

**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland  
**Manager**  
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Jeremy Jacobson



**Nome City Council**  
Scot Henderson  
Doug Johnson  
Mark Johnson  
Adam Martinson  
Cameron Piscoya  
M. Sigvanna Tapqaq

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 at 5:15 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**ROLL CALL AT 5:10PM**

Members Present: Scot Henderson; Doug Johnson; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Cameron Piscoya

Members Absent: Sigvanna Tapqaq Miller (excused)

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

In the audience: Larry Pederson; Shane Smithhisler; Diana Haecker, The Nome Nugget Newspaper; Anna Lionas, The Nome Nugget Newspaper; Larry Pederson

**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: C. D. Johnson; C. M. Johnson; C. Martinson; C. Henderson; C. Piscoya

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

- Larry Pederson, BSNC (Bering Strait Native Corporation) apologized for being unable to attend Monday's meeting but wanted to inquire if Council had any questions regarding previous Resolution submission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. R-23-09-05 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Award an Option to Lease Land for A Man Camp Facility to Alaska Gold Company for Contractor Use During Construction of The Port of Nome Modification Construction (PONM) Project.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Piscoya to adopt R-23-09-05.

Discussion:

- C. Henderson reiterated discussion from Monday’s meeting. Recapping Council’s concerns on the original proposed site’s close proximity to Residential zones. He requested clarification on the exact location of new proposal and again expressed concerns of the new location also being too close to Residential areas.
- C. M. Johnson shared some citizen comments and preference for the Satellite Field property.
- C. Martinson also shared the same sentiment as C. M. Johnson based on his interactions with local citizens.
- C. Piscoya expressed concerns of violence towards Indigenous Peoples as results of proximity to man camps. C. Piscoya also affirmed his citizen consensus was similar to that of both C. M. Johnson and C. Martinson.
- Mayor Handeland wanted clarification on exact distance of Satellite Field and whether or not it is within the mileage parameters given by the CORPS.
- Mayor Handeland also requested further information regarding concerns from the man camp from Rock Creek, as it was mentioned several times.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. M. Johnson; C. Martinson; C. Piscoya; C. Henderson; C. D. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-23-09-06 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Proceed with Disposal Of 4 Acres of Nome Cemetery Expansion Property to Serve as A Man Camp Site for Contractor Use During Construction of The Port of Nome Modification Construction (PONM) Project.

R-23-09-06 is moot due to the adoption of R-23-09-05.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 5:35pm

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Jeremy Jacobson**  
**Deputy Clerk**