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NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022 at 5:30 / 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

102 Division St. ▪ P.O. Box 281 ▪ Nome, Alaska 99762 ▪ Phone (907) 443-6663 ▪ Fax (907) 443-5345

WORK SESSION - 5:30 PM

- [A.](#) Discussion on Incentives to Stimulate Construction of New Residential Rental Housing in Nome,

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- A. Activity Report: March 1 - 25, 2022,

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Incentives to stimulate construction of new residential rental housing in Nome.

This proposed new housing program incentivizes the construction of new rental housing in Nome. It will only apply to long term or monthly rental units. It does not include short term rentals such as Bed and Breakfasts, vacation rentals, Airbnb, etc.

New rental housing units qualified for this program would need to be re-certified annually by the city to ensure rental units are actually being used as longer-term housing rentals.

The housing units must be available to be leased to the general public.

New rental units must be constructed within 3 years of approved application.

All housing units under this program must be approved by the City of Nome.

The greater number of new rental units, the larger the incentive:

Number of new rental units created:

2-4 units: 10-year property tax exemption.

5-8 units: 15-year property tax exemption.

8+ units: 20-year property tax exemption.

The City of Nome will also waive all related permits including building, dump, and excavation permits. If the new housing units are on the utility grid, water/sewer/power hookup fees will also be waived.

Additional incentives to be considered will also include monthly NJUS electric fees.

The easiest way to accomplish this would be to use monthly credits as follows:

\$100/month per rental unit.

2 units: up to \$200/mo. credit for the first 5 years.

3 units - Up to \$300/mo. credit for the first 5 years.

4 units - Up to \$400/mo. credit for the first 5 years.

Up to 8 units: \$800/month for the first 5 years. capped at \$800/mo.

These incentives would not apply to new construction, but also for the renovation of existing buildings into rental units. For example, a single-family home or a warehouse would qualify if it will be converted into new rental units that would add new rental housing units to the community. These NJUS incentives would also transfer to the new buyer, if the qualified housing units under this program are sold prior to expiration of the property tax or utility incentive, as long as the annual certification requirements are maintained.

As an example, if a new or renovated 5-plex rental unit is constructed, here are the potential incentives: For the sake of discussion, assume the completed appraised value of the 5-plex is \$1,400,000, and a 12-mil property tax rate would apply.

Building Permit Savings: Approximately **\$6,550**

Other waived permit fees: Estimated **\$1000**

Potential City Sales Tax Savings for construction materials if purchased locally:
5% of \$1,400,000 = **\$70,000**

Property Tax Savings at 12 mils, for 15 years: **\$252,000**

NJUS utility credits for 5 years, for 5 units: **\$30,000**

Total Incentives to develop 5 new rental units over 15 years: **\$359,550**

Highlights of this program:

This City incentive program requires ZERO City existing funds to be spent up front, as all of the incentives are based on NEW housing units being created.

It incentivizes the repurposing or renovation of existing buildings which may not be currently occupied or in use, or is currently underutilized.

It will create incentives to demolish abandoned or vacant buildings, and create new rental housing units for the community in their place.

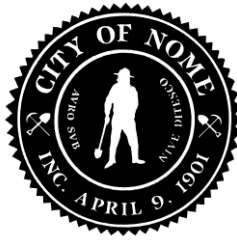
It will create new incentives to use vacant lots that are currently not being utilized, to be converted to new housing units for the community.

It will potentially enable NJUS to secure additional funding to increase the existing sewer/water grid infrastructure.

This program will not require the City to allocate funds in the future to subsidize or operate these new housing units, as they will be owned and maintained by the private landlords or owners, NOT by the City of Nome.

It will stimulate local purchases and services in the community to support the increased construction activity, which will help strengthen and support local businesses.

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WORK SESSION - 5:30 PM

Discussion of City of Nome & Nome Public Schools Budget Priorities.

- A. Draft FY23 CIPs - City of Nome.
- B. FY24 CIP EED Six Year Plan.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Scot Henderson; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Sigvanna Topkok

Members Absent: Doug Johnson, (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Mike Heintzelman, NPD Chief

In the audience: Diana Haecker, KNOM; Rhonda Schneider; Cole Cushman; Paul G. Kosto; Rob Luce; Ken Hughes; Cheri McConnell; Rodney Jones;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Brown to approve the agenda as presented.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to amend the agenda by adding New Business D: R-22-02-07 A Resolution Endorsing Projects for the City of Nome's 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities and an Executive Session to Discuss Legal Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which May Have Adverse Impacts on City Finances,

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok; Brown; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 14, 2022 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the February 14, 2022 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok; Brown; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letter of February 18, 2022 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Transfer of Retail Marijuana Store License Application.

- The Council discussed the process the City takes with respect to such notices and the difference between a renewal and a transfer and whether or not a motion is needed.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the license transfer.

Discussion:

- The Council discussed the consequences of a failed vote.

With approval of the second, the motion was withdrawn.

- B. Email of February 21, 2022 from Adam Lust to Council Member Johnson re: Comments on O-22-02-08/09/10/11.
- C. Memo from Clerk Hammond to Mayor & Common Council re: Taxicab Licenses.
- Clerk Hammond briefed the Council on the status of taxicab licenses in Nome.
 - Mayor Handeland invited RJ Jones to comment.
 - Mr. Jones discussed the taxi business and competition between cab companies, citing the abandoned licenses as the biggest obstacle his company faces.
 - Mayor Handeland asked how many cabs Checker was running currently.
 - Mr. Jones discussed the four cabs he was running and said business was dead.
 - Rob Luce, owner of Mr. Kab, discussed his current situation and his desire to get the cabs going again.
 - The Council requested that staff pick up where they left off with the appeal hearing.
- D. FY 2023 City of Nome Budget Calendar.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1. Cheri McConnell, Nome Liaison for Quintillion, discussed Quintillion's commitment to the Bering Strait Region and presented her letter regarding Port development and potential partnerships.
2. Rhonda Schneider, Nome Community Center, discussed the background to new business C, describing the intent of the fund and how it would be managed.
 - Council Member Henderson asked if NCC would apply to the trust for its current project.
 - Ms. Schneider replied probably not, as policies will need to be put together first.
3. Ken Hughes thanked NVAD for responding to a fire at his son's house in February. He thanked NPD for the patrol unit going through Lester Bench.
4. Paul Kosto discussed NPD Call For Service data that he discussed at the previous week's work session. He noted the trend/curve in the current data was the same as when the hours of the package stores were decreased during the COVID shut down.
 - Mayor Handeland asked if the Fire Department handed out smoke alarms.
 - Mr. Kosto noted that NVFD installs smoke detectors and that the American Red Cross has chosen Nome as a community that would receive boots on the ground assistance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-22-02-01 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2022 General Fund Municipal Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE.**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:39 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:39 PM.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Henderson to adopt O-22-02-01.

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. O-22-02-02 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2022 School Debt Service Fund, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:41 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:41 PM.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-22-02-02.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. O-22-02-03 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2022 Special Revenue Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:42 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:42 PM.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-22-02-03.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. O-22-02-04 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2022 Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:43 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:44 PM.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-22-02-04.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok; Brown; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- E. O-22-02-05 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2022 Port of Nome Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:44 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:44 PM.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by Henderson to adopt O-22-02-05.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to amend O-22-02-05 per Finance Director Crowe's memo in the packet.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Topkok; Brown; Henderson; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED.**

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok; Brown; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED.**

- F. O-22-02-06 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2022 Port of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE.**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:47 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:47 PM.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-22-02-06.

