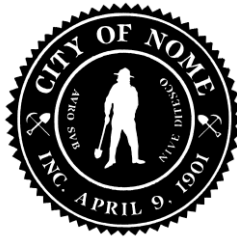


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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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

ROLL CALL

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VERBAL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Personnel and Legal Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which May Have Adverse Effects on City of Nome Finances,

VERBAL

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor
John K. Handeland

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Nome Common Council Item A.
Scot Henderson
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NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Scot Henderson; Doug Johnson (virtual); Mark Johnson (virtual); Cameron Piscoya; Sigvanna Tapqaq (virtual)

Members Absent: Adam Martinson (excused); Youth Rep. Kellie Miller (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy City Clerk; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (virtual); Joy Baker, Port Director (virtual); Ken Morton, NJUS Assistant Manager; Cole Cushman, DPW Director; Mike Heintzelman, NPD Chief; Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief;

In the audience: Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget Newspaper; Greg Night, KNOM Radio; Thomas Vaden; Mark Daniel; Barb Amarok

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(1:50)

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

At the roll call:

Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Piscoya; Tapqaq; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 8, 2023 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes,

(2:30)

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded C. Piscoya to approve the May 8, 2023, Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Piscoya; Tapqaq; Henderson; D. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Introduction of New Police Officer
(3:20)
Deferred to a later date.
- B. NVAD & NVFD Commendation of May 5, 2023,
(3:27)
- Mayor Handeland gave thanks to NPD for recognizing and acknowledging NVAD & NVFD for their recent assistance.
- C. KFF Health News Article of May 11, 2023 entitled *Legal pot is more potent than ever - and still largely unregulated*,
(3:57)
- Mayor Handeland noted communications item C, commenting he was unaware of the current issues with regulation.
- D. Letter of May 17, 2023 from KNOM & KICY to Nome Common Council,
(4:28)
- Manager Steckman announced the City would like to help the local radio station organizations by assisting in the repair of their damaged broadcasting tower. He made the request to handle the matter with DPW Director Cole Cushman. The cost of assistance on the City's behalf was currently unknown.
 - Council Member Henderson asked if the repair was critical for emergency broadcast.
 - Manager Steckman answered, the repair would allow the radio stations to continue to broadcast.
 - Mayor Handeland supported the idea of the City assisting in the matter, requesting a follow-up report.
- E. Memo of May 17, 2023 from Clerk Hammond to Nome Common Council re: Council Determination of Disposition of Untimely Filed Tax Exemption Forms,
(7:00)
- A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Piscoya to authorize the Clerk to accept the exemption application as timely filed.
- At the roll call:
- Aye: Tapqaq; Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Piscoya
Nay:
Abstain:
- The motion **CARRIED**.
- F. City of Nome FY2024 Budget Calendar,
- G. Flier re: City of Nome Spring Cleanup & U-Call, We Haul,
(8:15)

- Mayor Handeland gave thanks to the City's Public Works road crew and SOA DOT for their addressing of the dust on the roadways.

H. Email of May 9, 2023 between Karla Bush (DFG) and DFG, ComFisheriesDisasters (DFG sponsored) re: Federal Fishery Disaster Allocations

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

(10:10)

- Barb Amarok, Director of Northwest Campus – UAF, gave a brief history of UAF's technical instruction provided at NACTEC, noting the Facilities Use Agreement agreement required City Council's approval. Twice the Facilities Use Agreement had been approved by the NACTEC governing board, which consists of the Bering Straits School District Superintendent and board representative, Nome Public Schools Superintendent and board representative, Barb Amarok – Director of NW Campus, and Doug Whalrath as Director of NACTEC.
- Mayor Handeland inquired into prior approval from the school board and superintendent, Jamie Burgess.
- Barb Amarok stated it was approved by the Nome Public Schools School board of education and also Bering Straits School District board of education.
- Mayor Handeland identified the additionally trained welders for the community.
- Barb Amarok commented on timing, given Graphite One's plans in the region as well the Port of Nome Deep Water Draft project.

SPECIAL ORDERS

A. R-23-05-02 A Resolution of Appreciation to Mary Melody Reader Recognizing her Civic Pride in Working to Make Nome a Cleaner and More Enjoyable Place,

(17:50)

- Mayor Handeland noted the recipient is currently traveling, suggesting the commendation be noticed at a time when the recipient is present to receive it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. R-23-05-01 A Resolution of Appreciation to Tom Vaden for his Years of Dedicated Service to the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and to the Community of Nome,

(18:10)

- Mayor Handeland read R-23-05-01 in its entirety, noting Mr. Vaden's unwavering service.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to adopt R-23-05-01.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Tapqaq; Henderson; D. Johnson

Nay: Piscoya

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-23-05-02 An Ordinance Authorizing Sale to AK DOT&PF of Parcels Adjacent to Steadman Street for Road Projects, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**,
(24:32)

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Piscoya to advance O-23-05-02.

Discussion:

- Mayor Handeland outlined the project, relating the sale of land as similar to what was done with Nome's Port Road project.
- Manager Steckman noted the project would revamp street and sidewalks.

At the roll call:

Aye: Piscoya; Tapqaq; Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. O-23-06-01 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 City of Nome General Fund Municipal Budget and Exercising the Power to Assess and Authorize the Levy of a General Property Tax, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**,
- C. O-23-06-02 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, And Adopt the FY 2024 City of Nome School Debt Service Fund Budget, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**,
- D. O-23-06-03 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 City of Nome Special Revenue Fund Budget, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**,
- E. O-23-06-04 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 City of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**,
- F. O-23-06-05 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 City of Nome Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**,
- G. O-23-06-06 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 City of Nome Port of Nome Fund Budget, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**,
- H. O-23-06-07 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 City of Nome Port of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget, **FIRST READING /DISCUSSION**,

(26:57)

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to advance O-23-06-01, O-23-06-02, O-23-06-03, O-23-06-04, O-23-06-05, O-23-06-06, and O-23-06-07.

Discussion:

- Council Member Henderson inquired into standard practice bringing forth questions during the first, or second budget readings.
- Mayor Handeland commented, questions during the first reading are acceptable.
- Manager Steckman identified Board of Equalization as unfinished and mill rate not yet set, making addressing all aspects of the budget an unusual circumstance. Manager Steckman suggested a work-session after BOE meets, possibly June 7th at 5:30PM.

- Council Member Henderson opined a 10.5 mill rate would allow for without increase of property tax, based off his calculations of a 12 mill-rate and no broad 15% increase on property assessments.
- Manager Steckman acknowledged a 10.5 mill-rate, noting the proposed budget is based off an 11 mill-rate. He suggested there were many City projects the have gone unaddressed for years that need addressing.
- Council Member Henderson commented, should the mill rate be set at 11 it would create a 1.4 million deficit in the budget meaning the City could next look at areas of reducing the City's budget, such as the unfilled positions with City staff, particularly the Assistant City Manager's position.
- Manager Steckman advised the Council, there is a \$650,000 credit for vacant positions and overtime expense. Fuel rates had decreased, potentially opening up more funds but everything was being looked at and considered.

At the roll call:

Aye: Piscoya; Tapqaq; Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- I. R-23-05-03 A Resolution Setting the City of Nome Contribution for the FY 2024 Nome School District Budget,
(39:05)

A motion was made by C. Piscoya and seconded by C. Henderson to adopt R-23-05-03.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman noted the school district budget request this year was around 1.5% more than the previous year.
- Council Member Henderson inquired into recent legislative funding available to the school district; if approved, how it may offset the school district's funding. He questioned if the contribution amount needed to be set by end of the meeting.
- Council Member M. Johnson commented the Nome School District budget typically requires approval prior to all legislative information at hand.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Piscoya; Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- J. R-23-05-04 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with GCSIT Solutions for Managed IT Services for the City of Nome,
(46:02)

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to adopt R-23-05-04.

Discussion:

- City Manager Steckman briefed council on past services & performance with GCSIT.

At the roll call:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- K. R-23-05-05 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Facilities Use Agreement Between Nome Public Schools, University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus, Bering Strait School District and the City of Nome,

(48:46)

A motion was made by C. Piscoya and seconded by C. Henderson to adopt R-23-05-05.

Discussion:

- Council Member M. Johnson gave support to providing alternative adult education.

At the roll call:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: May 9 - 19, 2023,

(50:50)

- Ken Morton, NJUS Assistant Manager noted warmer weather and shift to summer program, and the engine overhaul for #16 continues.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: May 9 - 19, 2023,

(51:50)

- Manager Steckman gave homage to AKDOT&PF's street sweeping around the community. City of Nome Public Works Supervisor and crew for clean-up around the community as well. He identified drains be opened around town by both work crews, giving praise to their efforts. Manager Steckman noted atv usage, youth operating atvs, and potential injuries.
- Mayor Handeland pondered how the City incorporates regulations to address this issue, noting several instances of personal experience where atv usage was seemingly reckless.
- Manager Steckman commented the goal was to bring safety to the community, protect the youth in their usage of atv's in town as well.

- Joy Baker, Port Director notified the Council, USACE is addressing concerns with the project, due to delays, new target-dates of solicitation in October and awards to contractors in April 24’.
- Council Member Tapqaq inquired into Saturday night's emergency calls in comparison to Sunday night's calls, and Sunday's no-alcohol sales at the package stores.
- Council Member Piscocoya questioned the timeline toward NPD accreditation.
- Manager Steckman commented a three year process, various construction and facilities upgrades prior to accreditation, emphasizing lengths required toward accreditation.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

(1:10:40)

- Barb Amarok, Director of NW Campus-UAF, gave thanks to Council Member's support with the City of Nome's facility agreement passage.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

(1:10:00)

- 1) Council Member Piscocoya, no comments.
- 2) Council Member Tapqaq, congratulated the recent graduates.
- 3) Council Member Henderson gave appreciation to community efforts in Spring Clean-Up.
- 4) Council Member D. Johnson, no comments.
- 5) Council Member M. Johnson detailed his concerns with marijuana usage in the schools, vaping in schools as well. Gave appreciation to Bryant Hammond, for his work as City Clerk after hearing of his retirement.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

A. Activity Report: May 9 - 19, 2023,

- Mayor Handeland acknowledged the American Red Cross event in Anchorage recently attended, the acknowledgement Nome Emergency Services received at the event.
- VFW Memorial Day parade was given notice to their event, recent graduates of NPS and UAF, and BOE would be coming up soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 9:05 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 25th day of September 2023

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

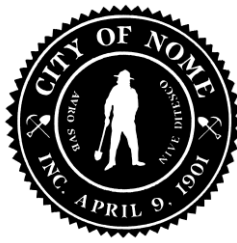
ATTEST:

JEREMY JACOBSON
Deputy Clerk

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Nome Common Council Item B.
Scot Henderson
Doug Johnson
Mark Johnson
Adam Martinson
Cameron Piscoya
M. Sigvanna Tapqaq

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Scot Henderson; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Cameron Piscoya

Members Absent: Dough Johnson (excused); Sigvanna Tapqaq (excused); Youth Rep. Kellie Miller (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy Clerk; Ken Morton, NJUS Assistant Manager; Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief; NPD Investigator William Crockett

In the Audience: Paul Kosto

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Piscoya to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Piscoya; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 12, 2023 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes,

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the June 12, 2023 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Piscoya; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letter of June 19, 2023 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Transfer of Restaurant / Eating Place Alcohol from Bering Sea Bar and Grill to Golden China,

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson approve the JPS Enterprises Inc. transfer of location, #5884 license application.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Piscoya; Henderson; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. Memo of June 23, 2023 from Clerk Hammond to Nome Common Council re: Untimely Filed Tax Exemption Application,

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to authorize the Clerk to accept the exemption application as timely filed.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Piscoya; Henderson; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

No comments given.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. A Proclamation Recognizing Deputy Chief Robert "Bob" Pruckner for his Service to the City of Nome and its Residents,

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the proclamation recognizing Deputy Chief Robert "Bob" Pruckner for his service to the City of Nome and its residents.

At the roll call:

Aye: Piscoya; Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-23-06-05 A Resolution Approving a Contract Between the Nome Chamber of Commerce and the City of Nome for Operaton of the Nome Convention and Visitors' Bureau,

A motion was made by C. Piscoya and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-23-06-05.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Piscoya

Nay:

Abstain

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-23-06-06 A Resolution Approving a Contract with Legislative Consultants in Alaska (LCIA) for State Lobbying Services for the Fiscal Year 2024,
- A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-23-06-06.
- At the roll call:
- Aye: Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Piscoya
Nay:
Abstain:
- The motion **CARRIED**.
- C. R-23-06-07 A Resolution Approving a Contract with Windward Strategies for Federal Lobbying Service for the Fiscal Year 2024,
- A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Henderson to adopt R-23-06-07.
- At the roll call:
- Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Piscoya; Henderson
Nay:
Abstain:
- The motion **CARRIED**.
- D. R-23-06-08 A Resolution Designating Bryant Hammond as Acting City Manager for June 28 to July 8, 2023,
- A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Piscoya to adopt R-23-06-08.
- At the roll call:
- Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Piscoya; Henderson
Nay:
Abstain:
- The motion **CARRIED**.
- E. R-23-06-09 A Resolution Approving an Employment Agreement Between the City of Nome and William Crockett For the Position of Deputy Chief of Police,
- A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Henderson to adopt R-23-06-09.
- At the roll call:
- Aye: Martinson; Piscoya; Henderson; M. Johnson
Nay:
Abstain:
- The motion **CARRIED**.
- F. R-23-06-10 A Resolution Awarding the Contract for the Furnishing of a Loader Bucket to the Department of Public Works,
- A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Piscoya to adopt R-23-06-10.

At the roll call:

Aye: Piscoya; Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- G: R-23-06-11 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or City Clerk to Administratively Forgive Small Amounts of Penalty and Interest Incurred by Sales & Bed Tax-Remitting Businesses as a Result of Difficulties to Use the LocalGov Platform After the Severing of the Quintillion Fiber Optic Cable,

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Piscoya to adopt R-23-06-11.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Piscoya

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: June 13 - 23, 2023,

- Since the region's subsea fiber-optic internet cord was severed, issues with connectivity, payments, internet-based functions have expectedly been affected. A recent intern on board has been assisting with EPA water-service reports, on behalf of NJUS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: June 13 - 23, 2023,

- Manager Steckman recently needed use of the emergency procurement ordinance, after it was deemed an emergency to repair degrading pipes by Seekers. The cost was \$80,000. A resolution for approval would be forwarded to Council for their approval at the next meeting.

- B. March 23, 2023 Port Commission Regular Meeting Minutes,

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

No comments given.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Mark Johnson, no comment.
2. Council Member Martinson, no comment.
3. Council Member Piscoya, no comment.
4. Council Member Henderson gave appreciation to Robert Pruckner for his service to the community of Nome and Nome Police Department.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: June 13 - 23, 2023,

- Mayor Handeland thanked NVFD & SOA, Briday Green, for their Midnight Sun clean-up and festivities provided. A recent visit from one of Senator Murkowski’s representative was productive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to enter into executive session to discuss financial and legal matters the immediate knowledge of which may have adverse effects on City of Nome finances.

The Council entered executive session at 7:57 PM.

The Council came out of executive session at 8:15 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 8:15 PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 24th day of May 2023

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

JEREMY JACOBSON
Deputy City Clerk

Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association



Learn the basics of Alzheimer's & dementia

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking, and behavior problems that interfere with daily living.

