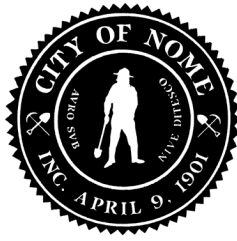


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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A.** August 11, 2025 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- A.** August 15, 2025 NEWS RELEASE- USACE awards construction contract for portion of Port of Nome Modification Project,  
**B.** Fall Haul- September 8-12, 2025 Flyer,  
**C.** Invitation from the Nome Church of the Nazarene re: Celebrating 80 years of Ministry,  
**D.** ABC Board License Transfer from JPS Enterprises to Golden China,

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** A Memo from the Parks and Recreation Director re: Request for approval of updates to the Fee Schedule,  
**B.** A Memo from the Finance Director re: The reallocation of 2023 & 2024 NSEDC CBS funds,  
**C.** R-25-09-01 A Resolution Appointing Election Judges and Clerks for the 2025 Municipal Election and Setting their Compensation,

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

**UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Port Director & Projects Report
- City Manager Report

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

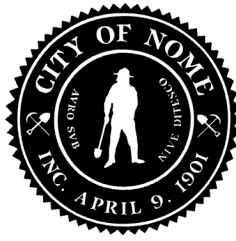
**MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**ROLL CALL AT**

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

Staff Present: City Manager Lee Smith, City Clerk Dan Grimmer,

Present in Audience: Diana Haecker-Nome Nugget, Ben Townsend-KNOM, Brad Soske

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Green, C. Piscoya, C. Henderson.

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. July 14, 2025 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,

B. July 28, 2025 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,

A motion to approve both sets of minutes together was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Johnson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Green, C. Piscoya, C. Henderson.

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A. August 1, 2025 AMCO Renewal Notice for Arctic Native Brotherhood,

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS- No Comments**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-No Unfinished Business**

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Request from Canon Financial Services for a waiver of the appeal deadline, (RECESS INTO BOE)

There was discussion from the council about why a waiver of the appeal deadline was being requested so far after the end of the deadline. The City Manager and City Clerk gave a response as to why the request was being made and what they recommended. The Mayor asked if any of the Council Members would make a motion to recess into the Board of Equalization to consider

the waiver of the appeal deadline. No motion was made by any Councilmembers. As there was no motion made the matter of the appeal deadline waiver is considered denied.

- B. R-25-08-01 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Adjustments to be made by the City Clerk in Order to Provide Timely Services to Tax Payers and to Maintain Tax Accounts,

A motion to approve this Resolution was made by C. Johnson and seconded by C. Green.

Discussion: Council asked for clarification from the City Manager about the specifics of this Resolution. The City Manager and City Clerk explained that there were errors and inconsistencies within the Property Tax roles that needed to be corrected. C.Henderson asked about what types of errors needed correction and an amount threshold for adjustments. The City Clerk clarified that there were ownership discrepancies in the tax roles that needed to be reviewed. It was the desire of the City Manager and City Clerk to no need to bring a lot of accounts to the council for consideration if not necessary. It was highlighted that the City Manager would use discretion to determine which accounts to approve and which accounts to bring to the Council. The threshold limit was identified as \$10,000 and it was noted that a quarterly report for adjustments would be presented to the council for transparency.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-25-08-02 A Resolution Authorizing the Training of the Nome Joint Utility System Board,

A motion to approve this Resolution was made by C. Johnson and seconded by C. Green.

Discussion: The City Manager outlined that we're trying to provide more support for our Council, Boards and Commissions to help empower them in their roles. He mentioned that there would be a Council Training upcoming in October. The City Clerk identified that the City and NJUS Attorney Sam Severin had agreed to provide training to the NJUS Board. The Mayor suggested that the best time to provide the Board training would be in October; after the NJUS Board Seat Elections were final. The City Clerk said that he would update the Attorney as to the time frame.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

#### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS-No Comments**

#### **UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Utility Manager John K. Handeland gave a report on the 6<sup>th</sup> avenue project that is almost finished. He talked about the Wind Turbines, Battery System, Use of the Old Powerplant Generators as a backup, Solar Power projects and new employee hires.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Smith gave reports on:

