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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY OCTOBER 14, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:01 PM by Acting Mayor Brown in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Doug Johnson; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Jennifer Reader; Meghan Topkok (telephonically)

Members Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Beneville (late); John Handeland, Interim City Manager; Bryant Hammond City Clerk; Joy Baker, Port Director; Bob Estes, Police Chief

In the audience: Emily Hofstaedter (KNOM); Sandra Medearis (Arctic News); Andrew C. Lee; Marla Mayberry; Jason Shaver; Angela Torres; Matt Culley; Dawn Estes; Kelly Combs; Aaron Blankenship; Colleen Deighton; Anna Ashenfelter; Lisa Ellanna; Aileen & Rich Witrosky; Joe Fletcher

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acting Mayor Brown asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to amend the agenda by adding "Discussion of ACLU Letter" under Executive Session.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. September 23, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. September 30, 2019 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.
- C. October 3, 2019 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.
- D. October 7, 2019 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.
- E. October 8, 2019 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the September 23, 2019, September 30, 2019, October 3, 2019, October 7, 2019, and the October 8, 2019 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of September 19, 2019 from Senator Wicker to Port Director Baker re: Thank You for Hospitality at the Port of Nome.
- B. Email of September 22 from Rodionova Gulnara Olegovna to Mayor Beneville.
 - Council Member Reader asked for clarification on the document referenced in the letter.
 - Manager Handeland explained there was never actually a formalized document but that he would confer with the Mayor in moving forward.
- C. Note of September 23, 2019 from the Irene and Babe Anderson to the City of Nome re: Thank You to Cemetery Volunteer Stan Andersen.
- D. Letter of September 30, 2019 from State Assessor McGee to the City of Nome re: Full Value Determination.
 - Council Member Mark Johnson noted the 11 percent increase in value.
- E. Thank You Card of October 2, 2019 from Nome Kennel Club to City of Nome re: 1st Annual Dog Fair.
- F. Letter of October 10, 2019 from NSEDC to City of Nome re: NoBSRAA Seat Confirmation.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to confirm Jacob Martin as the Nome Area Representative.

At the roll call:

Aye: Reader; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson;
Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Matt Culley read a letter to the Council submitted by Tom Moran the week before. He noted the date stamp as being received prior to the packet deadline and asked why the letter hadn't been included in the packet. He expressed disgust at what he called censorship and a lack of transparency at the City.
- 2) Aaron Blankenship criticized the City's website, providing several examples of where it is difficult to navigate, uses confusing wording, and is incomplete. He suggested the City publish its meeting audio as a podcast.

Mayor Beneville entered the meeting.

PLANNING & ZONING

- A. August 6, 2019 Nome Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-19-10-03 A Resolution Approving an Employment Agreement Between the City of Nome and William Glenn Steckman III for the Position of City Manager.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-19-10-03.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to amend Mr. Steckman's contract by changing June 1, 2020 in Section 10 to July 1, 2020.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader;
Topkok

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED.**

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson;
Reader

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

B. R-19-10-04 A Resolution Proclaiming November 1, 2019 as "Extra Mile Day."

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-19-10-02.

At the roll call:

Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok;
Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: September 24 – October 11, 2019.

- Manager Handeland presented the Utility report, noting that the fuel barge had arrived and fuel would be delivered when the weather cooperated. He noted the resolution authorizing the \$5 million fuel note would be on the next agenda.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: September 24 – October 11, 2019.

- Manager Handeland presented his written report. He noted that Mr. Moran's letter hadn't made it into the packet because he hadn't read it until the weekend. Manager Handeland explained that he had been searching through a good deal of government websites, and while the City of Nome's wasn't the best, it certainly wasn't the worst.
- Council Member Mark Johnson asked if the City had coordinated a snow removal plan with other responsible entities.
- Manager Handeland explained that the framework was established but not yet put in writing.
- Council Member Brown asked about the process to address the Police Department's needs.
- Manager Handeland explained there would be a financial review at the October 28th Meeting noting a blessing from the Council on the budget increase might be in order and that he intended to discuss CSOs with NSHC.
- Council Member Mark Johnson asked when Greg Russell would begin the NPD audit.
- Manager Handeland explained he'd likely be able to start the week of November 11th.

B. Port & Harbor Report/Projects Update—October 2019.

- Port Director Baker updated the Council on the Arctic Deep Draft Port project and distributed a condensed version of the May 2019 Feasibility Study.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Lisa Ellanna wished everyone a happy Indigenous Peoples' Day and described the celebrations that occurred over the course of the day. She thanked the City of Nome for the proclamation designating the day formally known as Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- 1) Council Member Mark Johnson noted that an uplifting story among the recent negative press stood out: the ADN Sunday story about Carol Seppilu running her way to health and happiness.
- 2) Council Member Martinson expressed the hope of a snow removal plan and requested that the Roads Crew give some attention to the roads and drainage.
- 3) Council Member Reader requested City Manager performance evaluation metrics in advance of the new City Manager's start date.
- 4) Council Member Topkok exclaimed Quvianaḡli iñuqqaat nunani uvluat - happy indigenous' peoples day and agreed the website was difficult to navigate. She suggested getting students to help. She noted the Port has an impact on communities throughout the region and requested the Port be more thoughtful about communication with other communities. Council Member Topkok also explained she had been in contact with Molly Kenick and suggested establishing a youth commission.
- 5) Council Member Brown – no comments.
- 6) Council Member Doug Johnson – no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: September 24 – October 11, 2019.
 - Mayor Beneville updated the Council and the public present on his recent trip to Iceland. He noted the venue was an eye-opener regarding native input on arctic matters, noting one evening was dubbed Inuit Night.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to enter into executive session to discuss the ACLU Letter.

The Council entered into executive session at 8:02 PM.

The Council reconvened at 9:40 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson that the meeting be adjourned.

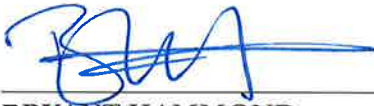
Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 9:40 PM

APPROVED and SIGNED this 30th day of October 2019.



JERALD BROWN
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk