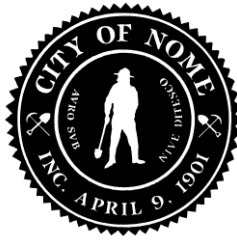


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**Clerk**  
Bryant Hammond



**Nome Public Safety  
Advisory Committee**

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Justin Noffske  
Ivory Okleasik  
Jana Hoggan  
Andrew Miller, Jr.  
Traci McGarry  
Carol Piscoya  
*vacant*

Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna

**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, MARCH 01, 2021 at 6:20 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna; Jana Hoggan; Traci McGarry; Andy Miller (telephonic); Justin Noffske; Carol Piscoya (telephonic)

Members Absent: Ivory Okleasik

Also Present: Glen Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief.

In the audience: Barb Amarok; RB Smith, Nome Nugget

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by C. McGarry and seconded by C. Miller to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: Bruner-Alvanna; Hoggan; McGarry; Miller; Noffske;  
Piscoya

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. August 3, 2020 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Bruner-Alvanna and seconded by C. McGarry to approve the minutes.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Piscoya noted the last sentence of item B on the second page was not complete.
- Clerk Hammond stated he would fix the mistake administratively.

At the roll call:

Aye: Hoggan; McGarry; Miller; Noffske; Piscoya; Bruner-Alvanna

Nay:  
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None given

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### A. Draft Use of Force Policy.

- Manager Steckman explained the status of the current draft.
- Deputy Chief Pruckner explained the draft before the commission was developed at the national level as a set of best practices.
- C. Piscoya guided the commission through reading the use of force policy, discussing and asking Deputy Chief Pruckner and Manager Steckman questions. The Commission paid particular attention to the sections on duty to intervene, de-escalation, strangleholds, taser use, use of force reporting, the deadly force review board member selection, and next steps on implementing the new policy.

A motion was made by C. Hoggan and seconded by C. Bruner-Alvanna to approve the draft use of force policy.

At the roll call:

Aye: McGarry; Miller; Noffske; Piscoya; Bruner-Alvanna;  
Hoggan

Nay:  
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Russell Consulting Management Audit of the Nome Police Department,

- Manager Steckman discussed accreditation and his hope that Greg Russell would be present to discuss the report and accreditation with the commission. He discussed pros and cons of applying for regional or national accreditation.
- Commissioner McGarry discussed her experience with national accreditation at the Child Advocacy Center and its usefulness in obtaining grant funding. She noted differences that set Nome apart from other CACs in the lower 48.
- Prompted by Commissioner Bruner-Alvanna, Deputy Chief Pruckner explained the process of becoming accredited.
- Manager Steckman noted he would invite Mr. Russell for the April meeting.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### A. Activity Report: February 2021.

- Manager Steckman discussed a complaint two weeks prior, criticizing the response to an alleged sexual assault in progress.

- Deputy Chief Pruckner discussed the change in policy that was prompted by the incident, where dispatch will ask callers if they would like to be seen by an officer in relation to the call.
- Manager Steckman discussed a potential grant opportunity, noting a potential partnership with Norton Sound Hospital. He noted that airport testing could cease upon achieving herd immunity in Nome.
- Deputy Chief Pruckner discussed response time and dispatch certifications to assist with basic first aid over the phone while responders are in route.
- Deputy Chief Pruckner discussed the NPD statistical report that was emailed about earlier in the day, comparing trends between 2021 and 2020.
- Commissioner Piscoya asked and Deputy Chief Pruckner explained how DUI procedures differed between alcohol and drug intoxication.
- Deputy Chief Pruckner read the investigations report aloud and gave an update on recruitment efforts for the department. He noted the departments departure from a 2 weeks on 2 weeks off schedule, hoping the officers would become a part of the community of Nome. He discussed a nascent partnership with Kawerak in redesigning the NPD patch.

B. KNOM Article of February 21, 2021 entitled *After Mishandled Investigations, Advocates Cautious as Nome Police Try Rebuilding Trust*.

- Manager Steckman introduced the article, noting City staff agreed to be a part of the article. He discussed the road ahead to earning the trust of the community.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

1. Commissioner Bruner-Alvanna – no comments.
2. Commissioner Hoggan expressed appreciation for the use of force policy.
3. Commissioner McGarry – no comments.
4. Commissioner Miller explained he was encouraged by the efforts of NPD for seeking experienced officers. He noted the national accreditation would benefit everybody and asked the commission to keep in mind the influx of indigenous people from the region and potentially outside workers coming in to construct the port, emphasizing the need for a well trained police force to protect the town. Commissioner Miller noted that at K St and 3rd Ave the traffic was getting pretty reckless, especially after drivers dropped their kids off . He noted a lot of violations were committed by taxis.
5. Commissioner Noffske – no comments.
6. Commissioner Piscoya stated she was looking forward to Mr. Russell discussing the audit and that she liked the use of force policy. She explained concern with Commissioner Okleasik's absence and asked if there was a mechanism for addressing the issue.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by C. McGarry and seconded by C. Hoggan that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:52 PM

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2021.

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**CAROL PISCOYA**  
Vice Chair

**ATTEST:**

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**BRYANT HAMMOND**  
City Clerk