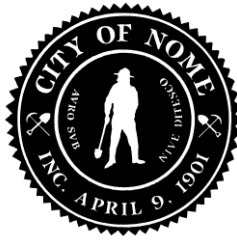


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**Nome Public Safety  
Advisory Commission**

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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CITIZENS' COMMENTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Nome Police Department (NPD) Accreditation

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nome Community Center - Safe Housing (presentation)

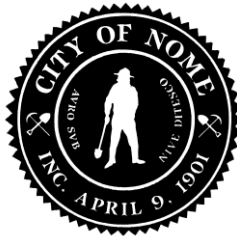
COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland

**Manager**  
Glenn Steckman

**Acting Deputy City Clerk**  
Jeremy Jacobson



**Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission** Item A.

Briday Green  
Justin Noffske  
Jana Hoggan  
Traci McGarry  
Peter Travers  
Carol Piscoya

Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna (virtually - Microsoft Teams); Jana Hoggan (virtually - Microsoft Teams); Traci McGarry (virtually - Microsoft Teams); Justin Noffske (virtually - Microsoft Teams); Carol Piscoya

Members Absent: Briday Green (excused)

Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy City Clerk; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Mike Heintzelman, NPD Chief;

In the audience: Julia Lerner, Nome Nugget; Sean Milligan, KNOM Radio; Jennifer Dean (virtually - Microsoft Teams)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- A. Peter Travers Oath of Office,  
Deputy City Clerk Jacobson swore in Commissioner Travers.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

No citizen comments.

**NEW BUSINESS****A. October 22, 2021 - City Manager's Report,**

- City Manager Steckman described current active Covid-19 case counts within the region and current municipal protocol, noting Emergency Order 2021-04.
- C. Noffske inquired into Nome Public Schools (NPS) current color rating in the recent Covid-19 safety-level color system.
- City Manager Steckman affirmed NPS was no longer operating under a Covid-19 safety *color system*, with exception to traveling sports teams, noting NPS efforts to maintain in-class education. He explained further, various safety measures and local resources available.
- C. Traverse inquired into Covid-19 testing requirements at the Nome Airport.
- City Manager Steckman clarified regional testing procedure, educational resources available, and current municipal protocol.
- C. Noffske opined his concern regarding the current procedure at City meetings.
- City Manager Steckman affirmed that all attendees at City meetings use protective equipment (face masks) as required. He noted a high proportion of the vaccinated and unvaccinated population receiving Covid-19 positive tests and the Municipality's efforts to provide public notice, education, and resources.
- City Manager Steckman concluded by briefly outlining his manager's activity report for the commissioners.

**B. Emergency Order 2021-04,**

- City Manager Steckman previously detailed in his City Manager activity report.

**C. Nome Police Department (NPD) - 3rd Quarter Statistical Report,**

- Chief Heintzelman stated that all calls for service decreased in 2021 from 2020, with respect to 911 calls, noting the decrease in sexual assault calls. Chief acknowledged former CSO Bryan Piercy and his service prior to retirement, concluding his report by detailing incoming personnel to fill current vacancies.
- C. Noffske inquired into NPD hiring and retention practices and the possibility of increased wages.
- Chief Heintzelman acknowledged the contracts negotiation process between the Union (City of Nome Employees Association) and City Manager Steckman while noting recruiting personnel within the rural housing market.
- City Manager Steckman cited the Union's request for a classification study before the start of negotiations. The classification study was waiting on a request for proposal before beginning the study. He also stated that wages were a part of a budget tied to property and sales tax revenue.
- C. Piscoya inquired into the radio system project listed in the report.
- City Manager Steckman described a need for professional analysis of the radio system and the subsequent request for proposal drafted.
- C. Piscoya inquired into the current status of NPD accreditation.

- City Manager Steckman affirmed his work with Chief Heintzelman in managing the accreditation process and avoiding liabilities. He echoed the City Council's request for a full cost of accounting before proceeding, noting Chief Heintzelman working with the City of Soldotna for costs associated with accreditation.
- Chief Heintzelman affirmed that the costs associated were on hand; however, the cost of the accreditation manager was still needing determining.
- City Manager Steckman described concerns related to accreditation.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

1. C. Noffske no comments.
2. C. Hoggan no comments.
3. C. McGarry no comments.
4. C. Piscoya opined a need for commissioner training. Inquiry into complaints submitted to Commission (none).
5. C. Bruner-Alvanna welcomed the newest Commissioner, Peter Traverse.
6. C. Traverse thanked the Commission for their hospitality and time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by C. Traverse and seconded by C. Noffske to adjourn.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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**CAROL PISCOYA**  
**Vice-Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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

**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland

**Manager**  
Glenn Steckman

**Acting Deputy City Clerk**  
Jeremy Jacobson

**Nome Public Safety  
Advisory Commission** Item B.  
Briday Green  
Justin Noffske  
Jana Hoggan  
Traci McGarry  
Carol Piscoya  
Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna

**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021 at 5:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Jana Hoggan; Traci McGarry; Carol Piscoya; Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna;  
Justin Noffske (Zoom)

Members Absent: Briday Green (excused)

Also Present: Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy City Clerk; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Mike  
Hientzelman, NPD Chief

In the audience: Julia Lerner, Nome Nugget

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

No citizen comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. R-21-09-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURSUE ACCREDITATION.**

Discussion:

- Piscoya inquired into any comments from the Commission, who had no questions to ask, and then NPD.
- Chief Heintzleman gave explanation to the benefits of accreditation, noting accountability, guidance, and standardized practice and procedure.

A motion was made by C. McGarry to approve the resolution moving forward to the Common Council for approval, and was seconded by C Hoggan.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by C. Bruner-Alvanna and seconded by C. McGarry to adjourn.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission adjourned at 5:40 PM.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 6th day of December, 2021.

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**CAROL PISCOYA**  
**Vice Chair**

**ATTEST:**

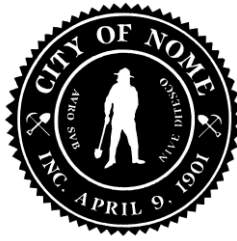
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**JEREMY JACOBSON**  
**Acting Deputy City Clerk**

**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland

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Glenn Steckman

**Acting Deputy City Clerk**  
Jeremy Jacobson



**Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission** Item C.

Briday Green  
Justin Noffske  
VACANT

Jana Hoggan  
Andrew Miller, Jr.  
Traci McGarry  
Carol Piscoya  
VACANT

Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna; Briday Green; Jana Hoggan; Traci McGarry; Justin Noffske; Carol Piscoya

Members Absent: Andrew Miller, Jr.

Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Mike Heintzelman, NPD Chief; Robert Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief

In the audience: Julia Lerner, Nome Nugget

**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: Green; Hoggan; McGarry; Noffske; Piscoya; Bruner-Alvanna

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

No comments.

**NEW BUSINESS****A. Nome Police Department Accreditation Discussion,****Discussion:**

- City Manager Steckman acquainted the Public Safety Advisory Commission with Robert Skowron, and his accreditation consulting services background. City Manager Steckman concluded by expressing interest in accreditation through the Oregon Accreditation Alliance.
- NPD Chief Heintzleman gave further explanation on Robert Skowron's work, reputation, and assessment created after observing NPD, and their daily operations. Chief Heintzleman expound on the different accreditations available to NPD, various distinctions, and NPD's goals towards accreditation. He stated accreditation would further develop NPD's policy manual, bringing a new level of standard beneficial for everyone. Chief Heintzleman noted a recent police call where a firearm was directed at one his officers; the individual was safely taken into custody however, accreditation and training would positively benefit the entire community in those instances.
- City Manager Steckman noted accountability and credibility with NPD, PSAC involvement during development of NPD accreditation, and setting a mission/vision statement.
- Commissioner McGarry in her experience, expressed the need for an accreditation manager and supported Mr. Skowron's report stating its need.
- City Manager Steckman stated there was some money budgeted for NPD's accreditation manager position and outlined the offsite camera system with NPD.
- Chief Heintzleman briefly detailed various equipment and training standards which would be elevated due to accreditation standards. He detailed onboarding prospective candidates with experience to NPD, and various obstacles involved in the recruiting and retention process.
- City Manager Steckman suggested the Public Safety Advisory Commission meet prior to the next City Council's meeting, adopting a resolution to move forward to the City Council for approval. A Special Meeting was set for September 7, 2021.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

