

Mayor
Kenny Hughes

City Manager
Lee Smith

City Clerk/Treasurer
Dan Grimmer



**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

Nome Common Council
Mark Johnson
Adam Martinson
Scot Henderson
Maggie Miller
Kohren Green
Adam Lust
Student Representative
Alora Stasenکو

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ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. October 14, 2025 Nome Common Council Election Canvass Meeting Minutes,
- B. November 10, 2025 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. A Letter from Urtha S. Lenharr re: The Leonhard Seppala House Project,
- B. November 19, 2025 Letter from NSEDC to Mayor Hughes re: 2025 NSEDC Community Benefit Share Funds,
- C. December 3, 2025 Beverage Dispensary License for The Board of Trade Saloon,
- D. A November 5, 2025 letter re: A letter from the Consulate of the Republic of Korea Anchorage,
- E. Nome Comprehensive Subsistence Harvest Survey Project from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A recommendation by Mayor Hughes for the appointment of Erik Noet to Seat "E" of the Nome Port Commission for the remaining of a 3 year Term which expires 10/01/2028.
- B. A recommendation by Mayor Hughes for the appointment of Timothy Jennings to Seat "C" of the Nome Planning Commission for the remaining of a 3 year Term which expires 10/01/2028.
- C. R-25-12-01 A Resolution Designating Daniel Grimmer as Acting City Manager in the Absence of the City Manager for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. December 9, 2025 Port Director & Projects Report,

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

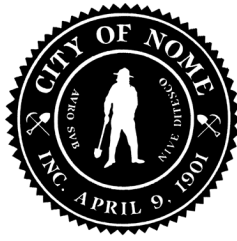
EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS

ADJOURNMENT

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
ELECTION CANVASS & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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ROLL CALL at 7:00PM

Members Present: Mayor John K. Handeland, C.Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Miller, C.Green, C.Piscoya,

Staff Present: City Manager Lee Smith, City Clerk Dan Grimmer, Deputy Clerk Brad Soske,

Present in Audience: Wali Rana-KNOM, Kenny Hughes, Adam Lust, Alora Stasenko, Cynthia Gray, Thomas Simonsson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Green.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 8, 2025 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,

A motion to approve the Minutes was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Green.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. ABC License renewal for Nome Grown LLC,

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

No Comments

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Review of the 2025 Municipal Election Questioned Ballots,

-Review of a Questioned Ballot by the Common Council.

A motion to approve the questioned ballot was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Piscoya.

At the roll call:

Aye:

Nay: C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Piscoya.

The motion **was Denied**.

B. R-25-10-01 A Resolution Canvassing the Results of the October 7, 2025 Annual Municipal Election,

A motion to approve the Resolution was made by C. Piscoya and seconded by C. Martinson.

Discussion: A review was given by the Clerk of the canvass of the election. It was pointed out by the Mayor that there was a narrow margin by which the sales tax increase passed.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **Carried**.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Utility will only have Customer Service Office up limited hours due to the staff working on a tabletop exercise with ADEC on their oil spill response plan. Final work is being done on NJUS financial statements. Village of Solomon put together a nice celebration for the East end completion of the water and sewer project.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Department Head Quarterly Reports Quarter 1 FY26,
- Blessings that Nome was not effected by Storms. We have put together an incident command team. There was generous attendance from different entities that came together to be proactive in being prepared for potential disasters. The next week there will be a debrief to reflect on efficacy of preparation. City Manager and City Clerk will be at the Tax Conference Next week in Anchorage. The City is looking for potential revenue sources. The City Manager will meet with different contractors while in Anchorage. There is an upcoming training that is available to Councilmembers and the Mayor in December. The City is purchasing a landfill compactor. Hopefully this piece of equipment will extend the life of the landfill by using the correct type of equipment for the job.

A Motion was made to Approve the Lease of the Lease Purchase of a Compactor by C. Henderson and Seconded by C. Miller.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **Carried**.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- C.Martinson- No Commets
- C.Henderson- Thanks for the service of those that have served in the Mayor and Council Roles. Congratulations to those that were appointed and reappointed. He asked about updates to drainage issue complaints by members of the Community. Public Works and the City Manager had taken a look at both of those issues. He asked about the current status of the 3D house.

The City Manager voiced concerns about how long it has taken to date to get as far as they have. He voiced disappointment of the process so far in the construction and expressed that he did not want to own the house upon completion and that Penn State should be the owner of the house while it is being tested while the City Retains ownership of the land. There has been a lot of issues of logistics on how to get things to Nome and some waste.

- C.Miller- No Comments
- C.Green- Asked if there were dates set for public works and/or NJUS to look at issues at 4th and Division.
- C.Piscoya-Enjoyed his time and the conversations that have been had. Would like to recognize his wife and the support and time that she has put in while he has served on the Council.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- Mayor Handeland read a prepared statement that shared his thoughts, feelings and experience from his time serving collaboratively as the Mayor of Nome. He espressed that his care and commitment continues towards the betterment of our community. He gave congratulations to the new Mayor.

OATHS OF OFFICE

- Oath of Office for Mayor Kenny Hughes,
- Oath of Office for Councilmember Adam Lust,
- Oath of Office for Student Representative Alora Stasenکو,

ADJOURNMENT at 7:51PM

APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025

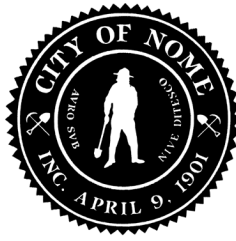
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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025 at 05:30/7:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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WORK SESSION

A. Presentation by The Nome School District,

ROLL CALL at 7:04PM

Members Present: Mayor Kenny Hughes, C. Henderson, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Lust, S.R. Stasenکو,

Absent: C. Johnson, C. Martinson,

Staff Present: City Manager Lee Smith, City Clerk Dan Grimmer, Nickie Crowe-Finance Director (Zoom)

Present in Audience: Diana Haecker-Nome Nugget, Ben Townsend-KNOM, Cynthia Gray, Jamie Burgess, Genevieve Hollins (Zoom), Joy Baker (Zoom)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by C. Green and seconded by C. Henderson.

There were a couple Communications and a Resolution to add to the agenda with some communications on training to be presented by the City Manager.

A motion to amend the Agenda was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Miller.

At the roll call on the agenda amendment:

Aye: C. Henderson, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Lust.

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

At the roll call on the agenda as amended:

Aye: C. Henderson, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Lust.

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 27, 2025 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,

A motion to approve the Minutes was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Miller.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Henderson, C. Miller, C. Green, C.Lust.

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. September 02, 2025 Nome Planning Commission Meeting Minutes,
- B. September 09, 2025 Nome Planning Commission Meeting Minutes,
- C. November 5, 2025 Alaska Grown Cannabis AMCO Renewal,
- D. November 5, 2025 US Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice of Application for Permit:
Applicant Arctic Placer Drilling & Mining, LLC,

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS-None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS

- R-25-11-01 A Resolution of the Nome Common Council Commemorating Veterans Day, 2025
A motion to amend the Agenda was made by C.Henderson and seconded by C.Miller.
No Discussion.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Henderson, C. Miller, C. Green, C.Lust.

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS-None

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT-None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- The City Manager reiterated the recognition and thanks to Veterans and their families for the upcoming holiday. He also talked about the Newly Elected Officials training that is upcoming in Anchorage and available through Zoom in December.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- C.Lust- He asked for an update on the Taxicab Services. He would like to see improvement on accessibility to transportation services for the public. He also mentioned interest in discussions and transparency with the school budget.
- C.Green- He asked for an update on the NJUS Audits. The City Manager said that he would reach out to the NJUS Manager to get an update.
- C.Miller-She had questions about the status of the PR Consultant and position. The City Manager updated that this position would be handled by a team of employees internally and that the contract with the PR firm would not be renewed. C.Miller expressed the desire to see more recognition of tribally recognized days/holidays and to have them publicized within the community. She asked for an update on the economic development plan.
- C.Henderson-No Comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- Mayor Hughes reported that he just got back from the Alaska Miners Conference. He also discussed the issue of dust control across Nome.
- Representative Stasenko- She Just got back from a Regional Volleyball Tournament where the Girls Team placed 2nd and would be going on to State. She also mentioned that other communities had been doing snack bags for students effected by storms and has the desire to do something similar here in Nome.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:32PM

APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025

**KENNY HUGHES
MAYOR**

**DAN GRIMMER
CITY CLERK**



The Honorable Mayor Kenny Hughes:

We wish to welcome you as Mayor of the City of Nome. The Leonhard Seppala House Project has been dedicated to the reconstruction and preservation of the historic house of Nome's famed dog musher; Leonhard Seppala.

