

**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8 2020**

The rescheduled regular meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Acting Mayor Brown in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok (telephonic)

Members Absent: D. Johnson (excused); Kenick (excused)

Also Present: *Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; John Handeland, NJUS Manager; Nickie Crowe, Acting Finance Director (telephonic); Joy Baker, Port Director (telephonic)*

In the audience: Emily Hofstaedter, KNOM; Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget;**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acting Mayor Brown asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown;

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 17, 2020 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.

B. May 13, 2020 Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes.

C. May 15, 2020 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the March 17, 2020, May 13, 2020, and May 15, 2020 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Sympathy Card to the People of Nome from the CGC Healy Crew.
- B. Letter of May 28, 2020 from NSEDC to City of Nome re: Spring Clean Up Donation.
- C. Memo of June 3, 2020 from Acting Finance Director Crowe to Nome Common Council re: Request for Reallocation of 2018 Year-End NSEDC CBS Funds.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. M. Johnson to reallocate the NSEDC funds as requested.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. Alaska Journal of Commerce Article of June 3, 2020 re: Travelers Confused, Uncertain about Alaska Testing Requirement.
- E. Letter of June 4, 2020 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Nome Grown, LLC Limited Marijuana Cultivation License Renewal Application.
- F. Letter of June 4, 2020 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Nome Grown, LLC Retail Marijuana License Renewal Application.
- G. Port of Nome PSA re: Open for Business to Vessels Transiting the Bering Sea.
- H. City of Nome PSA re: Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Email Address.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Aaron Blankenship, Ken Hughes, and NPD Chief Mike Heintzelman gave comments.

PLANNING & ZONING

- A. March 3, 2020 Nome Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. May 5, 2020 Nome Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-20-06-01 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2021 City of Nome General Fund Municipal Budget and Exercising the Power to Assess and Authorize the Levy of a General Property Tax, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:22 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:25 PM.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-20-06-01.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. M. Johnson to amend O-20-06-01 per Finance Director Crowe's memo.

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

Aye: Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

- B. O-20-06-02 An Ordinance the Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2021 City of Nome School Debt Service Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:28 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:28 PM.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-20-06-02.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. O-20-06-03 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2021 City of Nome Special Revenue Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:29 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:29 PM.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-20-06-03.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. O-20-06-04 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2021 City of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:30 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:30 PM.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-20-06-04.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- E. O-20-06-05 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2021 City of Nome Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:31 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:31 PM.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-20-06-05.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- F. O-20-06-06 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2021 City of Nome Port of Nome Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:32 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:32 PM.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-20-06-06.

At the roll call:

Aye: Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- G. O-20-06-07 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2021 City of Nome Port of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:33 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:33 PM.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-20-06-07.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to amend O-20-06-07 per Finance Director Crowe's memo.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-20-06-01 A Resolution of the City of Nome Accepting Coronavirus Relief Funds in the Amount of \$5,679,072 from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (Hereinafter "Department") for Costs that are for Necessary Expenditures

Incurred Due to the Public Health Emergency with Respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-06-01.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-20-06-02 A Resolution Declaring the Community of Nome Did Suffer an Economic Disaster Due to the Global Outbreak of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-06-02.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. M. Johnson to amend R-20-06-02 by changing "hotel" to "hospitality" in the 10th Whereas.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

- C. R-20-06-03 A Resolution Approving an Employment Agreement Between the City of Nome and Robert Pruckner for the Position of Deputy Chief of Police.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-06-03.

At the roll call:

Aye: Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: May 27 – June 5, 2020.
 - Utility Manager Handeland presented his report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- A. Activity Report: May 27 – June 5, 2020.
 - Manager Steckman presented his report.
- B. City of Nome and USACE Press Releases re: Signed Chief's Report for Port Expansion Project.
- C. Letter of May 29, 2020 from Lieutenant General Semonite to The Secretary of the Army re: Port of Nome Modifications, Nome, Alaska.
- D. May 1, 2020 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.
- E. Alaska Travel FAQs Informational Flyer.
- F. AK Cares Act Program Informational Flyer.
- G. Nome Police Department Calls for Service Update of May 25 – May 31, 2020.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Ken Hughes gave comments.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- 1) Council Member Topkok gave her comments.
- 2) Council Member Brown gave his comments.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded C. M. Johnson to send a letter to AK DOT&PF requesting a speed limit reduction to 15 miles per hour on Bering St in the vicinity of Hanson's Trading Co.

At the roll call

Aye: Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- 3) Council Member Mark Johnson gave his comments.

- 4) Council Member Martinson gave his comments.
- 5) Council Member Reader gave her comments.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. M. Johnson to draft a resolution in support of the Black Lives Matter community.

The motion was rescinded with the consent of the second. The Council directed administration to draft the document for a future meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

A. Advertisement re: Seeking Candidates for Interim Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Reader that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 9:10 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 28th day of September, 2020

John K. Handeland
Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk