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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, APRIL 03, 2025 at 12:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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ROLL CALL AT 12:15p.m.

Members Present: C. Johnson, C. Henderson, C. Martinson, C. Green
Also Present: City Clerk Dan Grimmer, Mayor John Handeland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Piscoya.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Henderson, C. Martinson, C. Piscoya
Nay:

THE MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

A. R-25-04-01 A Resolution Adopting the Results of the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Performed by Altman, Rogers & CO.;

Mr. Altman, of Altman, Rogers & Co., is on the telephone line. Don says there are four different opinions. Mr. Altman skims through the March 31, 2025 letter written to the council. We are going to go through the audit approach. The first page talks about what they audited and the standards they follow. Page 2 is the estimate of the calculations of lease receivable and there is estimates for the closure and post-closure of the landfill. For the purposes of this letter a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's reports. The management has a side of representatives that are included in the management representation letter dated March 31, 2025.

There are no such consultations with other accountants to the best of our knowledge. Accounting assistance is a part of our engagement we drafted the basic financial statements of the City from the City's accounting records; however, management of the City was involved in the drafting process and retains responsibility for the basic financial statements. That was a quick overview of the audit.

Looking over the report with Mr. Altman, stating the summary of opinions. A disclaimer of opinion on the aggregate Discretely presented components units. We do not express an opinion on the financial statements of the agented presented component until of the city of Nome.

We conducted our audit of the financial statement of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the U.S and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government auditing standards, issued by the comptroller general of the U.S.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. And for the design,

implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Nome Alaska's ability to continue out of due diligent concern.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefor is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and government auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and government auditing standards, we, exercise professional judgment, identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. To evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used, to conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Nome Alaska's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Required Supplementary information: We and other auditors have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the U.S. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

C. Henderson wanted a little more information on the disclaimer. Asking about the NPS audit and the columns listed are audit numbers. On page 72, this states what they audited. The financial statements of the Nome Joint Utility System have not been audited and we were not engaged to audit the Nome Joint Utility System financial statements as part of our audit of the City of Nome Alaska's basic financial statements and our report disclaims an opinion on the aggregate discretely presented component units.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees to prevent or detect and correct, misstatement, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance.

Page 74, uniform guidance program, in our opinion the city of Nome complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Basis for their opinion; we conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the U.S. Our responsibilities under those standards and the uniform guidance are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of compliance section of our report.

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statues, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the City of Nome's federal programs. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error and express an opinion on City of Nome's compliance based on our audit.

In our opinion, City of Nome complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing there assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of compliance section. The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the State of Alaska Audit Guide.

A motion to accept Resolution 25-04-01 made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Henderson, C. Martinson, C. Piscoya

Nay:

THE MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government unit. Re: Discussion on details of the City Manager Contract;

A motion made by C. Johnson to go into executive session, seconded by C. Miller.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Henderson, C. Martinson, C. Piscoya, C. Miller

Nay:

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Handeland said there will not be any action on this item following the executive session; that will come in a subsequently meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 28th DAY OF APRIL, 2025

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

DAN GRIMMER
City Clerk