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**NOME PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL Start 7:00pm

Members Present: C.Hughes; C.Piscoya; C.Lust; C.Ford; C. Odden
Members Absent: C. Smith - Excused
Also Present: Lee Smith, City Manager; Dan Grimmer, City Clerk; Erin Reinders, City Planner; Anna Lionas, Nome Nugget Newspaper; Kate Osborn; Chuck Fagerstrom. Wali Rama, KNOM; 10 people also viewing on KNOM YouTube.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C.Lust and seconded by C.Piscoya to approve the agenda as presented.

At Roll Call:

Aye: C.Hughes; C.Piscoya; C.Lust; C.Ford; C. Odden:

Nay:

Abstain:

THE MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

25-03-04 Nome Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by C.Ford and seconded by C.Piscoya to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

At Roll Call:

Aye: C.Hughes; C.Piscoya; C.Lust; C.Ford; C.Odden:

Nay:

Abstain:

THE MOTION CARRIED

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

Nothing to add at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. A Memo regarding property 190.1.040 owned by Joe Burnham of Kanosak, LLC,

Information only and Mr. Burnham will be given a little time.

CC Grimmer stated that Mr. Burnham is appealing decision that it doesn't follow zoning codes and June 3rd he will be appealing.

B. Public Notice of Application for Permit

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Megan Onders stated she was just here to listen.

Chuck Fagerstrom Welcome CM Smith. Enjoyed the economic development conference. Was very informative. Main reason for speaking was to discuss the area known as Gold Ave. Thought the city may have worked out a deal with one of the dredging companies allowing them to store their equipment on the west end adjacent to the waterway. Seeing all this equipment being stored there is disheartening. Hopes that the city will not allow this type of activity/storage.

CM stated that he had a meeting regarding this earlier in the day.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. May 13, 2025 Memo from Erin Reinders, City Planner to the Nome Planning Commission re: A Public Hearing on the Downtown Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendment, City Planner Reinders gave a brief overview, stating NPC is holding a hearing and voting to move it forward to common council for their actions. The ordinance as you know creates two new zoning districts that are less restrictive than what is currently zoned, most notably related to setbacks and land uses. Both have zero-foot setbacks from the right of way. Two of the land uses are now less restrictive.

C.Hughes entertained motion to enter into public hearing.

A motion was made by C.Ford and seconded by C.Odden to enter into public hearing. To hear public testimony. No discussion.

Time In 7:10pm Time Out 7:12pm

C.Hughes entertained motion to move this ordinance to common council.

A motion was made by C.Piscoya and seconded by C.Odden to move this ordinance to common council.

At Roll Call:

Aye: C.Hughes; C.Piscoya; C.Lust; C.Ford; C. Odden:

Nay:

Abstain:

THE MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Economic Development/PIO Onders on her agenda is to figure out investments' codes, how to attract investors and investments. Nothing else to add just wanted to put it out there.

CC Grimmer to address the application from Army Corp of Engineers. Concerned that it overlaps outside of resource development. Stated if any residents wanted to voice their concerns to contacts provided on application.

C.Hughes stated this could be an agenda item for the June 3rd NPC meeting.

CM Smith stated that we should do a better job at notifying residents with getting notices out.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

C.Lust – Welcomed CM Smith to his new role. Need to do a better job on putting things on the calendar so that we don't miss out on things like grant money that was available for the historic preservation commission.

C.Ford – Welcomed CM. Wanted to let everyone know that there are funds available through HFC for non-profits and profits. Must commit to housing. Amount up to \$350,000.

C.Piscoya – Also wanted to welcome CM and also PIO Onders. Good meeting.

C.Odden – Good to be back after all the traveling. Let's get moving.

C.Hughes – Before comments, wanted to let Mr. Fagerstrom speak. He was doing some traveling and was unable to attend a few meetings. But stated that he did watch the first BOE meeting regarding Mr. Potter's property disputing the zoning of said property. His memory that the three lots in question were supposed to be zoned as general, never came back to the NPC. Shocked that this was never changed. Hoping that we can check the records from meetings before Mr. Potter purchased this property. A lot of resourced land is being disposed of by their owners for non-resource related development. We don't have a good procedure at this time. Thinks this needs to be addressed.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

A. Next Scheduled Meeting - 25-06-03

ADJOURNMENT Out 7:40pm

A motion was made by C.Piscoya and seconded by C.Odden to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 8TH day of July, 2025.

KENNETH HUGHES III
Chairman

ATTEST:

DAN GRIMMER
City Clerk