth in Section 3 below is authorized to:

   (a) Suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinance prescribing procedures for the conduct of City business, or the orders or regulations of any City department, if compliance with the provisions of the statute, order, or regulation would prevent, substantially impede, or delay action necessary to cope with the emergency;

   (b) Use all the resources of City government as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency;

   (c) Transfer personnel or alter the functions of City departments for the purpose of performing or facilitating the performance of emergency management;
(d) Control ingress to and egress from an affected area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises in it.

2. At all times when orders made and promulgated pursuant to this declaration of emergency shall be in effect, they shall supersede all existing ordinances, orders, rules, and regulations insofar as the latter may be inconsistent therewith.

3. The City Manager shall report to the City Council at the next meeting, whether it be regularly scheduled or a special session, on actions taken, under authority conferred in section 1 above, that were found necessary and prudent to address this emergency, including those which were promulgated by Emergency Order or Mandate. The City Council may by motion ratify or vacate any or all actions or provide direction to the City Manager for rescinding or amendment.

4. Should the City Manager become unable to fulfill these duties, the order of succession for acting as City Manager shall be the Nome Joint Utility Manager, and then City Clerk.

5. Enforcement: Violation of any order made and promulgated by the city manager pursuant to this declaration of emergency shall be a minor offense subject to a penalty of five hundred dollars per offense plus the state surcharge required by AS 12.55.039 and 29.25.074.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon adoption and expires on midnight June 30, 2022 unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Nome Common Council.

APPROVED and SIGNED the 24th day of January, 2022.

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John Handeland
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bryant Hammond
City Clerk
CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-01

A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING $200,000 TO THE NOME COMMUNITY CENTER HOUSING FIRST PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Nome Community Center provides social services to nearly 60 individuals experiencing some type of homelessness in the Community of Nome; and,

WHEREAS, one such program, the Nome Emergency Shelter Team, provides emergency shelter to 50 individuals experiencing homelessness during colder months to prevent avoidable exposure-related deaths; and,

WHEREAS, the Nome Community Center also provides limited case management services to individuals experiencing homelessness, including placement in temporary housing and wishes to expand such services; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Nome faces a shortage of housing contributing to homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, other Alaskan municipalities have had success in expanding services and providing affordable housing by using the Housing First model; and,

WHEREAS, Housing First projects have decreased other municipalities’ homeless populations’ demands on public resources such as police and ambulance services; and,

WHEREAS, the Nome Community Center is planning on providing affordable housing through a supportive Housing First project for those that are chronically homeless in Nome; and,

WHEREAS, the Nome Community Center has applied for a grant and loans up to $10,000,000 for FY 2022 to fund a housing first project in Nome, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Nome supports this project in the hopes that it will raise the quality of life for its citizens;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Nome allocates $200,000 to the Nome Community Center Housing First project.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 10th day of January, 2022.

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JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

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BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk
Item B.
Item B.
TYPICAL UNIT PLAN
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

BUILDING AREA
SQUARE FOOTAGE (SF)
TYPICAL UNIT, 30' x 10' = 300
GROUP CENTER 157
MANAGERS UNIT 1,091
CLINIC/ OFFICE 146
RECEPTION 136
LAUNDRY 50
TENANT STORAGE 420
MECHANICAL 310
TOTAL UNIT AREAS 2,777

NOME COMMUNITY CENTER - HOUSING FIRST CONCEPT

FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"
TO: Mayor and Common Council
FROM: Glenn Steckman
RE: City Manager’s Notes
January 6, 2022

Emergency Ordinance:
I am asking for an extension of the current ordinance through June 30, 2022. With the Omicron variant being more aggressive than the Delta variant, I believe it would be in the city’s best interest to extend the ordinance especially relative to face mask wearing in public spaces.

Over the next nine weeks, the city will be hosting Iron Dog, the military exercise “Arctic Eagle” and the Iditarod. I hope the community can do everything possible to see those events safely held.

COVID 19 Test Kits:
The city is ordering additional COVID test kits to have available over the next two months especially for the special events happening in the community. We have currently about 400-500 kits which are being distributed through the Chamber and soon city hall.

The Port Commission:
The Port Commission is developing a recommendation for an updated tariff on gravel rates being shipped from the port. The council should see a rate recommendation in March.

Snow Removal:
City staff have been very diligent dealing with snow removal this year. December has been the wettest in the 114 recorded years.

A snow removal meeting was held today to discuss process and how things are going in general this winter. One suggestion has the city hiring a mechanic/CDL driver who can assist when a piece of equipment goes down.

Nome Eskimo Community:
I met with the NEC Tribal Council on Thursday to discuss a grant of $50,000.00 to help mitigate dust control in the city this summer.

Package Good License Renewals:
I would like to schedule a work session for the council on Tuesday January 18 at 5:30pm. This is to follow up on the discussion about license renewals from the December 10 Common Council meeting.

General Krumm:
The Mayor, Joy and I met this past Monday with General Krumm and his staff on three issues: the port expansion, the airport and the Air Force land to be given to the city.