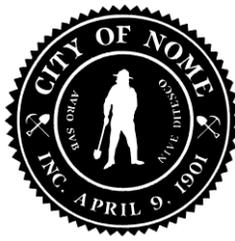


**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland

**City Clerk/Treasurer**  
Dan Grimmer



**Nome Common Council**  
Kohren Green  
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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

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- A. Reappointment of Kenneth Hughes to Seat "G" of the Nome Planning Commission for a 3 Year Term,

**VERBAL**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Legal Matters- matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential;

ADJOURNMENT

**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland

**City Clerk/Treasurer**  
Dan Grimmer



**Nome Common Council** Item A.  
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. Superintendent Burgess is present in the meeting and can answer any questions the council may have. The current budget is \$328,000. Mayor John asks Superintendent Burgess if this project part of the state DOE? Ms. Burgess says the state reimbursement is 70%. Mayor asks the Superintendent 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,
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- 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025**

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND  
MAYOR**

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**DAN GRIMMER  
CITY CLERK**

**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland  
**City Manager**  
Dan Grimmer (Acting)  
**Deputy City Clerk**  
Brad Soske



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

**NOME PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 03, 2024 at 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**ROLL CALL at 7:03P.M.**

Members Present: C.Hughes; C.Piscoya; C.Lust; C.Ford: C.Smith @ 7:05p.m.  
Members Absent: C.West; C.Odden  
Also Present: Dan Grimmer, City Clerk; Cyrilene Okitkun, Deputy Clerk; Brooks Chandler, City Interim Manager; Cliff McHenry, Building Inspector; Erin Reinders, Land Planner

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by C.Ford and seconded by C.Piscoya to approve the agenda as presented.  
At Roll Call:  
Aye: C.Hughes; C.Piscoya; C.Lust; C.Ford: C.Smith  
Nay:  
Abstain:  
**THE MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. November 12, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes,**  
A motion was made by C.Ford and seconded by C.Piscoya to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.  
At Roll Call:  
Aye: C.Hughes; C.Piscoya; C.Lust; C.Ford: C.Smith  
Nay:  
Abstain:  
**THE MOTION CARRIED**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ACTIVITIES**

C.Hughes makes a motion, seconded by C.Smith, to have the historic preservation grant be used for the Swanberg Dredge and historical signs on the east end of town.  
C.Piscoya mentions that the Nome Planning Commission should recommend to Nome City Council for street signs.  
C. Hughes says that he'd like to point out that only \$100,000 will be available for award and the maximum for one is \$50,000 and the other \$25,000, it is a 60% to 40% match. The deadline for this is 3pm. February 07, 2025. Projects need to be Completed by September 30, 2026.  
At Roll Call:  
Aye: C.Hughes; C.Piscoya; C.Lust; C.Ford: C.Smith  
Nay:

Abstain:  
THE MOTION CARRIED

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **A. Nome Center Creek Road Rehabilitation Update,**

C.Hughes mentions that they skipped over the old railbed. The Center Creek Station area that filled in; is wondering why it is not considered to be any value.

Dan Grimmer included this into the packet as it came through his office and he was quite interested to hear they are enhancing and making that road better. The survey came from Cole Cushman the Public Works Department. He thought it would be a good idea to add the survey in here.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

No Citizens' Comments at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Discussion presented by Commissioner Ford re: A Complaint with Commercial Zoning Uses,**

C.Ford mentioned she had six people reach out to her and there are no permits for the pads put down, working after hours making a nuisance for other residents. Commercial Zoning states you can have junk if you're using it for the use of business. Joe Bernum is the owner and it is for shell-fish fishing and there is nothing registered with the state. He does not own a permit. Brooks mentions that it was a resolution to sue the property owner because he had not obtained the permit. He then came in and got his permit. We cannot speak without having a permit application and full investigation to qualify as a commissioner's permit. 18.10.110A states that each violation is given \$100 per day. C.Lust says the city is now aware of the issue and that due process would be good. C.Smith says it should be time to move on this now. C.Ford says her goal is to bring it to the cities attention and documented that she has brought the citizen's concerns forward. They gave her permission to use their names. C.Lust says the planning commission should do this as a follow-up agenda for next months meeting and see where it's at.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. Planning Memo RE: Downtown Zoning Progress & Crew Camp Ordinance Progress,**

