

TO: The Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's report

February 11, 2022

Public Safety Advisory Commission:

The Commission met with staff to discuss the accreditation and process and police statistics. They were also briefed on the proposed ordinance amendment on liquor store hours, distilled spirit purchase limits and private security.

Their next meeting will take place the Public Safety Building for a tour of the facility. Training is scheduled on April 4, 2022 for new members that have joined the Commission over the past two years.

Capital Projects:

I have attached to my report a list of 14 projects that need to be addressed over the next three to five years. Some of these projects were identified as long as ten years ago. The attached list is not in the order of priority.

Senator Murkowski's town hall:

Senator Murkowski held a town hall this past week and announced a symposium on federal grants to place in Anchorage on April 11, 2022. I plan on attending the symposium in Anchorage to discover additional opportunities of funding for the city.

March 14th Council Meeting:

Because of the use of the council chambers as a studio by the Iditarod. There will either be no meeting or it will need to be rescheduled another date. The chambers have been used past years for a broadcasting studio for Iditarod.

Port Commission:

The Port Commission will be submitting to the council a tariff amendment on rock being shipped from the port. The tariff adjustment recommendation passed on a 4-2-1 vote.

Recreation Center:

There have been incidents involving our middle school age users. Mr. Leeper and I are working on getting rules posted with possible discipline on the seriousness of violation of the rules. Discipline would be progressive depending on severity. This situation involves only a handful of young people but now people are filming these incidents without informing responsible parties (adults). City staff wants to nip this behavior as quickly as possible.

3D Construction:

A new type of construction is being envisioned in Nome, Alaska. This type of construction would use local materials to “print” a house. While sounding sci-fi, this type of construction has been happening in places throughout the lower 48. The question is can this type of construction is possible in Nome. With the demand for housing in Nome, this could produce a lower cost alternative.

Road Safety Audit Kickoff:

The roads surrounding the Nome Elementary School are undergoing an audit to improve safety for student walkers, parents picking up children and school bus traffic. The audit will take a holistic approach on pedestrian, car and bus movement and how it is impacted by weather conditions.

Corp of Engineers:

The Corp of Engineers held a zoom meeting with members of the local community in regards to the port development project. This informational meeting was to explain the project and to take questions from the public. Questions were raised about how the project was to be paid for, impact on subsistence living, impact on housing and the use of local labor.

DHSS Grant:

The City has secured a grant from the Dept. of Health and Social Services to purchase a side by side to help serve the community that cannot easily be reached by normal ambulance service. Staff believes there is also enough money available to purchase a stove and grill for the Rec Center. This also has been approved by DHSS.