

To: The Mayor and Common Council

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**EOC/NSHC:**

The weekly meeting with EOC and the daily call with NSHC continues. The increase in COVID-19 cases in the Nome census district is being followed closely. NSHC is now discouraging un-necessary travel to Anchorage because the growing outbreak in Anchorage.

**CARES ACT City GRANT Application:**

As of Wednesday, we have 25 applications. This round of grant applications will close on Friday 8/24 at 5pm. I hope to have an initial verbal report to you by Monday evening.

**Equipment Operator II:**

We are currently hiring for an Equipment Operator II. So far, we have had no applications.

**Kawerak:**

The Police Chief and I attended our second meeting with Kawerak to discuss concerns about the NPD. The meetings have been positive. Melanie Bahnke has promised to find money for the City to send the rape kits for faster analysis. Currently, it takes the state lab 14 months to process a rape kit.

**Senator Murkowski:**

Senator Murkowski held a conference call with the Alaska Native Corporations, NEC and the city. The call focused on how the organizations were handling COVID-19 and was there any way her office could help. Each organization that participated in the call had five minutes to speak to issues relevant to them. I thanked the Senator for the CARES funding and outlined the rise in NPD calls and the increase sexual violence and domestic violence calls.

**Human Resources:**

The responsibility of the human resources functions and oversight is gradually being transferred over to my office. Payroll, however, will still be managed by the Finance Department. Eventually, we will need a human resource officer.

**Census 2020:**

The undercount problem of the City of Nome continues. The City of Nome has had a response rate of 31.2%. The School District has agreed to place a census flyer from the city encouraging people to register.