Erin has couple updates. I've been working with the city attorney, city manager and city clerk to finalize the approval process for the downtown zoning districts. Will have the first planning meeting for adoption process in January which requires public notices and if that is ready, we'll have a meeting in March with the Nome City Council. We'll be having some discussions. Brooks and I have been brainstorming. C.Smith says it looks great and C.Piscoya says she likes it.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **A. City Manager Report,**

Brooks mentions he does not have much to report but what the planner has placed in front of you. Brooks mentions to the Planning Commissioners that his contract ends Monday, 16 December 2024 and is not on extension and won't be back to their next meeting in January. There is still no successor but there is still time.

#### **B. Building Inspector Report,**

Cliff says the continue of sunshine subdivision; the owner got the water and sewer working. Atlas tower adjacent to the high school has been completed and working with the subcontractor to demo for the GCI tower. Cliff addresses to C.Smith that he did not know he can issue citations and it's a work in progress. He's been working with Dan and Brad on the myGov website. A lot of times people run out of money and it can go on for 2-3 years.

### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

**C.Piscoya** – We should talk to the Nome City Council for recommendation to extend his (Brooks) contract. She says this was a very interesting meeting. And with these complaints; they should be brought up to the council and also recommended to speed things up.

**C.Lust** – He says he has more appreciation for the Chairman Hughes in conducting the meetings and he appreciates everyone. C.Lust is proud of the Tower that was put up around the High School. He thanks Brooks for being here.

**C.Smith** – He thanks Ken for being on track. Hoping we can get Brooks to stay longer. He mentions that he appreciates Cliff doing his work. He suggests that the building inspector job title be changed to Code Enforcement Officer, so he can distribute citations to the residents that are breaking the municipal codes and the public, as a whole, has a better idea of his job description, along with himself.

**C.Ford** – She mentions to Cliff that she doesn't envy his job and she knows it is hard when he is hobbled. The town is great. Thanks Brooks for being here.

**C.Hughes** – says he spoke to someone about a property that belonged to 2-3 heirs who went through a lot of problems, spent a bunch of time to get the title clear to get the property up and running. A lot of people in this situation. He is hoping to assist these folks and this would be one way to help them out and clean up some problems. C.Hughes pointed out the Land Bank; attempted to review the state laws that created land banks. Wondering if the Nome Planning Commission has the same opportunity, he is unclear. There is some national code that creates an Alaska Land Bank. A lot of the probate stuff could perhaps be sped up if there was a lot of pressure applied. If he is here for the next city council meeting he will bring up this issue. Thanks Brooks. And he thanks his fellow commissioners for attending the meeting.

### **SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, January 07, 2025 is the next scheduled meeting in the Council Chambers at the City Hall.

### **ADJOURNMENT at 8:13P.M.**

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

At the Roll Call:

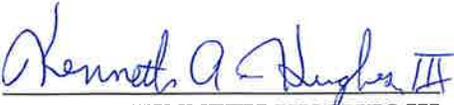
Aye: C.Hughes, C.Piscoya, C.Smith, C.Lust, C.Ford

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**

APPROVED and SIGNED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

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

**ATTEST:**

  
**BRAD SOSKE**  
**Deputy Clerk**



# Memo

**Date:** February 10, 2025  
**From:** Dan Grimmer, City Clerk  
**To:** Nome Common Council  
**Subject:** Correspondence with RJ of Nome Checker Cab

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I have been in contact with RJ. It was conveyed to me by email and phone that Mr. Jones will not be able to attend the February 10 meeting due to ongoing medical issues. His prospective on the council releasing the 3 cab licenses is that it will negatively affect his business. As requested by Mr. Rodney Jones I have included correspondence in his own words.  
Dan Grimmer/City Clerk

**From:** Rodney jones  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 10:16:45 PM  
**To:** Dan Grimmer

I am in anchorage with a hole in my foot it is healing well and am unable to attend your meeting

**From:** Rodney jones  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 7:27:18 AM  
**To:** Dan Grimmer

I would like to add as for gypsy cabs desperate times lead to desperate measures such as stealing from your brother your neighbor or in this case an existing business having a hard time I am down and not out unless you the 3 permits your talking about will definitely destroy me and all the work I have done over the years I give back to the community everywhere I can thank you for giving me the opportunity to fix my life here in Nome.  
sincerely Rodney Jones of NOME CHECKER CAB



# Memo

**Date:** February 10, 2025

**From:** Dan Grimmer, City Clerk

**To:** Nome Common Council

**Subject:** Determination of City Council re: Sales Tax Penalties and Interest

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Mr. Rodney Jones has asked for forgiveness of the Sales tax penalties and interest for Nome Checker Cab for the years of 2021-2023. This is in response to the NCO requirement to be current on his taxes for this business in order to have his cab licenses renewed.

