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**Nome City Council**  
Jerald Brown  
Doug Johnson  
Mark Johnson  
Adam Martinson  
Jennifer Reader  
Meghan Sigvanna Topkok

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**WORK SESSION 5:30 PM**

Discussion of FY 2022 Nome Public Schools Budget with School Board  
A. Nome Public Schools FY 2022 Draft Budget Presentation.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Brown; M. Johnson; D. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok;

Members Absent:

Also Present: Zoe Okleasik, Youth Representative (telephonic); Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (telephonic); Mike Heintzelman; NPD Chief; Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief; Jeremy Jacobson, Clerk's Office Administrative Assistant

In the audience: Sandy Martinson; Barb Amarok; Jill Peters (Zoom); Darlene Trigg (Zoom); Emily Hofstaedter, KNOM (Zoom); Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget (Zoom)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## A. March 22, 2021 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the March 22, 2021 minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of March 24, 2021 from AMCC Education Coordinator Weston to City of Nome re: Thank You for Book Donation.
- B. Memorandum of March 30, 2021 from Clerk Hammond to Nome Common Council re: Clarification on Sales Tax Policy for Permits.
  - Clerk Hammond gave a brief explanation upon request from Council Member Reader. After brief discussion, the Council requested a work session on the topic.
- C. Email of April 5, 2021 from CRS Specialist James to Executive Assistant Thompson re: Community Rating System Annual Recertification.
- D. Memorandum of April 7, 2021 from Finance Director Crowe to Nome Common Council re: Request for Reallocation of Unspent NSEDC CBS Funds.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. D. Johnson to reallocate the 2017, 2018, and 2019 Community Benefits Share Funds to the Hockey Rink Project.

Discussion:

- Council Member Mark Johnson asked for reasons the funds were underspent.
- Finance Director Crowe gave an explanation of the change in expenditures.
- Council Member Reader expressed concern over the organizations that were originally allocated the funds going without.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- E. Letter of April 8, 2021 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Transfer of Ownership Application.
- F. Letter of April 9 , 2021 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Notice of Liquor License Renewal Application.
  - Chief Heintzelman notified the Council there were no issues associated with the Arctic Native Brotherhood Liquor license.
- G. City of Nome FY 2022 Budget Calendar.

#### CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

*None given*

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-21-04-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.15.030 Adoption of Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Code, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to advance O-21-04-01.

Discussion:

- Clerk Hammond gave a brief overview. The Council discussed the changes briefly. Council Member Brown clarified that the section concerning the situs of taxable transaction still had the section excepting the sale of goods and services occurring wholly outside the city.

At roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. O-21-04-02 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.15 and Chapter 7.15 and Chapter 15.10 to Elect City Council Members School Board Members and Utility Board Members at Large, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to advance O-21-04-02.

Discussion:

- Council Member Topkok summarized the intent of the ordinance in trying to make the process less adversarial in the hopes there would be more interest in people serving.
- The Council discussed the language regarding the 40 percent rule and how would not apply to runoff elections.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. O-21-04-03 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7.15 to Change the Time for Filing a Declaration of Candidacy, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to advance O-21-04-03.

Discussion:

- Council Member Brown summarized the changes and intent of the ordinance.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. R-21-04-01 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Boynton Office Systems for Leased Copier / Printer Services.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to adopt R-21-04-01.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman summarized the lease with Boynton Office Systems, highlighting the costs, term, and amount of total savings over the past lease.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- E. R-21-04-02 A Resolution Reallocating Unused Funds Originally Allocated by R-20-12-03 to Cover the Salary and Benefits for the Extensions Homeschooling Teacher of Record.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to adopt R-21-04-02.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman explained the requested changes, noting the specificity of the original allocation and the district wanting to use the leftover funds.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- F. R-21-04-03 A Resolution in Support of Our Asian American & Pacific Islander Community Members.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-21-04-03.

Discussion:

- Council Member Topkok explained the genesis of the resolution as the difficult topics the country has been digging into over the past year. She noted intent of the resolution was to acknowledge issues and events at the national scale and express support for those in the Community of Nome.
- Youth Representative Okleasik explained that Nome-Beltz was a diverse school and she wanted to show her support.

A motion was made by C. Topkok and seconded by C. Reader to amend R-21-04-03 by changing "hard work" to "perserverance" and "sharing of" to "implementation of" in the fourth Whereas and "on AAPI" to "against AAPI" in the Now Therefore Be It Resolved statement.



At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

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

- G. R-21-04-04 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2021 Ford Expedition for the Nome Police Department.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-21-04-04.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman explained the resolution was largely driven by an accounting process, where the purchase and delivery would be made in FY2022, but had to be ordered now due to demand and backlogs at the Ford dealership.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- H. R-21-04-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a \$171,049.82 Grant from the Department of Health and Social Services to Implement Community-Driven Strategies that Support COVID-19 Related Activities.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-21-04-05.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman explained the process of applying for and receiving the grant. He discussed the expected expenditures would be directed to the Airport personnel for COVID related activities as well as helping chronically unhoused persons getting housing. He noted the grant maker was supportive of potential changes and explained the portion for housing was a pass through to Nome Community Center.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

#### UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: March 23 - April 9, 2021.
  - Both the Utility Manager and Assistant Utility Manager were not present at the meeting.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: March 23 - April 9, 2021.
  - Manager Steckman discussed the results of the recent fox culling by APHIS / Fish and Game, noting 35 fox were trapped and euthanized. He discussed tangential efforts of rabies vaccinations.
  - Manager Steckman gave an overview of the funds coming through the American Recovery Act and gave an update on percentage of Nome persons vaccinated, now at 71%. He noted the hospital was planning on offering vaccinations at the airport.
  - He noted that 60% of the incoming travelers were vaccinated. He noted the Bering Street paving project was moving forward. He referred the Council to the Port projects report.
  - MJ asked what the ARA funds would be spent on and asked if the information will be available by May when the mill rate and budget would be set.
  - Manager Steckman noted the potential for repair funding competitive in the future, but that the ARA funds would be able to fund HVAC repairs and the like.

- B. March Port / Capital Projects Update.

#### CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

*none given*

#### COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Brown – no comments.

2. Council Member Doug Johnson- no comments.
3. Council Member Mark Johnson – no comments.
4. Council Member Martinson – no comments.
5. Council Member Reader thanked Youth Representative Okleasik and Council Member Topkok for the resolution in support of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and was appreciative that the youth were involved in encouraging Youth Representative Okleasik. She also expressed appreciation for Council Member Topkok's workshop solicitation on Facebook. She relayed a request to not berm in citizens and discussed snow removal and the issues therewith. She noted her husband had to walk to work this morning due to berms in the road.
  - Manager Steckman discussed his conversation with the individual and his process for addressing the complaints regarding snow removal. He described getting plowed in by the state himself and having to shovel out. He discussed the agreements that were in place in preparation for the winter season.
6. Council Member Topkok appreciated Council Member Reader's comments about the participating in local government work shop solicitation. She described her experience with a similar workshop in Juneau. She gave an update on Alaska Municipal League / Alaska Conference of Mayors' plans for a Conference of Young Alaskans in Fairbanks August 1 through 4, trying to get more young people involved in municipal governance.
7. Youth Representative Okleasik thanked Council Member Topkok for teaching her how government worked.

#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: March 23 - April 9, 2021.
  - Mayor Handeland was not present at the meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion on Contract Negotiations the Immediate Knowledge of Which May Adversely Impact City Finances.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to enter into executive session.

The Council entered into executive session at 8:11 PM.

The Council came out of executive session at 8:50 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adjourn.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**APPROVED and SIGNED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

  
**JOHN K. HANDELAND**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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**BRYANT HAMMOND**  
Clerk