

TO: Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager Report

June 7, 2024

Spring Clean-up:

Spring clean-up was a resounding success. It was the best weather I have seen in the past five years of clean-up: Spring or Fall. City staff picked up 41 truckloads of material from 155 homes. The Mono-fil received 119 visits from residents getting rid of debris from their homes. Fifteen vehicles including trucks, ATVs, motorcycles and snow machines were picked up. Plus, DPW picked up one boat. The number of calls and visits to the Mono-Fil are the highest anyone remembers.

I want to thank Angie Nguyen who helped coordinate the event and handled PR. The City Clerk's office who handled at least 155 calls about the event. Public Works employees who worked the event. Sean Norris and Angie who produced the "Clean-up Nome" T-shirts, and all the city employees who wore the T-shirts for clean-up. And last but not least, the parents and children who participated and the businesses and school groups who also participated.

Spring Clean-up II

City staff decided to schedule another round of clean-up for June 13-15. Despite the radio, paper and social media campaign, some residents were unaware of the campaign. Because of additional requests, a Phase II of Spring Clean -Up is planned for this coming week. It will be for an abbreviated period. The Mono-fil will be open for three days. Thursday and Friday 11am – pm. Saturday 8am-5pm. Dump Truck sites at Icy View and the Rec Center Saturday will be open from 8am-4pm. U-Call, We-Haul will be on Thursday and Friday. Calls for U-Call, We-Haul will be taken from 6/10 until 6/14. Calls will not be accepted past 2pm on Friday.

There will be an extra effort to pickup mattresses. In my five years, I have now seen as many discarded mattresses laying out around town.

Public Safety Advisory Commission:

The PSAC met this past Monday. Sam Severin, city solicitor for the commission, met with the members in person to provide training for new members and a refresh for existing members. There is a requirement in code that new appointees to the commission to undergo training. The commission was also briefed on recent police matters and complaints.

Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission heard a variance request on a zoning issue that was not allowed. Erin Reinders continued an ongoing training program for the new commissioners.

2024/2025 Budget:

I am requesting that you approve the second reading of the budget. The changes requested from the previous meeting are incorporated in the amended budget. Nickie Crowe, as usual, has included briefing memos.

Flower Baskets:

Thank you to Northrim Bank who donated flower baskets that have been placed on Front Street.

Job Fair:

The first annual job fair sponsored by the city was a success. Businesses and other non-profit organizations want to more of these events where everyone is partnering together to get people working. I want to thank Kawerak for providing lunch.

Westerdam Visit:

City staff, chamber officials and Discovery Tour officials are meeting to discuss and manage the visit. The first visitors in Nome, about 150 passengers, will be participating in tours outside of Nome. Public bathrooms are being identified for travelers to use. Pop-up shops using student bus shelters will be used as fundraising opportunities for student groups. The Bering Sea Lions Club will have their chicken feed. The Mini will be available for Kawerak to celebrate the Indigenous way of life and history. The Berry festival will be held at Rec Center.

The Taxi Ordinance and Rabies Ordinance:

These two ordinances are on the agenda. The fine is the maximum. There is also discretion by the officer.