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

- G. O-22-02-07 An Ordinance Adopting the Port of Nome Tariff No. 16.2 to Replace All Existing Tariffs of the Port of Nome, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE.**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:53 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:53 PM.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to adopt O-22-02-07.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman discussed the costs on the public works department of facilitating greater volumes of gravel and crushed aggregate through the port.

He introduced Cole Cushman, the Director of Public Works, to discuss wear and tear on vehicles and equipment, noting if the next summer went the same as last year, that 6 sidedumps would be running 90 hours - 1 truck every three minutes - making it difficult for road crew to address roads at the Port. He asked the Council to regulate the speed at which trucks can travel, and schedule a break for road crew to address needs, as well as require a traffic plan to keep congestion down.

- Mayor Handeland and Port Director BakerJKBH discussed publication timelines and the need to get rate changes out to port users.
- Manager Steckman noted Joy's work in presenting the fiscal note to the Council and had asked Mr. Cushman to reach out to Joy so that all costs are factored in.
- Director Baker further discussed the impact on traffic on the Port.
- Council Member M. Johnson asked if Mr. Cushman's requests can be taken care of administratively or with the tariff and what a delay would do to Port users and the commission.
- Director Baker spoke to Mr. Cushman's points, noting many could be taken care of under existing authorities. She noted that publication in March, the earlier the better, was preferable, opined the Commission could address the concerns, but hopefully not on the 28th.
- Council Member Brown asked if the Port took an active role in ensuring the trucks were not overloaded. He asked how the wharfage fee was calculated. He asked if the Port could insist on seeing the individual load tickets.
- Director Baker explained the Port doesn't have a set of scales to check but they could.
- Council Member Henderson asked if cutting rates took these expenses into account.
- Director Baker explained the gravel calculations in the memo.
- The Council discussed the rate of discount for volume and the pros and cons of reducing the tariff rate for gravel.
- Manager Steckman put it in perspective, saying the costs Mr. Cushman noted were \$.13 per ton.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. M. Johnson to amend O-22-02-07, selecting alternative no. 2 presented by Port staff establishing the maximum volume-related discount to be 80 percent of the base rate of \$2.23.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Topkok; Brown

Nay: Henderson; Martinson

Abstain:

The motion **FAILED**.

Returning to the main motion

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Henderson to amend O-22-02-07 selecting alternative no. 1 presented by Port staff establishing the maximum volume-related discount to be 85 percent of the base rate of \$2.23.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok; Brown; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

H. ITMO: Harold Ahmasuk III Chauffeur License Renewal Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Brown to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the matter of: Harold Ahmasuk III's Chauffeur License Renewal Appeal.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Topkok; Brown; Henderson; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

A. O-22-02-08 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.05 Limiting Hours of Sale at Package Stores, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Brown to advance O-22-02-08.

Discussion:

- Council Member Henderson expressed his support, arguing shorter hours equals less calls for service and less strain on city resources.
- Council Members M. Johnson and Martinson noted they heard different data, citing Mr. Kosto's citizens comments.

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; Henderson

Nay: M. Johnson; Martinson

Abstain:

The motion **FAILED**.

B. R-22-02-05 A Resolution Setting the Dates for the 2022 Board of Equalization.

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to adopt R-22-02-05.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

C. R-22-02-06 A Resolution of the City of Nome Supporting the Alaska Affordable Housing Trust.

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-22-02-06.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

D. R-22-02-07 A Resolution Endorsing Projects for the City of Nome's 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities.

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-22-02-07.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman discussed the priorities and the intent of focusing on two main priorities. He discussed the Port and the contribution the City needs to pick up. He noted 5% in reduction would be a significant amount.
- He explained it would take 27 billion dollars to address the current housing needs in AK and discussed the challenges in housing he's seen over the past several months.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok; Brown; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: February 15 - 25, 2022.

- Mayor Handeland explained that 98% of meters have been changed out and are working great.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: February 15 - 25, 2022.

- Manager Steckman explained that unified command (COVID) was recommending moving to an endemic situation and to turn over the management to the residents, while offering home test kits and face masks after Iditarod.
- He discussed the current national guard exercise as planned for many months and set to dispel any false rumors that it was mobilized due to the crisis in Ukraine. They are the first mobilized and the first to arrive in the case of a local disaster. He noted a total influx of about 100 people into town.
- Manager Steckman discussed current efforts at planning in Nome: the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Emergency Operations Plan (currently not funded), the Historic Preservation Plan, the Comprehensive Plan, the continuity plan of government (next 6 months), the International Property Maintenance Code (with the planning commission). He recognized NEC was working on the drainage plan as well as intersection safety around the elementary school.

B. January 20, 2022 Nome Port Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

C. February Port Director & Capital Projects Update.

- Port Director Baker presented her report. She noted the deep draft port numbers were a moving target.

D. Sales and Bed Tax Charts and Figures.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1. Ken Hughes, discussing meeting processes, opined that when things are added to the agenda the day of the meeting, the public does not have a chance to read and process it. He argued that this precluded any public comments on those materials. He discussed the truck traffic and opined a rail might be warranted to handle the increased traffic. He discussed a comment saying Port development was producing erosion issues further towards cape Nome. He discussed placement of tailings.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Mark Johnson asked about plans for increased presence on Front St.
 - Manager Steckman discussed the plan to hire a CSO on emergency basis. One issue - training concerning improper search and seizures and use of tazers were a concern. He noted he asked Chief to develop a training program for CSOs and noted that not a lot of bottles were dumped in the past few years.
2. Council Member Martinson – no comments.
3. Council Member Topkok – no comments.
4. Youth Representative Hebel – no comments.
5. Council Member Brown discussed the chart Mr. Kosto handed out, noting the big difference was in the early hours of the morning, opining there was a cause and effect related to bar close.
6. Council Member Henderson requested a work session for incentives on affordable housing. He noted the tariff discussion got a little detailed and asked that Commissions work the fiscal details out prior to the council getting involved. He thanked everyone for discussing the alcohol issues and hoped that someday the Council would do something someday.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: February 15 - 25, 2022.
 - Mayor Handeland called for a special meeting on 3/7 at 5:30 PM.
 - He discussed the recent meeting with the Corps of Engineers and thanked Port Commission and Council Members for participating.
 - He announced the start of Iditarod activities in Wasilla, noting the Start banquet, ceremonial start and restart. He discussed limited seating at the banquet and advised people to get their vaccination cards as they would be required by Iditarod.
 - Mayor Handeland thanked NEC (Tiffany Martinson, Shane Smithhisler, and Mary David) for working with the City on drainage and safety with respect to intersections.
 - He brought up fire extinguishers and fire alarms and the need to keep them up to date and close.

- He finished by briefly speaking to Mr. Hughes' comments.

B. Appointment of Melissa Ford to Seat G of the Nome Planning Commission.

Mayor Handeland appointed Melissa Ford to Seat G of Nome Planning Commission.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Brown to confirm Mayor Handeland's appointment.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok; Brown; Henderson

Nay:

Astain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters the immediate knowledge of which could have adverse impacts on City of Nome finances.

The Council entered into executive session at 9:21 PM.

The Council came out of executive session at 9:39 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections the Council adjourned at 9:39 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 28th day of March, 2022

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Item B.

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 07, 2022 at 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Scot Henderson; Doug Johnson; Mark Johnson;
Adam Martinson; Meghan Sigvanna Topkok

Members Absent:

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager;
Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy City Clerk; Clinton Campion (Microsoft Teams)

In the audience:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to amend the agenda, New Business Item A by adding "Contractual" before "Personnel" and after "Executive Session".

