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Nome Common Council
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Adam Martinson
M. Sigvanna Tapqaq

NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 04, 2022 at 7:05 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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WORK SESSION 5:30 pm

- A. 5:30 PM - Discussion of FY 2023 School Budget.
- B. 6:30 PM - Discussion of RSA Engineering Heating and Ventilation Upgrades for City Hall and Rec Center.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Scot Henderson; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Sigvanna Tapqaq (telephonic)

Members Absent: Doug Johnson (excused); Paris Hebel (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Mike Heintzelman, NPD Chief; Bob Pruckner, Deputy Chief; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (telephonic); Joy Baker, Port Director (telephonic); Chip Leep, Parks & Rec Director; Ken Morton, NJUS Assistant Manager

In the audience: Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget; Sean Milligan, KNOM; Bob Metcalf, Jamie Burgess

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Brown to approve the agenda.

Discussion:

- Mayor Handeland suggested Communications A be taken up at the next meeting.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Tapqaq; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. March 10, 2022 Nome Common Council Special Meeting Minutes.
- B. March 28, 2022 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the March 10, 2022 and the March 28, 2022 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Tapqaq; Brown; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of March 18, 2022 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Hanson's Trading Co. Package Store License Renewal.
 - Mayor Handeland noted this would be taken up at the next meeting.
- B. Email Chain of March 31 - April 1, 2022 between Clerk Hammond and the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission re: Reduction in Seasonal Tax Timeline.
- C. Letter of April 1, 2022 from Myra Scholze of Nome Arts Council to City Council Members re: Art Mural on Front St.
 - Council Member Brown discussed the City Buildings on Front Street.
 - Mayor Handeland noted the City's past position was to not use City Hall as a billboard and requested more info.
- D. FY 2023 City of Nome Budget Calendar.
- E. Notice: Alaskan Inuit Youth Photography Training Opportunity.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

none given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-22-04-01 An Ordinance of the Nome Common Council, Nome, Alaska, Providing for a Temporary Reduction of Sales Tax for the Months of May, June, July, and August 2022.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to advance O-22-04-01.

Discussion:

- Council Member Mark Johnson asked if the ordinance as presented would need to be amended, given the conversation between the Clerk and the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission.
- Clerk Hammond confirmed May would need to be removed from the ordinance.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Tapqaq; Henderson; M. Johnson

Nay: Brown

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-22-04-01 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Nome to Apply for and Participate in the USDOT RAISE Discretionary Grant Program for the Funding of the Port of Nome Local Service Facilities Design & Engineering - Phases II & III.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-22-04-01.

Discussion:

- Port Director Baker discussed the strategy for funding the Port modification, the cost sharing requirements and the intent to use state funds for the grant match. She noted a hearing scheduled for Senate finance later in the week. She also noted the grant funds would be awarded in fall, if the application was successful.
- Mayor Handeland noted the City of Nome applied for the same program and didn't get awarded last year.
- Port Director Baker explained that the program was better funded this year.
- Council Member Henderson discussed the Port-requested \$1.6 million that came out of the general fund and asked if the grant would reimburse the general fund.
- Director Baker explained that reimbursement would occur through Port Revenue. She explained the strategy for reimbursement and the strategy in applying for other grants that might allow such costs.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tapqaq; Brown; Henderson; Martinson; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-22-04-02 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Nome to Apply for and Participate in the USDOT RAISE Discretionary Grant Program for Funding the Completion of the Port of Nome Thornbush Site Development.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-22-04-02.

Discussion:

- Port Director Baker explained the grant application and the strategy for funding the development and expansion of Port storage areas.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. R-22-04-03 A Resolution Recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to adopt R-22-04-03.

Discussion:

- Upon request by Mayor Handeland, Clerk Hammond read R-22-04-03 in its entirety.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Tapqaq; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- E. R-22-04-04 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with RSA Engineering to Upgrade the Heating & Ventilation Systems in City Hall and the Nome Recreation Center.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-22-04-04.

Discussion:

- Council Member Brown clarified the time & materials construction administration estimate was included.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Tapqaq; Brown; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT**A. Activity Report: March 29 - April 1, 2022.**

- Assistant Utility Manager Morton gave his verbal report, noting the reconnection of the fiber optic to the windfarm and recruitment of positions made vacant through recent and upcoming retirements.
- Council Member Mark Johnson asked about jetting the storm drains.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**A. Activity Report: March 29 - April 1, 2022.**

- Manager Steckman presented his written report.
- Council Member Mark Johnson asked about jetting the storm drains.
- Manager Steckman discussed Public Works plans for clearing the drains.

B. February 8, 2022 Nome Port Commission Special Meeting Minutes.**C. February 17, 2022 Nome Port Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.****D. Memo of March 28, 2022 from Museum Director Phillips-Chan to Manager Steckman re: 2022 Iditarod at the Carrie McLain Museum,****CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

None given

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Mark Johnson – no comments.
2. Council Member Martinson updated the Council and public on the April 30th celebration of the Nome-Beltz State Title win, explaining a potluck would be held from 5 – 7 pm at the Nome Rec Center with the team. Hamburgers would be provided and people were requested to bring a dish to pass.

3. Council Member Tapqaq – no comments.
4. Council Member Brown – no comments.
5. Council Member Henderson asked for the budget assumptions concerning the sales tax holiday to be presented at 2nd reading for the ordinance, so the Council could make an informed decision.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: March 29 - April 1, 2022.
- Mayor Handeland relayed a communication from Vanessa Tahbone noting that 6 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze medals – 3 if you count the coaches – were won at this year's NYO in Juneau.
 - He reiterated Council Member Martinson's announcement concerning the celebration of the Nome-Beltz state title win on April 30th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Union Negotiations.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to enter into executive session to discuss union negotiations.

The Council entered into executive session at 7:32 PM.

The Council came out of executive session at 7:54 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections the Council adjourned at 7:54 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 25th day of April, 2022

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

JEREMY JACOBSON
Deputy Clerk