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NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024 at 05:30PM/7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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WORK SESSION 05:30 PM

Work Session Started 05:36PM

- A. Discussion of Personal Property Tax on Commercial Aircrafts,

- B. Email of March 19, 2024 Between City Manager Glenn Steckman and Russell Rowe of Bering Air re: Proposed Tax on Aircraft,

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- C. Email of March 18, 2024 Between City Manager Glenn Steckman and Marilyn Romano of Alaska Airlines re: Proposed Tax on Aircrafts,

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SESSION 07:00PM

ROLL CALL at 07:22PM

Members Present: C.Henderson; C.Piscoya; C.Martinson; C. Johnson, C.Miller (Phone); C. Tapqaq (Phone)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (Phone); Dan Grimmer, City Clerk; Thomas Simonsson, NJUS

In the audience: Angie Nguyen; Brad Soske;; Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget Newspaper; Russell Rowe, Bering Air; Anna Ashenfelter; Patrick Piscoya; Jim Rowe, Bering Air (Phone); Susan Hoshaw, Everts Air Cargo (Phone)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Johnson to approve Agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson, Piscoya, Martinson, Johnson, Miller, Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. September 11, 2023 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes,

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- B. September 13, 2023 Nome Common Council Special Meeting Minutes,

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- C. October 10, 2023 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes,

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- D. March 4, 2024 Nome Common Council Special Meeting Minutes,

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A Motion was made by C.Johnson and seconded by C.Picoya to approve the meeting minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson, Piscoya, Martinson, Johnson, Miller, Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Nome Nugget Article of March 8, 2024 re: New Owners Hope To See Nugget Inn Reopened Soon,

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- B. Letter of March 13, 2024 from Lena M. Nome Resident to City of Nome re: Proposed Amendment Ordinance to Chapter 17.20 Property Tax,

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- C. E-mail of March 19, 2024 from Bob Walker to City of Nome re: Nome Pool Mechanical Renovation Commissioning,

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- D. Public Notice of March 20, 2024 re: 2024 City of Nome Assessment Notices and Appeal Information,

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- E. Memo of March 22, 2024 from Clerk Dan Grimmer to Nome Common Council re: Untimely filed Senior Exemption applications,

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- F. City of Nome FY2025 Budget Calendar,

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Communications Reviewed one at a time. Comment was made by C. Henderson and echoed by C. Johnson that Lena M.'s proposed change to the property tax ordinance be looked at by the assessors and the lawyer. City Manager Glenn Steckman noted that this proposed document had been sent to both for review.

Senior Exemption appeal for Louis Green Jr. was reviewed by Council

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson, Piscoya, Martinson, Johnson, Miller, Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

Will a majority vote the Council would like the City Clerk to accept the Senior Exemption Appealed to be considered as timely filed.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS-No Comments

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-24-03-02 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2024 General Fund Municipal Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,**
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- B. O-24-03-03 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2024 School Debt Service Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,**
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- C. O-24-03-04 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2024 Special Revenue Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,**
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- D. O-24-03-05 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2024 Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,**
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- E. O-24-03-06 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2024 Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,**
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- F. O-24-03-07 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2024 Port of Nome Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,**
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- G. O-24-03-08 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2024 Port of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,**
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A motion to approved was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson

Clarifying questions about the budget were made by C.Henderson and answered by City Manager Glenn Steckman and Finance Director Nickie Crowe.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson, Piscoya, Martinson, Johnson, Miller, Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-24-03-01 A Resolution to Name the Parties Qualified to Sign Depository Pledge Agreements, Orders For Payment, Warrants, And/Or Checks Against the City of Nome Accounts,

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A motion was made to adopt this resolution by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Johnson.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson, Piscoya, Martinson, Johnson, Miller, Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: February 26 - March 22, 2024,

VERBAL

Comments by Thomas Simonsson from NJUS.. Hired a new foreman for when the current foreman retires. Crew has been chasing down leaks to help residents fix leaks. NJUS has some new branded jackets to help identify workers to the community. Hiring for a waste water and power plant operator and mechanic. Was part of the helping setup the Iditarod events. The first fuel order was made.

Praise given by C.Johnson for the Line Crew setting up the webcam.

Mayor Handeland added that they received a USDA Grant to add Heat Recovery Technology to harness more of the energy being created.

Question made by C.Johnson about when streets get repaved do they have pipes/utilities replaced before repaving. Mayor Handeland addressed that they are looked at and replaced if needed.

Question was made by C. Picoya about NJUS' Drug Testing policy. Mayor Handeland stated that drug testing was a condition of policy as well as individual contracts.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: February 26 - March 22, 2024,

VERBAL

- B. MOA Between NSHC and City of Nome for the Provision of Ground Ambulance Services

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City Manager gave a shout out to the Boys Basketball team who won the state championship.

An announcement was made of the resignation of Wade Harrison with NPD.

MOA was reviewed for the Ambulance contract. This is being reviewed by the City's Lawyer.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Thomas Simonsson expressed his respect for Wade Gray Harrison and wanted to honor his time with NPD and the dedication he gave professionally and how he conducted himself.

Brad Soske welcomed the new City Clerk Dan Grimmer. He notified the council that he was proud that the property assessments were mailed out the same day the post office received them.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

C.Johnson-Congratulations to the boys basketball team. Wanted to have the council keep in mind the importance to support the school budget to support the school activities.

C.Martinson- Congratulations to the boys basketball team. Thanks those that put on the parade for the team. Best wishes to Officer Harrison.

C.Piscoya- Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team and the Ski Team.

C.Henderson- Welcome to the City Clerk. Thanks for Officer Harrisons service to the community. Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team and also all the Nome Athletes. He also emphasized the importance of supporting the schools budget. Would like to have another work session re: the aircraft tax so that everyone can be able to voice their concerns and participate in the conversation. C. Henderson stated that it was unfortunate that the technology was not working as it could have.

C.Miller-No comment

C.Tapqaq- Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team. Would like there to be more incentives instead of taxation.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: February 26 - March 22, 2024,

VERBAL

Gave praise to Mike Owens who had been a huge help during the Iditarod Week.

Would also like to see another work session to discuss the aviation tax.

Potential work session dates were discussed and it was decided that there would be a Special Work Session on April 1st at 05:30PM.

SESSION ENDED AT 08:00PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Personnel the Immediate Knowledge Which May Have Adverse Effects On City of Nome Finances,

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 08:49PM

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 8th day of April 2024.

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

DAN GRIMMER
City Clerk