

**MINUTES
NOME PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 07, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Nome Planning Commission was called to order at 7:01PM by Chairman Hughes in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kenneth Hughes III; Mathew Michels; Sara Lizak; Carol Piscoya and Gregory Smith.

Members Absent: Sue Steinacher (excused); and John Odden (excused).

Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Christine Piscoya, Deputy City Clerk; David Barron, Building Inspector; Eileen Bechtol, City Planner, Marguerite LaRiviere, Library Director.

In the audience: Nathan Nagaruk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Hughes asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Michels to approve the agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: Hughes; Michels; Lizak; Piscoya; Smith.

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A. HPC Activities.

- Marguerite LaRiviere mentioned Commissioner Steinacher will take over the reports of the grants until the new City Planner Eileen Bechtol can take over the grant reporting. M. LaRiviere stated the contract with Gary Gillette is in the final review and is hopeful that it can be signed and completed so that the Phase II work can get started. Sue Steinacher will submit a quarterly report for the King Island Signage
- City Planner Eileen Bechtol started on July 1st, 2020 and will take over the planning roll from now on.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Variance Request: Nathan Nagaruk, Block 65, Lot 9.

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Michels to approve the variance as requested.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Planning Commission recessed at 7:07PM.

Nathan Nagaruk stated it looked ok and that everything else meets the requirements besides the fuel tank.

The Planning Commission reconvened at 7:09PM.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Lizak asked if there was any response from any adjacent property owners.
- Deputy City Clerk Piscoya stated there was no responses.

At the roll call:

Aye: Michels; Lizak; Piscoya; Smith; Hughes.

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

B. Variance Request: John Bockman, Block 60, Lot 7 – ptn West ½.

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Lizak to approve the variance as requested.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Planning Commission recessed at 7:14PM.

No public statements.

The Planning Commission reconvened at 7:14PM.

At the roll call:

Aye: Lizak; Piscoya; Smith; Hughes; Michels.

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan 2030.

STAFF REPORTS

A. City Manager Report.

B. City Planner Report.

- Chairman Hughes welcomed City Planner Bechtol back as city planner.
- City Planner Bechtol has not received the reports and documents from past City Planner Faix yet but will be able to give an update at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- 1) Commissioner Piscoya would like to see an updated abatement list for the next meeting, welcomed City Planner Bechtol and thanked City Staff.
- 2) Commissioner Smith is excited to see the Comprehensive Plan to get moving and welcomed City Planner Bechtol.
- 3) Chairman Hughes remind the commission on the letter to reduce the speed on the Bering Street that it was forwarded to the State. The State of Alaska replied with a proposed plan for upgrades to the Bering Street in the next year or so.
- 4) Commissioner Michels welcomed City Planner Bechtol and that it will be nice to move forward with the Comprehensive plan. It would be nice to do another windshield tour to update the abatement/building structure list.
- 5) Commissioner Lizak welcomed City Planner Bechtol, would like to see an updated abatement list as well along with the Right-of-Ways cleared throughout the city.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 7PM for a regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Michels and seconded by C. Lizak that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Planning Commission adjourned at 7:27PM

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 2nd day of March, 2021.

KENNETH HUGHES III
Chairman

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk