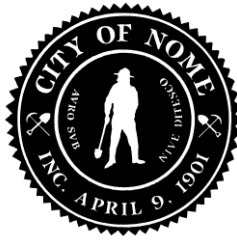


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**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna (virtually - Microsoft Teams); Jana Hoggan (virtually - Microsoft Teams); Traci McGarry (virtually - Microsoft Teams); Justin Noffske (virtually - Microsoft Teams); Carol Piscoya

Members Absent: Briday Green (excused)

Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy City Clerk; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Mike Heintzelman, NPD Chief;

In the audience: Julia Lerner, Nome Nugget; Sean Milligan, KNOM Radio; Jennifer Dean (virtually - Microsoft Teams)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by C. McGarry and seconded by C. Noffske to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: Hoggan; McGarry; Noffske; Piscoya; Bruner-Alvanna

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- A. Peter Travers Oath of Office,  
Deputy City Clerk Jacobson swore in Commissioner Travers.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

No citizen comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

## A. October 22, 2021 - City Manager's Report,

- City Manager Steckman described current active Covid-19 case counts within the region and current municipal protocol, noting Emergency Order 2021-04.
- C. Noffske inquired into Nome Public Schools (NPS) current color rating in the recent Covid-19 safety-level color system.
- City Manager Steckman affirmed NPS was no longer operating under a Covid-19 safety *color system*, with exception to traveling sports teams, noting NPS efforts to maintain in-class education. He explained further, various safety measures and local resources available.
- C. Traverse inquired into Covid-19 testing requirements at the Nome Airport.
- City Manager Steckman clarified regional testing procedure, educational resources available, and current municipal protocol.
- C. Noffske opined his concern regarding the current procedure at City meetings.
- City Manager Steckman affirmed that all attendees at City meetings use protective equipment (face masks) as required. He noted a high proportion of the vaccinated and unvaccinated population receiving Covid-19 positive tests and the Municipality's efforts to provide public notice, education, and resources.
- City Manager Steckman concluded by briefly outlining his manager's activity report for the commissioners.

## B. Emergency Order 2021-04,

- City Manager Steckman previously detailed in his City Manager activity report.

## C. Nome Police Department (NPD) - 3rd Quarter Statistical Report,

- Chief Heintzelman stated that all calls for service decreased in 2021 from 2020, with respect to 911 calls, noting the decrease in sexual assault calls. Chief acknowledged former CSO Bryan Piercy and his service prior to retirement, concluding his report by detailing incoming personnel to fill current vacancies.
- C. Noffske inquired into NPD hiring and retention practices and the possibility of increased wages.
- Chief Heintzelman acknowledged the contracts negotiation process between the Union (City of Nome Employees Association) and City Manager Steckman while noting recruiting personnel within the rural housing market.
- City Manager Steckman cited the Union's request for a classification study before the start of negotiations. The classification study was waiting on a request for proposal before beginning the study. He also stated that wages were a part of a budget tied to property and sales tax revenue.
- C. Piscoya inquired into the radio system project listed in the report.
- City Manager Steckman described a need for professional analysis of the radio system and the subsequent request for proposal drafted.
- C. Piscoya inquired into the current status of NPD accreditation.

- City Manager Steckman affirmed his work with Chief Heintzelman in managing the accreditation process and avoiding liabilities. He echoed the City Council's request for a full cost of accounting before proceeding, noting Chief Heintzelman working with the City of Soldotna for costs associated with accreditation.
- Chief Heintzelman affirmed that the costs associated were on hand; however, the cost of the accreditation manager was still needing determining.
- City Manager Steckman described concerns related to accreditation.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

1. C. Noffsker no comments.
2. C. Hoggan no comments.
3. C. McGarry no comments.
4. C. Piscoya opined a need for commissioner training. Inquiry into complaints submitted to Commission (none).
5. C. Bruner-Alvanna welcomed the newest Commissioner, Peter Traverse.
6. C. Traverse thanked the Commission for their hospitality and time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by C. Traverse and seconded by C. Noffsker to adjourn.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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**CAROL PISCOYA**  
**Vice-Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**JEREMY JACOBSON**  
**Acting Deputy City Clerk**