Earlier this year Mr. Jones had meet with City Manager Glenn Steckman about evaluating what Nome Checker Cab owed in unfiled sales tax for the tax years of 2021-2023. Mr. Jones had expressed some difficulty in using the LocalGov system.

Since that time Nome Checker Cab has registered with the LocalGov system. Mr. Jones has explained that the reason he has not yet reconciled the past due sales tax is due to him having multiple properties that were on this years foreclosure list for which he was making an effort to make payments.

Mr. Jones made payments on the principal Sales tax amounts owed for 2021 and 2022 and 2023. He has paid off the principal tax amounts for those years.

The City Clerk is asking for the Nome Common Council to make a determination on approving the forgiveness of the 2021-2023 Sales tax penalties and interest in the amount of \$4,120.56 for Nome Checker Cab per Mr. Jones request.

**Dan Grimmer**  
City Clerk

**Presented By:**  
City Manager

**Action Taken:**  
Yes \_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-25-02-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL RESOLVING TO RELEASE  
THREE TAXI CAB LICENSES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO  
DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE BY LOT**

**WHEREAS**, Nome Code of Ordinances (NCO) regulates the operation of taxi cabs within the City of Nome, requiring the proper licensure for both company and driver; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nome Code of Ordinances NCO 3.10.090 states that in 2005 it was determined that thirteen cab licenses shall be issued in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, two taxi cab licenses were rescinded from the operating taxicab companies by way of Resolution 17-03-01; and,

**WHEREAS**, six taxi cab licenses are currently held by Nome Checker Cab; and

**WHEREAS**, five taxi cab licenses, (T-11031-A, T-11031-B, T-11031-C, T-11031-D, & T-11031-E) issued to Mr. Kab A2B in 2020, were revoked November 17, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, NCO 3.10.090(e) provides for a process upon the lapse or revocation of a license; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon revocation or lapse of a license, the Council shall determine whether to reduce the number of authorized licenses; and,

**WHEREAS**, if the number is not reduced, the lapsed licenses shall be determined by lot in a public drawing conducted by the City Clerk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;**

1. That the Nome Common Council has decided to release three licenses from those that were previously revoked; which brings the total of approved licenses to nine.
2. The City Clerk’s Office is hereby authorized to hold a public drawing by lot, as provided by Nome Code of Ordinances Section 3.10.090(c), to determine who is eligible to apply for any of the 3 previously revoked licenses.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2025.

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**DAN GRIMMER, City Clerk**

**Presented By.**  
Port Director

**Action Taken:**  
Yes \_\_\_  
No \_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-25-02-02**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CAPE NOME JETTY REPAIR PROJECT TO  
DUWAMISH SERVICES, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Jetty at Cape Nome is part of Nome’s Port Facilities and serves as an important alternate facility for the movement of cargo and equipment, plus the exporting of gravel, armor stone, and other aggregate products; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Cape Nome Jetty was significantly damaged in the September 2022 storm, and since that time, the facility has not been able to operate for the purposes it was designed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome (City) has been working with the Alaska Department of Homeland Security Division of Emergency Management (ADHSEM) and FEMA to finalize a scope of work, and secure funds at a sufficient level to provide the necessary post-storm disaster relief; and,

**WHEREAS**, ADHSEM and FEMA approved a revised Project Worksheet (PW005), advising the City on 7 Oct 2024 that \$9,353,557 in project funds had been obligated by FEMA, with an Obligating Award Document (OAD) forthcoming from ADHSEM, thereby allowing the City to move forward with publicly bidding the project as was done on 7 Nov 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, the OAD funding award of \$9,353,557 was ultimately received by the City on 16 Jan 2025, prior to the scheduled project bid opening of 30 Jan 2025; and,

**WHEREAS**, three bids were received and publicly opened on 30 Jan 2025, with Duwamish Services LLC being deemed the lowest qualified responsive bidder at \$7,359.935; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome wishes to move forward with the project by awarding the bid of \$7,359,935, with all costs authorized under FEMA’s Disaster Declaration DR-4672-AK.

