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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY JULY 8, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 8, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Beneville in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Doug Johnson; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Jennifer Reader;

Members Absent: Jerald Brown (excused); Meghan Topkok (excused)

Also Present: Richard Beneville, Mayor; John Handeland, Interim City Manager; Bryant Hammond City Clerk; Ken Morton, Assistant Utility Manager; Bob Estes, Police Chief; Cordell Murray, NPD; Raymond Murry, NPD; Justin Stein, NPD; Mike Heintzleman, NPD; Robert Pruckner, NPD; Marc Morris, NPD

In the audience: Davis Hovey (KNOM); Sandra Medearis (Arctic News); Ralph Ray; Ken Hughes; Shane & Dani Smithhisler; Paul G. Kosto; Panganga Pungowiyi; Nancy Mendenhall; Austin Ahmasuk; Keith Morrison; Darlene Trigg

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Beneville asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 24, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Reader to approve the June 24, 2019 minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Community Assessment Report of June 2019 re: Nome Reentry Coalition.
 - Council Member Reader suggested a work session on the topic at the August 12th Regular meeting.
- B. Letters of June 28, 2019 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Nome Grown LLC Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility and Retail Marijuana Store License Renewals.
 - Council Member Reader asked if there had been any issues with the establishment.
 - Manager Handeland and Chief Estes replied in the negative.
- C. Letter of July 1, 2019 from Nancy Mendenhall to City of Nome re: Personal/Business Property Tax Mistake.

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to direct the Clerk to adjust the declared value by removing a 0 from the furniture / fixtures line.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Chief Bob Estes introduced Raymond Murray and Marc Morris as new officers at NPD. He reintroduced Cordell Murray, Brian Piercy, Mike Heintzleman, and Bob Pruckner to the public and explained the process of officer certification, the timeline involved and requested a public swearing in for the new officers.
 - Manager Handeland welcomed the new officers and explained swearing in should be part of the HR onboarding process and that the introductions the Chief made was a good first step in presenting the new officers to the community. He requested an opportunity of a less formal two-way conversation between officers and interested community members such as the "coffee with the chief" event from fall 2018.

PLANNING & ZONING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. R-19-06-01 A Resolution Approving a Contract Between the Nome Chamber of Commerce and the City of Nome for Operation of the Nome Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to postpone R-19-06-01 to the July 22, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Discussion:

- Manager Handeland stated his intent to administratively extend the contract for a month so that the Chamber could still get paid while remaining details were negotiated. He requested the Council concur and postpone the resolution until the next meeting.
- Council Member Mark Johnson declared a potential conflict of interest in adopting the resolution but opined the conflict did not prevent him from voting to postpone the resolution to the next meeting.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

A. R-19-07-01 A Resolution Approving Emergency Repairs to the Westgold Sheetpile Dock.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-19-07-01.

Discussion:

- Manager Handeland summarized the situation and gave an updated rundown of the costs involved in the repair. He recommended passage by the Council.
- Port Director Baker explained the increased costs and the Ports strategy for mitigating some of the risk involved. She noted the fixed price contract shifted some of the risk to the contractor if the repair proved more complicated than expected and explained that a time and materials contract might prove cheaper but would shift the risk of complications back on the City. She explained the contract set a date of completion no later than August 31 with a post construction as-built survey later in the fall.
- Council Member Mark Johnson asked if emergency funding was available.
- Port Director Baker explained she hadn't found any yet and that the State of Alaska was not in the financial position to assist.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: June 25 to July 5, 2019.

- Assistant Utility Manager Morton presented his verbal report, explaining the water / sewer crew was addressing leaks, the line crew was busy with repairs and replacing rusty transformers, and a contractor was in town to level fuel tanks 1 and 2. He noted comments were provided to DOT for the Bering Street project, the Utility and Bonanza completed a successful spill drill and announced a surplus vehicle sale.
- Council Member Reader asked that the Utility provide better notice to property owners when addressing leaks on or near private property.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: June 25 to July 5, 2019.

- Manager Handeland began by thanking all those involved in the July 4th festivities and the CSOs for their work in addressing inebriation issues on Front St. He updated the Council on the ACSA bathrooms project, noting a resolution would likely be on the next meeting's agenda. Manager Handeland explained the emergency repairs to the Westgold Dock had been occupying most of his time. He thanked Mike McNally at AC for working with the City on a parking issue that was impeding emergency vehicles from accessing the seawall.
- Council Member Mark Johnson asked if the animal control contract went out to bid.
- Manager Handeland explained that it had not yet, but would likely soon appear in the paper. He noted that NPD was handling animal control issues for the time being, explaining that while they might be searching for missing pets, emergent issues were being handled.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Ralph Ray suggested moving the arch over to Anvil City Square by the three lucky swedes statues to address the conflict between people hanging out on the arch and tourists wanting to get photos.
 - Mayor Beneville opined the arch would conflict with the view of Old St. Joseph's, which tourists also valued. He noted that Wally was really good about getting people briefly out of the way for photos of the arch.
 - Manager Handeland noted the importance of the proximity of the arch to the finish line and explained the City was not considering moving it at that time.
- 2) Austin Ahmasuk criticized the City for not noticing the agenda and packet. He criticized a white paper written by Anita Parlow and discussed at a recent Port Commission meeting as not adequately representing the risks associated with the Port and AK Native interests. He suggested an archeologist be on site during the emergency repairs to the Westgold dock so as to mitigate potential interruptions caused if any artifacts were discovered.
 - Manager Handeland explained the intent of the white paper was to address past mistakes and correct them moving forward; he would review the language of the paper.
 - Clerk Hammond noted the agenda / packet was published the same way it was prior to each meeting and conjectured a typo of 19-07-01 NCC Mtg Packet on the website had possibly caused the confusion.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- 1) Council Member Doug Johnson – no comments.
- 2) Council Member M. Johnson asked if it were possible to have the packet ready earlier.
 - Clerk Hammond opined pessimistically that publishing earlier would not be possible, explaining he regularly waited on packet items into the Fridays he puts the packets together.
- 3) Council Member Martinson – no comments.

- 4) Council Member Reader asked how the City Manager search was going and complimented the City's 4th of July event.
- Manager Handeland noted the closing date for City Manager applications on July 19th and explained the Council knew as much as he did.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

A. Activity Report: June 25 to July 5, 2019.

- Mayor Beneville complimented the 4th of July event, noting the parade had a better turnout than expected. He updated the Council on the Graphite One project proposed on the north side of the Kigluaik Mountains, noting that the project looks like it will proceed but the company still has several hoops to jump through over the next few years. He noted the first cruise ship of the year had made port and a major cruise ship, the Maasdam would be making port on July 21st, the same day as the Nome Berry Festival. He noted this with particular pleasure as he had been informed previously that Nome would never have an Holland-America cruise ship in port. Mayor Beneville explained that the DCCED commissioner would be in town on the 21st to discuss opportunity zone designation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:21 PM

APPROVED and SIGNED this 22nd day of July 2019.



RICHARD BENEVILLE
Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk