

Presented By:
Port Director
Action Taken:
Yes ___
No ___
Abstain ___

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-05-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NOME TO APPLY FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN THE USDOT PIDP DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING THE PORT OF NOME ARCTIC PORT RECEPTION FACILITY – SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PHASE

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) administers the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant Program, which supports investments in the planning, design and/or construction of surface transportation that improve port resilience or environmental mitigation measures, supporting economic viability at the regional levels, addressing climate change, environmental justice impacts, equity and leveraging federal funds to attract non-federal sources of infrastructure investment, with at least \$33.75M awarded to eligible small port projects, with a focus on projects which seek to directly benefit areas of persistent poverty, or historically disadvantaged communities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Nome owns the Port & Harbor, which serves as the regional maritime hub facility for over fifty (50) western Alaska communities, transshipping fuel, cargo, gravel and construction equipment in volumes that have increased over time, driving the need for additional shore-side services at the Port to meet this demand; and,

WHEREAS, the Port of Nome’s role as the only publicly-owned coastal maritime infrastructure north of the Aleutians for the refueling and resupply of Arctic vessels, has highlighted the need for an approved mechanism to accept and properly dispose of regulated ship waste, from both foreign and domestic vessels, with a primary focus on solid waste that requires incineration and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), is actively designing the Port of Nome Modifications Project that will build the nation’s first deep draft port in the U.S. Arctic, with construction scheduled to commence in 2024 and reach completion in 2027, bringing a substantial increase in the number of vessels that will be using the Port of Nome, significantly elevating the need for ship waste disposal to be developed and in the near term to keep these waste products from being disposed of in the sea; and,

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City of Nome completed a feasibility study on the requirements and practicality of developing an Arctic Port Reception facility to handle both solid and liquid wastes from ocean-going vessels, selecting the solid waste disposal as the first phase for completion, as it is a separable element that can be achieved in a shorter timeframe, to meet the existing and future demand on the port facility through application to the PIDP grant program; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common Council supports application to the USDOT PIDP Grant Program with a match of up to twenty (20) percent, unless the match portion is funded through a pending award of an FY2022 Denali Commission Waterfront Development grant, to fund the Arctic Port Reception Facility – Solid Waste Disposal Project, subject to selection by USDOT, to enter into an agreement with USDOT for a PIDP Discretionary Grant.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 9th day of May 2022.

JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND, Clerk