It is the goal of this project to complete the reconstruction and see that it becomes a museum in Nome, honoring Leonhard Seppala. Much has been written of Leonhard, his dogs, and the heroic contributions he made to the town of Nome from 1905 till 1925. He owned dogs like: Togo, Fritz and Balto. Leonhard also introduced the Siberian Husky breed to the American Kennel Club. It was Seppala's idea to get the lifesaving diphtheria serum to Nome by dog team relay, saving the town from a devastating epidemic.

So you can see the role this man played in Nome's history and the importance of remembering such heroes.

Once the finished restoration of his house, and we plan "gift" it to the City of Nome as a SEPPALA MUSEUM and dog mushing history. We hope the City can secure a prominent place in the City for his legacy to be seen by locals and tourists for a long time.

I know that I can speak for the Board of Directors of the Seppala House Project by saying; We are glad to have you represent this historic preservation of dog mushing history and hope you see fit to assist us in our efforts.

Right now we are trying to get funds together to do the interior and floor insulation, electrical wiring, and rustic looking flooring and walls. It has been a long arduous endeavor , but we know how important Nome's history means to its residents.

Please let us know if the City has any block grants that we could apply for to help purchase material, and manpower that the City can provide, and of course, donations of material that might help expedite the finishing of this Museum for the city.

Thank you for your consideration, support, and efforts you do for the City of Nome, Alaska. We wish you the best in your new position in Nome. Congratulations!!!

Respectfully,

Urtha S. Lenharr

*Urtha S. Lenharr, President/Former Nome
Resident/Iditarod Finisher*

Leonhard Seppala House Project, Inc.

6589 Ft. McCord Road

Chambersburg, PA 17202

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November 19, 2025

Mr. Kenny Hughes, Mayor
City of Nome
P.O. Box 281
Nome, AK 99762

Re: 2025 NSEDc Community Benefit Share

Dear Mayor Hughes,

On behalf of the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDc) Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce a 2025 Community Benefit Share (CBS) distribution of \$250,000 for each NSEDc member community. NSEDc reaffirms our commitment to our member communities through our CBS program which provides financial support to address your community's highest priorities.

The NSEDc board and staff are aware of the need to ensure accountability of not only how NSEDc funds are spent, but also the process by which the use of those funds is determined. I stress the importance of—and my appreciation for—your proactive approach to help ensure that all residents of your community are aware of the decision-making process for the use of these funds.

With an emphasis on self-governance and accountability, NSEDc requires that the following guidelines be met in order to access the funds:

1. The City of Nome (City) must facilitate a public process at the municipal level to determine the highest priorities and best uses for the funds. The public process can be a regularly scheduled or special city council meeting or a special community meeting to address the best use of the CBS.
2. The City must report to NSEDc on how the funds will be utilized by submitting a letter, detailed budget, and the city council meeting minutes from the session at which CBS funds are approved.
3. The City must expend all prior years' CBS funds before accessing funding from the 2025 CBS.
4. Reimbursements must be only for expenditures made or incurred after the November 5, 2025, award declaration and will be paid on a reimbursable basis or as a direct-vendor payment. Direct vendor payments will only be made for expenditures over \$3,500.
5. CBS funds may not be utilized for payment of bonuses to city council members. If funds are utilized for the payment of standard council member honorariums, or other normal, regular payments to municipal officials, that specific use must be noted at the public council meeting when the share's use is determined and recorded in the meeting minutes.