At the roll call:

Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Brown; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok; Brown; Henderson; D. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizen comment given.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Executive Session on Personnel Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which Could Have Adverse Impacts on City of Nome Finances,

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and legal, contractual matters the immediate knowledge of which may have an adverse effect on City of Nome finances.

Hearing no objections, the Council entered executive session at 5:38 PM.

The Council came out of executive session at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 7:32 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 28th day of March, 2022

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND
Clerk

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Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022

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 Care of City of Nome/Bryant Hammond
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Re: Suggestions and/or request for Basketball Court

Dear Care of City of Nome:

My name is Michelle H. Ahnangnatoguk and I am 100% Inupiaq Alaskan native and was born and raised here in Nome. I have three beautiful children who are all boys and whose ages range from 19 to 9 years old. I am currently renting an Alaska Housing unit at 501 East H St. and have been here since March 2018. I see a lot of traffic in this area of town, and the traffic mainly consists of a lot of kids playing out and having fun. As you know Alaska housing is public housing, which means anybody who lives in an Alaska housing unit most likely has one or more family members and/or one or more children living in each unit.

My main goal with this letter is to bring this to the city's attention about the kids and young teens who I have witnessed over the years vandalizing private property and spray-painting peoples' vehicles outside their homes. Last summer, my nine-year-old son and I witnessed three young boys spray paint our neighbor's truck. So, I called the police right away, who came and took some pictures. I made the mistake of posting the vandalism on social media, which lead to unwanted and unnecessary attention towards the boys. I saw some folks name calling the boys and questioning their lifestyle at home. I believe social media only leads to judgement and misinterpretation. People post stuff on social media for immediate recognition. Instead of posting on social media each time, I think we can work together as a community to come up with a solution to prevent vandalism. These kids and young teens are Nome's future success as a community. They will someday help to build Nome into a safe community. Which is another reason why I am writing this letter.

I have become increasingly concerned over the years for the kids and young teens. They are still young enough to turn their lives around. If you notice, over the course of 20 years, all the basketball courts that were in town, got demolished and tore down, but never got rebuilt. There was also no reasonable explanation given to our kids and young teens. I just learned that the boys and girls club of Nome is going to build their own basketball court, which is great. But what about for the kids on the other side of town. Will boys and girls club basketball court be a public one for others to use? I don't think it will because of stricter city guidelines and rules for everyone to follow.

Let's talk about other bigger projects being built in Nome like the \$250 million port of Nome project. I support it as much as everyone else. Great opportunity for more jobs and revenue for the future of Nome and our people. Also other DOT projects like the most recent Bering Street project in summer of 2021. Those are great issues being addressed and great projects being funded. Now that we have our focus on million dollar projects in Nome, lets focus on our kids and young teens. Keep in mind, there is a

lot to consider when building some smaller projects like a few basketball courts. Sure, we have other places for kids and young teens to attend, like the boys and girls club or they can simply go to the rec center. Most families and with the pandemic, might not be able to afford to pay for their kids and young teens to have daily or monthly passes or memberships.

It is my understanding and consideration with the suggestion of a few basketball courts, that we all need to discuss funding, maintenance, equipment, supplies, and volunteers. As a community, it is my belief that we can work together and do a better job to provide a few more physical and cultural activities for our kids and young teens. One or two basketball courts will be beneficial and will help to steer the kids in a better direction. You never know, the vandalism might decrease and stop all together. I believe the kids and young teens deserve a chance. At some point there might be vandalism at the newly built basketball courts. But I think it's far greater beneficial to have a few basketball courts than to not have any at all. Once in a while, I look out the window and can see one or two kids trying to play basketball at the rainbow park using the monkey bars. If you ask me, I would say that means they want to play basketball. Shoot some hoops. If there were a few more basketball courts, I certainly would go shoot some hoops myself.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter! Let's work together as a community and advocate for our kids and young teens!

Respectfully,

Michelle Ahnangnatoguk

Alaska House of Representatives

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REPRESENTATIVE NEAL FOSTER

Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov

March 16, 2022

Michelle Ahnangnatoguk
P.O. Box 1698
Nome, AK 99762

RE: Suggestions and/or request for Basketball Court

Dear Ms. Ahnangnatoguk,

Thank you for your letter dated March 2, 2022, regarding your support for youth in the community of Nome. Our young people are our greatest asset and I appreciate your advocacy for positive ways to promote youth resiliency and success.

My office is always available to assist constituents and organizations with researching state funding sources for community projects. For example, though the deadline has already passed for this year, municipalities and other non-profit agencies in District 39 are welcome to apply for state funding through the Capitol Project Submission & Information System (CAPSIS). The application process for CAPSIS typically opens in December each year.

Thank you again for your work to support youth in the Nome community. Please contact my office should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Neal Foster".

Rep. Neal Foster
District 39

March 25, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) would like to offer strong support for the efforts of rebuilding the outdoor basketball courts in the Nome community being brought to light by lifelong resident Michelle Ahnangnatoguk. BSNC believes that giving the youth and young adults the opportunity to stay active outside greatly benefits all Nome residents. Basketball has always had a very strong following in our communities, which can be shown with our great showing at the 1A/2A state championships this year in Anchorage.

By giving the children healthy options like basketball courts, which can be used for multiple activities, BSNC feels this would also detour from other mischiefs that can happen when kids get bored. Projects like these are important for the future life of our communities.

Sincerely,



Gail R. Schubert BSNC
President & CEO





March 18, 2022

Michelle Ahnangnatoguk
501 East H St.
P.O. Box 1698
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Michelle:

Thank you for reaching out to us and expressing your concerns and ideas to provide opportunities for our youth to access physical and cultural activities.

SNC takes pride in contributing to the community to support educational and cultural activities so our shareholders and community members can thrive. In addition to supporting education and cultural programs, we recently contributed funds to the Nome Community Center to build a basketball court in the west end of Nome. We realize you would like the community to provide more activities and facilities. We wholeheartedly support your efforts and would be very willing to part of a conversation with the community to further develop capacity for our youth.

We applaud your efforts and look forward to further discussion.

Sincerely,

Respectfully,

Charles Fagerstrom, CEO
Sitnasuak Native Corporation

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Item B.

March 18, 2022

City of Nome

ViaEmail: bhammond@nomealaska.org

Re: Notice of 2022/2023 Liquor License Renewal Application

License Type:	Package Store	License	903
Licensee:	Carr-Gottstein Foods Co.		
Doing Business As:	Hanson's Trading Co.		

We have received a completed renewal application for the above listed license (see attached application documents) within your jurisdiction. This is the notice required under AS 04.11.480.

A local governing body may protest the approval of an application(s) pursuant to AS 04.11.480 by furnishing the director **and** the applicant with a clear and concise written statement of reasons for the protest within 60 days of receipt of this notice, and by allowing the applicant a reasonable opportunity to defend the application before a meeting of the local governing body, as required by 3 AAC 304.145(d). If a protest is filed, the board will deny the application unless the board finds that the protest is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable.

To protest the application referenced above, please submit your written protest within 60 days, and show proof of service upon the applicant and proof that the applicant has had a reasonable opportunity to defend the application before a meeting of the local governing body.

Sincerely,

Glen Klinkhart, Director

amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov

From: thvaden@gci.net
To: [Chad Myers](#)
Cc: [Glenn Steckman](#); [Bryant Hammond](#); [John Handeland](#); [Jerald Brown](#); [Doug Johnson](#); [Mark Johnson](#); [Adam Martinson](#); [Jennifer Reader](#); [Meghan Topkok](#); [Steve Zelener](#); [Thomas Vaden](#); [Mike Heintzelman](#)
Subject: Re: Homeless issue City of Nome
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 1:23:15 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Nome Common Council

Subject: Safety of Nome Citizens

March 20, 2022

The City of Nome is failing to protect its citizens, and the situation is getting more and more out of control with the “street people”, “Hobo’s” Zombies “Public inebriants” or what ever name you want to label them.

Front Properties is spending more funds with environmental staff cleaning up after these individuals and more staffing hours keeping them out of the building. The problem is there is safety concerns both from the environmental area where they urinate, defecate, vomit and fornicate inside and outside of our building and from the intoxicated individuals drinking alcoholic beverages in the open and in the building and accosting our patrons for money in loud demanding voices which intimidates patrons especially the elders. This has not changed since I last addressed this problem to the City Council.

One of the biggest myths is that it does no good to force people into treatment, there are many many studies that show that court

ordered treatment is effective. The main problem is that this has been ignored by the City of Nome for far too long.

There are many unintended consequences that are the result of the City of Nome not protecting its citizens several of which are listed below:

1: The population in question spends a significant amount of time on the sea wall between front street and the ocean. This has resulted in a huge amount of waste, both in human waste in various form as well as empty bottles from purchases. The City does not clean or disinfect this cesspool.

2: The continuous “non emergency” calls are burning both the Ambulance and Fire Department staff out. Fire department staff just turn their pagers off as does ambulance staff. It is taking a long time to get a full staff to most emergencies. Families get tired of page after page after page waking the children up etc.

Some of the response times have been up to an hour and a half, the State Standard is 10 minutes to be in the Hospital essentially the Ambulance Department has failed.

3: The City of Nome has chosen to ignore the unsafe environment that the City has allowed to flourish on front street, zombies drink alcohol out of visible open containers at City Hall, nothing is done. Effective the first part of March the Nugget will be releasing all of its temporary population to the streets, this will allow another 20 or more people building surfing (sneaking into

buildings) to hide, make messes costing more in housing keeping

4: I think the City of Nome needs to take charge the community. The current plan of ignoring the problem is not working, and "trying" is doing absolutely nothing.

5: There were a schedule of 10 cruise ships, Iditarod and scheduled for this spring and summer something need to be done to clean Front Street up.

6. 83 calls for service is alot, while lot close to the over a 1000 calls in the general area, I guess I should ask what does the City of Nome consider an lot of calls. Since Saturday there has been 6 calls for service from this building, expect a significant amount more, as I requested the 8 individuals that are either law enforcement or have a law enforcement background to stop kicking the public inebriant's out and call the police.

There are many Cities on the west coast that do not have this problem, they actually hold people responsible and enforce the law

I look forward to the video conference this week where items can be discussed further. I do however take exception to your comments concerning "attending a public meeting" That was a City Council Meeting and the Citizen Comment portion is not open for comment from Council members, and obvisouly angry emails get results hence the zoom meeting this week.

Thank You
Tom

From: "Chad Myers" <chad@zelenergroun.com>
To: "gsteckman" <GSteckman@nomealaska.org>, "Bryant Hammond" <BHammond@nomealaska.org>, "John Handeland" <johnh@njus.org>, "Jerald Brown" <JBrown@nomealaska.org>, "Doug Johnson" <DJohnson@nomealaska.org>, "Mark Johnson" <MJohnson@nomealaska.org>, "Adam Martinson" <AMartinson@nomealaska.org>, "Jennifer Reader" <JReader@nomealaska.org>, "Meghan Topkok" <MTopkok@nomealaska.org>, "Steve Zelener" <steve@zelenergroun.com>, "Thomas Vaden" <thvaden@icloud.com>
Cc: "THOMAS VADEN" <thvaden@gci.net>, "mheintzelman" <MHeintzelman@nomealaska.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 7:41:53 AM
Subject: RE: Homeless issue City of Nome

Hello Glenn,
 Yes, please can you set up a zoom meeting with yourself, Tom Vaden, the Police Chief, Ill also see if I can have the owner of the building and a few of our concerned tenants involved on the meeting too.

FYI... 2 of our employees just this past thursday spent 3 hrs cleaning up human Feces out of the stairwell, the homeless individual had decided to wipe their feces covered anus with there hands, then wiped thier feces all over the walls and hand rails in the stairwell (sorry to be so graphic but this is what Mr. Vaden is dealing with)...so, if our employee came to one of the city consul meetings upset, its probably because he is tired of dealing with these issues, so are our tenants. This just hasnt happened this year, we have been dealing with this every winter for the past several years, but this year its been much worse.

This is very disgusting and it is a safety issue for my employees and our tenants.

We have ordered signs they should be in Nome soon and will be installed right away... i highly doubt its going to stop someone from defecating in our stairwell, if someone has come to do that they are beyond reading signs, just my 2 cents.

Thanks for getting back to me, we are really interested in what the city of nome is doing about this. If the City is offering more policing of the buding inside and outside that is very welcome on our end we'd gladly give them keys to the premises, because currently whats being done its not enough.

Chad

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Glenn Steckman <GSteckman@nomealaska.org>

Date: 3/19/22 13:03 (GMT-08:00)

To: Chad Myers <chad@zelengroup.com>, Bryant Hammond <BHammond@nomealaska.org>, johnh@njus.org, Jerald Brown <JBrown@nomealaska.org>, Doug Johnson <DJohnson@nomealaska.org>, Mark Johnson <MJohnson@nomealaska.org>, Adam Martinson <AMartinson@nomealaska.org>, Jennifer Reader <JReader@nomealaska.org>, Meghan Topkok <MTopkok@nomealaska.org>

Cc: THOMAS VADEN <thvaden@gci.net>, Mike Heintzelman <MHeintzelman@nomealaska.org>

Subject: RE: Homeless issue City of Nome

Dear Mr. Myers:

The Mayor and Common Council have been proactive in trying to address the challenges of homelessness. Working with our partners, NSHC and the Nome Community Center (NEST) additional services have been brought into the community to address homelessness issues.

The Nome Police Department in the past twelve months has responded to 89 calls of service to your building and it has provided an additional 88 security checks to your property. The NPD is available to respond when needed. But, your complaint level in your email does not match our numbers of call for service to your property.

I have recommended to Mr. Vaden that signage be placed to designate areas of no trespassing and no loitering on your property. I have also recommended performing a sweep of your property before locking it up at night to find anyone trespassing.

The problem of homelessness is not going to be managed by locking people up. The State of Alaska local correctional services cannot process these folks for us. And, we face the same problems you face as a property managing company in Anchorage.

I would recommend a zoom call meeting with the Police Chief, Mike Heintzelman and me to discuss your concerns. You could also invite your tenants to participate. But having a representative of your company coming to a public meeting make a statement and then walking out is not a solution to this or sending an angry email. I look forward to hearing from you to discuss this issue.

Sincerely,
Glenn Steckman
City Manager
907-443-6601

From: Chad Myers <chad@zelenergroup.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 11:06 AM

To: Glenn Steckman <GSteckman@nomealaska.org>; Bryant Hammond <BHammond@nomealaska.org>; johnh@njus.org; Jerald Brown <JBrown@nomealaska.org>; Doug Johnson <DJohnson@nomealaska.org>; Mark Johnson <MJohnson@nomealaska.org>; Adam Martinson <AMartinson@nomealaska.org>; Jennifer Reader <JReader@nomealaska.org>; Meghan Topkok <MTopkok@nomealaska.org>

Cc: THOMAS VADEN <thvaden@gci.net>

Subject: Homeless issue City of Nome

To whom it may concern

We own and manage the building located at 113 Front Street in Nome.

Over the years we have had a problem with the homeless sneaking into our building and trying to camp out. This year has been exceptionally horrible when it comes to the homeless problem. We are constantly cleaning up after them and chasing them out. They are releasing body fluids, including defecating, they are drunken, and also getting into altercations with our Tenants.

Tom Vaden our facility manager has been escorting drunken belligerent homeless people out of our building on a daily basis over the past few months. Just the last 2-weeks he has escorted 64 individuals off of the premises most of which are drunk and belligerent, this is absolutely ridiculous! The City of Nome is not doing their job with the homeless problem and it's becoming a burden on the businesses and property owner(s). We all pay our fair share of taxes to the City, and it is time the city figures out a way to deal with this issue in a timely manner.

I have several Tenants in our building that do not feel safe on a day-to-day basis because of this issue. Tom Vaden is spending around 10hrs a week (40hrs a month) chasing out the homeless which is an unnecessary added expense that is a burden on Front Properties.

What is the City of Nome doing about this issue?

In the time being what would be the best way to get reimbursed for the time we have spent on this issue, do we bill the city directly or get some kind of deduction on our city taxes, we are open to suggestions on how to address this issue!

Feel free to email or call so we can discuss. 907-715-4230

Thanks,

Chad Myers
Property Manager

PNG



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**FY 2023 BUDGET CALENDAR**

Date	Description
January 24	Distribute FY 2023 Budget Calendar to Council
January 28	Administration distributes Goals & Accomplishments templates to Department Heads
January 28	Budget instructions and worksheets are distributed by Finance Director to Department Heads
January 28	Request for Staffing/Personnel templates are distributed by Payroll to Department Heads
February 28	Council work session to discuss City budget priorities for FY 2023
March 4	Department Heads submit completed Staffing/Personnel requests
March 4	Department Heads submit completed budget worksheets to Finance and Goals & Accomplishments to Administration
March 15	Notice of Assessment sent by City Clerk to Real and Personal Property Owners
Mar 28 - Apr 1	School Administration meets with City Manager and Finance Director on NPS final draft FY 2023 budget
Mar 28 - Apr 1	Department Heads meet with City Manager and Finance Director on draft Goals & Accomplishments and preliminary FY 2023 Budget
April 11	Council joint work session #1 with School Board on FY 2023 School Budget
April 25	Council work session #2 on FY 2023 City Budgets
April 28	Council work session #3 on FY 2023 City Budgets
May 1	Nome Public School Board shall submit the school budget to the City Council for approval – Deadline to request for appropriation (NCO 2.25.070)
May 4-6	Board of Equalization

**FY 2023 BUDGET CALENDAR – CONT'D**

Date	Description
May 9	Council Work Session #4 on FY 2023 City Budgets
May 16	Council Work Session #5 on FY 2023 City Budgets (if needed)
May 20	Administration/Finance submits proposed FY 2023 City Budgets for 1 st reading
May 23	Council Regular Meeting – 1 st reading of FY 2023 City Budgets
May 23	Mill rate set by Nome Common Council per AS 29.45.20 (b) “A municipality shall annually determine the rate of levy before June 15”
May 23	School appropriation set by Nome City Council (NCO 2.25.070) “By May 31 st , the city council shall determine the total amount of money to be made available...and furnish the school board with a statement of the sum to be made available”
June 13	Council Regular Meeting – 2 nd reading of FY 2023 City Budgets
June 15	Tax bills sent
July 1	Budget implementation and monitoring

Action Taken:
Yes____
No____
Abstain____

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-03-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE BERING LAND BRIDGE NATIONAL PRESERVE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF NOME AND BERING LAND BRIDGE NATIONAL PRESERVE

WHEREAS, the City of Nome and the National Park Service provide law enforcement services within their respective areas of jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, the Nome Police Department and the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve maintain an informal spirit of cooperation in fulfilling their respective responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, both agencies would like to formalize the existing spirit of cooperation and formalize the framework necessary for the efficient management of responses to events of mutual concern.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome City Council authorizes the attached agreement between the Nome Police Department and the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve for the management of cooperative activities within the City of Nome and Bering Land Bridge National Preserve.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 28th day of March, 2022.

JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND, Clerk

GENERAL AGREEMENT
 BETWEEN
 CITY OF ~~NOME~~KOTZEBUE POLICE
 DEPARTMENT
 AND
 BERING LAND BRIDGE NATIONAL PRESERVE

PURPOSE:

This General Agreement is made and entered into by and between the City of ~~Kotzebue~~Nome Police Department and the National Park Service (NPS), ~~Western Arctic National Parklands (WEAR)~~Bering Land Bridge National Preserve (BELA), to formalize the existing spirit of cooperation between these two law enforcement service providers. In addition, this agreement will form the framework for the development of relationships and communications necessary for the management of responses to emerging events of mutual concern or interest.

SCOPE:

The conditions, stipulations, or requirements established in this document are for management of cooperative activities of the NPS Law Enforcement Officers (LE Rangers) and the Officers of the ~~Kotzebue Nome~~ Police Department (Police Officers) within the City of ~~Kotzebue~~Nome and within the areas ~~managed as Western Arctic National Parklands~~managed as Bering Land Bridge National Preserve. ~~Arctic National Parklands~~. Nothing in this agreement is intended to diminish or circumvent the powers and authorities of other law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction or control of lands located ~~within and within Western Arctic National Parklands~~within and within Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, or the City of ~~Nome~~Kotzebue.

AUTHORITY:

Pursuant to 54 USC 102711, the National Park Service is authorized to enter into agreements to render emergency law enforcement assistance to nearby law enforcement agencies outside of units of the National Park system. The ~~Kotzebue~~Nome Police Department, pursuant to statutory authority vested in the City of ~~Nome~~Kotzebue as an incorporated municipality, is also authorized to enter into agreements ~~to render emergency~~to render emergency assistance to nearby law enforcement agencies.

WHEREAS, THE PARTIES RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The Chief of Police/~~Kotzebue~~Nome Police Department, has jurisdiction and responsibility to administer and enforce the laws of the State of Alaska and the City of ~~Kotzebue~~Nome on lands within the City; and
2. The ~~WEAR~~BELA Superintendent, under the laws of the United States, has the authority and responsibility to manage and protect park lands and resources, to maintain law and order, and to protect persons and property on those Federal lands within the boundaries of ~~Western Arctic National Parklands~~Bering Land Bridge National Preserve; and
3. Both parties desire to provide mutual aid and assistance during law enforcement emergencies which may temporarily overwhelm the resources of either agency; and
- 3.

4. ~~Western Arctic National Parklands~~ Bering Land Bridge National Preserve has owned
or leased properties within the ____
____ City of Nome ~~Kotzebue~~.

NOW, THEREFORE, BOTH PARTIES AGREE:

1. To respond to requests for emergency law enforcement assistance when resources and equipment are available. For the purposes of this Agreement, an emergency is an immediate, serious threat to public health, safety, or property, including but not limited to:

- Life or death incidents
- Accidents or incidents involving a serious injury or fatality
- Crime scenes involving the protection of human life
- Officer in trouble

Requests for emergency law enforcement assistance should be routed through the respective communication centers when feasible, or by other means.

~~1. To respond to requests for emergency assistance when resources and equipment are available.~~

Emergency assistance for this agreement include:

- a. ~~Emergency responses such as life or death incidents, serious injury/fatality—accident/incident scenes, crime scenes involving the protection of human life, officer in—trouble and threats to health or safety of the public.~~
- b. ~~Emergency or law enforcement incidents directly affecting visitor safety or resource—protection.~~
- c. ~~Probably cause felonies and felonies committed in the presence and observed by—commissioned employees~~
- d. ~~Misdemeanors committed in the presene of commissioned emplouees that present an—immediate threat to the health and safety of the public.~~

~~Requests for emergency assistance should be routed through the respective communication centers when feasible, or by other means.~~

2. ~~Western Arctic National Parklands~~Bering Land Bridge National Preserve shall have primary responsibility for investigations and prosecution for violations of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, misdemeanors, applicable federal felonies, crimes against U.S. Government property (real or personal), and Assault on a Federal Officer within their jurisdiction, or where deemed applicable within the City of ~~Nome~~Kotzebue.
3. ~~Kotzebue~~Nome PD shall have primary responsibility for investigations and prosecution for ~~all~~ felonies as defined by Alaska Law except those included in paragraph 2 above.
4. ~~Kotzebue~~Nome PD shall have primary responsibility for the handling of juveniles except those where paragraph 2 above is applicable.

Per agency policy, all deaths on NPS property within the City of ~~Kotzebue~~Nome shall be concurrently investigated for criminal and civil purposes by ~~Kotzebue~~Nome PD and the National Park Service. ~~Kotzebue~~Nome PD shall have primary responsibility for criminal

investigations involving fatalities within their respective jurisdiction. ~~Kotzebue~~Nome PD shall be responsible for notification of the Medical Examiner. ~~Nome~~ ~~Kotzebue~~ ~~PPD~~ shall notify next of kin in most death situations. If the death involves a ~~Federal~~federal employee or a foreign national dignitary, the National Park Service will notify next of kin.

5. ~~Inasmuch as most violations that are the primary responsibility of Kotzebue~~Nome PD on NPS owned/leased properties within the City of ~~Kotzebue~~Nome are discovered by or reported to LE Rangers, the LE Ranger, or the Alaska Regional Communications Center, or by other means, will notify ~~Kotzebue~~Nome PD communications center promptly of such violations. In emergency situations, NPS commissioned law enforcement officers will take immediate initial actions relative to these violations pending the arrival of ~~Kotzebue~~Nome PD, who may assume complete responsibility for the investigation to its conclusion, and NPS commissioned law enforcement officers may assist ~~Kotzebue~~Nome PD to the extent of available resources. If ~~Kotzebue~~Nome PD elects not to assume investigative responsibility for the case, the NPS may proceed if jurisdictional authority permits. ~~Kotzebue~~Nome PD shall notify the NPS of any crime occurring on NPS owned/leased properties within the City of ~~Kotzebue~~Nome for which they will assume responsibility. This notification will occur via communication center to communication center (radio or telephone), Senior Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) to SLEO, or in person depending upon the exigency and the security requirements of the mission. Reports, search and arrest warrants, or other matters of mutual interest will be coordinated and exchanged.

5.

6. If in the absence of the "primary" agency, a Police Officer or LE Ranger observes violations of law so egregious as to require immediate action and intervention in order to safeguard life or protect property, *i.e.*, incidents of an emergency nature, they may initiate actions as necessary in order to stop the egregious act until such time as members of the "primary" agency have arrived to assume command and control of the incident; and

(Examples of egregious incidents would include acts of violence, robberies, driving under the influence of intoxicants, and criminal damage to property or resources).

7. Any action initiated under the criteria of Section 2 (above) will immediately be reported to the respective communication centers for the assignment and coordination of additional responding units.

IN ADDITION, BOTH PARTIES FURTHER UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT:

~~All emergency law enforcement actions taken, as approved by this Agreement, will be~~

1. All emergency law enforcement actions taken, as approved by this Agreement, will be considered to the extent allowed by law as being within the scope of employment, and the LE Ranger or Police Officer will remain under the administration and control of their respective agency.
2. The cost of furnishing law enforcement mutual aid and assistance services shall be borne by the agency furnishing the service and no claims for reimbursement shall be made upon the other.

3. Emergency law enforcement assistance may only be provided by "on duty" law enforcement personnel.
4. At all times while rendering emergency law enforcement assistance LE Rangers or Police Officers shall remain under the authority and control of their supervisors.
5. LE Rangers will be subject to the policy, regulations, and law of the Federal Government while rendering emergency law enforcement assistance and will conform to state and local procedures when there is no contradiction of Federal Policy, regulation, or law.
6. The City of ~~Kotzebue Nome~~ shall indemnify, defend, ~~save~~ save, and hold harmless, at its sole cost and expense, NPS and its respective officers, agents and employees from all losses sustained on account of any suit, judgment, execution, claim or demand, whatsoever, resulting from the City's own acts, omissions or negligence arising out of or related to City provided services under this Agreement. To the extent authorized by applicable federal law, including the Federal Tort Claims Act, codified as amended primarily at 28 U.S.C. §§ 2671-80 (2018), the NPS will be liable for the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of its officers or employees while acting within the scope of their office or employment. The NPS's commitment to pay any lawful obligation or liability incurred by the NPS under this agreement is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

~~6.~~

- ~~7.~~ As a result of this Agreement, LE Rangers or Police Officers shall not under any circumstances be considered employees of the other agency.

7. _____

- ~~8. Kotzebue PD may provide police officer status to Type I NPS Law Enforcement Personnel who can meet the equivalent qualification standards. Such designation will be subject to concurrence by the parties through a written agreement, outlining the level and extent of assistance outside the normal authorities of the NPS Law Enforcement Ranger.~~

- ~~9. The responsibilities as established in the above paragraphs may be reversed in any individual case with approval of the NPS SLEO and Kotzebue PD SLEO.~~

- ~~10.~~ 8. This Agreement does not create any substantive or procedural right or benefit, civil or criminal, in favor of any person or entity not a party hereto, nor does it create a duty to respond not otherwise imposed by law. Failure to follow the provisions of this Agreement shall not, of itself, constitute a defense, grounds for suppression of evidence, or basis for dismissal of any criminal action.

This Agreement may be amended only by mutual agreement of the parties. The Agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement or by either party upon sixty (60) day notice in writing to the other party. The term of this Agreement will run for a period of five (5) years.

This General Agreement is to be executed this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Chief of Police, City of ~~Kotzebue~~Nome

Chief Ranger, ~~Western Arctic National Parklands-~~
Bering Land Bridge National Preserve

Attorney, City of ~~Kotzebue~~Nome

Superintendent, ~~Western Arctic National~~
~~Parklands~~Bering Land Bridge National Preserve

City Manager, City of ~~Kotzebue~~Nome

Regional Director, NPS R-11 Alaska

TO: The Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's report

March 24, 2022

IDITAROD:

Overall the Iditarod went well, there were some unexpected problems with OSJ toilets as outside drain pipes had been blocked by stone and the fire sirens didn't work initially. However, city staff worked closely with Iditarod officials to make the return of the Iditarod to Nome successful. City staff will be meeting to draft an after action report to prepare better for next year's Iditarod.

Housing in Nome:

There are two housing projects that are in the discussion stage. One would be the possibility of a 3D printing of a house and the other, a 10 home single family home project. The second project would need water and sewer construction.

Clarice "BUN" Hardy settlement:

Only one news organization has asked for city comment at the announcement of the settlement. City staff issued an apology from the Mayor and Common Council, as a PSA, to news organizations and tribal organizations. It was also posted on the city website and the city Facebook page.

Sales Taxes:

The City is reaching the time period to announce the seasonal sales tax adjustment. A notice will be published in April to remind businesses to adjust their software to account for the change. I would request that we maintain the increase as planned.

