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Cameron Piscoya
M. Sigvanna Tapqaq

NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023 at 12:00 / 5:30 / 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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WORK SESSION - 12:00 PM NOON

- A. Altman Rogers & Co Presentation of City of Nome FY 2022 Audit.

WORK SESSION - 5:30 PM

- A. 5:30 - Discussion Revenue Options and Exemptions.
Aircraft Landing Tax and Flat Property Tax
Sales Tax
Special Taxing Districts
Property Transfer Tax
- B. 6:30 - Discussion of FY2024 Budget.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Youth Rep. Kellie Miller (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (telephonic); Joy Baker, Port Director; Ken Morton, NJUS Assistant Manager; Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Tapqaq to approve the agenda as presented.

Discussion:

- Mayor Handeland added a Special Order to the agenda.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. April 2023 HomePlate Nome Apartments Update.
- B. Email of May 22, 2023 from William Glenn to Clerk Hammond re: Seppala House Restoration.
 - The Council requested a proposed timeline and vision from the restoration group.
- C. Letter of May 26, 2023 from AK DEC to Local and Tribal Government Leaders re: Wastewater Discharge Permit for Norton Sound Large Dredge Placer Miners.
- D. Letter of May 30, 2023 from NSEDC to Executive Assistant Thompson re: Community Spring Clean-up Donation.
- E. Letter to the Nome Nugget Editor of June 1, 2023 from Nikolai Ivanoff re: City of Nome Snow Removal.
- F. Flyer re: Gnome Rainbow Rock Hunt June 9 – 16.
- G. Alaska National Guard PSA re: Alaska National Guard to train in Nome, Kotzebue for state-wide emergency response exercise.
- H. FY 2024 City of Nome Budget Calendar.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None were given

SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. Presentation of State of Alaska Citation to Josie Stiles.
 - Mayor Handeland presented an Alaska Legislative Citation, sponsored by Mary David and Kawerak, to Ms. Stiles.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-23-05-02 An Ordinance Authorizing Sale to AK DOT&PF of Parcels Adjacent to Steadman Street for Road Projects, **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 7:22 PM.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Piscoya to adopt O-23-05-02.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. Memorandum of June 9, 2023 from Finance Director Crowe to Nome Common Council re: Motion Requested for FY2024 General Fund Budget.
- C. O-23-06-01 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 City of Nome General Fund Municipal Budget and Exercising the Power to Assess and Authorize the Levy of a General Tax, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:24 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:24 PM.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Tapqaq to adopt O-23-06-01.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Tapqaq to amend O-23-06-01 per Finance Director Crowe's June 9, 2023 memo.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to postpone the roll call on O-23-06-01 until after New Business C.

Discussion:

- Council Member Henderson opined that discussion on the ordinance should occur after the mill rate was set, or at least in conjunction with it.

At the roll call:
Aye: Tapqaq; Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; M. Johnson;
Martinson

Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. O-23-06-02 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 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 7:32 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:32 PM.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Piscoya to adopt O-23-06-02.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- E. O-23-06-03 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 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 7:36 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:36 PM.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Tapqaq to adopt O-23-06-03.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- F. O-23-06-04 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 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 7:39 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:39 PM.

A motion was made by C. Tapqaq and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-23-06-04.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- G. O-23-06-05 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 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 7:41 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:41 PM.

A motion was made by C. Tapqaq and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-23-06-05.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- H. O-23-06-06 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 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 7:42 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:42 PM.

A motion was made by C. Tapqaq and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-23-06-06.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- I. O-23-06-07 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2024 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 7:44 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:45 PM.

A motion was made by C. Tapqaq and seconded by C. Piscoya to adopt O-23-06-07.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-23-06-01 A Resolution Assigning Forty (40) Percent of the General Fund Ambulance Net Revenue to the Capital Projects Fund for the Future Purchase of a New Ambulance.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Tapqaq to adopt R-23-06-01.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-23-06-02 A Resolution Assigning Twenty-Five (25) Percent of General Fund General Interest Earned Toward the Purchase of a CAT 160M Grader.

A motion was made by C. Tapqaq and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-23-06-02.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-23-06-03 A Resolution Setting the City of Nome Mill Rate for Calendar Year 2023.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-23-06-03.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Henderson to reduce the mill rate state in the now therefore it be resolved clause from 11 mills to 10.5 mills.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman asked Finance Director Crowe the value of a ½ mill was, to which she replied \$215,058.17.
- The Common Council discussed the status of the unrestricted fund balance, its uses and best practices for the amount kept in the fund balance.
- Council Member Henderson argued a ½ mill could be cut from revenue as expenses usually came in below budget, which he opined was a laudable accomplishment each year.
- Manager Steckman discussed investment returns on the fund balance given high interest rates.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Piscoya, Tapqaq; Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED.**

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

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

Without objection, the Council returned to Unfinished Business B: O-23-06-01.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

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

- D. R-23-06-04 A Resolution Adopting the Results of the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Performed by Altman, Rogers & Co.

A motion was made by C. Tapqaq and seconded by C. Henderson to adopt R-23-06-04.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: May 23 - June 9, 2023.
- Assistant Utility Manager Morton discussed the ongoing generator overhaul for Engine 16 as well as other routine June projects.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: May 23 - June 9, 2023.

- Manager Steckman presented his report. He discussed the status of the 3D house printing project and the Mancamp required for the Port project with the Council.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

none given

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Doug Johnson – no comments
2. Council Member Mark Johnson reiterated his desire to discuss the vaping problem among kids in a work session.
3. Council Member Martinson – no comments.
4. Council Member Piscoya – no comments.
5. Council Member Tapqaq – no comments.
6. Council Member Henderson – no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: May 23 - June 9, 2023.
- Mayor Handeland thanked all those involved in the Spring Clean up and suggested the City help out in some areas just outside of City Limits to better present to visitors and tourists. He discussed the annual Lion's Club chicken feed and the upcoming Midnight Sun events at the Golden Goose lot. He thanked Gail Schubert, the departing CEO of Bering Straits Native Corporation, for her service to the region.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Legal Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which May Have Adverse Effects on City of Nome Finances.

A motion was made by C. Tapqaq and seconded by C. Piscoya to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters the immediate knowledge of which may have adverse effects on City of Nome finances.

The Council entered executive session at 8:31 PM.

The Council came out of executive session at 9:05 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 9:05 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 26th day of June 2023

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND
Clerk