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Nome Common Council
Scot Henderson
Mark Johnson
Adam Martinson
Cameron Piscoya
M. Sigvanna Tapqaq
Maggie Miller

NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 at 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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WORK SESSION - 5:30 PM

A. Electronic Cigarettes in Public Schools

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Scot Henderson (Telephonic); Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Cameron Piscoya; M. Sigvanna Tapqaq; Maggie Miller

Members Absent:

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy City Clerk

In the Audience: Anna Lionas, The Nome Nugget; Andrew Lee; Tim Lemaire; Luke Hansen; Garrick Fuller; Scott Crowe; Rosa Wright; TJ Wright; Anna Ashenfeller; Pat Piscoya; Lawrence Piscoya; Meredith A.; Sophia Pentelis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C.M. Johnson approve the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Johnson amend the agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. M. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Piscoya, C. Tapqaq, C. Miller, C. Henderson

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Martinson, C. Piscoya, C. Tapqaq, C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Johnson

Aye:
Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter from White House to Mayor Handeland.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- Meredith A. described a police incident to which they were involved with, the concerns to how the situation was handled, and opining importance to understanding the cultural values that lead their community.

Mayor Handeland noted the Public Hearing scheduled at 7:15 PM. Requested to pause Citizen's Comments momentarily and to be resumed after Public Hearing has concluded.

- Andrew Lee, Anvil Creek Lodge, 28-bedroom cabins lodge. 27 acres of land just outside City-limits. This is an advisory, however will follow up to discuss City services such as fire-services.
- Sophia Pentelis opined the need for a multi-use sports complex.
 - o Rosa Wright opined indoor-track program would greatly benefit the community.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant Funding.
- Mary Donaldson noted State of Alaska has a 2.5 million grant that City of Nome is qualified for. This hearing is to introduce the grant and gather public input on where the funds can be best applied in Nome. Deadline for proposal submission to solicitor is October 25, 2023 with Grant submission by December 1, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-23-10-02 A Resolution Honoring Stanley "Stan" Andersen for His Over Forty Years of Public Service and Commitment to The City of Nome.

A motion was made by C. Tapqaq and seconded by C. Piscoya to adopt R-23-10-02.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Piscoya, C. Tapqaq, C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Johnson, C. Martinson

Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-23-10-03 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract with Northern Economics to Perform Work Known as the PON Tariff Rate Study & Analysis for A Lump Sum Fee of \$58,200.

A motion was made by C. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-23-10-03.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Tapqaq, C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Piscoya

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-23-10-04 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract with PND Engineers, Inc. To Perform Work Known as The PON Strategic Development Plan Update at A Lump Sum Fee of \$53,625.

A motion was made by C. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-23-10-04.

Discussion:

- C. Tapqaq inquired about Tribal consultation.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Piscoya, C. Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: September 22 - October 04, 2023.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: September 22 - October 04, 2023.
- Manager Steckman requested an executive session to review legislative priorities.
 - Manager Steckman inquired about a work session for the Ambulance Department.
 - o Mayor Handeland discussed further information required before November 13 5:30PM Common Council work-session.
 - Manager Steckman advised Police Accreditation should be complete by October 2024, ahead of schedule.
 - Also addressed the citizen's comment regarding NPD. Advised that the complaints were reviewed by a representative from NSHC and the Public Safety Advisory Commission and deemed actions were within standard operating procedure.
 - o C. Piscoya questioned who specifically had determined the appropriateness of the handling.
 - o Manager Steckman stated the decision ultimately was his for final determination, however the complaint was not reviewed alone.

- C. Johnson inquired into the two vacant positions with the City (City Clerk and City Chief Police) and what role would Council and the public have in the hiring process.
- C. Johnson inquired into City's progress on a new ice hockey rink.
 - o Manager Steckman noted the rink would be up at the Nome Recreation Center.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- Sophia Pentelis noted elementary schools are unlocked and opined the school doors should be locked for safety.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- Council Member Henderson gave congratulations to Maggie Miller for her recent appointment to the council.
- Council Member M. Johnson congratulated C. Miller, C. Martinson, and Mayor Handeland. Request to possibly change policies to only needing seniors apply for tax exemption at 65 and not needing to repeat the process annually.
- Council Member Martinson welcomed C. Miller.
- Council Piscoya welcomed C. Miller.
- Council Member Tapqaq welcomed Maggie Miller, happy Indigenous Peoples Day yesterday, excited to see that half of our Council is Native. Support C.M. Johnson's inquiry into finding a way to make it easier for seniors to reapply.
- Council Member Miller thanked everyone for their warm welcomes. Requested City Manager to once again reach out to the families affected by the PD incident and offer access to view video footage.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: September 22 - October 04, 2023.
 - Mayor Handeland Welcomed C. Miller. Requested a meeting with the Nome Public School to discuss vaping concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Legal Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which May Have Adverse Effects on City of Nome Finances.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Piscoya to enter into Executive Session.

The Council entered executive session at 8:14pm.

The Council came out of executive session at 8:55pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 8:56pm.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 25th day of March 2024.

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeremy Jacobson
Deputy Clerk