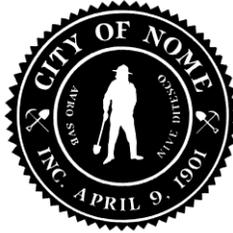
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nome City Council awards the Cape Nome Jetty Repair Project to Duwamish Services, LLC for \$7,359,935.

**APPROVED and SIGNED** this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2025

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**DAN GRIMMER, City Clerk**



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

TO: Bidders of Record

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: PORT OF NOME, CAPE NOME JETTY REPAIR

The City of Nome has received and opened bids on January 30, 2025 for the subject project. Based on the bid tabulations (attached) the City of Nome intends to award the project contract to Duwamish Services, LLC. for the Base Bid of \$7,359,935.00 as approved and appropriated by the Nome City Council.

Any bidder who believes the bid has been improperly awarded may file a bid protest no later than ten (5) working days from the date of this Notice of Intent.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

CITY OF NOME  
OWNER

By \_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

Bidders of Record:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Contact Fax</u>
Cruz Construction, Inc.	Randall Norman	<i>fax (907)745-5557</i>
Duwamish Services, LLC	Zachary Martin	<i>fax (206)</i>
Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.	Jamie Wisenbaker	<i>fax (907)562-5426</i>

Cc: City Attorney

Cape Nome Jetty

BIDDER NAME	DATE/TIME RECEIVED	SEALED	Enveloped Addressed and Properly Marked	Bid Form Signed in Ink and Dated	Current Alaska Contractor's Cert. of Reg. No. Shown and Attached to Bid Form	5% Bid Bond	TOTAL BASE BID	Bid Modifications
Cruz Construction	1-30-2025/11:30am	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$14,919,600.00	No
Dunhamish Services	1-30-2025/11:32	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$7,359,935.00	No
Kiewit Infrastructure West	1-30-25 11:0:35am	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$10,533,100.00	Yes -
								reduction of
								\$534,350.00
								= \$9,998,750.00

Addenda Acknowledge.

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*Brad Sod* 1-30-2025  
Witness Date

*J.R. Baker* 1-30-25  
Witness Date

Attest: *Dan Grimmer* 1/30/25  
Dan Grimmer, City Clerk, Date

Cape Nome Jetty

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Cruz Const	JAN 30 @ 1330	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$14,919,600	No
Dunaway Bros	Jan 30 @ 1430	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$7,351,935	NO
Keswit Infra	JAN 30 1055	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$10,533,100	534,350
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Cruz Construction	Jun 30, 25 1:30pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	14,919,600 <sup>14,919,600</sup> ↑	None ✓
Duwamish Services	Jan 30, 25 14:32	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7,359,935	None ✓
Kiewit Infrastructure West	Jan 30, 25 10:55pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10,533,100	ref 534,350 ✓ reduction
							9,998,750 → after reduction	

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Bruce Sood 1/30/25  
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# Memo

To: Dan Grimmer – Acting City Manager  
 From: Joy L. Baker – Project Manager/Acting Port Director *JLB*  
 CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission; Planning Commission  
 Date: 2/7/2025  
 Re: Port Project Status – Feb 2025

## **Administration:**

In preparation for the next budget cycle, and in addition to the aggressive account collections currently underway, staff are focusing on budgetary needs, such as procurement for standard consumable items, necessary maintenance and repairs, improvements, personnel and training, as well as costs for meeting compliance of specific operational infrastructure inspected by various agencies.

The City had planned to send a small delegation to Washington DC from 3-5 Feb 2025, to meet with the Alaska Congressional Delegation (CODEL) and various committee staff within both the Senate and House. Although due to weather and illness, neither the Mayor or myself were able to travel. Fortunately, Megan Onders had already arrived in DC, allowing us to develop a strategy with Jay Sterne (City lobbyist) to hold hybrid meetings as needed. The Mayor and I were able to join meetings with all three of the CODEL offices via phone or Zoom. Overall, the trip was a success, with a focus on the port expansion progress for re-solicitation, funding and schedule, water & sewer needs, and coordination for other 2025 priorities identified by the City. A follow-up trip anticipated in the coming months.

## Strategic Development Plan:

*PND and Corvus continue working on the Strategic Development Plan, incorporating input from the public, users, port commission and city/port staff. This guidance will inform the final port (Phase C), and reflect a solid long-range plan for future port development. An updated draft will be shared in a Port Commission Work Session for review.*

## **Causeway:**

### Arctic Deep Draft Port – Nome Modifications (Construction Bid Award):

The USACE and City design teams have been diligently working on the revised bid solicitation, with a 100% package compiled the last week of Jan 2025. This package is now going through several mid and senior-level reviews at USACE, and expected to be approved for release by the end of Feb 2025, with an award in late summer 2025.

### Local Service Facilities (LSF) Inspection Integration:

The City design team has worked closely with the USACE team in achieving completion of the recalibrated package known as Phase 1A. This has been done on an expedited schedule in order to maintain forward momentum.

### U.S. DOT Maritime Administration (MARAD) – Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant Pre-Award:

Prior to the December holidays, the required Title VI documents were drafted and submitted to PIDP staff, City Admin and HR for review and comment. Discussions continue on the necessary content for this package, with briefings scheduled with PIDP staff on 12 Feb 2025, and subsequent follow up with City Admin/HR. This will then allow the \$11.25M grant agreement to be executed, along with a separate funding agreement for the \$1.025M that Rep Peltola successfully placed into the FY2025 USDOT budget to supplement the PIDP award to Nome. More to come as this moves forward...



**Harbor:****Inner Harbor CAP 107 Study (Deepen/Widen the Inner Basin):**

*The USACE has now advised that this project no longer qualifies for a Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) 107 Study path due to construction costs exceeding the \$10M funding cap. The Alaska District is now recommending pursuit of a General Investigation (GI) Study, which was the path used for the port expansion feasibility report. We are working with the project team to determine next steps on this path, along with the local cost-share and proposed schedule.*

**Snake River Moorage Facility:**

City staff are standing by to coordinate with USDOT/RAISE program personnel to identify pre-award requirements that will need to be met before execution of a grant agreement, as well as discuss specific language necessary to inform the project grant agreement. As federal agency funding programs are changing rapidly at this time, we have been advised by RAISE personnel that they will reach out in the near-term to begin the agreement process.

**Port Industrial Pad:****West Nome Tank Farm (WNTF) - Property Conveyance:**

Based on continued delays with finalizing the conveyance documents, we contacted the Alaska Congressional Delegation last week to look into the matter with USAF/HQ. Thankfully, this inquiry brought benefit to the issue as the final drafts of the files were received the very next day. These latest docs are under final review by ADEC, state legal staff, and our City attorneys to ensure nothing has changed in the past year since last review. Once the local and state reviews are complete, the USAF is required to file the Environmental Covenants and Quitclaim Deed documents with the Alaska Recorder's office – which will actually convey the 7-acre property.

**Thornbush Laydown Site Development (TBS):**

Costs are being compiled for pursuing grant funds to complete the development of the remaining 8.5 acres of the 18-acre parcel. Several funding vehicles are accepting applications at this time, and we are hopeful that we will identify one that is aligned with this work. This additional laydown property is critically needed for staging of cargo and equipment, along with stockpiling gravel and rock, needed for the port expansion as well as for exporting to construction projects throughout the region.

**Port Rd. Improvements (ADOT Project cost-shared with City):**

*This state STIP project has been postponed to approximately 2030 to avoid conflicting with the heavier truck traffic during the port expansion, and to facilitate a more productive repair following the project.*

**FEMA DR4672 Merbok Recover Projects:****Cape Nome Jetty Repair:**

The City has received and signed the Obligating Award Document (OAD) securing the necessary disaster funds to allow for award of the repair project. Three bids were received and opened at 3pm on 30 Jan 2025, with the lowest qualified bidder being Duwamish Services, LLC., in the amount of \$7,359,935. Contract documents are being compiled for execution, with work scheduled for the 2025 ice-free season.

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*Italics reflects information with no change from last report. Additional information is available on request.*