Please note that the City of Nome has the following CBS balances available:

Community	2023	2024	2025	Total
Nome	\$121,394	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$521,394

Please submit all documents noted in Guideline #2 above by January 29, 2026, to Amanda Patrick, Community Development Coordinator, at amandap@nsedc.com or fax the documents to (907) 443-2478. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Paul Ivanoff, Community Benefits Director, at (800) 385-3190 or by email at pivanoff@nsedc.com.

Sincerely,



Janis Ivanoff
President & CEO

cc: Nome City Council
James Sherman, NSEDC Board Member



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

Department of Commerce, Community,
and Economic Development

ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA CONTROL OFFICE
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600
Anchorage, AK 99501
Main: 907.269.0350

December 3, 2025

From: Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov; amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov;

Licensee: **MJW, INC.**

DBA: Board of Trade Saloon

VIA email: westbot60@gmail.com;

CC: None

Local Government 1: Nome

Via Email: dgrimmer@nomealaska.org; clerksoffice@nomealaska.org;

Community Council: n/a

Via Email: n/a

Re: Beverage Dispensary License #144 Combined Renewal Notice for 2025-2026 Renewal Cycle

License Number:	#144
License Type:	Beverage Dispensary
Licensee:	MJW, INC.
Doing Business As:	Board of Trade Saloon
Physical Address:	211 Front Street, Nome, AK, 99762
Designated Licensee:	James D. West Jr.
Phone Number:	907-304-1426
Email Address:	westbot60@gmail.com;

☒ License Renewal Application

☐ Endorsement Renewal Application

Dear Licensee:

Our staff has reviewed your application after receiving your application and the required fees. Your renewal documents appear to be in order, and I have determined that your application is complete for purposes of AS 04.11.510, and AS 04.11.520.

Your application is now considered complete and will be sent electronically to the local governing body(s), your community council, if your proposed premises are in Anchorage or certain locations in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and to any non-profit agencies who have requested notification of applications. The local governing body(s) will have 60 days to protest the renewal of your license.

Your application will be scheduled for the **February 3rd, 2026** board meeting for Alcoholic Beverage Control Board consideration. The address and call-in number for the meeting will be posted on our home page. The board will not grant or deny your application at the meeting unless your local government waives its right to protest per AS 04.11.480(a).

Please feel free to contact us through the Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov email address if you have any questions.

Dear Local Government:

We have received completed renewal applications for the above-listed licenses within your jurisdiction. This is the notice required under AS 04.11.480. A local governing body may protest the issuance, renewal, relocation, or transfer to another person of a license with one or more endorsements, or issuance of an endorsement by sending the director and the applicant a protest and the reasons for the protest in a clear and concise statement within 60 days of the date of the notice of filing of the application. A protest received after the 60-day period may not be accepted by the board, and in no event may a protest cause the board to reconsider an approved renewal, relocation, or transfer.

To protest any application(s) referenced above, please submit your written protest for each within 60 days to AMCO and provide proof of service upon the applicant and proof that the applicant has had a reasonable opportunity to defend the application before the meeting of the local governing body.

If you have any questions, please email amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov.

Dear Community Council (Municipality of Anchorage and Mat-Su Borough only)

We have received a complete renewal application for the above-listed license (see attached application documents) within your jurisdiction. This letter serves to provide written notice to the above-referenced entities regarding the above application, as required under AS 04.11.310(b) and AS 04.11.525.

Please contact the local governing body with jurisdiction over the proposed premises for information regarding the review of this application. Comments or objections you may have about the application should first be presented to the local governing body.

If you have any questions, please email Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov

Sincerely,
Alysha Pacarro, Licensing Examiner II
For
Kevin Richard, Director



CONSULATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
ANCHORAGE

800 E. Dimond Blvd., Suite 3-695, Anchorage, AK 99515
TEL : (907) 339-7955 · FAX : (907) 339-0411

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The Consulate of Republic of Korea in Anchorage presents its compliments to the City of Nome and has the honor to inform the latter that **Mr. Park Heong-joon, Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea and his delegation are planning to visit Nome on January 6th, 2026.**

Their flight schedule is as follows;

Date	Sector	Flight	ETD	ETA
January 6 th	Anchorage/Nome	AS2002	07:25	09:12
January 6 th	Nome/Anchorage	AS155	17:59	19:34

Busan Metropolitan City is the 2nd largest city and number one trading port hub in Korea. As a fellow port city, Busan hopes to promote its exchange and cooperation with the City of Nome and is particularly interested in the Port of Nome modification project.

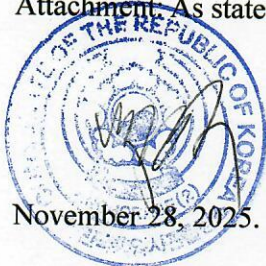
In this regard, during the course of their planned visit to Nome, Mayor Park and his delegation wish to **pay a courtesy call on Mr. Ken Hughes, Mayor of the City of Nome, have a meeting with the Nome Port Commission and guided tour of port.**

Furthermore, it would be highly grateful if the City of Nome could offer any other useful recommendations or assistance during their stay in Nome.

The introduction of Busan and CV of the Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City are attached herewith for reference of the City of Nome.

The Consulate of the Republic of Korea in Anchorage avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the City of Nome the assurances of its highest consideration.

Attachment: As stated



Curriculum Vitae

PARK Heong-joon

Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea



Personal Information:

Name: PARK Heong-joon
Date of Birth: 1960
Title: Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City

Education:

1991 Ph.D in Literature, Korea University
1985 M.A. in Sociology, Korea University
1982 B.A. in Sociology, Korea University
1978 Daeil High School, Seoul

Professional Experience:

Jul. 2022 – Present	The 39th Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City
Jan. 2024	President, Governors Association of the Republic of Korea
Apr. 2021 – Jun. 2022	The 38 th Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City
2014 – 2016	Secretary General, National Assembly Secretariat
2011	Special Advisor to the President for Social Affairs
2009 – 2010	Senior Secretary to the President for Political Affairs
2004 – 2008	Member of the 17 th National Assembly (Suyeong-gu District, Busan / Grand National Party)
2002 – 2021	Professor, Global Studies Major, Graduate School of International Studies(GSIS), Dong-A University
1999 – 2005	Chair of Devolution Movement Busan Headquarter
1994 – 1999	Member of Presidential Commission on Policy Planning
1995 – 1996	Chairman of the Planning Committee, Citizens' Coalition for Economic Justice Busan Office
1984 – 1985	Journalist, JoongAng Ilbo

Introduction to Busan Metropolitan City

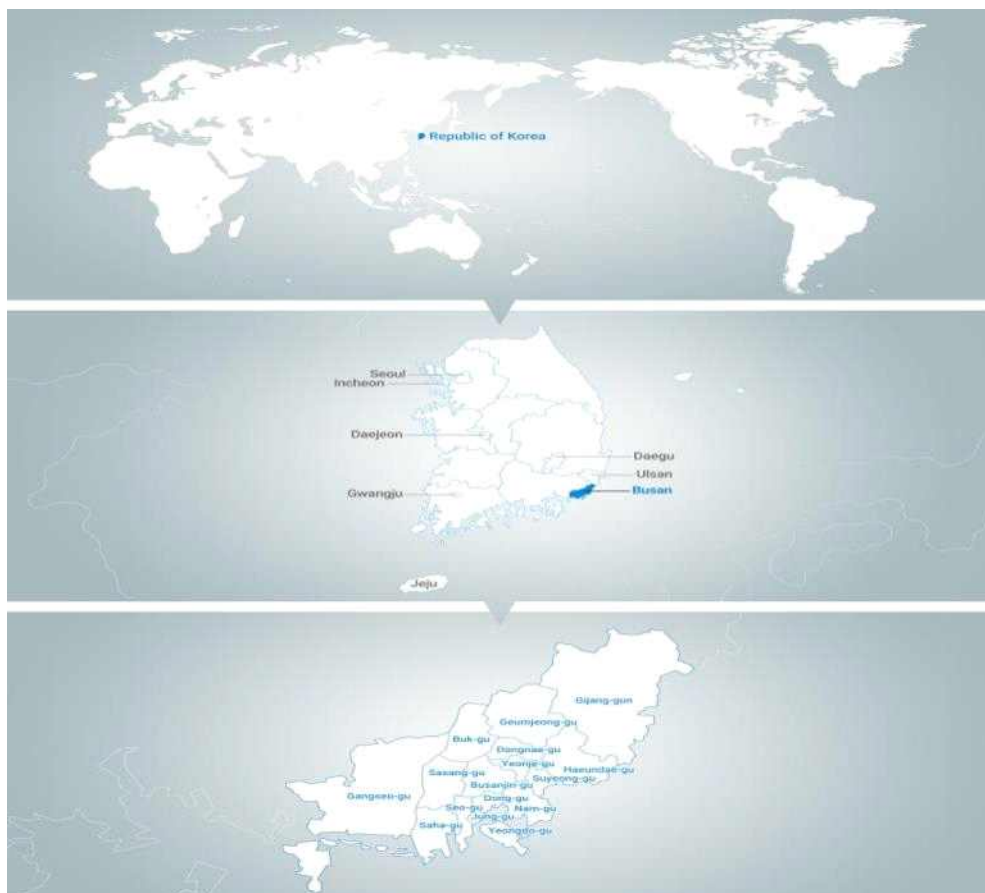


Busan is the 2nd largest city and number one trading hub in Korea, with a population of 3.4 million and a total area of 770.17 square kilometers as of 2022.

Since opening Korea's first international port in 1876, the city has become a hub of trade, commerce and industry

Global events including the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation conference, Busan International Film Festival and Busan Fireworks Festival, as well as various sea-related festivals are held throughout the year. The city is also a tourist destination and home to Asia's largest department store, Haeundae beach, and a yacht marina.

Located on the southern tip of the Korean Peninsula, Busan is a historic city that served as the temporary capital during the Korean War and refuge for men, women and children fleeing the North to build new lives.



Nome Comprehensive Subsistence Harvest Survey

Project Objectives

Through household surveys and interviews, this project seeks to document baseline subsistence harvest and use information about fish and wildlife habitats and ecosystem change.

Project Background

Nome is a priority community for a comprehensive survey for several reasons:

- A comprehensive harvest survey has never been conducted in Nome; this is a significant information gap. Comprehensive surveys establish an
- important baseline in advance of pending development projects. As a hub community, the subsistence
- harvesting and use data by residents of Nome is critical to the understanding and characterization of regional subsistence patterns.

Project Partners

Since 1978, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Division of Subsistence has documented community patterns of fish and wildlife harvest and use, as well as local and traditional knowledge about fish and wildlife habitats and ecosystem changes.

Project research will be conducted by Division of Subsistence in collaboration with the City of Nome. Community outreach and research will take place in fall/winter 2025 and in spring 2026. This project is funded by the State of Alaska Legislature.

Local Research Assistants

The Subsistence Division seeks community approval of projects from local governments before conducting research. In communities willing to participate in projects, project staff hire and train local researchers to conduct surveys within their own community.

Goals

For more information about the household survey process, see reverse.

- ☒ Conduct household surveys & ethnographic interviews
- ☒ Spend time with harvesters on the landscape to learn about subsistence in Nome
- ☒ Map subsistence harvest and use areas & collect local observations of the landscape, environment, species & changes noted over time

All survey participants will be entered into a fuel drawing raffle!



About Subsistence Harvest Surveys

What is a subsistence harvest survey?

Harvest surveys are the best available tool to document the importance of subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering in the lives of Alaska residents. The Division is required by Alaska state law to collect this information, and we work with local governments to conduct household surveys in the way that works best for the community.

Subsistence research has helped communities ensure continued access to wild foods and the priority for subsistence use.



What is subsistence harvest information used for?

- To help communities demonstrate the importance of subsistence resources and practices to people and their wellbeing
- To establish local use levels which show wildlife managers the importance of subsistence harvests
- To provide a way for subsistence harvesters to report observations and share knowledge
- To establish baselines of subsistence use patterns to understand potential impacts of development projects to subsistence ways of life
- To provide a basis for compensation in the event of a disaster (e.g., oil spill, wildlife population crash)
- To give people a one-on-one way to inform the state of local subsistence practices and concerns

What topics are covered in a survey?

- ♦ Harvest and use:
 - Types, amounts, seasons, and locations of harvests
 - Sharing of wild food
 - How harvests and wild food needs have changed
- ♦ Food security:
 - Having enough food to eat during the year
- ♦ Demographics
 - Population, household size, age, ethnicity
- ♦ Sources of income
 - How money supports subsistence
- ♦ Community questions and concerns

About the household survey process

- ♦ Surveys are **voluntary** and **anonymous**
- ♦ For each survey, we hire several short-term Local Research Assistants in the community

Where can I find this information?

Search by community, explore story maps (see Data Hub), view data, and download technical reports:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sb/CSIS/>





BOARDS ~ COMMISSIONS ~ COMMITTEES APPLICATION FORM

City of Nome
Office of the Mayor
P.O. Box 281
Nome, AK 99762

Board/Commission/Committee Nome Port Commission

Name ERIK R. NOET Day Phone (907) 434-1843

Address P.O. BOX 774 NOME AK Eve Phone (907) 443-2695

Fax number _____ email address enoet@bsrha.org

Length of Residence in Nome > 50 YEARS Registered to Vote in Nome? YES X NO _____

Where Employed? BERING STRAITS REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Organizations you belong to or participate in PIONEERS OF ALASKA

Do you have any particular qualifications that should be considered for this appointment?

MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE
ALASKA, ARIZONA, CHICAGO ILLINOIS

Signature Date 7/17/2025

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City of Nome – Boards, Commissions, Committees Application

I Am Interested In: ☐ Boards ☒ Commissions ☐ Committees

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Personal Information			
Name	Timothy Zeph Jennings Jr	Email	zjennings21@gmail
Cell Phone		Other Phone	434-0733
Address	701 E. 5 th Ave	Age	33
Length of residence	6+ years	Registered to Vote	☒ Yes ☐ No

Employment Information	
Are you employed?	Yes ☐ No ☒
Name of Employer	/
Job Title/ Line of work	/
Are you a Student	Yes ☐ No ☒

Organizations you belong to or participate in:	City	Regional	State
Elks Lodge #969	Roswell	Lodge 969	NA

Do you have any particular qualifications that should be considered for the appointment?
Extensive experience in State Legislature as a page/committee observer/attendant.
Eager to learn more about this sector of local governing processes.

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Applicant 1 Signature	Applicant 2 Signature
Date December 1 st , 2025	Date:

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Presented By:
City Manager
Action Taken:
Yes____
No____
Abstain____

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-01-01

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DANIEL GRIMMER
AS ACTING CITY MANAGER IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CITY MANAGER
FOR January 1, 2026 Through December 31st, 2026**

WHEREAS, NCO 2.35.030 provides that “During the city manager’s absence or disability, the city council shall designate by resolution an official to act as city manager”; and,

WHEREAS, modern advancements in communications technology allow individuals to perform duties from locations other than a fixed office, so job responsibilities and functions can be performed from anywhere on the globe, but on occasion it is necessary, prudent and healthy for an employee to be able to “unplug” on occasion; and,

WHEREAS, William Lee Smith III, City Manager believes it prudent to have an Acting City Manager in his absence available in town during this period to be able to address any necessary matters promptly; and,

WHEREAS, the council will be informed of any scheduled or non-scheduled leave of the City Manager in advance to his leave; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends Daniel Grimmer, be designated Acting City Manager with authority to perform powers and duties of the City Manager during Periods of absence of the City Manager;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common Council accepts the City Manager’s recommendation and appoints/designates Daniel Grimmer Acting City Manager in any absences of the City Manager; for the period January 1st, 2026 through December 31st, 2026 to perform delegated duties and assume the responsibilities as provided in NCO 2.35.020, elsewhere in the Code, and in Alaska Statutes – Title 29.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 5th Day of January, 2026

**KENNETH HUGHES III,
Mayor**

ATTEST:

**DAN GRIMMER,
City Clerk**



Memo

To: Lee Smith – City Manager
From: Joy L. Baker – Project Manager/Port Director *JLB*
CC: Mayor Hughes & Common Council; Port Commission; Planning Commission
Date: 12/09/2025
Re: Port Director/Project Manager Report – Dec 2025

Administration:

Although things are quieter at the port office these days, we are pushing forward on a variety of paths to wrap up 2025, and prepare for 2026. This includes statistical tracking, collections, pursuit of funding opportunities, personnel evaluations, policy change considerations, tariff updates, and improvements to electronic and hard files efficiency.

Causeway:Arctic Deep Draft Port – Port of Nome Modifications (USACE):

Coordination continues between USACE, the City and Kiewit on the required Phase 1A submittals. USACE held an initial pre-construction meeting to introduce the project teams, with other meetings to follow as needed to address RFI's and site work questions. An official pre-construction meeting will be held in Spring 2026, before summer begins. Project partnership discussions are ongoing regarding scheduling and funding of additional phases. In the meantime, engineering and design work continues on Phase 2.

Local Service Facilities (LSF) Inspection Integration:

The LSF team is collaborating with USACE on Phase 1A project submittals and RFI's, and continues to coordinate on Phase 2 dredging, which is currently scheduled to go out for bid in 2026.

U.S. DOT Maritime Administration (MARAD) – Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant Pre-Award:

Things are progressing with the remaining pre-award requirements for this grant. This will allow execution of the \$11.25M agreement, which includes a separate funding agreement for the \$1.025M passed in the FY2025 USDOT budget to supplement the PIDP award to Nome.

Harbor:Inner Harbor CAP 107 Study (Deepen/Widen the Inner Basin):

The Alaska District continues to recommend a General Investigation (GI) Study. Progress has slowed while the team is occupied with Phase 1A of the expansion. An updated package is in prep to further highlight the nature of the issue and delays associated with this project, for the purpose of sharing with the Congressional Delegation.

Snake River Moorage Facility:

Pre-award tasks for this grant award are in progress to address additional NEPA efforts due to the timing of the project permits. We have contracted with PND to complete the necessary consultations, which will commence once USDOT authorize the pre-award expenditure of those costs. In the meantime, efforts to meet compliance on other pre-award requirements is ongoing.

Port Industrial Pad:West Nome Tank Farm (WNTF) - Property Conveyance:

On 5 Dec 2025, the City sent a letter to the 611th USAF Commander at JBER, requesting an updated status, and ultimate transmittal of the property conveyance package to ADEC for final signature. The letter was also copied to the Alaska Congressional Delegation, which will likely trigger inquiries to USAF HQ requesting action.

Thornbush Laydown Site Development (TBS):

The remaining 8-acres of the undeveloped portion of the TBS site has been isolated into 5 sections. We are now evaluating 3 funding opportunities to develop this additional laydown space, in an effort to meet the demand for commercial staging.

Port Rd. Improvements (ADOT Project cost-shared with City):

This state STIP project has been postponed to approximately 2030 to avoid conflicting with the heavier truck traffic during the port expansion, and to facilitate a more productive repair following the project.

FEMA DR4672 Merbok Recover Projects:Seawall Repairs:

Storm repairs to the east end of the Nome Seawall have been budgeted by FEMA, and will be bid out to local contractors to perform the work. A bid package is being developed using the SOW prepared by FEMA inspectors, and verified by City Engineers. Advertising is expected in Feb/Mar 2026, with work completed by 31 July 2026.

Causeway Road/3 Docks Repairs:

Additional road/dock repairs are anticipated to be performed before freeze-up to replace lost material along the road and all 3 Causeway docks. This will meet the scope of work identified from storm damage, reduce future loss, and improve both the subsurface and surfacing in the busiest traffic areas on the Causeway.

Causeway Utilities (under bridge) Repairs:

Nearly all of the storm repairs to the under-side of the bridge have been completed, by the various responsible entities, with the exception of NJUS. Although a portion of their utility line work has been done, several materials are still on backorder with suppliers. As the scaffolding was removed by the USACE contractor, this final portion of the work will be done during winter, when ice provides a more suitable and stable platform for access.

Italics reflects information with no change from last report. Additional information available on request.