- Implementation of "MyNome". The emergency call system.
- Business/Personal Property Tax Audit and going to RFQ to have this done.
- Animal Services Contract and Ordinance. Renaming Animal Control to "Animal Services".
- Revenue Menu- CM Smith updated that the City Clerk would be attending a tax conference in October that will help inform him on some options for additional tax revenue sources.
- Employee Performance and Appraisal Process- This month there are employee evaluations being done.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

- C.Green- He was happy to hear about upcoming plans and EPA Inspections.
- C.Piscoya-No Comment
- C.Henderson-No Comment
- C.Johnson-No Comment

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

The Mayor talked about recent Visitors from the Coast Guard that were here to meet about the Port Project. He talked about the support for this project by the Department of Defense. He mentioned that Port Director/Project Manager Joy Baker is meeting with the Secretary of Transportation and Senator Sullivan in Anchorage this week to discuss port projects. He thanked Councilmember Johnson for filling in as the Chairperson while he was unable to attend meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 07:58PM**

**APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 25th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025**

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND**  
**MAYOR**

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**DAN GRIMMER**  
**CITY CLERK**



# NEWS RELEASE

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**BUILDING STRONG®**

For Immediate Release:  
August 15, 2025  
Release No. 25-004

Contact:  
John Budnik, 907-753-2615  
[John.P.Budnik@usace.army.mil](mailto:John.P.Budnik@usace.army.mil)

## **USACE awards construction contract for portion of Port of Nome Modification Project**

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON – Today, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District awarded a construction contract for the first portion of the Port of Nome Modification Project in Nome, Alaska.

Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. of Vancouver, Washington, will construct Phase 1A of the Port of Nome Modification project. Funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, formerly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this construction contract award is valued at about \$399.4 million.

“A robust and efficient transportation hub at Nome is foundational to the long-term viability of surrounding communities in the region,” said Col. Jeffrey Palazzini, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District. “We are committed to assisting the City of Nome by providing a reliable solution that improves the port’s navigation efficiency.”

Phase 1A is the first of four phases of the required construction to build the Port of Nome project. The first phase of the project will construct a 1,200-foot causeway extension with about 600 feet of dock face. Following this portion of the project, the Phase 2 dredging of the deep and outer basins up to minus 40 feet is next scheduled for construction. The City of Nome is the non-federal sponsor for this project.

The entirety of the harbor expansion project aims to provide larger vessels with improved access to Nome’s existing harbor and creating a new deep-water basin at a depth of minus 40 feet. Dredging is required to deepen and maintain both basins and associated navigation channels. Currently, ship transportation is limited by existing depths in the outer basin of minus 22 feet. This depth is inadequate to safely accommodate vessels of drafts greater than about 18 feet.

The new port project will serve research and public safety purposes as well as an important pivot point for the nation’s military presence above the Arctic Circle. The Port of Nome is a regional hub located on the Seward Peninsula and adjacent to Norton Sound, which is centrally located along the western coast of Alaska. Nome has no access to major road systems and is approximately 545 miles northwest of Anchorage.

USACE’s history in Nome dates to the construction of the original harbor in 1917.

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**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS – ALASKA DISTRICT**

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YOU NO CALL,  
WE NO HAUL!!

SEPTEMBER 8-12, 2025  
**U-CALL, WE-HAUL**

# FALL HAUL

- Call 907.443.6663 from Monday, September 8<sup>TH</sup> to Friday, September 12<sup>TH</sup> from 9am to 5pm to schedule a pick up.
- All items must be brought to the curb of the road and away from structures.
- NO Drums of unknown chemical, flammable products, wet paint, or batteries.
- Refrigerators/Freezers must be empty & door(s) removed.
- Vehicle pickup available for both Residential and Commercial with signed release form.
- The City stops taking requests for U-Call, We-Haul at 12:00pm on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SIGN UP FOR PICK UP AT 907.443.6663**

# Nome Church of the Nazarene

Keith & Bev Bateman, **Pastors**

302 Division Street

PO Box 24

Nome, AK. 99762-0024

907-443-2805

[nomenazarene@gmail.com](mailto:nomenazarene@gmail.com)

Dear Mayor Handeland and Nome City Council Members,

Greetings from the Nome Church of the Nazarene! We count it a great privilege to be a part of this wonderful community and the many opportunities we have had over the years to partner with the Nome Community.

We will be officially celebrating 80 years of ministry serving the Nome community, the weekend of September 12-14, 2025. We would be very honored if you and several of the city council would bless us with a word of greetings on behalf of the Nome Community at our official day celebration on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00pm.

Several of our events will be open to everyone throughout the weekend and we hope a number of our community will consider dropping by. An itinerary related to our celebration will be posted in the Nome Post and possibly the Nome Nugget within the next few weeks.

If you think it would be possible for you and/or several members of the city council to attend our Sunday afternoon celebration, please let us know! For further details regarding our weekend celebration, please feel free to contact us at:

Phone: (907) 443-2805

Email: [Kebatemantx@gmail.com](mailto:Kebatemantx@gmail.com)

Sincerely,



Keith & Bev Bateman – Pastors

[While we will be receiving an offering or two during the weekend, we do not want anyone to feel obligated to donate.]





# Alcoholic Beverage Control Office

## Public Notice

### Application for Transfer of Ownership

**Application ID:** 5940  
**License Type:** Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)  
AS 04.09.210  
**License Number:** 5884  
**Seasonality:** Year-round

#### From Transferor:

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**Doing Business As:** Bering Sea Bar and Grill  
**Premises Address:** 231 Front Street , Nome, AK, 99762, USA  
**City/Municipality:** Nome  
**Borough:** Unorganized Borough

#### Licensee

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**Licensee Name:** Jps Enterprises Inc  
**Type:** Corporation  
**Licensee Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 1305, Nome, AK, 99762, USA

#### Entity Officer, Stockholder/Shareholder

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##### Entity Vice President #1

**Type:** Person  
**Name:** Peter S. Lee  
**Title:** Vice President  
**Percentage of Ownership:** 30%

##### Entity Secretary #2

**Type:** Person  
**Name:** Jason Song  
**Title:** Secretary  
**Percentage of Ownership:** 30%

##### Entity President #3

**Type:** Person



<b>Name:</b>	Sunny Song
<b>Title:</b>	President
<b>Percentage of Ownership:</b>	40%
<b>Resident Agent's Name:</b>	Jason Song
<b>Agent's Phone Number:</b>	907-304-3351
<b>Agent's Email:</b>	mhsong@email.com
<b>Agent's Address:</b>	PO Box 1305, Nome, AK, 99762, USA
<b>The registered agent is either an individual resident of the state or a domestic corporation authorized to transact business in the state and whose business office is the same as the registered office?</b>	Yes

## To Transferee:

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<b>Doing Business As:</b>	Golden China
<b>Premises Address:</b>	231 Front Street , Nome, AK, 99762, USA
<b>City/Municipality:</b>	Nome
<b>Borough:</b>	Unorganized Borough

## Licensee

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<b>Licensee Name:</b>	An & Kang Llc
<b>Type:</b>	Limited liability company
<b>Licensee Email:</b>	ankangllc@gmail.com
<b>Licensee Phone:</b>	907-443-2300
<b>Licensee Mailing Address:</b>	P.O. Box 1812, Nome, AK, 99762, USA

## Entity Officer, Stockholder/Shareholder

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### Entity Manager, Member #1

<b>Type:</b>	Person
<b>Name:</b>	Cain An
<b>Title:</b>	Manager, Member
<b>Percentage of Ownership:</b>	60%
<b>Phone number:</b>	907-443-2300
<b>Email:</b>	ankangllc@gmail.com
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	PO Box 1812, Nome, AK, 99762, USA

### Entity Manager, Member #2

<b>Type:</b>	Person
<b>Name:</b>	Ki Kang
<b>Title:</b>	Manager, Member
<b>Percentage of Ownership:</b>	40%
<b>Phone number:</b>	907-434-6936
<b>Email:</b>	ankangllc@gmail.com
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	PO Box 1812, Nome, AK, 99762, USA
<b>Resident Agent's Name:</b>	Hojin Park
<b>Agent's Phone Number:</b>	907-350-9292
<b>Agent's Email:</b>	hojinp.cpa@gmail.com
<b>Agent's Address:</b>	PO Box 231944, Anchorage, AK, 99523, USA
<b>The registered agent is either an individual resident of the state or a domestic corporation authorized to transact business in the state and whose business office is the same as the registered office?</b>	Yes

Interested persons may object to the application by submitting a written statement of reasons for the objection to their local government, the applicant, and the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO). Written comments should be sent to AMCO at [alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov](mailto:alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov) or to 550 W 7th Ave. Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Posting Date:

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**Date:** August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**To:** Dan Grimmer, City Clerk  
**CC:** Nome Common Council  
**From:** Chip Leeper, Director of Parks and Recreation  
**Re:** Request Change of Entire Nome Recreation Center Facility Rental Fees

While inputting the new Nome Recreation Center (NRC) fees into our Square register it came to my attention that the rental fees for whole NRC Facility Rentals are not accurate.

As such I'm recommending them to be updated to the following:

<u>Entire Facility:</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Suggested</u>
8AM-5PM/Per Hour	\$135	\$200
5PM-10PM/Per Hour	\$165	\$220
Plus Kitchen/Dining Area/Per Hour	\$55	\$150
 All Day (10 Hours Plus)	 \$1,400	 \$2,000
Plus Kitchen/Dining Area/All Day	\$400	400

In addition, I wanted to clean up some timing errors and make some edits to the existing wording on pages 21-22 of the City of Nome Fee Schedule.

A summary of them includes:

1. Changing starting times for all facility rentals from 8AM to 5:30AM to reflect our actual hours of operation on pages 21-22;
2. Add an "m" to pm under gymnasium (full court) on page 21;
3. Increase All Day Facility Rental from 8 to 10 hours per day on page 22;
4. Change Facility Plus Kitchen/Dining Room Are Add-On from per hour to per day on page 22;
5. Remove Plus Area Add on per day entirely on page 22;
6. Change "NRG" to "NRC" in 3 places on page 22;
7. Under "Notes" section replace Visit Pass with Punch Cards on page 22.



## Schedule of Rental & Use Fees and Fines As of January 1, 2025

### Parks & Recreation – Nome Recreation Center (443—5432)

208 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Nome, Alaska 99762

Hours of Operations:

Summer Hours – Monday to Friday 5:30am to 10:00pm; Saturday Sunday Closed

Winter Hours – Monday to Friday 5:30am to 10:00pm; Saturday 12:00pm to 6:00pm; Sunday 12:pm to 6:00pm

#### Items:

#### Fees:

	Youth (Ages 2 – 18)		Senior (Ages 55 and up)	
Admission				
Daily	\$	8.00	\$	8.00
15 – Visit Pass	\$	110.00	\$	110.00
30 – Visit Pass	\$	190.00	\$	190.00
1 – Month Membership	\$	80.00	\$	80.00
Yearly Membership	\$	450.00	\$	450.00
	Adults (Ages 19 – 54 years)		Family (2 Adults & 2 Youths)	
Admission				
Daily	\$	9.00	\$	30.00
15 – Visit Pass	\$	125.00	\$	300.00
30 – Visit Pass	\$	225.00	\$	590.00
1 – Month Membership	\$	90.00	\$	280.00
Yearly Membership	\$	650.00	\$	1,200
				(pus \$250 for each additional youth)
Locker Rentals				
Year	\$	80.00		
Month	\$	60.00		
Day	\$	3.00		
Towel Rental	\$	2.00		
Lost Towel	\$	5.00		
Gatorade Vitamin Water	\$	3.00		
Gymnasium (Full Court)				
<del>5:30pm</del> 8am – 5pm/per hour	\$	145.00		
5pm – 10pm/per hour	\$	185.00		
Multi-Purpose Room				
<del>5:30pm</del> 8am – 5pm/per hour	\$	100.00		
5pm – 10pm/per hour	\$	120.00		



## Schedule of Rental & Use Fees and Fines As of January 1, 2025

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Items:	Fees:	
Climbing Wall Room		
<del>5:30am - 8am</del> 8am – 5pm/per hour	\$	60.00
5pm – 10pm/per hour	\$	60.00
*Facility		
<del>5:30am - 8am</del> 8am – 5pm/per hour	\$	135.00
5pm – 10pm/per hour	\$	165.00
Plus Kitchen/Dining Area Add-on per hour	\$	55.00
All day (8 hours plus) per day	\$	1,400.00
Plus Kitchen/Dining Area Add-on <del>per hour</del> ALL DAY	\$	400.00
Plus Area Add-on per day	\$	<del>220.00</del>
Security Deposit	\$	200.00

