

TO: The Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's report

April 5, 2024

Cruise Ships:

Under communications is the schedule of cruise ships received by Discovery Tours. This year, unlike other years, the city will have a "port of call" visit. Where our port visits are turn around visits with limited time in Nome, the "port of call" visit will have 1800 cruise passengers spending up to eight hours in Nome.

Discovery Tours is working with city staff and local businesses to prepare for the event and to provide plenty of activities for cruise ship passengers.

NSHC:

City staff is preparing for the turnover of the ambulance service to NSHC. As of now a tentative agreement has been reached. The date scheduled for takeover by NSHC is April 15 at 12:01am. As of this moment, our city attorney is trying to determine if the hospital will be able to meet the deadline.

A resolution and an ordinance are in the packet to allow for the transfer. The resolution and the attached contract outline the transfer of the ambulance service to NSHC and the obligations of both parties.

The ordinance is to allow repeal of city ordinance 2.40.160 where the City of Nome has NVAD operating the ambulance service and changing it to NSHC operating the ground ambulance service.

City staff has notified the State of Alaska EMS. The staff has also notified System Design West (SDW) the company that invoices Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance for the NVAD services.

Emergency Radio System:

Federal Engineering reviewed the bid submittal and approves the proposal by Arcticom, an Alaska based business, to install a new emergency radio system for \$951,248.59. In our E911 fund there is a balance of \$735,967.00 as of 6/30/23. I am asking your approval of this RFP.