1. Commissioner McGarry thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and is looking forward to the resolution being created.
2. Commissioner Noffske had no comments.
3. Commissioner Piscoya thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and was looking forward to next week's special meeting; noting the importance of the resolution being created for the community's benefit.
4. Commissioner Bruner-Alvanna had no comments.
5. Commissioner Green introduced herself to the rest of the commission.
6. Commissioner Hogan had no comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by C. McGarry and seconded by C. Green that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:13 PM.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 6th day of December, 2021.

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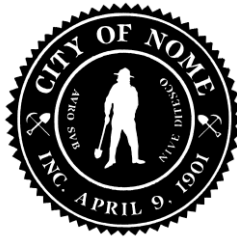
**CAROL PISCOYA**  
Vice Chair

**ATTEST:**

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**JEREMY JACOBSON**  
Acting Deputy City Clerk

**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland  
**Manager**  
Glenn Steckman  
**Clerk**  
Bryant Hammond



**Nome Public Safety Advisory Committee** Item D.  
Lisa Ellanna  
Justin Noffske  
Ivory Okleasik  
Jana Hoggan  
Andrew Miller, Jr.  
Traci McGarry  
Carol Piscoya  
Irvin Barnes  
Maureen Koezuna

**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
MONDAY, JUNE 07, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
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**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna; Jana Hoggan; Traci McGarry; Andy Miller (telephonic); Justin Noffske; Carol Piscoya (telephonic)

Members Absent: Ivory Okleasik

Also Present: Glen Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief.

In the audience: Barb Amarok; RB Smith, Nome Nugget

**OATH OF OFFICE**

A. Oath of Office for Briday Green.

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Clerk Hammond administered the oath of office for Briday Green.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. March 1, 2021 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes,  
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A motion was made by C. and seconded by C. to approve the March 1, 2021 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of Police Accreditation with Greg Russell,

**VERBAL**

Cm Steckman reviews the accreditation of CALEA,

Gregory Russell state agencies form their own accreditation agencies. CALEA is very expensive. COTTS grant is available for cities interested in forming their own accreditation agency. Previous state accreditation programs weren't sustainable. Oregon law is closely related to Alaska law as AK law has been modeled after Oregon LE.

Hiring standards vary state to state - being accredited will support turnover in the CPO position. When policies are questioned, NPD can refer to the industry standard through being accredited.

C. Noffske asks are there any major contrasting differences between Oregon certification vs. CALEA?

C. McGarry asks is there a timeline to reach a decision

CM Steckman says it takes several years to achieve accreditation.

Russell says it takes 12-18 months to get established. Good for 3 years and renewal, plus training.

CM Steckman would like to see a system implemented to catch early warnings through logging. CALEA vs Oregon raises updates to procedures and trainings. Excessive force has been the forefront of concern for the community. Reduced lawsuits against the community.

C. Piscoya asks how do we move forward with accreditation.

CM Steckman suggests moving forward with the beginning steps.

Russell suggests CPO link up with other city CPO's to discuss what they're doing to move towards accreditation.

C. McGarry acknowledges the hurdles in becoming accredited, asking for annual figures.

Russell says he does not have a cost comparison for the programs.

C. McGarry asks is one accreditation better recognized

Russell expects the CALEA program may not translate well with Nome culture.

C. Noffske suggests a motion to make a decision.

CM Steckman assures there is money in the budget to move forward with a decision.

C. Noffske makes a motion

B. Sexual Assault Policy Discussion,

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CM Steckman acknowledges Sharon as the victim advocate.

C. McGarry notes OCS centralized intake is to be immediately notified, instead of nearest.

CPO Heintzleman explains the higher priority was the use of force to be addressed by an accreditation agency.

C. McGarry questions the sexual assault handling procedure. Ultimately, decision lies with the victim to seek treatment.

C. Piscoya acknowledges if NPD becomes accredited it will

CPO July 13th the assessor from CALEA will fly into Nome and identify where to improve.

Oregon Accreditation Alliance

C. McGarry CAC is looking at growing the facility to do more interviews and processing, private services.

C. Current Sexual Assault Investigation Statistics,

**VERBAL**

CPO Heintzleman emphasizes that cases are down. PD is improving morale, working on training and career development in efforts to retain police officers. Violations and traffic stops are down. Personnel in dispatch is brand new and looking to become a police officer, whom is Nome grown. Rotated Murray over to acting Sgt. that Gray Harrison filled, whom is now at City Hall doing IT. Waiting for a special investigator to join the team for sexual assault.

CM Steckman advertise AML, Indeed, and . If someone is an accredited officer in another agency, they will still go through a 3 week training. NPD attended the investigation of the murder of a local woman.

C. Noffske asked how the current figure for pay was reached.

CM Steckman has asked to do a wage and classification study, as NPD cannot afford what Fairbanks and Anchorage can pay. Living quarters were just approved for new officers, and supporting the relocation and on-boarding process. Cost of construction has skyrocketed.

C. Noffske asks about a housing stipend, if that will be offered.

CM Steckman says it's a possibility, but still taxable.

CPO two week on two week off program was successful in the past. Takes two to develop a good officer that's properly trained. The two on/off allotted room for more qualified officers.

CM Steckman says the goal is not to have a two week on and two week off department.

Community is frustrated that they don't know their police officers.

C. Miller regarding the two week on and two week off, the population is growing.

Construction crews are arriving, people are moving to where the work is.

CPO community police officer would be a benefit to the community, as well as reaching the kids in high school. They act as a liaison between the community and NPD.

C. McGarry mentions the two week on and off, is not complimentary to victim advocates/investigation. Case hand off would be an urgent priority.

Bob says email policy CC's more people in to catch missed emails.

#### NEW BUSINESS

C. Noffske makes a motion to remove Okleasik motion carries. Change the wording to elicit more candidates for PSAC.

C. Piscoya wants to address training for new council members.

CM Steckman training for the council members as well as on-going training. Most likely won't have any one up for training due to housing.

C. Miller asks if Briday Green was notified.

Clerk Hammond assured messages were left, but no contact made.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS

C. Miller - happy with the new report and statistics from 2020/2021. A little concerned in how someone has been selected and not attend the first meeting. Also concerned in the lack of local interest in filling the officer positions. Tired of outsourcing work for Nome and appreciates NPD's current efforts. Four-wheelers are obnoxious on the streets, but would like it investigated. It's preventable. Maybe designate a track. New folks in town may test limits and there must be enough officers to maintain order.

C. Noffske says it was awesome to make quorum and pass motions. Thanks everyone for showing up and disappointed that Briday Green did not attend despite the pleasures of summer.

C. Piscoya reflects Noffske's notes. Excited about the new dispatch officer is local. If a commission member isn't regularly attending, it needs to be addressed sooner. Looking forward to the accreditation. Adds a thank you to Sharon as a victim's advocate.

C. Bruner-Alvanna says thank you for the work towards finding accreditation. Praises NPD for their work on the archived sexual assault cases. Looking forward to being empowered with training.

C. Hogan no comment

C. McGarry says thank you everyone for coming. Also felt stagnant with absences, reflects Noffske's notes. Appreciates learning the accreditation process.

CPO Heintzman announces NPD got an ATV for routine patrol on the beach.

#### ADJOURNMENT

7:55 pm