**Notes:**

- 1) All fees are payable in advance. Sales tax is included in the fees.
  - 2) Please be sure to include the additional time needed for Set-up and Take-down in your facility reservation request.
  - 3) Cleaning and/or damage fee will be assessed if rooms are left unclean or damaged.
  - 4) Visit Pass provides unlimited use of the **NRG** on a daily basis and includes use of the entire facility with the exception of bowling, special events, league sports, or structured **NRG** activities.
  - 5) All Visit Pass expire one year from date of purchase.
  - 6) The **NRG** reserves the right to pre-empt days with facility rentals/closures.
- \* Facility includes Multi-purpose Room, Climbing Wall, and Racquetball Rooms.

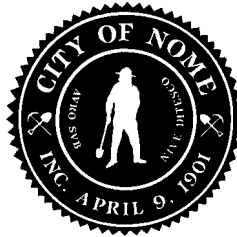
CHANGE TO NRC

Punch cards

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**Date: September 3, 2025**

**To: Nome Common Council & Lee Smith, City Manager**

**From: Nickie Crowe, Finance Director**

**Subject: Request for Reallocation of 2023 & 2024 NSEDC CBS Funds**

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NSEDC CBS funds must be used toward the highest priority project with the highest need. NSEDC requires a motion be passed, and the meeting minutes reflect all changes/reallocations to the NSEDC CBS funds.

For the 2023 NSEDC CBS funds of \$150,000, the allocation was estimated as follows:

\$ 14,000.00 – Senior Center Oven Replacement

\$136,000.00 – Recreation Center Renovation (Saunas & Locker Rooms)

For the 2024 NSEDC CBS Budget of \$150,000:

\$ 55,000.00 Nome Community Center Programs

\$ 65,000.00 Nome Pre-School Association

\$ 20,000.00 Nome Winter Sports

\$ 10,000.00 Checkpoint Youth Center

### **Request for Council Action**

Please make a motion to reallocate the 2023 & 2024 NSEDC CBS Funds as listed below; this will bring our most current project forward.

### **The 2023 NSEDC CBS Funds to be reallocated as follows:**

\$ 16,491.47 for Nome Senior Center Oven Replacement

\$ 12,114.28 for Recreation Center Renovation (Saunas & Locker Rooms)

\$ 55,000.00 Nome Community Center Programs

\$ 65,000.00 Nome Pre-School Association

\$ 1,394.25 Nome Winter Sports

**\$150,000.00**

### **2024 NSEDC CBS Funds to be reallocated as follows:**

\$ 18,605.75 Nome Winter Sports

\$ 10,000.00 Checkpoint Youth Center

\$121,394.25 for Recreation Center Renovation (Saunas & Locker Rooms)

**\$150,000.00**



**Presented By:**  
City Clerk

**Action Taken:**  
Yes\_\_\_\_  
No\_\_\_\_  
Abstain\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-25-09-01**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS FOR THE  
2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND SETTING THEIR COMPENSATION**

**WHEREAS**, Nome Code of Ordinances, 7.20.010(a) requires that for each municipal election “the City Council shall appoint from among qualified electors an election board comprised of three judges for each polling place”; and,

**WHEREAS**, one of the elections judges is to be designated as chairperson, one is to be designated as inspector and one does not have a title other than judge; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council shall appoint three qualified electors to act as clerks of the election; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Nome City Council hereby authorizes the following qualified electors:

Jim Dory	Judge
Barb Amarok	Judge
Christina Perrigo	Judge
Lloyd Perrigo	Clerk
Wes Perkins	Clerk
Carol Gales	Clerk

**WHEREAS**, the City Clerk may appoint not more than three additional election clerks if such appointments are necessary to facilitate the orderly conduct of the election or to relieve the appointed clerks of undue hardship; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council approves these electors and, by this resolution, hereby sets the compensation for the election personnel of the 2025 Municipal Election \$21.00 per hour for Judges and Clerks.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DAN GRIMMER, City Clerk**



# Memo

To: Lee Smith – CityManager  
From: Joy L. Baker – Project Manager/Port Director *JLB*  
CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission; Planning Commission  
Date: 8/18/2025  
Re: Port Director/Project Manager Report – Aug 2025

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**Administration:**

Congestion at staging and laydown areas have been constant this season with the movement of a large amount of project equipment, gravel, rock and various materials brought not only into Nome, but transshipped throughout the region. The dock schedules are modified each day to accommodate vessel schedule changes resulting from weather, mechanical failures, rock availability and evolving construction schedules. Aug and Sep contain the majority of the cruise ship and research vessel traffic for 2025, adding to the dock congestion at this mid-way operating point. As the facility continues to get busier, the imperative for the additional dock space built by the port expansion becomes very clear.

As most have heard, the USCG Commandant, Admiral Kevin Lunday, and a 20-person entourage, were in Nome for 2 hours on 9 Aug 2025 to tour the port facility and meet with local leaders. Although brief, both the tour and discussion were very productive, generating dialogue in support of the expansion of the port facility, and how the project will be beneficial to the USCG Arctic fleet. (see attached City press release for more details and a list of the primary attendees.)

**Causeway:****Arctic Deep Draft Port – Port of Nome Modifications (Construction Bid Award):**

As most have heard, the Corps of Engineers (USACE) Alaska District awarded Phase 1A of the Port of Nome Modifications project to Kiewit Infrastructure West, per the attached press release. This is a milestone achievement for the project, and represents a key marker in realizing construction of the concerted effort put forth to expand the port facility.

Execution of the construction contract will take several weeks, followed by submittals and RFI's to City and USACE designers. Updates will be provided as the project progresses and a biweekly meeting schedule is established.

**Local Service Facilities (LSF) Inspection Integration:**

Contract services with the City LSF designers will continue for responding to submittals and RFI's, along with the necessary onsite inspection during sheet pile construction in summer 2026.

**U.S. DOT Maritime Administration (MARAD) – Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant Pre-Award:**  
*Discussions continue with program staff on the remaining pre-award requirements for this grant. This will then allow the \$11.25M grant agreement to be executed, along with a separate funding agreement for the \$1.025M that Rep Peltola successfully placed into 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. We continue working with the project team on next steps, including the estimated local cost-share and proposed schedule (as well as remedies through the CODEL). Information has been submitted directly to USACE Headquarters regarding the failure to adequately address the concerns of this project in a timely manner, before the feasibility budget was fully expended, and 3-year timeline was exhausted.*

Snake River Moorage Facility:

Coordination with USDOT BUILD staff continues for the pre-award process for this grant award. Multiple submittals are necessary to meet compliance required for signing the grant agreement. (Pre-award requirements for this project are similar to those tied to the USDOT MARAD/PIDP award.)

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

Although the conveyance package was signed by the Mayor in May 2025 and returned for federal/state signature, the USAF again made further changes which now require the documents to be resigned by the City. We have recently received the final documents, and as the changes reflect only one Alaska Statute citation and formatting edits, have been determined as nothing substantive. The documents will be resigned by the City and returned to the USAF and ADEC for final execution.

*On a separate note, a contractor for the USAF (AF) was in town on 9 July 2025, and did a site visit with NJUS, Public Works and Port staff regarding boring locations for the ongoing sampling the AF is required to perform. The large quantity of locations was reduced to ensure they did not conflict with buried utility infrastructure. Also, the proposed boring sites for City-owned lots 2 and 3 were put on temporary hold, until the AF can share the long-term plan for these sites as there is potential conflict with shore-side development associated with the Snake River Moorage Project. A meeting is planned for the week of 21 July 2025 to discuss in more detail. (Update: revised site boring plans are forthcoming from the USAF contractor.)*

Thornbush Laydown Site Development (TBS):

*A Rough-Order-of-Magnitude (ROM) cost estimate is still being investigated, including alternatives to perform incremental work as material available and funds allow. Funding opportunities continue to be evaluated in an effort to complete development of the remaining acreage in a cost-effective manner. The pad remains in a constant evolving state, as individual user and contractor storage needs are considered and efforts made to maximize the usable surface.*

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:**Cape Nome Jetty Repair:

Substantial Completion of this project was achieved on 20 July 2025, with final close-out submittals by 4 Aug, and as-built drawings submitted on 8 Aug. A site-visit inspection was done on 21 July 2025, by PND's onsite inspector, with work identified as being built per project design and specifications, and deemed 100% complete. The contractor was able to beat the estimated project schedule by 60 days, and was fully demobed from Nome by

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.

