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# NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 02, 2024 at 6:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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# **ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** 

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. NPSAC 24-06-03 Meeting Minutes Approval

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**CITIZENS' COMMENTS** 

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Status Updates on the Accreditation Process

**VERBAL** 

B. Status of Vacant Seats

**VERBAL** 

# **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion regarding the frequency of PSAC Meetings

**VERBAL** 

B. Nome Police Department Quarter 1 Report

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# **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. City Manager's Report

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# **COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

# **NEXT MEETING**

A. Next Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting February 3rd, 2025

**VERBAL** 

# <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mayor

John K. Handeland

Manager

Glenn Steckman

**Deputy Clerk** Brad Soske Nome Public Safe Advisory Commission

Item A.

Carol Piscoya, Chair Justin Noffsker, Vice-Chair Jana Hoggan Traci McGarry Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna Kirsten Timbers VACANT

# NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 03, 2024 at 6:00 PM NOME COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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**ROLL CALL** Meeting started 6:00pm.

Members Present: In Person: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna; Carol Piscoya; Justin Noffsker;

Jana Hoggan; Via Phone: Traci McGarry;

Members Absent: Kirsten Timbers

Also Present: Brad Soske, Deputy Clerk; Glenn Steckman, City Manager

In the Audience: Anna Lionas, Nome Nugget; Sam Severin; City Attorney; Chief Crockett

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. April 01, 2024 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes,

A motion was made by C. Noffsker and seconded by C. Bruner-Alvanna to approve the April 3, 2023 and June 5, 2023 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion CARRIED.

# **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

No comments made.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Radio System Updates

City Manager Steckman stated Common Council approved Articom to replace radio system. Late June is start date, waiting on parts. Will be upgrading two radio systems.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# A. Commissioner training with Sam Severin of Munson, Cacciola & Severin

Alaska Open Meetings Act, privacy and due process rights of officers and civilians, and victim and defendant rights, per NCO 2.30.040 (j).

### VERBAL

Open Meetings in Alaska Presentation. Attorney explain the following:

- City Code NCO 2.30.040 (h)(5), (i)(2), provide an alternative method for accepting citizen concerns relating to officer conduct.
- Confidential means of receiving complaints, then forwarding signed complaint to city manager.
- Philosophy and Policy AS 44.62.312 State Policy Regarding Meetings.
- Went over Executive Session meanings and procedures of proposing an executive session. Stating that only subjects leading to executive session can be considered. No action can be taken at executive session except to give direction.
- Serial Communications: Do not hit reply all. State this in all communications. No texting during meetings.
- Confidentiality, Privacy and Due Process Rights of Officers and Civilians. Union Contract.
- NPD Operating Procedures. City Personnel Rules. General Right to Privacy. Confidential Records vs Open Records. HIPAA rules. Rights of victims, criminal defendants and targets of criminal investigations. AS 12.55.185. Speedy Trial. Alaska Law Rule 45. Duties of Prosecutor. Section 12.61.015.

# **B.** Accreditation Update

Status Updates on the Accreditation Process

# **VERBAL**

• CM Steckman stated Wade Harrison has left position, Austin Martino took over. 90% completion of accreditation process. Chief Crockett and City Attorney Severin are both involved. Still needing to build and maintain a storage yard with getting fencing being a hold up. Chief stated Officer Austin is stepping right in and will be taking charge of this process.

# C. Review of Policies VERBAL

 Accreditation Board will review policies to see where we stand. Needing to create a guardrail across the police dept, finding problems early, quality of police reports. Attorney stated that Soldotna and Juneau are good examples to use for comparisons.

# **COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

• **Vice-chair Noffsker** said he appreciated the refresher from city attorney. Happy to hear accreditation is plugging along.

- **Commissioner Bruner-Alvanna** Thanked city attorney for taking time to do refresher. Excited to hear that Austin Martino is doing well.
- Commissioner Hoggan appreciated refreshers.
- **Commissioner McGarry** appreciated city attorney taking the time and going over rules and regulations, with having the chance to learn
- Chair Piscoya appreciated reviews, but would rather have the trainings done in a work session rather than during regular meeting. Was good to have someone here to explain about open meetings. Asked city manager about vacant seat on the commission.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided person may request a public discussion,

# **VERBAL**

Went to Executive Session at 7:50pm. Motioned by C. Noffsker, seconded by C. McGarry.

