

TO: The Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's report

February 10, 2023

Staffing:

The HR Office continues to post position openings. Currently, the city is looking to hire Communication Officers (dispatchers), Police Officers and port personnel.

Interviews have started with the candidates for the Assistant City Manager position. A new grant writer has been hired, Mary Donaldson. Next week the Port Director position will be advertised. Deputy Police Chief Bob Pruckner has notified me that he has decided not to renew his contract at the end of June.

Public Works is fully staffed.

Visitor Center:

The first phase of the building renovation will be completed in time for IronDog and the Iditarod. This first phase includes: new bathroom, carpet, paint and lighting. New displays are being developed and new furniture will be added by summer.

The goal is to provide one place to highlight city facilities such as the recreation center, museum and the library. The history of the indigenous peoples and the history of Nome. City businesses will be highlighted and how to be a part of Nome and/or invest in Nome.

The Corp of Engineers:

Joy Baker, Mayor John and I met with staff from the Anchorage office to discuss timelines on the port expansion. While the deadlines have been somewhat fluid, it appears port development bid documents may be going out in September/October.

Corp Officials will also be here in Nome in mid-May for meetings with the Council and the public.

February 27 Common Council meeting:

I am requesting that the February 27 meeting of the Common Council be moved to March 6th. The Mayor, Joy Baker and I will be in Washington, DC from February 26 – March 1.

Planning Commission:

The Commission met this past Monday night to discuss the Seppala Rd improvements proposed by AKDOT. The Seppala RD project will need easement purchases from adjacent proper owners. The City of

Nome received grant funding from AKDNR for the King Island East End Park Sign and Interpretative Panel.

Public Safety Advisory Commission:

The PSAC met and was advised that complaint calls were down 30%. There have been positive results with liquor store Sunday closures and sexual assaults in the past five weeks have been a total of two with one open case.

The Polar:

The restaurant, bar and the apartments have reopened. I want to thank the Building Inspector and the Fire Chief with working with the Krier's in getting the facility reopened.

Golden China:

The Building Inspector and the Fire Chief are working with the owners to get the restaurant reopened as early as new week.