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



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## **USACE awards construction contract for portion of Port of Nome Modification Project**

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON – Today, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District awarded a construction contract for the first portion of the Port of Nome Modification Project in Nome, Alaska.

Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. of Vancouver, Washington, will construct Phase 1A of the Port of Nome Modification project. Funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, formerly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this construction contract award is valued at about \$399.4 million.

“A robust and efficient transportation hub at Nome is foundational to the long-term viability of surrounding communities in the region,” said Col. Jeffrey Palazzini, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District. “We are committed to assisting the City of Nome by providing a reliable solution that improves the port’s navigation efficiency.”

Phase 1A is the first of four phases of the required construction to build the Port of Nome project. The first phase of the project will construct a 1,200-foot causeway extension with about 600 feet of dock face. Following this portion of the project, the Phase 2 dredging of the deep and outer basins up to minus 40 feet is next scheduled for construction. The City of Nome is the non-federal sponsor for this project.

The entirety of the harbor expansion project aims to provide larger vessels with improved access to Nome’s existing harbor and creating a new deep-water basin at a depth of minus 40 feet. Dredging is required to deepen and maintain both basins and associated navigation channels. Currently, ship transportation is limited by existing depths in the outer basin of minus 22 feet. This depth is inadequate to safely accommodate vessels of drafts greater than about 18 feet.

The new port project will serve research and public safety purposes as well as an important pivot point for the nation’s military presence above the Arctic Circle. The Port of Nome is a regional hub located on the Seward Peninsula and adjacent to Norton Sound, which is centrally located along the western coast of Alaska. Nome has no access to major road systems and is approximately 545 miles northwest of Anchorage.

USACE’s history in Nome dates to the construction of the original harbor in 1917.

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## CITY OF NOME HOSTS ACTING COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD

Nome, Alaska – As national security and geopolitics demand greater United States presence in the Arctic, Nome is on the forefront of shaping the region's future as one of Alaska's most strategically important communities. The Port of Nome, the Nation's first deep draft port is poised to serve as an economic pillar for the region, advancing and supporting scientific research, national security, fisheries, maritime safety and Arctic tourism.

On Saturday, the Mayor of Nome John Handeland, Port Director Joy Baker, and City Manager Lee Smith, along with elected leaders of Nome hosted the Acting Commandant of the Coast Guard Kevin Lunday, Rear Admiral Bob Little, Commander of the USCG Alaska District, along with Representatives Mike Ezell (R-MS) and Jimmy Patronis (R-FL). Rep Ezell serves as Chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Subcommittee of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the authorizing committee of the United States Coast Guard.

"As Chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, it was an honor to join the Mayor of Nome, the Port Director, and the City Manager to see firsthand the Port of Nome's vital role in Arctic operations. This port is critical to our national security, commerce, and the Coast Guard's mission in the region, and I'm committed to supporting the infrastructure and partnerships needed to keep it strong" said Chairman Mike Ezell.

"We are honored to welcome Acting Commandant Lunday, and Representatives Ezell and Patronis to Nome. The City of Nome stands ready to protect the Nation's interest in the Arctic. I want to thank Senator Dan Sullivan, Senator Murkowski, and Representative Nick Begich for securing these important leadership visits to advance our Nation's Arctic deep draft port" said Mayor John Handeland.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District is actively reviewing proposals to construct Phase 1A of the Port of Nome Modification Project, known as the Arctic Deep Draft Port at Nome. This portion of the project will construct a 1,200-ft Causeway extension with a 600-ft dock, initiating development of this critical maritime infrastructure project in the U.S Arctic.

The Port of Nome will serve as the export site for the Graphite One mine, located on the north side of the Kigluwait Mountains. The Department of Defense awarded Graphite One a \$37.5 million grant to develop the graphite mine site under the Defense Production Act. On March 20, 2025, President Trump enacted an Executive Order, "Immediate Measures to Increase American Mineral Production" to develop the domestic critical minerals supply chain.



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