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**Nome Common Council**  
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Maggie Miller  
Adam Martinson  
Cameron Piscoya  
M. Sigvanna Tapqaq

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL**  
**WORK SESSION/REGULAR SESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING AGENDA**  
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024 at 05:30 PM/7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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Work Session 05:30PM

Work session started at 05:33PM

- A. FY25 Budget Presentation,

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- B. Department Goals and Accomplishments Report,

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Regular Session 7:00PM

ROLL CALL at 07:06PM

Members Present: C.Henderson (Zoom); C.Martinson(Excused); C. Johnson(Excused), C. Tapqaq (Zoom/In Person); C.Piscoya ; C.Miller;

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (Zoom); Dan Grimmer, City Clerk; Ken Morton, NJUS; William Crockett PD Chief,

In the audience: Angie Nguyen, Brad Soske, Alex Thompson, Cole Cushman, Jim Powell, Cheryl Thompson, Cliff McHenry, Diana Haecker (Zoom), Joy Baker (Zoom)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Tapqaq and seconded by C. Piscoya to approve Agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson, Piscoya, Miller, Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. January 29, 2024 Nome Common Council Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes,

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- B. February 01, 2024 Nome Common Council Special Meeting Minutes,

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- C. February 26, 2024 Nome Common Council Work Session & Regular Meeting Minutes,

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- D. March 28, 2024 Nome Common Council Special Meeting Minutes,

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A motion was made by C. Piscoya and seconded by C. Tapqaq to approve Meeting Minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson, Piscoya, Miller, Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. USDOT Article Sent in By Councilmember Henderson,

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- B. August 7, 2023 Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes,

**PAGE 108****CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Citizen Comments from Jim Powell who is conducting research on the impact of Covid-19 on the rural populations here in Alaska. There is a public Meeting with food and questions on Wed. and Thr April 24-25 at the Mini Convention Center.

PD Dispatch Supervisor asked if the MOA between the City and NSHC had been finalized. City Manager said that it had been signed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS****UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ken Morton from NJUS gave a utility update. There was a community discussion that he attended regarding alternative energy. Mr. Morton stated that there was still potential and that this discussion should still be considered ongoing. NJUS is actively patching up holes and leaks. They are looking for Water/Sewer employees. Power plant ordered 2 million gallons for annual fuel order. The project for E.6<sup>th</sup> overdue with notice given. The projected start date in in August. There is a potential funding through the EPA that is being advocated with the help of Senator Murkowski. There was an emphasis on the importance of completing certain projects this year before there is a cost increase. They are also looking at starting a Solar Farm.

John K. Handeland- The Auditors will be here May 8<sup>th</sup> to finish inventory.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A. April 16, 2024 City Manager's Report,

City Manager updated that the bid for the Port has not been awarded yet. Bid Submission is set at the end of May. The Public has stressed an ongoing desire to see apprenticeships and local hired for this project. The City granted the Ambulance License to NSHC. The City has notified their billing service of the transfer of services. Implementation of the full transfer is in process. They will put an ad in the paper recognizing the Nome Volunteer Fire Department and their service.

There was an update that there had been another convicted Sex Offender Case Closed. The court continues to be backed up with their cases.

Spring clean up is coming soon and being prepared for.

The pool project has been completed and the pool has been certified. The pool is scheduled to be open through the whole year.

Gave reminder of executive session.

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- B. Signed MOA Between the City of Nome and NSHC,

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- C. April 3, 2024 A Planning Memo From Erin Reinders to Common Council re: Downtown Zoning Updates,

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- D. Port Monthly Projects Update,

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- E. FY24 3rd Quarter Report- Parks and Rec,

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- F. FY24 3rd Quarter Report- Library,

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- G. FY24 3rd Quarter Report- Museum,

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- H. FY24 3rd Quarter Report- Clerks Office,

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- I. FY24 3rd Quarter Report- Public Works,

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- J. FY24 3rd Quarter Report- Finance,

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CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

NONE

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

C.Henderson-Thanks for Ken Morton's service to NJUS and the City and good luck in his retirement.

C.Piscoya- Thanked Ken Morton for his service.

C.,Miller- Would like to see the implementation of Credit/Debit services in City Facilities. Would like to see more public notices of community events.

C.Tapqaq- Thanks to Ken Morton. Asked who the CFO for NJUS was. J.Handeland informed that it is Chris Coffman. There was concern from the councilmember and community that NJUS is behind on the audit. She stated that she appreciated the department reports and had mixed feelings about the names of the sex offenders being shared. She also stated that she would like to see the Credit/Debit care readers being available in City facilities.

City Manager Steckman responded to the comments about the Credit/Debit readers saying that they are in the process of implementing them.

#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

The Mayor gave thanks to the City Manager regarding to the demand of public and local hire and resources being used for projects.

A reminder was given that on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a walk for Murdered and missing Indigenous persons that starts at Noon at City Hall and goes out to the PD.

A Motion to go into Executive Session was made by C.Piscoya and seconded by C.Miller

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson, Piscoya, Miller, Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION Started at 07:44PM

- A. Discussion of Police Matters
- B. IT Contract Conversation

#### ADJOURNMENT at 09:52PM

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this (13<sup>th</sup> day of May) 2024.

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND**  
Mayor

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**DAN GRIMMER**  
City Clerk