

**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland

**Manager**  
Glenn Steckman

**Clerk**  
Dan Grimmer



**Nome Common Council**  
Scot Henderson  
Mark Johnson  
Maggie Miller  
Adam Martinson  
Cameron Piscoya  
M. Sigvanna Tapqaq

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR & EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING AGENDA**  
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024 07:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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**ROLL CALL at 07:05 PM**

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

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Dan Grimmer, City Clerk; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (Zoom); Charles Cacciola, City Attorney

In the Audience: Troy Walker, Brad Soske, Thomas Simonsson, Cole Cushman, Diana Haecker

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion to Approve the Agenda was made by C. Henderson and Seconded by C. Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C. Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. 24-05-28 Nome Common Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes,

A Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes for 05/28/24 was made by C. Henderson and Seconded by C. Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C. Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Polar Bar AMCO Renewal Notice,
- B. Hanson Trading Company AMCO Renewal Notice,
- C. Alaska Commercial AMCO Renewal Notice,
- D. Nome Liquor Store AMCO Renewal Notice,
- E. Board of Trade AMCO Renewal Notice,

- F. VFW AMCO Renewal Notice,

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

No Comments

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. O-24-06-01 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2025 City of Nome General Fund Municipal Budget and Exercising the Power to Assess and Authorize the Levy of a General Property Tax, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**,

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:09 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:10 PM.

There was discussion started by C.Henderson asking for clarification on the amendment to remove the flatbed truck from the General fund budget. There was discussion about the benefits of having the tow truck as well as the difficulties of not having one. There is continued discussion about looking at the private sector for this service. A Memo was drafted by the Finance Director showing the Flatbed truck being removed from the budget.

A Motion to Ammend this Ordinance was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson removing the flatbed truck from the General fund budget.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

C.Henderson reviewed the Changes in the General Fund budget and what was decided. The Mill Rate was discussed and the approval of the Nome Public Schools Budget. C.Henderson voiced concern about the budget deficit and the council approving a budget expense with the school that is larger than previous years.

The council was reminded by the City Manager that the Mill Rate and School Budget was under a strict timeline by Alaska Statute to approve these budgets.

C.Henderson confirmed the amount of defecit in which the City is operating without any additional revenue sources with the exception of the increase in Mill Rate. The Finance Director updated the council on how much money the City has in Reserves.

A Motion to Adopt this Ordinance was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. O-24-06-02 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2025 City of Nome School Debt Service Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:34 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:34 PM

A Motion to Adopt this Ordinance was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED.**

- C. O-24-06-03 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2025 City of Nome Special Revenue Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:35 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:36 PM

A Motion to Adopt this Ordinance was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED.**

- D. O-24-06-04 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2025 City of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:39 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:40 PM

A Motion to Adopt this Ordinance was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

This Ordinance has a Memo from the Finance Director the reflects changed to budget items and totals.

A Motion to Ammend this Ordiance was made by C.Henderson and C.Martinson

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion to Ammend the Ordinance **CARRIED.**

The Adoption of the Amended Ordinance

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED.**

- E. O-24-06-05 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2025 City of Nome Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:42 PM.  
The Council reconvened at 7:42 PM

A Motion to Adopt this Ordinance was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- F. O-24-06-06 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2025 City of Nome Port of Nome Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:43 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:44 PM

A Motion to Adopt this Ordinance was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- G. O-24-06-07 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2025 City of Nome Port of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:45 PM.

Public Hearing was heard from Mr. Troy Walker about the Port project. Mr. Walker expressed concerns about the extension of the port disrupting the current and creating a sand build up. He expressed the need for studies to be made to address the potential ecological effects upon the river and ocean. Mayor Handeland updated Mr. Walker with the surveying and studies that have already been done with this project to address those issues.

The Council reconvened at 7:50 PM

A Motion to Adopt this Ordinance was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- H. O-24-06-08 An Ordinance Amending Section 3.10.120 of the Code of Ordinances to Provide for Minor Offense Citations for Violations of Ordinances Regulating Taxicabs, Buses and Vehicles for Hire and Modifying the Minor Offense Fine Schedule, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:52 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:52 PM

Discussion: C.Henderson asked about the motivation behind changing this ordinance. The City Manager, Glenn Steckman addressed the difficulty of having these violations as civil infractions versus having them as minor offenses.

A Motion to Adopt this Ordinance was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- I. O-24-06-09 An Ordinance Amending Section 10.30.100 of Nome Code of Ordinances to Require Proof of Rabies Vaccination Prior to Importing any Dog into the City of Nome and Amending the Minor Offense Fine Schedule, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**,

A Motion to Pass this Ordinance on to Second Reading/Public Hearing/Final Passage was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. R-24-06-01 A Resolution Appointing Dan Grimmer as Acting City Manager for June 25th Through July 9th, 2024,

A Motion to Adopt Resolution 24-06-01 was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-24-06-02 A Resolution Appointing Dan Grimmer, City Clerk to Serve as the City Treasurer,

A Motion to Adopt Resolution 24-06-02 was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-24-06-03 A Resolution Approving a Contract with Windward Strategies for Federal Lobbying Services for the Fiscal Year 2025,

A Motion to Adopt Resolution 24-06-03 was made by C.Henderson and Seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

### **UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Thomas Simonsson, Superintendent- City Crew will be cleaning out sewer lines and servicing fire hydrants. There will be a new cell tower by the High School and receiver by the Icy View Fire Station. There is a Lift station project on N Street that is partially being funded by NSHC. A thank you to from NJUS to the HR Director for the successful Job Fair. There were several job applications for NJUS that came from that Job Fair. Mayor Handeland reminded to be aware of Potential open man holes when the sewer maintenance is undergoing. There is collaboration with King Island and the Village of Solomon to evaluate the grade difference on 6<sup>th</sup> avenue.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### A. City Manager Report,

City Manager acknowledged the Police Department in removing a sexual offender from the community. The PD is about 90% completion in their accreditation process. Creating an inpound yard is something that is holding up some of this process at this point. The accreditation could reduce the insurance rates. There is interest in restoring the Seppala House.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

No Comments

### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

C.Tapqaq- No Comment

C.Johnson- No Comment

C.Henderson- Good news with the PD working through the accreditation process. Thanks to Cynthia, HR Director and Angie Nguyen with the Spring Clean-up.

C.Martinson- No Comment

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

Kudos for the clean-up success. He reminded everyone that this is not a once a month or once a year activity. Asked if bags are still available for people. Bags can be obtained through the clerks office. Midnight Sun is coming up. There is not yet traction with the Midnight Sun Parade as the past organizer is no longer in the community. If there are any individuals that are interested they can reach out to Mayor Handeland. We are having great weather this year.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A Motion was made to recess into executive session by C.Henderson and seconded by C.Martinson

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Tapqaq

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- A. Subjects that Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of any Person,
- B. Police matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council reconvened from Executive session and the meeting adjourned at 09:05PM

**APPROVED and SIGNED** this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2024.

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND**  
**Mayor**

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**DAN GRIMMER**  
**City Clerk**