# **SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING**

8/05/2024

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 8:59pm. Motioned C. Noffsker, seconded by C. McGarry.



# City of Nome Police Department

William Crockett
Chief of Police

F25 1 Quarter Report July 1 – Sept 30 2024

# **General patrol statistics**

Category	July 1 2024 to September 30 2024
Calls for Service counting	3066
keep checks	
Calls for Service not counting	1568
keep checks	
Arrests	241
Total Charges	236
Traffic Stops	67
Citations	65 Traffic and Criminal
Incident Reports	181
Sexual Assaults	7
Intoxicated Person Calls	105
Ambulance Requests	308
Fire Department Response	16
Court Service Documents	17
Dispatch Stats	
Non-Emergency Calls	967
911 Calls	289

# **Personnel**

Officer Thomas Brewster Hired
Dispatcher Cecelia Nassuk Hired
Dispatcher Jennifer Johnson Resigned
Dispatcher Alex Thompson not coming back this winter
Sexual/ Domestic Assault Advocate Tracy Milligrock Hired

# **Vacancies**

- (1) Police Officer Spots
- (2) FT Communications Officer

### Vehicles

2021 679 – Ford Expedition Currently in shop for engine work.

2022 689 Ford Expedition New condition

2022 692 Ford Expedition

Nome Police Department 102 Greg Kruschek Avenue/ PO Box 1230- Nome, AK 99762 Voice (907) 443-5262 - Fax (907) 443-2266 New condition.

2016 321 – Silver unmarked Explorer New radio was installed.

2016 323 – White Explorer Good condition.

2019 885 – F-150 Good condition.

2021 978 - F-150 Good condition.

2023 721 F-150 New Condition

2023 722 Ford Transit Van New Condition

2021 Can Am Side by Side ATV 800 Good condition.

# 2024 Ford Expedition New

Fully outfitted with new radio recently installed. Plastic backseat had to be ordered from third party due to the seats for this vehicle being discontinued.

# **EQUIPMENT**

New Radio System put in place. 887 was given to Public Works.

# **INVESTIGATIONS**

2024 SAs 21 Total 5 Open 14 Closed

2023 SAs 41 total 1 open 40 closed

# **ACCREDITATION**

Policy rewrite has been completed. Sgt. Martino is working with Barb Ripley from NWAA for an initial review of the PowerDMS program. NPD's evidence room is in the process of completing the initial audit for accreditation.

Nome Police Department PO BOX 1230 Nome AK 99762 907-443-2266 fax 907-443-5262 dispatch



# **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: November 26, 2024

**TO:** Public Safety Commission

**FROM:** Brooks Chandler, Interim City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Manager's Report

I look forward to introducing myself to you at the December 2 meeting. This summarizes come of my activities related to NPD since starting as interim manager on September 16.

**Union Negotiations**- Have concluded with a tentative agreement reached. Department employees will vote on the agreement December 5. Assuming they approve it will come before the City Council for a vote on December 9.

**City Manager Search**- This is ongoing. An executive recruiter has been hired. He visited Nome for two days the week before Thanksgiving. A nationwide recruitment will begin later this month.

**Police Department Shoulder Patch-** In process. As part of the modernization, accreditation and general improvement process for Nome PD the City will be updating the uniform shoulder patch. This will involve solicitation of graphic art professionals. I hope to have the design selected before the end of the year. A seamstress has been located. I hope to obtain a price quote for the sewing work before the end of the month.

Alaska Blanket Exercise- Myself, the museum director and several police department employees participated in this cultural awareness program on October 29. I will be recommending new Nome Police Department hires take advantage of any similar opportunities that arise in the future. I am also working with the museum director to incorporate guided tours of the museum and cultural center as part of the onboarding process for new officers. The overall intent is to allow NPD employees to gain broader knowledge of the community they are serving and aspects of Nome's history and culture.



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**Police Accreditation**- NPD groundwork to obtain accreditation remains on track. Goal is being ready for a site visit by January 1, 2025. Public Works is waiting on a part to complete an impound yard. There are still about 50 old files that the evidence custodian is tagging for archiving. The tagging/archiving process will most likely be the final piece of the puzzle to be ready for a site visit.

**Coffee with a Cop**- I hope to discuss with the Commission a public outreach program which would involve a member of the Commission and a uniformed officer being available for citizens to meet over a cup of coffee. This concept will not proceed further unless the Commission believes it is a worthwhile effort.