Join us to learn about:

- The relationship between Alzheimer's disease & dementia
- The risk factors for and the stages of the disease
- FDA approved treatments available to treat some symptoms
- Alzheimer's Association resources

Wednesday, September, 27
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Munaqsri Senior Apartments
Nome, AK

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Registration appreciated, but
not required. For more
information or to register call
1.800.272.3900

Healthy Living for your Brain & Body

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association



At any age, there are lifestyle habits we can adopt to help maintain or even potentially improve our health. These habits may also help to keep our brains healthy as we age and possibly delay the onset of cognitive decline.

Join us to learn more about:

- Tips from the Latest research program
- Cognitive activity
- Physical health and exercise
- Diet and nutrition
- Social engagement

Wednesday, September 27, 2023
5:30 - 6:30pm

Munaqsri Senior Apartments
515 Steadman
Nome, AK
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Registration appreciated, but not required. For more information or to register call
1.800.272.3900



HomePlate Nome Apartments Update



Nome Community Center's Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Project

Vol. 1, Number 2

Corrected

August 2023

What's In Our Name:

We know that housing is only one piece of the equation that results in safe, independent living. For many who have been without stable housing for years, food insecurity, unmet health concerns, untreated mental and behavioral health, and lack of healthy socialization inhibit the quality of life most of us take for granted. The name of the HomePlate Apartments identifies a home in which on-site support helps to develop these basic components of living. Here's how we selected the name HomePlate:

- The location for the building is across the street from the ball fields in Nome
- For those who have been chronically without housing, they will finally have a home
- The structure was intentionally designed to feel like home
- Some of the tenants will experience food security for the first time in years and will have a plate to eat from
- For many, they will have rounded the bases and are coming home!

Range of Supporters:

Our supporters come from many places – Washington State, Pennsylvania, New York, Colorado, Maryland, Washington DC and all over Alaska. Some are funders, some are volunteers and others cheerleaders as we tackle a project of this size in Nome 😊



Fast Signs is a national chain with a franchise in Pennsylvania. They donated the sign that has proudly announced the future of the first housing project of this type in Western Alaska.



Funding Porfolio: We are so grateful to the growing number of contributors who have believed in us and in the value this project brings to the Bering Straits Region of Alaska. We owe our gratitude to:

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
 Rasmuson Foundation
 Premera Health Blue Cross Blue Shield
 Sitnasuak Native Corporation
 Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation
 Nome Eskimo Community
 Denali Commission
 United Women in Faith
 Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation
 Housing Alaskans Public Private Partnership

Federal Senate Appropriations
 Norton Sound Health Corporation
 Bering Straits Native Corporation
 Alaska Mental Health Trust
 City of Nome
 Kawerak, Inc.
 Dean Weidner Apartment Homes
 Massie Foundation
 MJ Murdock Charitable Trust
 Northrim Bank

Project Restart:

With the pilings completed last October, the project halted for the winter with all of the framing materials stored on site for an early spring restart. The winter was harsh and delayed the start by a few weeks. When crews arrived, enough snow had melted allowing access to the stored materials. Framing began in May with workers on the ground in working in cold, wet conditions with energy and enthusiasm at the newest structure in Nome began to take shape.



Imagine the surprise when workers arrived at the construction site to find a two inch layer of snow covering their building materials on June 1st!! Throughout those early months of the building season, workers had to deal with high winds, lots of rain, mud and cold temperatures. But, the late-season snow fall was something for them to chuckle about. Hard work and long hours produced the framework while Nome residents watched with anticipation to see what the structure would look like.

The weather in July and August did not provide much better working conditions, however, the work soon moved to the inside of the building where framing of the interior partitions began to be noticeable. Electrical, plumbing and other rough construction on the inside of the building gave specialized workers their opportunity to work under roof. The project has been on a fast and steady pace toward completion!



Apprenticeship:

One of the important components of our building project was to take advantage of having an impact on the local community by offering opportunities for locals to learn from experts. Job training is very limited in rural Alaska where the trend is to hire skilled workers from outside the area for specialized work due to the small pool of specially trained contractors and builders in Nome.

Contractors and subcontractors are working alongside some local hires to share knowledge and expertise, to give them experience, and to help them develop skills that they may use in the future to benefit our local community.

In the second quarter of 2023 alone, three individuals had the opportunity to work with three different contracting companies with a total of 929 work and training hours.

Most Recent Photos:



What's Next:

- Application for Sponsor-Based Rental Assistance Vouchers
- Interior finishing
- Installation of technology and internet access in every room
- Connecting the building to electric, water and sewer
- Furnishing
- Hiring staff
- Tenant selection and orientation development

Timeline:

Since the very beginning of our project design, the goal for completion of the project was October 31, 2023. In spite of the challenges of construction in rural Alaska where shipping of materials depends on the barge schedule, where weather limits the construction season and where skilled workers come from outside the area, the project has remained on schedule. We expect to reach substantial completion, satisfy inspectors, and receive our occupancy permit on or around that projected completion date. We anticipate full occupancy by year end.

We will be able to house our first tenants before the most severe winter weather hits Nome!

Memoriam

It was with sad hearts that we learned of the lost life of one of the early crew members in a boating accident. Devon Betker was among the first group of workers in the spring to re-start the project. While waiting for the roofing materials to arrive on the first barge of the season, the crew returned to their homes in the Anchorage area for a week. It was during that time that the accident occurred. The rest of the crew attended services before returning to Nome without their coworker. Devon was a skilled carpenter with Orion Construction.



Pictured here is the first crew that framed the structure. Devon is the fourth from the left.
(Not pictured is Mark Borghi, Project Superintendent)

Funding Status:

We have reached 100% funding for construction and have raised additional funds for move-in expenses and start-up operating costs. The newest contributors include MJ Murdock Charitable Trust, Northrim Bank and Housing Alaskans Public Private Partnership. We welcome them to our family of investors!

Project Contact Information:

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Liz Johnson, NCC Project Manager

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Rhonda Schneider, NCC Grants, Contracts and Awards Specialist

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Nome Community Center's mission is to enhance the quality of life of the people of the Bering Straits Region through diverse programming serving elders, families and youth.



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Shaktolik

Stebbins

Teller

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Wales

White Mountain

September 14, 2023

Ms. Cheryl Thompson, Executive Assistant
City of Nome
PO Box 281
Nome, AK 99762

Re: Community Fall Clean-Up Donation

Dear Ms. Thompson,

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDCC) received your email dated September 14, 2023, requesting a donation for Nome's Community Fall Clean-Up. NSEDCC is pleased to donate \$1,000.00 to assist with this community activity.

Enclosed is a copy of the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) in the amount of \$1,000.00 that was deposited into City of Nome's account on September 14, 2023, to assist with costs associated with the community fall clean-up.

Happy Fall Cleaning!

Sincerely,

Janis Ivanoff
President & CEO

Enclosure: Copy of EFT

cc: JT Sherman, NSEDCC Board Member
Community Benefits Department

Sophia J. Pantelis
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Nome, AK, USA
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(907) 944-1218
September 25, 2023

City Council Members: Adam Martinson, Doug Johnson, Scot Henderson, M. Sigvanna Tapqaa,
Cameron Piscoya, Mark Johnson
Nome City Council
Nome, AK, USA 99762

Dear Town of Nome,

Subject: Proposal for Establishing an Indoor Sports Complex in Nome, Alaska

I am writing to propose an ambitious and much-needed project that could significantly benefit the rural community of Nome, Alaska. The proposal aims to create an Indoor Sports Complex, designed to provide residents of all ages with access to recreational and sports facilities that will enhance their physical fitness, overall well-being, and community engagement.

1. Introduction:

Nome is a tight-knit rural community in Alaska that has a strong sense of community and a passion for sports and physical activity. However, the extreme weather conditions in Alaska make outdoor sports challenging for a significant part of the year. Therefore, the need for a state-of-the-art Indoor Sports Complex is apparent.

2. Project Overview:

Our proposed Indoor Sports Complex will offer a variety of sports and recreational facilities, including but not limited to:

- Indoor basketball courts
- Indoor volleyball courts
- Indoor tennis courts
- Indoor soccer fields
- Indoor track
- Indoor Gymnastics Arena
- Indoor Dance Arena
- Multi-purpose rooms for fitness classes and community events
- A fitness center with modern equipment
- Locker rooms and shower facilities
- A concession stand for refreshments

- Offices for administrative and coaching staff

3. Community Benefits:

The establishment of this Indoor Sports Complex will bring numerous benefits to our community:

- 1.Limited Recreational Opportunities:** Rural Alaska often lacks access to sports and recreational facilities, leaving children with limited options for physical activity and skill development.
- 2.Harsh Climate:** The extreme weather conditions in Alaska, particularly during the long winter months, can make outdoor activities challenging and even dangerous. An indoor sports complex would provide a safe and comfortable environment for children to stay active year-round.
- 3.Health and Wellness:** Encouraging physical activity among children is essential for their overall health and well-being. An indoor sports complex can promote fitness, reduce sedentary behavior, and combat childhood obesity.
- 4.Skill Development:** Such a facility can offer opportunities for children to develop sports skills, teamwork, and discipline, potentially leading to enhanced personal growth and future opportunities in athletics.
- 5.Community Building:** The sports complex can serve as a community hub, bringing people together, fostering social connections, and creating a sense of belonging in the rural area.
- 6.Educational Benefits:** Indoor sports can teach important life skills such as goal setting, time management, and perseverance, contributing to a child's holistic development.
- 7.Potential Economic Impact:** By attracting local and even regional events or tournaments, the sports complex can boost tourism and stimulate the local economy, providing a return on the investment.

In summary, building an indoor sports complex in rural Alaska for children aims to address the lack of recreational opportunities, promote health and well-being, enhance skill development, strengthen the community, and potentially have positive economic effects on the region.

4. Funding and Budget:

I understand that securing funding for such a project is a critical concern. My proposal is a combination of funding sources, including:

- Grants from federal and state agencies that support community development and sports infrastructure.
- Private donations from local businesses and community members who believe in the project's potential.
- Fundraising events and initiatives organized by the community.
- Potential partnerships with local schools, which could share the facility for their physical education programs.

An estimate for the initial budget for this project is to be (unknown?), which includes construction costs, equipment purchase, staffing, and initial operational expenses.

5. Conclusion:

The creation of an Indoor Sports Complex in Nome, Alaska, is a visionary project that has the potential to transform our community for the better. We believe that with the support of local stakeholders, government entities, and community members, we can turn this vision into a reality.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal further and explore potential collaboration. Together, we can make a lasting and positive impact on the lives of the residents of Nome.

Thank you for considering my proposal. I look forward to your response and the opportunity to bring this project to fruition.

Sincerely,

Sophia Pantelis
Citizen of Nome, AK, U.S.A

1st Reading: August 14, 2023
2nd Reading: September 25, 2023

Presented By:
City Manager

Action Taken:
Yes ___
No ___
Abstain ___

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. O-23-08-01

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE TO AK DOT&PF OF PARCELS ADJACENT TO SEPPALA DRIVE FOR ROAD PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (“DOT&PF”), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is preparing a project to reconstruct Seppala Drive from the Nome airport to downtown Nome (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to improve safety and pedestrian facilities and address poor pavement conditions and drainage issues;

WHEREAS, the Project requires certain parcels of city-owned land, more specifically described below (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, DOT&PF has determined that the fair market value of the land is \$32,000 for acquisition of the 29,700 square foot Property; and

WHEREAS, NCO 2.10.030(b) provides that the city council may, by ordinance, provide for the disposal of any interest in real property to a municipal, borough, state or federal entity, or to any other entity providing a necessary public service without seeking bids and for less than the current assessed value or current appraised value of that interest in real property; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOME:

Section 1. Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to authority granted by NCO 2.10.030(b).

Section 2. Classification. This is a non-Code ordinance.

Section 3. Findings. DOT&PF seeks to acquire the property for public transportation use, a necessary public service.

Section 4. Authorization to Convey Real Property. The below-described real property may be conveyed by quitclaim deed to DOT&PF, provided that such quitclaim deed shall specify that the interest of the city being disposed of reverts to the city in the event the real property disposed of is not being used to provide public transportation:

Parcel 4

A parcel of land located within Section 26 Township 11 South, Range 34 West, Kateel River Meridian, and is located within a portion a lot 26A, Block 57, Belmont Point Replat, Townsite of Nome, recorded as Plat 84-22, December 4, 1984, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, and is more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point at the intersection of the right of ways of Seppala Drive and Belmont Street, said point being the southeast corner of the herein described parcel as well as the sought corner of Lot 26A, Plat #84-11 (Nome Townsite), said point being 28.21 feet left of Design Centerline Station 59+02.262, said point also being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE N 23°39'56" E and on a distance of 3.12 feet along the right of way of Belmont Street to a point, said point being located 31.22 feet left of Design Centerline Station 59+01.72;

THENCE N 48°49'19" W and on a distance of 4.54 feet to a point, said point being located 31.33 feet left of Design Centerline Station 58+96.94;

THENCE proceeding on a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 598.62 feet and an arc distance of 192.41 feet to a point located on the right of way of Seppala Drive, said point located on a chord bearing of N 39°23'48" W from the start of said curve and said point being 35.17 feet left of Design Centerline Station 56+93.63;

THENCE S 23°35'50" W and on a distance of 3.71 feet along the right of way of Seppala Drive to a point, said point being located 32.14 feet left of the Design Centerline Station 56+95.89;

THENCE proceeding on a curve to the left along the right of way of Seppala Drive, said curve having a radius of 601.42 feet and an arc distance of 196.67 feet to a point, said point being located on a chord bearing S 39°45'53" E from the start of said curve and said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

AND

Parcel 5B

A parcel of land located within Section 26 Township 11 South, Range 34 West, Kateel River Meridian, and is located within a portion of Tract B, Nome Small Boat Harbor, recorded as Pat 2000-8, September 13, 2000, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point at the intersection of the right of ways of Seppala Drive and Belmont Street, said point being the northwest corner of the herein described parcel as well as the northwest corner of Tract B, Plat #2000-8, said point being

37.08 feet right of Design Centerline Station 59+70.46, said point also being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE S 23°25'36" W and on a distance of 130.47 feet along the right of way of Belmont Street to a point, said point being located 164.19 feet right of Design Centerline Station 59+99.71;

THENCE N 31°16'34" E and on a distance of 109.52 feet to a point, said point being located 55.12 feet right of Design Centerline Station 59+89.74;

THENCE N 49°39'17" E and on a distance of 19.24 feet to a point located on the right of way of Seppala Drive, said point being located 36.39 feet right of Design Centerline Station 59+94.12'

THENCE N 55°12'54" W and on a distance of 23.93 feet along the right of way of Seppala Drive, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

AND

Parcel 5B

A parcel of land located within Section 26 Township 11 South, Range 34 West, Kateel River Meridian, and is located within a portion of Tract B, Nome Small Boat Harbor, recorded as Plat 2000-8, September 13, 2000, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point located on the southerly right of way of Seppala Drive at the northeast corner of Tract B, Plat #2000-8, said point being the northeast corner of the herein described parcel, said point being 31.93 feet right of Design Centerline Station 63+43.75, said point also being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE S 19°52'45" W and on a distance of 5.09 feet along the easterly boundary of said Tract B, Plat #2000-8 to a point, said point being located 36.87 feet right of Design Centerline Station 63+45.01;

