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Adam Martinson
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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM/ 7:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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WORK SESSION WITH PLANNING COMMISSION AT 05:37PM

A. Downtown Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendment,

ROLL CALL at 07:09PM

Members Present: C. Johnson, C. Green, C.Henderson, C.Miller, C.Martinson

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Dan Grimmer, City Clerk/Acting City Manager; Joy Baker (Zoom); Nickie Crowe (Zoom); Megan Onders (Zoom),

In the Audience: Wali Rana, Brad Soske, Diana Haecker, Thomas Simonsson, Rodney Jones +2, Carol Piscoya, Adam Lust, Ken Hughes, Melissa Ford, Ken Bungay, Troy Walker, Clara Hansen,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion to approve the agenda was made by C.Johnson and seconded by C.Green.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C.Henderson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Green

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 24, 2025 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,

A Motion to approve the Minutes was made by C.Henderson and seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C.Henderson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Green

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. POFD Reporting Opt Out Process for Municipalities,

B. March 4, 2025 Letter to the Nome Common Council from NSHC re: interest in City Properties,

C. Letter from the Appraisal Company of Alaska re: Assessment Property Values 2025,

- D. March 11, 2025 APMA Land Use Permit & Reclamation Plan Decision Re: IPOP,
- E. 2025-2026 DEC Permit Issuance Plan for Wastewater Discharge Permits Across the State of Alaska,
- F. AMCO Breakers Bar Renewal Notice,

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- Rodney Jones- Mr. Jones brought up comments he felt was made about him being a hindrance to economic development. He brought up concerns about a “Stinky Butt Predator” who he felt is making inappropriate comments about his kids and has been stealing fares from his business. He mentioned that he has reportedly filed for a restraining order against this person but the court will not grant the order. He expressed that he feels singled out and picked on for having to follow the City Ordinances. He feels that he should be allowed to conduct his own inspections on his own cabs. He would like the other public transits operated by corporations to be held to a similar standard for inspections and compliance.
- Thomas Simonsson- Mr. Simonsson expressed support for the work that the Animal Control Officer has done and would like for the City to continue working with her.
- Ken Hughes- Mr. Hughes echoed the support for the Animal Control Officer.

Mr. Hughes talked about the winter sports association. He mentioned the amazing weather during Iditarod 2025 and the increased attendance. He invited the Council to come to the facility.

Mr. Hughes mentioned that NSHC has been looking to purchase City land due to a requirement by the Army Corp of Engineers to conserve wetlands.
- Ken Bungay-Mr. Bungay is a property owner on Division and 4th Ave. He is experiencing flooding issues in his lot and drainage issues with his lot being below City Street Level. He stated that he has been trying to contact the City to address drainage onto his lot but has been unsuccessful though he realizes that everything is currently frozen.
- Troy Walker- Mr. Walker mentioned that there is possibly assistance by way of partnering with the Native Corporations to help fill lots.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. FY2026 Budget Calendar,
- B. FY25 General Fund Amended Budget- Additional Changes,
- C. FY25 Port Operating Amended Budget- Additional Changes,
- D. O-25-03-01 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY2025 General Fund Municipal Budget SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,

A motion to approve this Ordinance was made by C.Green and seconded by C.Martinson.

In discussion it was identified that there is an amendment to this budget submitted by the Finance Director. There were clarifying questions about the Grant Writer position and increases to this budget that were answered by the Finance Director who was attending through Zoom.

A motion to amend this budget was made by C.Henderson and seconded by C.Green.

At the roll call for the amendment:

Aye: C. Johnson, C.Henderson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Green

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED** to amend the budget.

At the roll call to approve the budget:

Aye: C. Johnson, C.Henderson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Green

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED** to approve the budget.

- I. O-25-03-06 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY2025 Port of Nome Fund Budget SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,

A motion to approve this Ordinance was made by C.Henderson and seconded by C.Green.

A motion to amend this budget was made by C.Johnson and seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call for the amendment:

Aye: C. Johnson, C.Henderson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Green

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED** to amend the budget.

At the roll call to approve the budget:

Aye: C. Johnson, C.Henderson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Green

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED** to approve the budget.

- E. O-25-03-02 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY2025 School Debt Service Fund Budget SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,
- F. O-25-03-03 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY2025 Special Revenue Fund Budget SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,
- G. O-25-03-04 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY2025 Capital Projects Fund Budget SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,
- H. O-25-03-05 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY2025 Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,
- J. O-25-03-07 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY2025 Port of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,

A motion to approve Ordinances O-25-03-02, O-25-03-03, O-25-03-04, O-25-03-05 and O-25-03-07 was made by C.Henderson and seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call to approve these budgets:

Aye: C. Johnson, C.Henderson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Green

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED** to approve these budgets.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-25-03-01 A Resolution Setting the Dates for the 2025 Board of Equalization,

A motion to approve this resolution was made by C.Henderson and seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C.Henderson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Green

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. O-25-04-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of the West Nome Tank Farm by The City of Nome From the United States of America FIRST READING/DISCUSSION,

A motion to approve this Ordinance and pass to second reading was made by C.Henderson and seconded by C.Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C.Henderson, C.Martinson, C.Miller, C.Green

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS-None

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT-None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. March 21, 2025 Port Director Report/Projects Status Update,

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

C.Martinson- Gave Congratulations to the Nanooks Boys Basketball Team for winning the State Championship. He enjoyed being present to watch the games.

C.Green-- Gave Congratulations to the Nanooks Boys Basketball Team for winning the State Championship.

C.Miller-- Gave Congratulations to the Nanooks Boys Basketball Team for winning the State Championship.

C.Henderson-He enjoyed listening to the games on the radio. He gave recognition to Megan Onders for a successful Economic Development meeting with other organizations in Nome. He suggested that the City review enforcement of other transit methods by private organizations and if we should be requiring inspections of those entities and not just the cab company.

C.Johnson- Gave Congratulations to the Nanooks Boys Basketball Team for winning the State Championship. It was noted that there were once again audio issues with our sound system that should be looked at.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Gave Congratulations to the Nanooks Boys Basketball Team for winning the State Championship. He also gave recognition to Megan Onders for a successful kickstart of the economic development meeting with other entities within the city participating. The Mayor recognized the

City Council's selection of Lee Smith as the next City Manager with Contract negotiations underway. He also acknowledged Rob Evans who was the other candidate and the quality candidates that were given by the Executive Search Firm. The mayor mentioned that he has meet with Kirsten Timbers to continue working on an Ordinance that includes the tribes and how we can work together with them.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by C.Henderson and seconded by C.Miller.

The meeting adjourned at **08:25PM**

APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 14th DAY OF April 2025

**JOHN K. HANDELAND
MAYOR**

**DAN GRIMMER
CITY CLERK**