

TO: The Mayor and Common Council:

From: Glenn Steckman

RE: City manager's report

September 23, 2022

**Emergency Operations Center:**

The EOC continues to meet daily to assess the damages from Typhoon Murbok and to coordinate response. City staff has reached out to businesses along Front Street to see what assistance can be offered. The city is also working with the Chamber of Commerce to alert businesses to properly document damages from the typhoon for insurance purposes.

**E-mail Address:**

A new email address has been set up for property owners to alert the city of damages they may have suffered that cannot be seen by a windshield tour of the city. The address is [clerk@nomealaska.org](mailto:clerk@nomealaska.org). This address is also for any questions that residents may have about storm response needs.

**Senator Murkowski and Congresswoman Peltola:**

The Senator and the Congresswoman will hold a community meeting at OSJ this Saturday, 9/24, from 2:30-4:00pm.

**NSEDC:**

The NSEDC has awarded communities in the Norton Sound area a Community Cost Share Benefit of \$100,000 to aid in typhoon recovery costs.

**City properties:**

City properties that have been damaged in the storm include the: Mini-Convention Center, the NACTEC building and City hall. The Mini suffered flood damage to the building and its boiler will no longer function. The Mini also lost its ice making machine and beverage cooler. The NACTEC building has siding damage. City Hall continues to be plagued by a strong smoke odor because of the Bering Sea Restaurant fire. An ozone machine to dissipate the odor should be here within 48 hours. Some city staff are working out of the Richard Foster community room

**The Port:**

The Port and the Port Rd Bridge has been inspected by the Corp of Engineers. The back filling of rock against the sheet rock has begun. Scheduled fuel deliveries will take place this week as planned.

**Mono-fill:**

The Mono-fill is open to receive storm debris now through Tuesday 9/24 from 11am-7pm at no charge to drop storm related damaged material. The date was extended an additional two work days.

**Business Sales Tax filing deadline:**

The deadline has been extended to 5pm Tuesday September 27. This is a one-week extension of the standard filing deadline.

**Storm damage review:**

A windshield tour is underway in the city to assess all damaged structures in the city. From there an assessment will be determined on storm costs to structures. Cliff McHenry has also reached out to all the property owners along Front St.

The staff have filed insurance claims with AML/JIA and our federal flood insurance provider for city facilities.

**Rec Center:**

The Rec Center served as an emergency shelter for the residents who were displaced by the typhoon. Up to 20 residents were sheltered at its peaks of service. It was closed on Thursday night at 5:30pm. The displaced tenants were relocated to NSHC hostel facilities.

**Tire shredder:**

City landfill staff have shredded over 12,000 tires this past summer. However, there are more tires to shred. Staff will resume tire shredding next spring.

**City-wide cleanup:**

A city-wide clean-up will take place this Saturday, 9/24, from 10am-4pm at OSJ. Two trucks to take garbage will be on the east-side of the building. Food will be served from noon until at least 2pm.

**Roads:**

Road crews will continue to work grading and patching roads damaged by the rains and flood waters. A city drainage project is scheduled for "N" Street as soon as city crews can get to it. Materials are on-site to begin the project.

**New Gold House:**

Remediation of the property has started. The fencing is down and will be replaced with new fencing once the property is capped.