

**City Manager**  
Vacant

**Project Manager/Acting  
Port Director**  
Joy Baker

**Harbormaster**  
Lucas Stotts



**Nome Port Commission**  
Jim West, Jr., Chairman  
Charlie Lean, Vice Chairman  
Derek McLarty  
Shane Smithhisler  
Russell Rowe  
Gay Sheffield  
Drew McCann

**NOME PORT COMMISSION  
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025 at 5:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**ROLL CALL At 5:31 PM**

Members Present: Smithhisler; Lean; West; McCann; Sheffield; McLarty

Members Absent: Rowe

Also Present: Lucas Stotts – Harbormaster; Joy Baker – Project Manager/Port Director

In the Audience: Anna Lionas – Nome Nugget

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion to approved agenda was made by McLarty and seconded by Smithhisler.

At the roll call:

Aye: Lean; West; McCann; Sheffield; McLarty; Smithhisler

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. October 17, 2024 Nome Port Commission Meeting Minutes,

A motion to approve the meeting minutes made by Sheffield and seconded by McCann.

At the roll call:

Aye: West; McCann; Sheffield; McLarty; Smithhisler; Lean

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. 24.11.14 Army – Military Exercise in Vininity
- B. 24.11.21 Stars and Stripes – USCG Hire Civ Ice Breaker
- C. 24.12.03 Arctic Today – Hurtigruten to be sold to cruise investors

- D. 25-01-09 \$47M Grant Funds Awarded for AK Transportation Projects
- E. 25.01.31 Arctic Council – Arctic Shipping Update

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

### **HARBORMASTER REPORT**

- A. HM FY25 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR Report
- B. 2025 Cruise Ship Schedule
- C. 2025 Spotter Wave Buoy – Nome Trial Deployment

HM Stotts provided a brief overview of each item in the FY25 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr HM Report, an update on the 2025 cruise schedule, and brief on the upcoming 2025 Spotter Wave Buoy trial deployment in Nome.

### **PROJECT MANAGER – ACTING PORT DIRECTOR REPORT**

- A. January 2025 Port Projects Status Report
- B. USDOT Grant Award – Snake River Moorage Project
- C. USDOT Grant Application – Expansion LSF Features

PD Baker led a brief group discussion on the above projects overview and timeline. Provided insight on where these projects stand currently. Noted that Smithhisler, McCann, Sheffield and McLarty have all been reappointed to the PC group by the Mayor. McCann good until Dec 2025, Smithhisler good until Dec 2026, Sheffield good until Dec 2026, McLarty good until July 2027.

McCann asked if there was potential issue with archeological artifacts being in the Snake River Moorage area.

Lean commented that the area on Port Rd. between Snake River and the road has all been previously dredged, so that area and the Snake River is thawed ground and no longer of archeological interest as it is all previously mined tailings.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. PND – 2024 PON Facilities Inspection Report

HM Stotts briefly led group discussion on the inspection report provided by PND Engineers covering the entire PON Facility. This document will reference this document each year for maintenance planning and prioritization.

McLarty commented that the Port should look at welding on our own new zinc anodes in the fall when we have low water events that expose the anodes vs hiring underwater welders. Possible trial on this in 2025 season to test practicality.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS****COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Lean- Commented that he was happy to see the PND Inspection Report and this document will be helpful in budgeting these maintenance needs. Also, is happy about the Snake River Moorage Facility.

McLarty- Commented that we may want to look at some type of hinged system for the Zinc Anodes on the docks. HM Stotts will investigate that with the engineers.

McCann- Stated that there was an article contemplating routes for Iditarod and Iron Dog due to low ice/snow conditions.

Sheffield- Commented that recent wx reports call for the upcoming stormy weather to change to rain/ice by Saturday at noon for the entire Seward Peninsula so be careful.

Smithhisler- Commented he is also excited about the Snake River Moorage Facility project.

West- Commented that he is also excited about the Snake River Moorage Facility project and being able to separate user groups in the SBH.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Sheffield for adjournment at 6:35 PM and seconded by Smithhisler

**APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025**

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**JIM WEST JR.  
CHAIRMAN**

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**LUCAS STOTTS  
HARBORMASTER**