

**MINUTES
NOME PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 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; John Odden; Greg Smith.

Members Absent: Sue Steinacher (excused).

Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Christine Piscoya, Deputy City Clerk; Eileen Bechtol, City Planner;

In the audience:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 2, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Lizak and seconded by C. Michels to approve the June 2, 2020 minutes as amended.

Discussion:

- Chairman Hughes suggested to correct clerical errors to the minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A. Historic Preservation Commission Activities.

- City Planner Bechtol explained the final contract with Gary Gillette to be completed hopefully next week. Gary Gillette will be working on the Phase II part of the plan. The State did give the City of Nome a year extension to complete the grant projects.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Notice from USACE: re: IPOP, LLC Suction Dredge Gold Mining Project and Revised notice dated 8/29/20.

- Commissioner Lizak stated that she had submitted a letter to IPOP, LLC regarding the concern of the mining through her position with Kawerak, Inc. and not as a commissioner. She also urged others to submit a letter of concern.

B. Memo to City Council on Real Property Disposal Process.

- Chairman Hughes stated that the Over the Counter sales should still move forward and that the City should have something in place for purchasing properties after the bid sales have completed.
- Deputy City Clerk Piscoya stated the resolution needed to go through the City Attorneys for the correct language be stated via advice from City Clerk Hammond.

C. Memo: re: Nome Planning Commission Open House for 2020.

- Chairman Hughes suggested to have a virtual Open House rather than cancelling the event.
- City Manager Steckman stated the City is not set up on the technology side to host a virtual event at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan 2030.

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Michels to make the Comprehensive Plan the highest priority to complete.

Discussion:

- City Planner Bechtol explained once she gets moving with the Comprehensive Plan and Historic Preservation plan will be the best plan to move forward.

The motion **WITHDREW**.

- Commissioner Lizak asked which project we are going to start with.
- City Planner Bechtol stated it will be the survey for the Comprehensive Plan 2030.

STAFF REPORTS

A. City Planner Activity Report.

B. City Manager Report.

- City Manager Steckman stated that in the future he hopes to have a Human Resource Manager as of right now all HR matters goes through an employee who is set to retire and himself. He states that communication has been a challenge and hopes that he can find someone to help sort out issues within the organization that needs to be addressed.

C. Building, Remodel, and Miscellaneous Permit Summary.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- 1) Commissioner Piscoya thanked city staff and happy the meeting got rescheduled.
- 2) Commissioner Odden glad the meeting was rescheduled rather than cancelled, welcomed City Planner Bechtol.
- 3) Commissioner Smith thanked city staff, welcomed City Planner Bechtol, excited to be moving forward on the Comprehensive Plan 2030.
- 4) Chairman Hughes welcomed City Planner Bechtol, encouraged fellow commissioners to get out and vote on Election Day and also looking forward to movement on the Comprehensive Plan.
- 5) Commissioner Michels excited to see movement on the Comprehensive Plan and Historic Preservation plan along with looking forward to scheduling a windshield tour.
- 6) Commissioner Lizak thanked city staff, happy to have Zoom working and looking forward to meetings held virtually, is also happy to see movement on the City own properties and looking forward to Over the Counter sales to be updated and seeking an updated list of abatement properties.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 with a Work Session at 5:30PM and a Meeting at 7PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Odden and seconded by C. Smith that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Planning Commission adjourned at 8:28PM

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

KENNETH HUGHES III
Chairman

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk