

**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland

**City Manager**  
Lee Smith

**City Clerk/Treasurer**  
Dan Grimmer



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

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 09, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: C. Henderson, C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Green, C. Miller, C. Piscoya.

Also Present: Lee Smith: City Manager, Mayor John Handeland, Ken Hughes, Gwen Holdmann, Mariam Low, Diana Haecker, Yu Cao, Dani Smithhisler, 8 people watching live on KNOM Zoom.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion to approve the agenda was made by C. Green and seconded by C. Martinson.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. May 27, 2025 Nome Common Council Board of Equalization and Regular Meeting Minutes,

A Motion to approve the minutes was made by C. Green and seconded by C. Martinson.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A. May 28, 2025 Department of Transportation Projects,

B. April 17, 2025 Nome Port Commission Meeting Minutes,

C. June 6, 2025 Memo from the Nome Port Commission re: Recommending Adoption of the FY2026 Port Operating and Capital Projects Budgets,

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. O-25-06-01 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map and Amending Title 18 of the Nome Code of Ordinances with a New Chapter 18.62 Downtown Mixed-Use District, A New Chapter 18.66 Downtown Core Mixed Use District and Amendments to Sections 18.110.010 and 18.30.010 SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE

A Motion to table this Ordinance until the next meeting was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Green.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. O-25-06-02 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2026 city of Nome General Fund Municipal Budget and Exercising the Power to Assess and Authorize the Levy of a General Property Tax SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,

A motion to adopt this ordinance was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Green.

A motion to amend the ordinance, as advised by the City of Nome Finance Director's memo, was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Green.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

A motion to amend the amendment was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

At the roll call for the original motion to adopt this Ordinance:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. O-25-06-03 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2026 City of Nome School Debt Service Fund Budget, SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE
- D. O-25-06-04 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2026 City of Nome Special Revenue Fund Budget, SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE
- E. O-25-06-05 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2026 City of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE
- F. O-25-06-06 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2026 City of Nome Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,

A motion to adopt Ordinances C-F was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Green.

At the Roll Call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- G. O-25-06-07 /An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2026 City of Nome Port of Nome Fund Budget O-25-06-06 SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,

A motion to amend this ordinance as mentioned in the memo from the City of Nome Finance Director, was made by C. Green and seconded by C. Martinson.

At the Roll Call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

A motion to adopt this Ordinance as amended, was made by C. Green and seconded by C. Martinson.

At the Roll Call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- H. O-25-06-08 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2026 City of Nome Port of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,

A motion to adopt the amendment, was made by C. Green and seconded by C. Martinson.

A motion to amend this budget at the advice of the Finance Director, was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Piscoya.

At the Roll Call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

At the Roll Call to adopt the Ordinance as amended:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. O-25-06-09 An Ordinance Amending the Nome Code of Ordinances, Section 17.10.010, Sales Tax, to Provide for a Six Percent (6%) Sales Tax Levy, Subject to Approval by the Qualified Voters of the City of Nome FIRST READING/DISCUSSION,

A motion to move this Ordinance to second reading was made by C. Green and seconded by C. Martinson.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-25-06-01 A Resolution to Allocate the 2024 NSEDC Community Benefit Share Funds,

Tabled until next meeting.

- C. R-25-06-02 A Resolution Approving a Letter of Agreement Between the City of Nome and the City of Nome Employees Association (CNEA) Modifying the Job Description and Salary for the Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Advocate Position (DV/SA Advocate),

A motion to adopt this Ordinance was made by C. Miller and seconded by C. Green.

At the Roll Call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

#### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

- **Ken Hughes, Chamber of Commerce:** Asking for clarification on the amendment for the contribution to the Chamber of Commerce/Visitor's Center, that was recommended by the City of Nome Finance Director.

#### **UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- **John Handeland, Utility Manager:** Potential for solar panel deployment on a couple of targeted smaller facilities. Looking to potentially field solar panels in a single area for utility use for ease in interconnectivity. Appreciates the Native Village of Solomon for ongoing dialogue. E 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Block 113 & 114, inspectors in town, work should begin shortly.

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

- A. June 6, 2025 Port Project Status Report,  
Thanks to everyone involved in the Spring cleanup. Mentions the oil spill drill. 3D house starting,

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

- **C. Henderson:**  
No Comment
- **C. Johnson:**  
Where are we on outdoor basketball hoops?
- **C. Martinson:**  
No Comment
- **C. Green:**  
No Comment
- **C. Miller:**  
Would like to bring up looking at tribal partnerships and agreements

formally. Looking into a missing persons protocol.

- **C. Piscoya:**

Echo with C. Miller said about a government to government Ordinance.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

- **Mayor, John Handeland:**

Thanks to City Council and Finance Director, Nickie Crowe, for working on the city Budget. Feels that though things are tight right now, things are going to bounce back economically. People come to Nome for the vast variants of things they can't find in other areas. From recreation, cultural, historical, literacy, valuable programs. When they choose to move to Nome Alaska, those things are included in their decisions.

The city is holding a public presentation for anyone interested in nuclear and micro reactor technology options. A representative from the Alaska Center of Energy and Power will be tracking some of the developments that are associated with mini reactors. Learn about safety, where the development stands today, and what it will mean for Alaska.

Thanks to governor Dunleavy, Nome had the opportunity and honor, to meet with the Secretary of Energy. The government and Secretary of Energy are open to renewable energy sources. There is an effort that will be made in the US for deeper drilling for geothermal energy. The Department of Energy will be putting 4 new wells within the US, two of which will be drilled in Alaska. Let the Secretary of Energy know about the port development and the potential need for additional energy sources, and that the community was being educated on the potential of a lower cost with the micro reactors under development. Thank the folks who participated in the Spring Clean Up. Thanks to Mary Reader for year-round effort into keeping our community a little bit cleaner.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:34pm

**APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 28th DAY OF JULY, 2025**

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND**  
**MAYOR**

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**DAN GRIMMER**  
**CITY CLERK**