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**NOME PORT COMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20th 2022 @ 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

Nome Port Commission
Jim West, Jr., Chairman
Charlie Lean, Vice Chairman
Derek McLarty
Shane Smithhisler
Russell Rowe
Gay Sheffield
Drew McCann

The Regular Meeting of the Nome Port Commission was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman West at the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Smithhisler, Lean, West, Rowe, Sheffield, McLarty

Absent: McCann (excused)

Also Present: Joy Baker – Port Director (video call); Lucas Stotts - Harbormaster

In the audience: Nome Nugget-Diana Haecker, KNOM-Davis Hovey, Howard Farley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman West asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion to approve made by Lean, seconded by Rowe.

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: Lean; West; Rowe; Sheffield; McLarty; Smithhisler

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

Discussion: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 15th, 2022 Motion made by Lean, seconded by McLarty to approve minutes;

Discussion: none

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: West; Rowe; Sheffield; McLarty; Smithhisler, Lean

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- None

COMMUNICATIONS

- 22-09-30 Post-Storm Technical Site Assessment Nome Harbor/Seawall – USACE
- 22-10-05 White House National Strategy for the Arctic Region
- 22-10-08 White House Arctic Strategy puts new emphasis on national security and threats posted by Russia – Alaska Beacon
- 22-10-13 Strait Science – 6:30pm Thurs Oct 20 – USCG Always Ready/Present

Discussion:

- HM Stotts responded to a question on the Corps report; advising that two containers were pushed to the west, off the Causeway, yet only one was discovered on west beach, with the other found on the beach between the breakwaters. Marks and scratches on the container and pipeline casings under the Causeway bridge clearly indicated the path taken by the container during the storm.
- PD Baker noted that following the meeting, those members of the Commission who wished to participate in the 6:30pm Strait Science session with the USCG, we welcome to stay for that.

COMMISSIONER’S UPDATES

- None

HARBORMASTER’S REPORT

HM Stotts provided a brief update on the following;

- 1st Quarter F23 HM Report including staffing and season ending.
- Update on Closing Operations & Maintenance Planning
- Update on the last of the vessel haulouts and harbor conditions.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Lean asked if the storage on the east side of harbor is a nuisance.
 - HM Stotts stated that area has historically been used for storage, and use of that area alleviates more crowding on the Lower IP and Garco areas.
- Commissioner McLarty asked if there were plans to remove all the wood washed up from the storm.
 - HM Stotts stated the wood is currently being gathered as firewood – after a few weeks of that effort, the wood will be pushed into a pile and collected.

PORT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

PD Baker provided an overview of the following:

- 22-10-18 Port Director/Projects Status Report
 - Post-Storm Impacts to Port/Harbor Facilities – Damage Submitted to FEMA
 - AAHPA Conference Wrap Up

Discussion:

In response to report questions:

- PD Baker stated Bonanza has been completed filling their lot on the upper industrial pad; the City will continue to development laydown storage westward to the Thornbush property line.
- PD Baker stated Turnagain Marine donated \$35K toward post-storm engineering services for Nome and the region. She plans to request the Mayor and Manager approve contributing these funds to the Western Alaska Recovery Program.
 - AAHPA Silent Auction funds contributed over \$5K to the same fund.

- PD Baker mentioned the City must identify a 4-acre parcel to provide to the ADDP construction contractor for the duration of the project.
 - Commissioner McLarty commented there is opportunity for man camps beyond the Port.
 - PD Baker stated the man camp must be on City-owned or leased property per requirements.
 - PD Baker asked if any members of the PC would like to serve on an in-house panel to identify options for potential man camp properties – no more than 3, per the Open Meetings Act.
 - Commissioner McLarty, West and Lean stated they would like to be on the panel.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Nome Inner Harbor CAP 107 Feasibility Study Next Steps – Updated Alternatives

Discussion: There was group discussion on the differences between Alt A, B and C. The group agreed together that Alt C addressed the needs of the inner harbor, providing the widest turning basin, dredged river basin, and allows for the best in future development.

Motion made by McLarty, seconded by Smithhisler, to select Alternative C as the preferred layout option that will deepen and widen the dredge limits under the CAP 107 Project.

At the Roll Call:

Ayes: Rowe; McLarty; Smithhisler; Lean; West; Sheffield;

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by for adjournment at 6:25pm.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 17th day of November 2022.

Jim West Jr

Jim West, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jh Baker

Joy Baker, Port Director