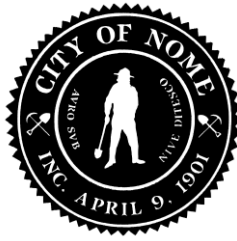


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Bryant Hammond



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M. Sigvanna Tapqaq

NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 09, 2022 at 5:30 / 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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WORK SESSION - 5:30

A. FY2023 City of Nome Draft Budget Presentation.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Scot Henderson; Doug Johnson; Mark Johnson; Sigvanna Tapqaq (telephonic)

Members Absent: Adam Martinson (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Paris Hebel, Youth Representative (at 7:07 PM); Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Mike Heintzelman, NPD Chief; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (telephonic); Joy Baker, Port Director (telephonic);

In the audience: Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget; Sean Milligan, KNOM; Brad Soske

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Tapqaq; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Flyer re: 2022 Spring Clean Up.
- Mayor Handeland discussed the U Call We Haul program.
- B. Flyer re: Electronic Waste Event June 3 - 4, 2022.
- Mayor Handeland gave an overview of Kawerak's program.

C. City of Nome FY2023 Budget Calendar.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

none given

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Memorandum of April 26, 2022 from City Attorney Chandler to Manager Steckman.
- Mayor Handeland announced the May 17, 2022 work session on the topic of the building incentive ordinances at 5:30.
- B. O-22-05-01 An Ordinance of the Nome City Council, Nome, Alaska, Amending the Nome Code of Ordinances, Section 17.20.020 to Provide for a Temporary Exemption from Property Tax for Deteriorated Structures Located in a Designated Area of Nome that are Being Substantially Rehabilitated, Renovated, and Replaced, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION.**

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to advance O-22-05-01.

Discussion:

- Council Member Henderson noted several concerns with the ordinance as currently drafted including the requirement for the property to be listed on a dilapidated property list and the language noting 'secondary residence' as also qualifying. Referring to section 2(a)(i), Council Member Henderson noted that an area in the City must be identified as deteriorated. Council Member Henderson requested that the entire City be designated as eligible for the ordinance.
- Council Member Mark Johnson requested a layman's terms version, written either by staff or the attorney, citing confusing legal jargon.

At the roll call:

Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Tapqaq; Brown; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

- C. O-22-05-02 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.10 of the Nome Code of Ordinances to Exempt Projects Which Qualify for an Economic Development Property Tax Exemption of a Dilapidated Property Tax Exemption from Permit Fees, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION.**

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to advance O-22-05-02.

Discussion:

- Council Member Henderson requested the Council change the language to include utility fees as well.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Tapqaq; Brown; Henderson; D. Johnson

Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. O-22-05-03 An Ordinance of the Nome City Council, Nome, Alaska, Amending the Nome Code of Ordinances, Section 17.20.020 to Provide for a Partial Temporary Exemption from Property Tax for Economic Development Property Developed for Multi-Unit Housing, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to advance O-22-05-03.

Discussion:

- Council Member Henderson noted he intended all new rental construction to qualify for the exemption. He expressed concern over the 50% requirement in increasing value and requested the number be changed to 1%.
- Manager Steckman explained the reasoning behind the 50% figure, noting that a significant investment should be required for a significant tax break.
- Council Member Henderson noted the 2.65 mill floor in the rate of taxation. He took issue with the effective date of January 1, 2023 saying he wanted people to take advantage of the program this year.
- Manager Steckman discussed issues with beginning sooner than January 1, 2023.

At the roll call:
Aye: Tapqaq; Brown; Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson
Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- E. R-22-05-01 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Nome to Apply for and Participate in the USDOT PIDP Discretionary Grant Program for Funding the Port of Nome Arctic Port Reception Facility - Solid Waste Disposal Phase.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Henderson to adopt R-22-05-01.

Discussion:

- Port Director Baker discussed the grant application and strategy behind it, noting the issue was gaining in visibility.
- Council Member Mark Johnson asked if the facility would be standalone for marine traffic only or if the City could add other domestic waste.
- Director Baker explained the marine traffic's waste stream would be the primary target, but there could be some opportunity so long as the City didn't violate the agreement with USDA APHIS.

At the roll call:
Aye: Tapqaq; Brown; Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson

Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- F. R-22-05-02 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Nome to Apply for and Participate in the Denali Commission Transportation Program - FY2022 Waterfront Project Nomination for the Port of Nome Arctic Port Reception Facility - Solid Waste Disposal Phase.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-22-05-02.

At the roll call:
Aye: Brown; Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Tapqaq
Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: April 26 - May 6, 2022.
- Mayor Handeland noted NJUS was actively seeking applicants in all three divisions. He encouraged potential applicants to contact the utility or the Nome Job Service.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: April 26 - May 6, 2022.
- Manager Steckman presented his verbal report, noting staff were updating the abatement list as the snow melt; the new stove for the Rec center was ordered; and staff were still working on the Mini remodel. Manager Steckman noted that several young people approached him asking him what incentives were available for them and that he was mulling it over. He broached the idea of creating a strategic plan to give staff an idea of what was expected of them over the next 3 - 5 years. Manager Steckman noted Council Member Mark Johnson's suggestions as to how to improve the sound quality in Chambers IT system.
 - Council Member Henderson opined a strategic plan would be a good idea and one of his first priorities would be to develop succession strategies for key positions. He requested the development of an assistant City Manager position be discussed at the next budget meeting. He also requested an assistant that works directly for the Council on research.
 - Manager Steckman noted he intended the Economic Development Director would search as the Assistant City Manager. He noted that Assistant City Managers lately were finding they didn't really want to be City Managers.
 - Council Member Mark Johnson opined it was a good idea, noting that the assistant city manager idea has been discussed for years and would blend well with an economic development manager, another needed position. He finished by discussing the CSO positions at NPD with Manager Steckman.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1. Chief Mike Heintzleman opined how fortunate he was to be the Police Chief for the City of Nome. He noted the obstacles before him, but with the right people the department can get through them. Chief Heintzleman commended Sharon Sparks and Will Crockett for the skills that each brings to the department. He gave a brief bio on Mr. Crockett and opined that Mr. Crockett was one of the best detectives he's ever worked with. He gave an overview on the two recent cases and discussed how Ms. Sparks and Mr. Crockett work together well. He noted writing two commendations for them last week.
 - Mayor Handeland requested the Chief bring the two individuals in for recognition.
 - Manager Steckman discussed the current case count and serial abusers that were taken off the street. He noted making arrests such as these were real morale boosters for the department.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Henderson thanked the NJUS Board for their discussion of the housing incentive program and the feedback he received. He stated he has rethought his idea of the Utility funding credits and asked the Council to fund the utility credits in the amount the City funded the professional housing project. He thanked Finance Director for her work with the budget. He congratulated Diana Haecker for the Nome Nugget winning the Best Small Newspaper in Alaska from the Alaska Press Club.
2. Council Member Doug Johnson thanked Will Crockett and Sharon Sparks for their outstanding service to the community and thanked Chief Heintzleman for pointing it out. He noted Teams was pretty good tonight, with a few drop outs and a couple freezes. He noted sound on YouTube as reasonable tonight.
3. Council Member Mark Johnson discussed an excerpt on KNOM from the Nome Nugget 100 years earlier opining the town was lucky to have a strong local press.
4. Council Member Taqaq – no comments.
5. Council Member Brown stated he was happy to hear progress being made in the police department.
6. Youth Representative Hebel - no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: April 26 - May 6, 2022.
 - Mayor Handeland noted the continuation of the Board of Equalization meeting at 5:30 PM tomorrow regarding the six appeals from NSHC.
 - He noted another budget work session on May 16th as well as a work session on Tuesday the 17th to discuss the ordinances offering incentives for housing construction.
 - Mayor Handeland encouraged people to get involved in community clean up and the ewaste program, coming at the end of the month and finished by noting that anybody could go to graduation (at the moment there were no Covid protocols) NPS asks that the public use safety precautions for the individual.
- B. Reappointment of Russell Rowe to Seat "E" of the Nome Port Commission,

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to confirm Mayor Handeland’s appointment.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Tapqaq; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion on Legal Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which May Have Adverse Impacts on City of Nome Finances.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Henderson to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters the immediate knowledge of which may have adverse impacts on City of Nome finances.

The Council entered into executive session at 8:08 PM.

The Council came out of executive session at 8:29 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Henderson to adjourn.

Hearing no objections the Council adjourned at 8:29 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 23rd day of May, 2022

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND
Clerk