COVID-19:

On March 21, the Unified Command (EOC) met and decided to demobilize for the pandemic. While the endemic stage of COVID has not been declared, the city is shifting to providing home tests to those that want them and will provide face mask distribution until the fall. The City of Nome has reached a 75%+ vaccination rate and many of the non-vaccinated have had COVID-19's latest variant.

The COVID-19 ordinance is scheduled to sunset after the last meeting in April and I see no need to extend the ordinance. If I see a large outbreak of COVID, over 70 active cases for three days (we are currently around 65 active cases), I would put back face mask guidance back in place for the city's facilities only.

All city facilities will have facemask requirements lifted by Monday with the exception of the Library. I am maintaining face mask requirements a little longer because of the various age groups that use the facility and young children cannot take the vaccine.

I also want to thank city staff, first responders, NSHC, the representatives of the various agencies involved in the Unified Command for their efforts these last 26 months. They've kept Nome, its residents and visitors as safe as can be in a worldwide pandemic.

Budget Preparations:

Budget preparations are well underway with staff. Each department is being asked to list their accomplishments this past year and their goals for next. The NSD will present at your first budget workshop on April 11th. Department budget review begins the week of March 28.

Senator Murkowski/AML:

Senator Murkowski and the AML are hosting a two day event in Anchorage on federal grants that are coming down the pipeline. I will be in attendance at this event to see what funds may be available and to have some face time with the granting agencies.

ADEC:

I will be in Anchorage to meet with the regulatory agency about parcels that we own that are contaminated. I plan on discussing Steadman Park where we need to spend at least \$167,000 in cap repairs and other properties they have raised concerns.

504 Warren Ave spill:

The city staff cleaned up a small oil spill at this city owned property. It was promptly cleaned up and reported to ADEC. It was the result of broken glass filter bulb.

Seward's Day:

City Hall will be open for Seward's Day. While it is one of city's holidays, it is as a floating holiday and we have enough staff to operate.

XYZ Building Fire Alarm design:

The design has been completed by RSA Engineering and has been submitted to the State Fire Marshall office for review. Once plans have been approved by the Fire Marshall's office, it will advertised for bid.

City Hall and Recreation Center Heating and Ventilation systems:

RSA Engineering has visited the building sites and has submitted concept plans for updated heating and ventilation plan improvements. The city is waiting for more detailed pricing and your approval before

beginning the architectural and mechanical drawings for the improvements. As a reminder, the city has now purchased both boilers due to the failure of the second boiler. This project also will install heating and ventilation in the gymnasium, having the Rec Center generator to be able to perform in standby mode and replace the single wall fuel tank.

City Healthcare:

I am looking at an option to join AML's healthcare trust. I want to see if there is a way to reduce costs and improve benefits. There is a long way to before I am prepared to make a recommendation to you.



Memo

To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager
 From: Joy L. Baker – Port Director *JLB*
 CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission
 Date: March 14, 2022
 Re: Monthly PD Report/Capital Projects Update – March 2022

Administrative:

Staff continue working budgetary planning and tracking, supplies and resale items inventory, compliance reporting, maintenance/repair needs, along with purchasing, training and vessel scheduling for 2022.

The Port Commission will have a Regular Meeting at 5:30pm on Thursday, 17 Mar 2022 to discuss a USCG issue, a motion selecting asphalt surfacing on the Causeway extension, grant applications support, and a presentation given to the House Finance Committee on 11 Mar (see details in project section below).

Causeway:

Arctic Deep Draft Port – Nome Modifications Pre-Construction Engineering & Design (PED):

The PED phase continues to move forward with bi-monthly calls between project managers, to discuss current and long range schedules and funding needs to ensure both parties are in tune, with no surprises. Efforts continue to identify and clarify the City's cost-share match, with a few of the federal grant applications now open for application.

The City was asked to provide an in-person presentation to the Alaska State Legislature House Finance Committee at a 1:30pm Hearing on 11 March 2022. The request was on very short notice, so Mayor Handeland and I coordinated to meet in Juneau on the 10th to do a combined presentation (attached) on the City's behalf – in support of a \$175M funding request. The attached presentation is an outline, but can be seen in full on the City's website, along with a short video clip we were lucky enough to have generated by a media firm in Juneau that has been inquiring on the project.

(The video clip and PowerPoint can also be presented in full during a work session or meeting at the Council's request.)

Local Service Facilities (LSF) Design Integration:

Bi-weekly meetings continue with the Corps and City design teams for integrating elements of merging the local design portion with the Corps features on an aggressive schedule. Design criteria continue to be discussed and updated by each team. A meeting was held in late February to review comments on the 35% design by all teams.

- Anyone with questions on this project can call 907-304-1905 or email jbaker@nomealaska.org further info on the project study is located on the Port of Nome page at www.nomealaska.org.

Sediment at Causeway Bridge and Bridge Repairs:

The Corps is still working to determine a program and contracting mechanism to conduct sediment

removal west and under the bridge. In the meantime, there are repairs needed to the west and underside of the bridge due to erosion caused by wave impact. District personnel are coordinating the work and schedule with Bristol Engineers for the 2022 ice-free season.

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

After evaluating the decisions by the Army Corps Pacific Ocean Division (POD) to require the south and east harbor docks and their berthing areas to be de-authorized in order for the project to move forward, documents are being compiled for submission to the Congressional Delegation offices for review and consideration of a policy waiver. De-authorization requires congressional action which takes time, and moreover, converts federal maintenance into local responsibility.

Launch Ramp Replacement Project:

The launch ramp project is now lying dormant for winter at 97% completion, with the remaining work scheduled for late spring/early summer of 2022.

Snake River Moorage & Vessel Haulout Facility:

City personnel continue to search for an applicable funding vehicle to develop this project.

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

The City continues to work with JBER and HQ USAF personnel to understand the remaining steps required to complete the property conveyance to the City. At this time, it is anticipated the final documents could be signed sometime around Oct/Nov 2021. In the meantime, the City and NJUS continue collaborating on development of the site for relocating the NJUS tank farm, and defining vessel lay down closer to the ramp.

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

ADOT advised the project solicitation will be released in Aug 2022, with construction in summer of 2023.

Italics reflects no change in project information from previous report.

Additional details available upon request.

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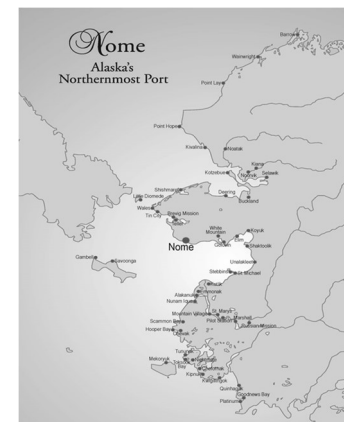
DRIVING REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT
EXPANDING ALASKA'S ECONOMY
SUPPORTING NATIONAL SECURITY

Finance Committee
Alaska State House of Representatives
March 2022



REGIONAL TRANSSHIPMENT HUB

- ▶ Serving over 60 communities (Platinum to Barrow)
 - ▶ Maritime Hub Services
 - ▶ Community resupply (fuel, vehicles, equipment, buildings, appliances, groceries)
 - ▶ Commercial & Subsistence fisheries
 - ▶ Construction project equipment/materials
 - ▶ Environmental/Oil Spill Response
 - ▶ Resource Development
 - ▶ Search and Rescue
 - ▶ Scientific research
 - ▶ Industrial support
 - ▶ Tourism



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COMMODITY MOVEMENT



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SHIP RESUPPLY/CREW CHANGE

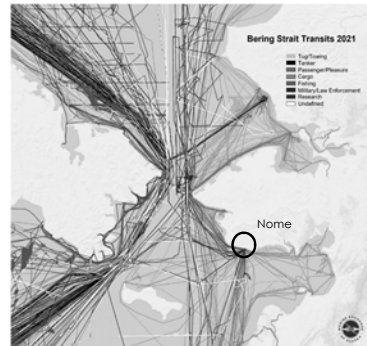


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BERING STRAIT VESSEL TRAFFIC

Year	Northbound	Southbound	Total
2009	136	128	262
2010	128	114	242
2011	124	115	239
2012	154	162	316
2013	171	173	344
2014	130	125	255
2015	232	220	452
2016	188	182	370
2017	164	194	358
2018	163	175	338
2019	241	234	477
2020	240	290	530
2021	278	277	555

Bering Strait transits have more than doubled since 2009



Extent of vessel movements during the ice-free season

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GENERAL NAVIGATION FEATURES (GNF) COST-SHARED WITH CORPS

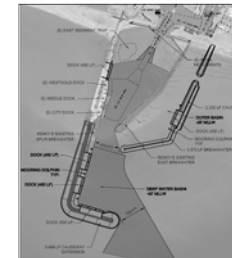
PHASE 1

- Stub BW removal
- Causeway extension
- Dock construction



PHASE 2

- Deep water basin dredging
- Outer basin expansion



PHASE 3

- East BW demo
- Outer basin expansion
- East causeway construction



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PORT OF NOME

PND ENGINEERS, INC.

- Docks
- Roads
- Bridges
- Dolphin

• Breakwaters
• Dredging

Existing

CRW

- Fuel
- Power
- Water
- Waste
- Lighting

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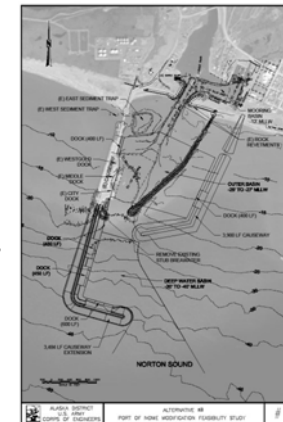
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ARCTIC DEEP DRAFT PORT MODIFICATIONS

PROJECT PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

- Only deep-water port in the U.S. Arctic.
- Serves as critical link for regional communities to rest of Alaska.
- Existing port facilities in the region are overcrowded, with insufficient draft to accommodate larger, deep-draft vessel traffic.
- Purpose of this project is to provide safe, reliable, and efficient maritime transportation for movement of commerce, national security, and tourism at the Port of Nome.
- Proposed project objectives:
 - Search and Rescue, Oil Spill Response, Resource Exploration
 - Reducing draft limitations for more efficient vessels.
 - Increasing dock space for safety & to avoid delays.
 - Widen navigable space for more efficient vessel maneuvering.



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TARGETED BENEFITS OF ARCTIC DEEP-DRAFT PORT AT NOME

National Security & Life Safety

- Strengthen U.S. presence in Arctic
- Critical refuel/resupply support for SAR

Environmental Safety

- Regional staging for oil spill response assets
- Reducing need for offshore fuel transfers

Economic/Cultural Sustainability

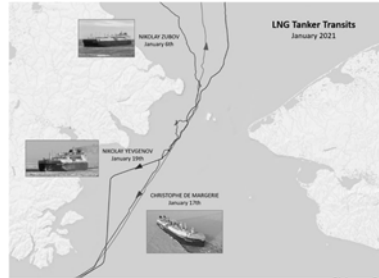
- Lowering regional transportation costs
- Bringing economic opportunity to the region

Research & Resource Development

- Enhanced mission support through hub services

Tourism & Recreation

- Support increased ship calls (23 ships scheduled 2022) with more ice-hardened hulled vessels coming online



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NATIONAL SECURITY/MARINER SAFETY

► National Security

- Strengthen U.S. presence by expanding Arctic Ports to stage strategic assets
- Establish year-round Arctic facilities to drive further infrastructure development

► Life Safety

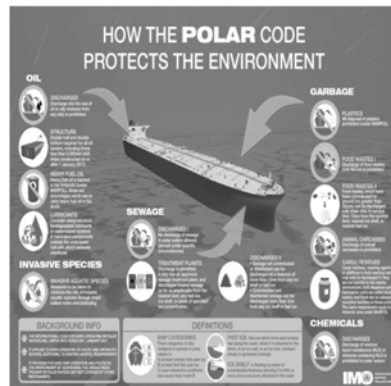
- Enable Coast Guard to operate more efficiently in Arctic with base support
- Increase response capacity to meet nearly double the demand in activity
- Expand on role as a port of refuge



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ARCTIC PORT RECEPTION FACILITY

- Polar Code changes have escalated the need for port reception facilities in the Arctic to provide ships an alternative to discharging waste into the water.
- As the only coastal port in the region, Nome commissioned a feasibility study in 2017 to investigate serving that role.
- Increased vessel transits in the Bering Strait highlight the need to accelerate development.
- Nome is currently seeking to obtain funds to finalize design and construct an APRF.



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MINING & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- Development of onshore mineral deposits
 - Gold, graphite, lead, zinc, and silver
 - Supplies/equipment move/demove
 - Mineral export – active & potential
- Active quarry stone mining at Cape Nome
 - Highest-grade quality basalt
 - Estimated production of .5 million tons since 1984
 - Quarry life expectancy = 100+ year estimate
- Project rock quarry at Cape Darby
- Offshore mining activity – continues to grow



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ECONOMIC BENEFITS – DURING CONSTRUCTION

ACROSS 4-5 SUMMER SEASONS*

- Regional:
 - Jobs: 818 Income: \$77.6M + \$100M secondary spending
- Statewide (below includes regional):
 - Jobs: 2,938 Income: \$207M + \$291M secondary spending
- National (below includes regional and statewide):
 - Jobs: 5,515 Income: \$365M + \$545M secondary spending

*Source: USACE Modifications Feasibility Study – Economics Appendix

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ECONOMIC BENEFITS – POST CONSTRUCTION

LONG TERM OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE*

- Regional:
 - Jobs: 5 Income: 607K + \$802K secondary spending
- Statewide (below includes regional):
 - Jobs: 34 Income: \$2.4M + \$3.3M secondary spending
- National (below includes regional and statewide):
 - Jobs: 60 Income: \$4M + \$5.9M secondary spending

*Source: USACE Modifications Feasibility Study – Economics Appendix

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PHASE 1 – FINAL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

(In Millions)	75%	25%		100%	GNF +LSF	+10% GNF
	GNF			LSF		
	COE	NFS	TOTAL+	NFS	NFS Total	NFS
Phase 1	\$250	\$83	\$333	\$81	\$164	\$33
Final Design/Bid/LSF Inspect.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$8.6	\$8.6	
Phase 2 – Design/Inspection	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$2.4	\$2.4	
NFS/CITY TOTAL		\$83		\$92	\$175	

GNF – General Navigation Features (cost-shared)

NFS – Non-Federal Sponsor (City)

LSF – Local Sponsor Facility (100% City)

* Cost up front is 75%-25% with another 10% paid over time

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PROJECT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

PHASE	DESIGN		CONSTRUCTION			
	STARTS	100%	BIDS	AWARD	BEGINS	ENDS
1	July 2021	Jan 2023	March 2023	Sept 2023	Spring 2024	Fall 2025
City (NFS)		Sign PPA*	Provide Funds			
2	Nov 2022	TBD	TBD	TBD	Spring 2026*	Fall 2026**
3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Spring 2027*	Fall 2027**

*Project Partnering Agreement

**ESTIMATES ONLY

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