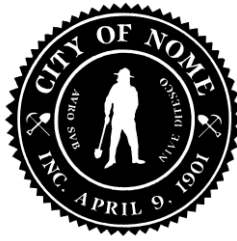


Mayor
John K. Handeland

City Clerk/Treasurer
Dan Grimmer



Nome Common Council
Kohren Green
Scot Henderson
Mark Johnson
Maggie Miller
Adam Martinson
Cameron Piscoya

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 at 5:30/07:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

102 Division St. ▪ P.O. Box 281 ▪ Nome, Alaska 99762 ▪ Phone (907) 443-6663 ▪ Fax (907) 443-5345

WORK SESSION At 05:38PM

A. Downtown Zoning Ordinance

ROLL CALL at 07:05PM

Members Present: C. Johnson, C. Piscoya, C. Green, C. Miller, C. Martinson(Zoom), C.Henderson
(not present at roll call, came in late);

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Dan Grimmer, City Clerk/Acting City Manager;
Erin Reinders, City Planner; Megan Onders, Asst. City Manager; Cliff
McHenry, Building Inspector; Joy Baker, Acting Port Director/Project
Manager;

In the Audience: Ben Townsend, Nickie Crowe, Cliff McHenry, Joy Baker, Cynthia Gray
(Zoom), Diana Haecker, Blake Bogart, Keith Conger;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion to approve the agenda was made by C. Piscoya and seconded by C. Miller.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 09, 2024 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,

A motion to approve the meeting minutes made by C. Johnson and seconded by
C.Piscoya.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. December 11, 2024 Renewal Notice for The Grass Station, LLC

- B. December 20, 2024 Early Notification of wastewater discharge permit from ADEC,

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Blake Bogart spoke about the MOA with the Winter Sports Association. He informed the council that the agreement between this organization and the City of Nome is incomplete and still has details that need to be added or amended. He looks forward to meeting with administration to get this finalized.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. January 13, 2025 Memo to the Nome Common Council re: A Determination for the Forgiveness of 2021 & 2022 Sales Tax Penalties and Interest for Nome Checker Cab

Questions were asked about the status of the Penalties and interest owed as well as the status of the undeclared Sales tax for 2023. It was decided by the Council that we would wait until the 2023 sales tax was calculated in order to make a determination of the 2021, 2022 AND 2023 penalties and interest all together.

- B. MOA for shared use of Nome Ice Rink facilities,

This was tabled until the agreement between the Winter Sports Association and the City of Nome can be finalized.

- C. R-25-01-01 A Resolution Authorizing Mayor John Handeland to Execute an Escrow Agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and Northrim Bank for the Purpose of Obligating Construction Funds as Required by Article IV C(1) of the Project Partnering Agreement for the Port of Nome Modifications Project,

A motion to approve this Resolution was made by C. Piscoya and seconded by C. Johnson.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. R-25-01-02 A Resolution Declaring Certain Properties in the City of Nome to be Fire Hazards, or Public Nuisances and Authorizing Their Remediation, Removal, or Demolition,

A motion to approve this Resolution was made by C. Green and seconded by C. Henderson.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- E. R-25-01-03 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Nome to Apply for and Participate in the FY2025 State Homeland Security Program Grant,

A motion to approve this Resolution was made by C. Johnson and seconded by C. Piscoya.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Henderson, C. Martinson, C. Piscoya, C. Miller, C. Green,
Nay:
The motion **CARRIED**.

- F. R-25-01-04 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Nome to Apply for and Participate in the FY2025 Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation Outside Entity Funding Program,
A motion to approve this Resolution was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Piscoya.

At the roll call:
Aye: C. Johnson, C. Henderson, C. Martinson, C. Piscoya, C. Miller, C. Green,
Nay:
The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The bid for the work on the Bid for blocks 113 and 114 is due to open next week.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. January 10, 2025 Memo from Joy Baker re: Port Admin & Projects Status Update- January 2025

Noted that the RAISE grant was granted to the Port of Nome.

- B. January 10, 2025 Memo from Megan Onders re: Economic Development Consulting Services RFP

There were several responses to this bid. The proposal that was selected was Stephanie Queen. She is available to meet with the council if desired. There will be a budget amendment to support this RFP. It was asked if the council desire to enter into an agreement with Ms. Queen for a contract and there were no objections with the selection.

- C. January 9, 2025 Memo from Brooks Chandler re: Public Relations Services RFP

It is the recommendation of Brooks Chandler to review the proposals from Thompson & Company and the Cedar Group in executive session. These were both Alaska based firms.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS-NONE

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

C. Henderson- Apologies for late arrival. C. Henderson expressed his concerns about the restrictions placed upon the downtown zoning districts. He felt the intentions of the districts were to remove restrictions and make it easier to develop. He recommended the Planning Commission review again the matrix of uses.

C. Johnson- C. Johnson asked about why the RFP for PR services was brought before the council. He asked what the purchasing threshold was for the City Manager. He asked for clarifications on the status of the Snake River Moorage Project and projections for construction. Ms. Baker answered his questions.

C. Green- No Comment

C.Piscoya- C.Pisoya expressed excitement about the investment summit.

C.Miller- C.Miller had a question about the investment summit flyer that Megan Onders had in her economic development services report. Mrs. Onders talked gave an update about the investment summit and who would be involved and what it was about.

C.Martinson- No Comment

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Director of the Ted Stevens Center came to Nome for a visit. He meet with Nome leadership and discussed the location of nome with regards to a Department of Defense standpoint. He talked about making relationships and bringing notice, support and awareness to our region and port project.

Next Council Meeting there will be a work session on taxi licenses. Work going on with Legislative priorities. Working with delegation firms in DC. Mayor will be traveling to DC with Megan and Joy. Possibly a review of the priorities can be done in that work session as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-In Session at 08:00PM

- A. For Finance & Personnel**, the immediate knowledge of which would have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City and to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any persons; in matters that are required by law to be kept confidential.

Out of Executive Session and Adjourned at 08:30PM

APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 27th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

**JOHN K. HANDELAND
MAYOR**

**DAN GRIMMER
CITY CLERK**