THENCE N 55°43'35" W and on a distance of 62.97 feet to a point, said point being located 36.70 feet right of Design Centerline Station 62+82.04;

THENCE N 34°08'29" E and on a distance of 5.00 feet to a point located on the right of way of Seppala Drive, said point being located 31.70 feet right of Design Centerline Station 62+82.04;

THENCE S 55°39'55" E and on a distance of 61.71 feet along the right of way of Seppala Drive to a point, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

AND

Parcel 7

A parcel of land located within Alaska State Tidelands Survey No. 334, recorded as Plat 82.11, October 6, 1982, Nome Recording District, within Section 26 Township 11 South, Range 34 West, Kateel River Meridian, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point located on the southerly right of way of Seppala Drive at being the northeast corner of the herein described parcel, said point being 31.76 feet right of Design Centerline Station 64+69.25, said point also being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE N 55°59'03" W and on a distance of 113.50 feet along the right of way of Seppala Drive to a point, said point being located 31.97 feet right of Design Centerline Station 63+55.75;

THENCE N 55°39'55" W and on a distance of 12.00 feet along the right of way of Seppala Drive to a point, said point being located 31.93 feet right of Design Centerline Station 63+43.75;

THENCE S 19°52'45" W and on a distance of 5.09 feet to a point, said point being located 36.87 feet right of Design Centerline Station 63+45.01;

THENCE S 55°43'55" E and on a distance of 129.17 feet to a point said point being located 37.21 feet right of Design Centerline Station 64+74.17;

THENCE N 07°59'02" W and on a distance of 7.34 feet along the right of way of Seppala Drive to a point, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

AND

Parcel 8

A parcel of land located within Lot 13 Block 59 of the Nome Townsite, Section 26 Township 11 South, Range 34 West, Kateel River Meridian, and is located in the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the most northeasterly corner of said Lot 13, said point being 25.49 feet right of Design Centerline Station 66+31.24, and the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE N 65°11'08" W and on a distance of 50.00 feet along the right of way of Seppala Drive to a point, said point being located 33.55 feet right of Design Centerline Station 65+82.02;

THENCE S 24°53'28" W and on a distance of 1.25 feet to a point, said point being located 34.78 feet right of Design Centerline Station 65+82.22;

THENCE S 56°02'24" E and on a distance of 50.64 feet to a point located on the

right of way of West F Street, said point being located 34.68 feet right of Design Centerline Station 66+32.68;

THENCE N 24°50'30" E and on a distance of 9.30 feet along the right of way of West F Street to a point, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

AND

Parcel 18

A parcel of land located within Alaska State Tidelands Survey No. 334, recorded as Plat 82-11, October 6, 1982, Nome Recording District, within Section 26 Township 11 South, Range 34 West, Kateel River Meridian, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the northeast corner of United States Mineral Survey #1374, thence S 03°04'36" W and on a distance of 108.44 feet along the eastern boundary of said MS #1374 to a point, said point also being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE N 68°36'03" W and on a distance of 44.67 feet along lands of Bering Straits Native Corporation;

THENCE N 65°07'38" W and on a distance of 204.86 feet along lands of Bering Straits Native Corporation;

THENCE N 85°03'58" W and on a distance of 271.25 feet along lands of Bering Straits Native Corporation;

THENCE S 48°50'32" W and on a distance of 57.89 feet along lands of Bering Straits Native Corporation;

THENCE N 71°25'56" and on a distance of 5.25 feet;

THENCE along a non-tangent curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 830.87 feet and an arc length of 653.46 feet to a point, said point being located on a chord bearing of S 73°14'26" E from the start of the curve;

THENCE S 50°42'34" E and on a distance of 13.95 feet;

THENCE S 45°33'40" E and on a distance of 151.10 feet;

THENCE S 38°26'43" E and on a distance of 118.32 feet;

THENCE N 64°27'00" E and on a distance of 18.41 feet to a point located on the Seppala Drive right of way;

THENCE N 33°49'11" W and on a distance of 53.88 feet along the Seppala Drive right of way;

THENCE N 37°23'51" W and on a distance of 114.41 feet along the Seppala Drive right of way;

THENCE N 45°56'42" W and on a distance of 108.73 feet along the Seppala Drive right of way;

THENCE N 49°50'46" W and on a distance of 22.27 feet along the Seppala Drive right of way;

THENCE N 49°50'46" and on a distance of 87.20 feet along the Seppala Drive right of way;

THENCE N 60°45'29" W and on a distance of 24.03 feet along the Seppala Drive right of way to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Section 5. Selling Price & Costs. The above-described real property may be conveyed by quitclaim deed to DOT&PF for \$32,000 plus the city’s actual publication cost of the notice required by NCO 2.10.040. DOT&PF shall be responsible for recording any instrument and any platting or re-platting that may be necessary.

Section 6. Temporary Construction Permit. The city manager is hereby authorized to grant to DOT&PF such temporary construction permits as may be reasonably necessary for completion of the Project.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon adoption.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 28th day of **August, 2023.**

JOHN K. HANDELAND,
Mayor

ATTEST:

JEREMY JACOBSON,
Deputy Clerk

Presented By.
Deputy City Clerk

Action Taken:
Yes ___
No ___
Abstain ___

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-23-09-04

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS FOR THE
2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND SETTING THEIR COMPENSATION**

WHEREAS, Nome Code of Ordinances, 7.20.010(a) requires that for each municipal election “the City Council shall appoint from among qualified electors an election board comprised of three judges for each polling place”; and,

WHEREAS, one of the elections judges is to be designated as chairperson, one is to be designated as inspector and one does not have a title other than judge; and,

WHEREAS, the Council shall appoint two qualified electors to act as clerks of the election; and,

WHEREAS, the Nome City Council hereby authorizes the following qualified electors:

Lloyd Perrigo	Chairperson/Judge
Terrie Perkins	Inspector/Judge
Debbie Scott	Judge
Christina Perrigo	Clerk
Wesley Perkins	Clerk
Glen Pardy	Clerk

WHEREAS, the City Clerk may appoint not more than three additional election clerks if such appointments are necessary to facilitate the orderly conduct of the election or to relieve the appointed clerks of undue hardship; and,

WHEREAS, many municipalities set the wages of their election workers at the same rate of pay as the State of Alaska pays its election personnel, which is currently \$10.00 per hour for Judges and \$9.50 per hour for Clerks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves these electors and, by this resolution, hereby sets the compensation for the election personnel of the 2023 Municipal Election \$16.00 per hour for Judges and \$15.00 per hour for Clerks).

APPROVED and SIGNED this 25th day of September, 2023.

JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor

ATTEST:

JEREMY JACOBSON, Deputy City Clerk

TO: The Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City manager's report

September 21, 2023

ATV Safety Enforcement Month:

Starting October 1, the NPD will begin enforcing safety rules and regulations for city and state roads. Alaska has the highest Traumatic Brain Injury cases in the United States. Flyers were distributed to tribal governments, Alaska Native corporations, the school district and businesses. The flyer was also posted to the city Facebook page and the Nome Nugget advising residents and visitors the rules of the road when operating an ATV.

Cruise Ships:

The past two weeks businesses have seen hundreds of visitors touring Nome. The Carrie M. McLain Museum was opened special hours to host the visitors. In addition, the Richard Foster Building Community Room hosted a local craft fair for the visitors. The Visitor Center attracted hundreds of visitors with their new improved visitor experience.

The last two cruise ships of the season, unfortunately, will only transport their passengers directly to the airport with no planned local activities.

U.S. Coast Guard:

The Local Sector Coast Guard Commander, Captain Culpepper visited Nome this past Wednesday. Joy then hosted a familiarization tour of the Port for the sector command staff.

U.S. Corps of Engineers:

All of the paperwork has been submitted to the Corps. The PPA has been signed.

Tax Conference:

I will be attending a two-day tax conference being held by the AML on Thursday and Friday this week.

Nome Fall Clean-up:

The Fall Clean-up saw 124 visits to Mono-fill by homeowners, 42 pick-ups of household bulk items from homes through the U-Call, We-haul service, 11 vehicles removed and two dump truck loads dropped off at OSJ.

Public Works Building:

Estimated losses from the fire are expected to be more than \$800,000. Repairs to the building will not start until then next summer. Because of this the top floor of the building will be buttoned up for the winter. Staff will continue to use the first floor and continue to work out of the snow dump facilities. Iron Dog also will be able to use the building for their event

Snow leases:

Snow leases, that need to be renewed, have been sent out to the property owners asking for renewal.

Right of ways:

The annual notices to property owners to move their vehicles out of the city right of way has begun. This will allow better snow removal and improved vehicle passage way.

Contracts to Vendors for Snow Removal:

The annual contract to our third-party vendors to assist in snow removal in the city have been issued to the local contractors. The rate, which is based on the State of Alaska contract rates, did not increase from last year.

Permafrost Mapping:

The University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Alfred-Wegener-Institute (Germany) are partnering to conduct Permafrost fieldwork next summer in Nome and the region. They will be using LIDAR to measure what is happening to the Permafrost in the region.

I met with the researchers and advised them to reach out to our Tribal Communities, Alaska Native Corporations and the local college staff. As more information becomes available, I will keep you informed.

Indigenous Peoples Day:

This holiday is recognized by the City of Nome and is part of the Union Agreement. All city facilities will be closed that day excluding the Nome Police Station. The Rec Center is being rented out for a private event in the afternoon and evening by NSHC.

The council meeting scheduled for that night will be postponed to Tuesday night, October 10.

City Morgue:

Despite the poor weather this summer, the exterior of the building has finally been power sanded and stained. The next step is putting sealant on it. Over the winter an interior refresh to the building will begin to make it more welcoming for family members to prepare and view loved ones.

Tribal Justice Summit:

Kawerak sponsored a Tribal Justice Summit at the Mini last week for three days. While I was only able to attend for a few hours, it's sad to see our local surrounding communities are facing the same challenges as Nome. One of the issues the summit members recognized was curfews for young people. Other issues included domestic violence, sexual assault, lack of VPSO services, Elder service needs and more.

Delays:

There has been a delay in the planned meeting with our city property assessor to develop the model for the landing tax and anticipated revenue.

There is a delay in proposing amendments in the curfew ordinance. It is more convoluted than I thought and other portions look like they were lifted from a template. For instance, the current ordinance mentions "interstate motor vehicles".