

**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland  
**Manager**  
Glenn Steckman  
**Clerk**  
Bryant Hammond



**Nome City Council**  
Jerald Brown  
Doug Johnson  
Mark Johnson  
Adam Martinson  
Jennifer Reader  
Meghan Sigvanna Topkok

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Brown (telephonic); D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson (telephonic); Reader (telephonic);

Members Absent: Topkok

Also Present: John Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Joy Baker, Port Director

In the audience: Charlie Lean; Jim West, Jr.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:  
Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Brown  
Nay:  
Absent:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

1. Charlie Lean, vice chair of the Port Commission, spoke in support of funding the launch ramp bid, despite it coming in over budget. He explained its importance to the Port in serving the region, noting it would be a bad thing if it failed mid season. Mr. Lean noted he was also in favor of the other proposal on the agenda as well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. R-21-03-03 A Resolution Awarding the Demo and Construction of the Port of Nome Launch Ramp Replacement Project to STG, Inc.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to adopt R-21-03-03.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman explained the status of the project and its funding. He noted the administration supports the funding of the project.
- Council Member Doug Johnson asked why the bids came back so expensive, compared to the engineers estimate.
- Manager Steckman introduced Port Director Baker, who explained the process of multiple bid announcements, the funding, permitting and design adjustment to get the project within budget.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Brown; D. Johnson;

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-21-03-04 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Nome to Apply for and Participate in the USDOT INFRA Discretionary Grant Program for the Funding of the Snake River Moorage and Vessel Haulout Facility Project.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to adopt R-21-03-04.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman noted the grant is essentially the same as one previously applied for in 2020.
- Port Director Baker explained changes to the funding strategy. She noted appreciation for Nome Eskimo Community's continued partnership and explained strategies for garnering more attention for projects among grant reviewers. She asked for an increase in the City's match amount to do so.
- The Council discussed various levels of financial and in-kind commitment. Mayor Handeland summarized the conversation as needing to contribute \$1.1 million to garner a higher tier placement and better funding likelihood.
- The Council considered levels of matching funds and what the City was willing to commit.
- Council Member Doug Johnson spoke in support of passing the resolution, arguing it's the right time for the project.
- Port Director Baker elucidated the reasons for moving forward with the project.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Reader to add "with a match of twenty (20) percent" between "program" and "for" in the Now therefore be it resolved clause.

At the roll call:

Aye: Reader; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Reader; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 5:47 PM.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

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**John K. Handeland**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**BRYANT HAMMOND**  
Clerk