

Mayor
John K. Handeland
Manager
Glenn Steckman
Clerk
Bryant Hammond



Nome City Council
Jerald Brown
Doug Johnson
Mark Johnson
Adam Martinson
Jennifer Reader
Meghan Sigvanna Topkok

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 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

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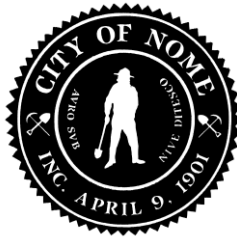
EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Legal Issues the Immediate Knowledge of Which May Have Adverse Impacts on the City of Nome,

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ADJOURNMENT

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Item A.

NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 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

A. Presentation on State & Federal Funding Efforts.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Mark Johnson; Doug Johnson; Adam Martinson; Jennifer Reader; Sigvanna Topkok (telephonic)

Members Absent:

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Joy Baker, Port Director; Mike Heintzelman, NPD Chief; Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief; Wendy Chamberlain (telephonic); Jay Sterne; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (Zoom); David Barron, Building Inspector (Zoom)

In the audience: Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget; Sean Milligan, KNOM; Aryn Baker, Time Magazine; Austin Ahmasuk; Derek McLarty; Scot Henderson; Cheryl Thompson; Andrew Lee; Charlie Lean; Shane Smithhisler; Scott Crowe; Ken Hughes; Bill Potter; Robin Johnson; Paul G. Kosto; Rhonda Schneider

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to remove New Business C and the executive session from the agenda.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:
Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion:

At the roll call:
Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok;
Brown
Nay:
Abstain:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 23, 2021 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the August 23, 2021 minutes.

At the roll call:
Aye: Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson
Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of August 27, 2021 from Nome Chamber of Commerce to City of Nome re: Resolution Supporting the Permanent Repeal of the 2% Seasonal Sales Tax.
- Council Member Mark Johnson asked if the Council had the ability to repeal the seasonal sales tax and if so by what mechanism.
 - Manager Steckman stated he put the question to the City Attorney, asking if it needed to go to the voters.
 - Mayor Handeland suggested the matter go to a work session.
 - Council Member Brown suggested the work session include all revenue sources for the City to discuss revenue as a whole rather than just one item.
- B. Letter of August 31, 2021 from Mayor Handeland to National Telecommunications and Information Administration re: Support for Broadband Funding for the Nome Eskimo Tribe.

- C. Memo from Clerk Hammond to Nome Common Council re: Disposition of an Untimely Filed Tax Exemption Form.

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

Discussion:

- Council Member Brown questioned the legality of the request, as the applicant had just purchased the property less than a month prior.
- Mayor Handeland noted the motion would authorize the Clerk to accept the application as timely filed, not to approve the exemption.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. Letter of September 10, 2021 from Huhnkie Lee to Nome Common Council re: Pebble Mine.

- E. City of Nome Flyer re: Fall Clean Up September 20 - 23, 2021.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1. Paul Kosto, speaking for the Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber would love to see a global talk on City revenue opining there is still missed revenue out there. He thanked Manager Steckman for the discussion with the Chamber last Thursday.
2. Bill Potter spoke about three lots on the east end of town, saying he's been fighting for a rezone for two years. He noted he was leaving town on November 1st and that if the matter wasn't addressed by the time he returned in May 2022, his lawyer would contact the City.
3. Rhonda Schneider spoke about coffee with a cop day on October 1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-21-09-01 An Extension of a Local Emergency Authorizing the Nome Common Council to Direct the City Manager Take Necessary Actions to Reduce the Impact and Spread of Covid-19 Throughout the City of Nome, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION.**
- Council Member Doug Johnson asked if he thought it was still necessary.
 - Manager Steckman opined it was, it was nice to have options in case Mu and other variants break out. He reasoned the low case counts were due to the high vaccination rates in Nome.
 - Council Member Doug Johnson noted the long turn around on test results at the airport testing tent.
 - Council Member Martinson and Manager Steckman noted the national shortage on quick tests. Manager Steckman opined even at 3 days, it might reduce spread among asymptomatic carriers.
 - Council Member Brown asked and Manager Steckman clarified there were no changes in authorization from the current ordinance.
- B. R-21-09-01 A Resolution Declaring Certain Properties in the City of Nome to Be Fire Hazards, Health Hazards, or Public Nuisances, and Authorizing Their Remediation, Removal, or Demolition, **PUBLIC HEARING.**
- Manager Handeland read the properties by address. He asked if any property owners or members of the public wished to comment on the abatement proceedings.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-21-09-01.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to amend R-21-09-01 by removing 212 Warren Place.

Discussion:

- Council Member Brown asked the Clerk was sure the demolition had been completed.
- Clerk Hammond deferred to the building inspector, who confirmed the demolition.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED.**

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

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

Nay:
Abstain:

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

- D. R-21-09-03 A Resolution of the City of Nome, Alaska Providing for the Issuance of a Utility Revenue Anticipation Note of the City in the Aggregate Principal Amount of not to Exceed \$3,800,000.00 to Finance the Purchase of Diesel Fuel for the Nome Joint Utility System and Authorizing the Sale of the Note by Negotiation.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-21-09-03.

Discussion:

- Mayor Handeland explained it was an annual note and that the fuel would be delivered on the 17th and note sold on the 23rd.

At the roll call:
Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson
Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- E. R-21-09-04 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment with PND Engineers, Inc., to Facilitate the Initial Layer of the 35% Design of the Local Service Facilities Within the Port of Nome Modifications Project and Arctic Port Expansion.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-21-09-04.

- Manager Steckman explained he sought council approval on the large change order.
- Port Director Baker explained the current state of the project contractors, noting they were waiting on the Corps for a 3D model, expected at the end of the month. They'd like to be ahead of the curve. She noted current grant applications under review, as well as challenges dealing with grant eligibility classifications specifying asphalt highways rather than marine highways.
- Mayor Handeland noted the actual task would cost about \$200,000. Port Director was confident there were sufficient funds to cover the cost in unspent capital projects.
- Mayor Handeland asked if the City were successful with the RAISE Grant, if some of these expenses could be captured.

- Director Baker noted it couldn't occur retroactively, but noted the Port would be looking for further grant funds and seeking local partnerships.
- Council Member Brown asked what would happen to the project if the resolution failed tonight.
- Director Baker explained that design would likely be delayed; the Corps needs 65% design by February and 95% design documents by June to put it on the street in November 2022. It would put PND Engineers behind the ball.
- Council Member Reader suggested just approving the full \$200,000 so the matter doesn't have to come up again.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Brown to amend R-21-09-04 by changing \$150,000 to \$200,000.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

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

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: August 24 - September 10, 2021.

- Mayor Handeland noted Assistant Manager Morton was out of town and discussed the repair of the pole at Steadman and 1st, noting the condition of the pole required several unscheduled power outages. He noted a successful repair.
- He discussed the wind generation technicians were due in this week and reiterated the fuel financing events coming up.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: August 24 - September 10, 2021.

- Manager Steckman highlighted Sergeant Le's commendation, explaining a situation in which a minor pointed a firearm at Sergeant Le and pulled the trigger. He discussed several other challenges, including a recent motor vehicle accident involving an NPD vehicle and employees. He commended the department for dealing with recent challenges.
 - He discussed Phase VII of CARES Act funding, noting a deficiency of \$11,500 for the Artison / Crafter portion; he asked the Council for permission to move the funds from the businesses to the crafters, given there were fewer businesses that applied.
 - He briefed the Council on a Zoom call earlier in the afternoon with the Kashima Captain, the Mayor, and a Conselor general out of Seattle.
 - Manager Steckman noted the AML Conference coming up in November, asked those interested to speak with the Clerk and turned over the room to Port Director Baker.
- B. Memo from City Engineer Brees to Manager Steckman re: 2021 Landfill & Monofill Calculations.
- C. September 2021 Monthly Port Report.
- Port Director Baker noted the harbormaster conference in Anchorage October 25th to the 29th, explaining the City of Nome is the largest sponsor this year to highlight the deep draft port project and noted there were seats available at the opening and closing banquets. She noted other potential invitees and that the Port and City should make a big deal of the event.
- D. Alaska's Arctic Deep-Draft Port at Nome Presentation to Governor Dunleavy.
- E. Letter of August 24, 2021 from Manager Steckman to Jim West, Jr re: Request for Negotiated Rate on Large 2021 Gravel Volume.
- F. NPD Commendation of September 6, 2021 for Sergeant Alex Le.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1. Paul Kosto noted 5 board members came this evening in support of the resolution to repeal the seasonal sales tax. He thanked Glenn and the Council for putting so much of the CARES Act funds in the hands of small businesses over the pandemic.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Topkok – no comments.
2. Council Member Brown asked for highlights on the 2021 landfill volumes.
 - Manager Steckman discussed a recent conversation with Kawerak's backhaul program, discussing different options for waste diversion and strategies to move materials out of Nome rather than landfilling them. He noted the vast quantities of cardboard coming

- into town, asking if there may be an opportunity to recycle those. He noted the engineer's recommendation to start thinking about opening a third cell at the landfill and solid waste management in general.
- Mayor Handeland noted the projected life given by the engineer in the memo.
 - Council Member Brown asked if the local recycling outfit was looking to acquire more material and ship it out.
3. Council Member Doug Johnson - no comments.
 4. Council Member Mark Johnson thanked Jay Sterne for coming from Washington, DC and Wendy for her presentation. He pointed out the experts that have been shepherding the port project for the past several years. He opined the City / Port should take advantage of the coming infrastructure funds and should hire an economic development director or other such expert to work towards those ends. He suggested doing so sooner rather than later as the funds could be just around the corner.
 5. Council Member Martinson opined a planner and a grant writer were needed and something that should be looked into.
 6. Council Member Reader was thinking the same thing, noting an upcoming influx of people. She congratulated Jeremy Jacobson and Crystal Toolie on their new baby. She congratulated Dave Barron on his new job and wished good luck to all candidates. She thanked Jay Sterne and Wendy Chamberlain for their efforts and agreed with Council Members Johnson and Martinson on the hiring of other experts as adding additional responsibilities might be too much on the small City Staff. She commended Sergeant Le on his patience and compassion and gave a good shout out to the NPD. Council Member Reader opined it was good for Governor Dunleavy to come to Nome and thought it would have been nice to hear about his presence. She mentioned the emergency services vehicle parade wasn't advertised either.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: August 24 - September 10, 2021.
 - Mayor Handeland thanked the ambulance and fire departments for taking the initiative and organizing the parade. He noted the 9/11 parade was something the City didn't do, but maybe should have. He noted it would be nice to have some volunteers step forward to assist in organizing it.
 - He echoed everything Council Member Reader said about Sergeant Le, noting it should come from the Council that his actions were laudable and deserved commendation.
 - He discussed the Nome Youth Facility, noting the possibility of it reopening it based on an example in Palmer and suggested maybe its time to start lobbying the State.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 8:20 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 27th day of September, 2021

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

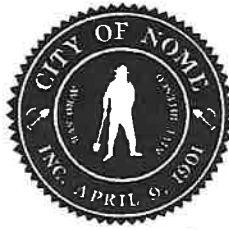
ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND
Clerk

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Item A.
Item B.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 10, 2021
To: Nome Common Council & Glenn Steckman, City Manager
From: Nickie Crowe, Finance Director
Subject: Request for Motion #2 - Amend the F22 General Fund Budget

Please amend the F22 General Fund as follows:

Revenue

Increase of \$ 105,000.00 Fund Balance Appropriation - Adjust for Non-Departmental Additional Expenses

Please note, these changes adjust the fund balance appropriation to \$1,179,729.38.

Total Revenue: \$13,647,220.39; net increase of \$105,000.00

Expense

The following is a list of increases to Non-Departmental:

Increase of	\$ 10,000.00	Add Iron Dog to Non-Departmental
Increase of	\$ 10,000.00	Add Nome Winter Sports to Non-Departmental
Increase of	\$ 20,000.00	Add Nome Community Center to Non-Departmental
Increase of	\$ 10,000.00	Add Checkpoint Youth Center to Non-Departmental
Increase of	\$ 30,000.00	Add Nome Beltz Youth Programming to Non-Departmental
Increase of	\$ 5,000.00	Add PAWS to Non-Departmental
Increase of	\$ 15,000.00	Add Nome Eskimo Community to Non-Departmental
Increase of	\$ 5,000.00	Add Nordic Ski Program to Non-Departmental

Total Expense: \$13,647,220.39; net increase of \$105,000.00

Nome-Beltz Culture Club Change of Funding Request

1. Description of new intended use of funds:

Because of COVID traveling with the Nanook Culture Club did not materialize. We are requesting that we be able to use these funds for local purposes including the purchase of supplies for making drums and other cultural activities, purchasing of shirts to wear and sell to help raise funds for future use, and supplies for celebrations and weekly club meetings.



2. Who are we?

Nanook Culture Club is a youth-led Native Drum and Dance Club at Nome-Beltz which has members from throughout our region including Little Diomed, King Island, Teller, Wales, and Gambell being heavily represented in our student leadership and dances.

Nanook Culture Club has performed at community events over the past six years including Kataluta, performed for and with Eskimo Ninja Nick Hanson, and performed for visiting Hawaiian teachers, in addition to multiple occasions at school. We received some donations from Kawerak for these events, and are looking forward to receiving more community invitations.

Memo

Date: September 17, 2021

From: Bryant Hammond, City Clerk

Subject: Council Determination of Disposition of Untimely Filed Senior Tax Exemption Forms

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION:

The City Clerk's office is in receipt of a Senior Property Tax Exemption Application which was not submitted by the February 1, 2021 deadline. The late application is as follows:

James & Christine Rowe (Senior exemption)

Received 9/17/2021

Mr. & Mrs Rowe submitted their exemption application well past the deadline. Their property taxes are paid for 2021 and this will be their first time receiving a property tax exemption.

In accordance with the Nome Code of Ordinances, Section 17.20.030(a), "the City Council for good cause shown may waive the claimant's failure to make timely application for the exemption year and authorize the assessor to accept the application as if timely filed".

If the Council should determine the application as timely, then the Clerk shall consider the application for tax exemption.

RECOMMENDATION:

We ask that the Council determine if the above application for property tax exemption should be considered as timely.



Public Service Announcement

City of Nome Urges Return to Face Masks

Nome and the Bering Strait region are currently experiencing a surge in positive cases of COVID-19. City of Nome Manager Glenn Steckman urges all local businesses and churches to reinstate face masks requirements for their indoor public spaces.

The City Manager also requests that all persons not vaccinated in Nome to consider getting vaccinated to protect those who are as yet ineligible to receive the vaccine. Please contact Norton Sound Regional Hospital at 443-3319 or visit their website at www.picktime.com/NSHC to schedule a vaccination appointment.

Free face masks are available at the Post Office, City Hall and the Nome Recreation Center. Child-size face masks are also available at the Nome Recreation Center.

Please consider masking up and protecting your community!

Release Date: September 23, 2021



Nome Planning Commission

Kenneth Hughes III, Chair
Colleen Deighton
Sara Lizak
Mathew Michels
John Odden
Carol Piscoya
Gregory Smith

TO: NOME COMMON COUNCIL
GLENN STECKMAN, CITY MANAGER

FROM: NOME HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
KEN HUGHES, CHAIR, PLANNING COMMISSION
EILEEN R. BECHTOL, CITY PLANNER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

SUBJECT: HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN – PHASE 2

Please accept the report created by the grant titled “Nome Historic Preservation Plan Phase II.” This grant is the second in what will undoubtedly be a series of grants to develop an Historic Preservation Plan for the City and community of Nome, Alaska. Despite the title this report does not constitute the entire plan, but merely points the way for much further work to be done to develop a functioning plan for the determination and preservation of Nome's history.

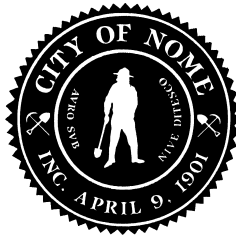
The Phase 2 Plan Grant has been approved by the Alaska State Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO). At this time, it is requested that the Common Council approve the Phase 2 Historic Preservation Plan, which is a Historic Preservation Plan for historic structures or sites.

In summary, Please do not confuse the report entitled Nome Historic Preservation Plan Phase II as the sum total of the Nome historic preservation plan. There is much more to be done.

Regards,

Ken Hughes
Nome Planning Commission

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Jeremy Jacobson



Nome Planning Commission Item A.
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**NOME PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Carol Piscoya; Colleen Deighton; Gregory Smith; John Odden

Members Absent: Mathew Michels; Kenneth Hughes III; Sara Lizak

Also Present: Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Eileen Bechtol, City Planner; Jeremy Jacobson, Acting Deputy City Clerk

In the audience: Julia Lerner, Nome Nugget; Austin Ahmasuk; Scott Henderson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Piscoya to approve the agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: Piscoya; Odden; Smith; Deighton

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 3, 2021 Nome Planning Commission Minutes.

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A. Tuesday, August 03, 2021 Nome Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Piscoya to approve the August 03, 2021 minutes.

Discussion:

- C. Piscoya inquired into Permit Summaries.
- Deputy Clerk Jacobson stated permit summaries weren't ready at last meeting.
- City Clerk Hammond noted the Clerk's office was behind with permit summaries, available next meeting in October.

At the roll call:

Aye: Odden; Smith; Deighton; Piscoya

Nay:

Abstain:

The Motion **CARRIED**.

Historic Preservation Commission Activities

A. Phase 2 of Historic Preservation Plan.

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- Planner Bechtol introduced Nome resident Austin Ahmasuk for comments on phase two of the Historic Preservation Plan, at the City Council's request.
- Mr. Ahmasuk began his discourse by outlining his unofficial report on the 2nd Phase of the Nome Historic Preservation Plan. Noting insufficient content relating to Alaska Native history, and the need for revision.
- Mr. Ahmasuk opined a plan in motion is not automatically the correct plan, particularly a historic plan that does not include adequate historical context of its indigenous people. He suggested the conformation of SHPO and the National Historic Preservation Act does not need to limit the Nome Historic Preservation Plan to just structures. Proposing a plan tailored more in consideration to Alaska Native history and the residents of Nome, noting various critiques of Phase 2 of the Historic Preservation Plan.
- Chairman Hughes apologized for his recent late arrival in the meeting. He agreed with comments made by Mr. Ahmasuk, thanking him and inviting him to continue his participation in the process, noting much work to be done.
- Commissioner Odden called attention to previous discussion of parameters of Phase 2 relating to preservation of structures.
- Planner Bechtol suggested a motion after discussion and to move forward in closing out the grant.

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Odden for a memo to be generated by Planner Bechtol and Chairman Hughes to give to City Council.

At the roll call:

Aye: Piscoya; Odden; Smith; Deighton; Hughes

Nay:

Abstain:

The Motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Steadman St. Repave

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- Ivet Hall, P.E. - Engineering Manager w/ DOT & PF (Northern Region) seeking design plan approval for the sidewalk reconstruction of Steadman Street, noting the preferred design as alternative B.

A motion was made C. Odden and seconded by C. Piscoya to approve design Alternative Plan B.

Discussion:

- C. Smith noted the scope of the project, reconstruction, not an expansion.

- C. Deighton inquired whether 28 ft roadway width enough to simultaneously maintain traffic and snowplow operations. Chairman Hughes identified a note on proposed plan stating minimum width provided for Maintenance & Operations to maintain roadway under design alternative B.

At the roll call:

Aye: Piscoya; Odden; Smith; Deighton; Hughes

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed project: Alberta Schenck and the Dream Theatre Incident 1944-1945.

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A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Deighton to approve the proposed Alberta Schenck and the Dream Theater project.

Discussion:

- Planner Bechtol described her vision for a story board similar to signage you would find at state parks. Made available in a high foot-traffic area.

- Chairman Hughes suggested signage located at the original Dream Theater site.

- Commissioner Odden noted similar projects in other municipalities.

At the roll call:

Aye: Odden; Smith; Deighton; Hughes; Piscoya

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Zoning Map Amendments for the Comprehensive Plan

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- Planner Bechtol noted a change in General Use Boundary at Planning Commission's last regular meeting

STAFF REPORTS

A. City Planner's Report

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COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

1st Reading : September 13, 2021

2nd Reading: September 27, 2021

Presented by:

Common Council / Mayor

Action Taken:

Yes _____

No _____

Abstain _____

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA
ORDINANCE NO. O-21-09-01**

**AN EXTENSION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZING THE NOME COMMON
COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO
REDUCE THE IMPACT AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF
NOME**

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-20-07, authorizing the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and,

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-20-05-03, extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-21-07-01, extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Ordinance No. O-21-07-02 extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2021 the Nome Common Council adopted Ordinance No. O-21-06-08 extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nome Emergency Operations Plan (“EOP”), approved by Resolution No. R-11-09-05, recognizes that for emergency management organization in disaster emergencies may require the City to operate in a manner different from normal, day-to-day routines; and,

WHEREAS, the EOP provides guidance for preparedness, protection, response and recovery from emergencies that occur in or near the community of Nome, said Plan has been activated, and the City Manager is designated as Incident Commander (“IC”) to operate under a Unified Command (“UC”) structure; and,

WHEREAS, the IC is currently convening the UC on a regular basis, allowing for coordination of resources and responses, and the collective input of existing local government, agencies and resources and selected volunteer and private resources within the City to develop and implement the City’s response and management of this disaster;

WHEREAS, the Norton Sound Health Corporation has recommended the current declaration of emergency be extended and;

WHEREAS, the Nome Common Council finds to provide for timely response to situational development, it is prudent and in the best interest of the citizens of Nome to extend the authorization of emergency authority it granted to the City Manager through O-21-06-08 through January 31, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Nome Common Council as follows:

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a non-Code temporary ordinance.

SECTION 2. Legislative Findings and Declaration of Emergency. The council adopts by reference the Whereas clauses contained in Emergency Ordinances O-20-07, O-20-05-03, O-21-07-01, O-21-07-02, O-20-10-01, and O-21-06-08 and declares that the coronavirus threat and impact are and remain a public health emergency.

SECTION 3. Authorization of Emergency Authority.

1. In addition to any other powers conferred on the Nome Common Council by law, in order to prepare and position city resources in order to reduce the impact and spread of the coronavirus, the Nome Common Council acting through the City Manager and subject to subsequent Council ratification as set forth in Section 3 below is authorized to:

(a) Suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinance prescribing procedures for the conduct of City business, or the orders or regulations of any City department, if compliance with the provisions of the statute, order, or regulation would prevent, substantially impede, or delay action necessary to cope with the emergency;

(b) Use all the resources of City government as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency;

(c) Transfer personnel or alter the functions of City departments for the purpose of performing or facilitating the performance of emergency management;

(d) Control ingress to and egress from an affected area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises in it.

2. At all times when orders made and promulgated pursuant to this declaration of emergency shall be in effect, they shall supersede all existing ordinances, orders, rules, and regulations insofar as the latter may be inconsistent therewith.

3. The City Manager shall report to the City Council at the next meeting, whether it be regularly scheduled or a special session, on actions taken, under authority conferred in section 1 above, that were found necessary and prudent to address this emergency, including those which were promulgated by Emergency Order or Mandate. The City Council may by motion ratify or vacate any or all actions or provide direction to the City Manager for rescinding or amendment.

4. Should the City Manager become unable to fulfill these duties, the order of succession for acting as City Manager shall be the Nome Joint Utility Manager, and then City Clerk.

5. Enforcement: Violation of any order made and promulgated by the city manager pursuant to this declaration of emergency shall be a minor offense subject to a penalty of five hundred dollars per offense plus the state surcharge required by AS 12.55.039 and 29.25.074.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon adoption and expires on midnight January 31, 2022 unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Nome Common Council.

APPROVED and SIGNED the 27th day of September, 2021.

John Handeland
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bryant Hammond
City Clerk

Presented by _____
City Clerk

Action Taken:
Yes _____
No _____
Abstain _____

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-21-09-05

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS FOR THE 2021 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:

Zach Davies	Chairperson/Judge
Carol Gales,	Inspector/Judge
Jim Dory,	Judge
Brad Soske,	Clerk
Jisse Adsuna	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 2021 Municipal Election \$16.00 per hour for Judges and \$15.00 per hour for Clerks).

APPROVED and SIGNED this 27th day of September, 2021.

JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND, Clerk

Presented by _____
City Manager

Action Taken:
Yes _____
No _____
Abstain _____

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-21-09-06

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NOME
AND THE NOME COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE OPERATION OF THE XYZ
SENIOR CENTER**

WHEREAS, the City of Nome owns the Senior Citizen Facility, commonly known as XYZ Senior Center at 104 Division St; and,

WHEREAS, the Nome Community Center currently operates the XYZ Senior Center; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Nome wishes to memorialize the partnership in service to the senior community of Nome;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common Council authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Nome Community Center for the operation of the XYZ Senior Center.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 27th day of September, 2021.

JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND, Clerk

AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF NOME SENIOR CENTER

Recitals:

WHEREAS, the Nome Community Center, Inc. (“NCC”) is willing to operate the Nome Senior Citizen facility owned by the City of Nome (“City”) commonly known as the XYZ Center located on Lot 5A, Block E, Plat No. 81-16, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska at 104 Division Street; and to undertake efforts to provide and promote participation in programs to benefit senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nome has from time to time appropriated funds for operation of the Nome Senior Citizen Center (“XYZ Center”) and anticipates making future annual appropriations for operation of the XYZ Center.

In consideration of the above recitals and purposes named the parties hereby agree as follows:

A. City of Nome Obligations.

Commencing July 1, 2021, City shall:

1. Subject to annual appropriation by the City Council, maintain the exterior of the XYZ Center including, but not limited to, sidewalk and stair and mobility ramp snow removal, exterior painting, and structural integrity.
2. Continue to provide NCC a month to month no cost lease on all furniture, fixtures, and equipment in the XYZ Center that are owned by the City. A listing of what is owned by the City is attached to this agreement as Exhibit A. The City may remove or utilize such items at any time in the future as the City deems advisable upon giving reasonable notice to the NCC.
3. Continue to allow use of the XYZ Center by NCC for rent of \$0 per month.
4. Subject to annual appropriation by the City Council, provide and pay for utility service (heat, electricity, water, sewer and garbage) to the XYZ Center.
5. Subject to annual appropriation by the City Council, maintain certain fixtures and improvements in the XYZ Center including, but not limited to, freezers, plumbing, and heating and ventilation systems.

B. NCC Obligations.

1. Commencing July 1, 2021, the NCC shall:

e. The City may, in its sole discretion, remove and store any or all property not timely removed from the Center. Storage shall be for the account and at the expense of NCC, and without liability for loss thereof or damage thereto on the part of the City. If after a period of thirty (30) days or more NCC has not retrieved its property from storage and paid City the reasonable cost of storage, the City may sell any or all of such property at a public or private sale. The City shall mail written notice of such sale to NCC at least ten (10) days prior to sale. The notice shall state the date, time and place of the sale. The City may set the time, place and manner of the sale in its sole discretion. The proceeds of any such sale shall be applied first to the costs of sale (including reasonable attorney's fees), and then to storage charges. Any remaining balance shall be mailed to NCC.

3. **Improvements to XYZ Center.** NCC may make improvements to the interior of the XYZ Center, however, removal or relocation of doors, walls or windows requires the written permission of the City of Nome.

4. **Non-Discrimination.** The NCC shall not discriminate against any person or persons or exclude any persons from participation in the Center's operations, programs, or activities conducted on the City's premises because of race, color, sex, handicap, national origin, or religion.

5. **Indemnification/Insurance.**

(a) NCC shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the City, its agents or employees from and against any and all claims, demands and causes of action of any nature whatsoever, and any expenses incident to defense of and by the City therefrom, for any injury to or death of persons or loss of or damage to property in any manner arising out of NCC's use and occupation of the XYZ Center or performance of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by the sole negligence of the City.

(b) In addition, NCC shall procure and maintain commercial general liability insurance coverage written by responsible insurer(s) licensed to do business in the State of Alaska, naming the City as an additional named insured, which coverage, shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, including death, property damage and personal injury liability. NCC shall also obtain "all risks" property insurance for all contents of the XYZ Center whether NCC's personal property or City's personal property, in an amount at least equal to the replacement cost of all NCC's fixtures and improvements in the XYZ Center. Such insurance shall also be written by responsible insurer(s) licensed to do business in the State of Alaska, and shall name the City as an additional named insured. NCC agrees to furnish certificates of insurance evidencing such insurance coverage to the City at or before the effective date of this Agreement. NCC further agrees to immediately notify the City of any cancellation, termination or decrease in its insurance. The certificates of insurance shall contain an endorsement providing for not less than thirty (30) days' notice to the City of intent to cancel or decrease the insurance. NCC shall also maintain required Workers' Compensation insurance. If

(b) The City shall not be in default of any of its obligations hereunder unless and until it shall have unreasonably failed to perform said obligation within thirty (30) days, or such additional time as may be reasonably required, after receipt of written notice by the City specifying the default.

10. **Notices.** Any and all notices required or permitted under this Agreement, unless otherwise specified in writing by the party whose address is changed, shall be addressed as follows:

THE CITY: City of Nome
P. O. Box 281
Nome, AK 99762
Attn: City Manager

THE NCC: Nome Community Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 98
Nome, AK 99762
Attn: Executive Director

11. **Rights or Remedies.** No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the NCC or City is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and each and every right and remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to any other right or remedy given hereunder, or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute.

12. **Waiver and Forbearance.** Except to the extent that such party may have otherwise agreed in writing, no waiver by a party of any breach by the other party of any of its obligations, agreements or covenants hereunder shall be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach.

13. **Inspection.** The City will retain a key to the Center. City may inspect the XYZ Center at its convenience without prior notice to NCC.

14. **Successors in Interest.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective heirs, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

15. **Assignment or Subletting.** NCC shall not assign or sublet or grant a security interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the City.

16. **Integration and Modification.** This document contains the entire agreement of the parties hereto. All negotiations, statements, representations, warranties, and assurances, whether oral or written, which are in any way related to the subject matter of this Agreement or the performance of either party hereto are merged and integrated into the terms of this document. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by a writing signed by both parties

STATE OF ALASKA)
)ss
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT)

The Foregoing Instrument was acknowledged before me by _____
_____ of the Nome Community Center, Inc. this ____ day of June,
2021.

Witness my hand and seal.

Notary Public for Alaska
My Commission Expires: _____

INVENTORY - NOME COMMUNITY CENTER
Office Furniture and Equipment

1. DESKS – 10
 2. ROLLING DESK CHAIRS - 9
 3. COMPUTERS – 8 plus those in the IT room
 4. FILE CABINETS, 4-DRAWER – 8
 5. FILE CABINETS, 2-DRAWER – 4
 6. FILE CABINET – 1 extra large, double wide, tall; 1 double wide, short
 7. BOOKSHELVES, TALL – 4
 8. PRINTERS – 2
 9. COPIERS, CANON – 2
 10. LAMINATOR – 1
 11. TELEPHONES – 9
 12. PAPER SHREDDERS – 2
 13. PAPER CUTTERS – 2
 14. LARGE DINING ROOM TABLE – 1
 15. TALL PADDED BAR STOOLS – 12
 16. WAITING ROOM CHAIRS, padded, arms – 6
 17. SMALL TABLE WITH 2 CHAIRS
 18. SMALL SHELF UNITS – 3
 19. LARGE DISPLAY CASE – 2
 20. SMALL WAITING ROOM TABLES – 2
 21. FANS – 3
 22. MAILBOX SHELVING UNIT – 1
 23. WOOD HIGH-BACK ARMCHAIRS – 2
- IT ROOM:
24. SERVERS
 25. TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT
 26. COMPUTERS
 27. HARDWARE & SOFTWARE
 28. PLOTTER
 29. PHOTOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT
 30. LARGE WOOD TOP TABLE
 31. LARGE LAMINATOR
 32. TALL BOOKSHELF
 33. FILE CABINETS, 4-DRAWER – 2
 34. ROLLING DESK CHAIRS - 3

List compiled 9/4/21

Presented By:
City Manager
Action Taken:
Yes____
No____
Abstain____

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-21-09-07

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CHARLES “CHIP” LEEPER
AS ACTING CITY MANAGER
FOR NOVEMBER 21 TO NOVEMBER 29, 2021**

WHEREAS, NCO 2.335.030 provides that “During the city manager’s absence or disability, the city council shall designate by resolution an official to act as city manager”; and,

WHEREAS, modern advancements in communications technology allow individuals to perform duties from locations other than a fixed office, so job responsibilities and functions can be performed from anywhere on the globe, but on occasion it is necessary, prudent and healthy for an employee to be able to “unplug” on occasion; and,

WHEREAS, Glenn Steckman, City Manager believes it prudent to have an Acting City Manager available in town during this period to be able to address any necessary matters promptly; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends Charles “Chip” Leeper, be designated Acting City Manager with authority to perform powers and duties of manager during the period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common Council accepts the manager’s recommendation and appoints/designates Charles “Chip” Leeper Acting City Manager for the period of November 21 to November 29, 2021 to perform delegated duties and assume the responsibilities as provided in NCO 2.35.020, elsewhere in the Code, and in Alaska Statutes – Title 29.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 27th day of September, 2021.

JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND, Clerk

TO: The Mayor and Common Council:

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's report

September 22, 2021

XYZ Building:

In your packet is a request to approve a memorandum of agreement on the management responsibilities between the Community Center and the City of Nome to operate a senior center. The last time there was a formalized agreement was in 1994. The agreement has been updated and an inventory provided of equipment and necessary indemnification.

COVID 19:

A PSA has been issued urging businesses and churches to reinstitute face mask requirements for people shopping and gathering in indoor public spaces. The case count in Nome has begun to increase and this document is urging people to voluntarily comply. Testing on arrival in Nome at the airports is also being urged to prevent the problems that the rest of Alaska is experiencing.

Face masks are now available for free to the public at City Hall, the Rec Center and the Post Office Building. Children size facemasks are available for free at the Rec Center. We have ordered additional child size face masks through our grant funding from the DHSS.

The Visitors Center:

The Visitor Center will be closed through Sunday, September 26 because of COVID. The office is scheduled to re-open on Monday

NPD/ Dispatch Radio System:

The staff is wrapping up an RFP for improvements related to the dispatch system for all public safety personnel. The radio system has been functioning with difficulties and is need for an overhaul. It will proposed to use E911 funds and ARPA monies to pay for the project.

Blood Bank:

The Blood Bank of Alaska is at the Mini to accept donations of blood. They will be in Nome from September 24-26.

St. Joseph Church:

As an FYI, St. Joseph Church, as of now, is planning a vehicle procession around Nome on October 7th to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Phase 7 CARES funding extended:

The City has extended CARES applications for business grants to 5pm, Friday, October 1, 2021. Anyone who applied in a timely manner in the original request is having their grant application processed now.

The Artisans, Carvers and Sculptor applications have been processed with the exception of those applicants that did not supply their complete documentation. Staff is working with those applicants to provide the necessary information.

Rec Center:

Designs are being completed for the installation of a new boiler at the Rec Center. RSA Engineering is working with Bristol Engineering on this project. The boiler is set to be shipped on September 24 and will be installed by mid-November. Carl Emmons will assist in the installation. The project will include a floor tray of concrete and additional supports in the floor for the weight. A door will also need to be added.

I want to acknowledge Dave Barron's hard work in this project.

Oil Tanks at the Visitor Center:

A new 500 gallon oil tank has been ordered to replace two 300 gallon tanks at Visitor Center. This will require some re-plumbing but will save the city about \$4,000.00. The tank is not only for heating the building but also operating the seawater pump in case of a fire.

FINANCE:

I hope to have for your consideration two efforts in finance. One is to use funding for fleet replacement to allow the city to purchase on average three to four vehicles a year. And, then to sell them to recover more value in the annual sale. The goal is to have no vehicle in the fleet older than eight to nine years. This should also save in fleet maintenance. The second is develop a revolving fund for capital improvements. The city has sold \$1.7m of city assets over the years. The idea would be to use these funds to help pay for building repairs that have been delayed. I would recommend adding some of our ARPA funds for these safety improvements.

UPDATES:

The conveyor belt for our tire shredder is somewhere in shipping to Nome. The pole driver has been ordered and is in the same status.

The City's unemployment rate is running similar to 2019. Please find the attached report ending in July.

ARPA funds for businesses are now available. Please find attached the flier on information.

AK-ARPA Business Relief Program

The application period will be open from September 17, 2021, to October 19, 2021. This is not a first-come, first-served program. Applications will be prioritized based on demonstrated need.

This program has three tiers based on Gross Annual Revenue (GAR):

1

**Businesses with 2019
GAR between
\$10,000 and \$2.5
million**

2

**Businesses with 2019
GAR between \$2.51
million and \$10 million**

3

**Businesses
with 2019 GAR
between \$10.01
million and \$50
million**

Now Accepting Applications!

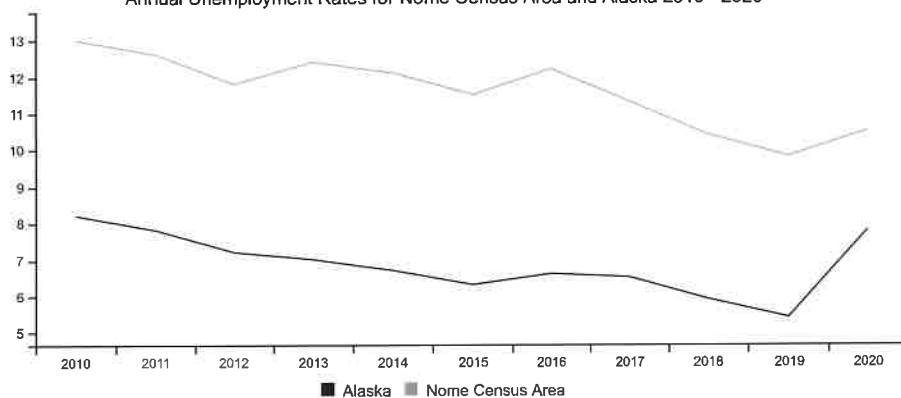


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Annual Unemployment Rates for Nome Census Area and Alaska 2010 - 2020



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

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Not Seasonally Adjusted Monthly and Annual Unemployment Rates for Nome Census Area 1990 to 2021

Note: A change in the way labor force statistics are calculated for sub-state areas makes data prior to 2010 not comparable with later data.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
2021	8.2	8.4	11.8	12.2	11.3	11.7	11.5						
2020	8.8	9.5	10.6	12.6	14.8	14.6	14.5	8.7	9.2	7.7	7.7	7.2	10.5
2019	11.0	11.0	10.5	10.1	10.1	11.7	11.5	9.5	8.6	7.5	8.2	8.0	9.8
2018	11.1	11.8	11.1	10.9	10.8	12.0	10.7	10.3	8.9	8.6	9.4	9.5	10.4
2017	12.0	12.3	11.2	11.7	11.7	12.7	12.8	12.6	9.9	9.2	10.1	10.3	11.3
2016	11.4	12.1	12.2	12.5	12.5	14.7	14.3	13.5	10.9	11.3	11.0	10.8	12.2
2015	12.1	12.7	12.3	12.8	12.5	13.0	12.4	10.5	9.9	9.7	10.1	10.5	11.5
2014	12.6	13.3	13.3	12.4	12.5	13.2	13.5	12.3	11.5	10.3	10.1	10.4	12.1
2013	13.2	13.4	12.5	12.2	13.0	14.0	13.0	12.0	11.5	11.2	11.5	11.1	12.4
2012	12.5	12.5	12.1	11.6	12.3	13.2	12.8	11.6	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.4	11.8
2011	12.9	13.3	12.7	12.8	12.7	13.8	14.2	12.3	11.8	11.4	11.5	11.6	12.6
2010	12.6	13.7	13.5	13.2	13.3	14.6	14.9	13.2	11.7	11.3	11.9	11.9	13.0
2009	11.4	12.3	12.5	12.4	12.6	13.4	13.2	12.4	11.3	10.8	11.0	11.0	12.0
2008	10.3	10.4	9.9	10.1	10.6	11.6	12.3	10.4	9.4	8.0	8.5	9.0	10.0

City Manager
Glenfi Steckmān

Port Director
Joy Baker

Harbormaster
Lucas Stotts



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Charlie Lean, Vice Chair
Derek McLarty
Shane Smithhisler
Scot Henderson
Russell Rowe
Gay Sheffield

**NOME PORT COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
August 19th, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Nome Port Commission was called to order at 5:39 pm by Chairman Lean at the Public Safety Building located on the Greg Kruschek Ave.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Smithhisler; Henderson; Rowe; Sheffield; McLarty; Lean; West

Also Present: Joy Baker, Port Director

In the audience: Julia Lerner, Ken Morton, Kyle Davis, Cathy Rubano

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman West asked for a motion to approve the agenda:

Motion to approve made by Henderson, seconded by Lean.

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: West, Henderson; Rowe; Sheffield; McLarty; Lean

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 15th, 2021 Motion made by Lean, seconded by Henderson to approve minutes
Regular Meeting

At the Roll Call

Ayes: Rowe; Sheffield; Lean

Nays: McLarty;

Abstain: Henderson; Smithhisler; West

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS none

COMMUNICATIONS

- 21-06-03 Graphite 1 Advances U.S. Supply Vision – Mining News
- 21-06-04 USACE to Mayor CAP 107 Project (SHPO)
- 21-06-07 USACE to Port CAP 107 Project (QTR Cost-Share Memo)
- 21-07-19 USCGC Healy Circumnavigating North America – Seafood News
- 21-07-30 Infrastructure bill 'once in lifetime investment' (Murkowski) APM

Discussion:

- None

COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

- None

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

HM Stotts provided an update on overall facility maintenance and operations in addition to;

- Anticipated 2022 cruise ship traffic.
 - Now estimated to be 24 vessel stops in Nome.
- East 'earthen' ramp status and current use which is going well.
 - The SEAHAWK hauled out successfully on that ramp for their annual USCG inspection and ten relaunched without issue.
- Anode replacement project update.

- Everything is going well as expected. The divers are done with all anode installation and are now looking for a window between traffic to finalize their inspection and report.
- The divers suggested we lower the elevation of the new anode installation location to get them a bit more under the ice line to prevent damages and give them longer life.
- Launch ramp replacement update.
 - STG is working on dewatering solutions and permitting for the ramp and purchasing a portable Aqua Dam to dewater the project site. STG is anticipating 10-12 days construction as soon as the site is dewatered successfully.

Discussion:

- None

PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PD Baker provided an overview of facility projects and their status including;

- 21-08-13 Port Director/Projects Status Report
- Arctic Port Expansion Design:
 - General Navigation Features (GNF) Breakwaters/Dredging
 - Pre-const., Eng. & Design (PED) 75% COE – 25% City
 - Local Service Facilities (LSF) Docks/Roads/Utilities/Bridge/Dolphins
 - Non-Federal Sponsor (NFS) 100% City
 - NJUS/CRW Awarded – Utilities
 - PND Awarded – all other LSF features
- Arctic Port Expansion Onshore Development – Identify Support Facilities
 - Create Working Group to Sketch Draft Layout

Discussion:

- There was group discussion on Cape Nome ownership and maintenance and that the City of Nome does not received revenues on rock shipped out of that facility.
- The group discussed dates to have a work session on future facility infrastructure for shoreside development and how that will match up with our future port expansion.
- West asked about maintenance planned for the Causeway Bridge; PD Baker responded that the USACE is planning to solicit for maintenance on the bridge and we should know more in the next month or two.

OLD BUSINESS

- FY2022 Port & Harbor Operating and Capital Budget – Adopted 6/14/21

Discussion:

- PD Baker briefly noted that this was just for the commission to see since it had already gone to the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

- Consideration of Contractor Request to Negotiate Volume Discount for Large Tonnage Export Quantity (gravel/sand materials)

Discussion:

- Chair West stated that he would need to remove himself from the vote as his company BOT is the one requesting a discounted wharfage rate on material they are under contract to load/deliver.
- Smithhisler stated that he would need to abstain as well as Bering Straits is the owner of the land the sand for the project is coming from.
- CM Steckman provided some background to the request and stated that he had received the request this spring but no action had been taken at that time for a variety of reasons. CM Steckman stated that;
 - He feels it would be in the best interest of the Port and local businesses if we incentivized large volumes of gravel to be shipped out of our facility by offering additional rate discounts at certain breaking points.
 - He feels there should be a new tier added to the Tariff, giving a discount to BOT due to the large volume of material being shipped in one season.
 - The CM wanted to personally negotiate a rate discount for BOT but the attorney had advised the CM cannot do so based on Tariff language,
 - That the Port Commission group has the authority to suggest new rates in the Tariff and forward those on to the City Council.
- There was group discussion with some noting that a Tariff rate change mid-season was not appropriate as other businesses that bid and planned their work based on the current Tariff rates did not have an opportunity to negotiate specific rates.

Motion:

The following motion was moved by Rowe and seconded by McLarty; the Port Commission supports the City Manager and Mayor meet with the Board of Trade, Inc., regarding a rate reduction on gravel being shipped out of Nome in the 2021 season.

Discussion:

West, Henderson and Smithhisler all abstained from the vote due to conflicts of interest.

At the Roll Call:
 Ayes: Rowe; Sheffield; Lean;
 Nays: McLarty
 Abstain: Henderson; Smithhisler; West

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Sheffield commented that we have adult seabirds, multi-species, that are washing up dead across the region. One commonality is emaciation. That combined with the salmon runs shows our marine ecosystem is in some trouble at this time. If anyone see birds like this, please take a picture.

McLarty commented that the PC body needs to revisit this during our annual Tariff discussion.

Rowe had no comments.

Henderson had no comments.

Smithhisler commented that he liked the idea of having Cape Nome looked at again in the future and the City making improvements at that facility for use as a backup for Nome's docks.

Lean commented that the Chum and King runs are about the worse even on record. The Pink salmon was mediocre and he feels it was overpopulation and outcompeting the Chum and Kings. The Coho's seem to follow the Pinks so it's looking like a poor to medium run. Hopefully we get back into the odd/even cycle where the forage fish have time to recover. Also, noted that no larval fish going by equals hungry birds.

West commented that he has been on this board for a long time and each person on the PC body has their own expertise and he likes that. That the Tariff states that all rates can be negotiated and he brought it to the Port Director and City Manager and other companies could have done the same. Due to the large quantity of material being hauled this season he feels that a rate discount is warranted and additional tiers are needed to be added for gravel rates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by for adjournment 7:48pm.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 19th day of August 2021.



Jim West, Chairman

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Joy Baker, Port Director