The Regular Meeting of the Nome Port Commission was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman West at the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Smithhisler; Lean; West; McCann; Sheffield; McLarty (Zoom)
Absent: Rowe
Also Present: Joy Baker, Port Director (Zoom); Glenn Steckman, City Manager

In the audience:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Chairman West asked for a motion to approve the agenda:

Motion to approve made by Lean, seconded by Sheffield.

At the Roll Call:
Ayes: Lean; West; McCann; Sheffield; McLarty; Smithhisler
Nays:
Abstain:

The motion CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Jan 20th, 2022 Regular Meeting
Motion made by Lean, seconded by Sheffield to approve minutes;

At the Roll Call
Ayes: West; McCann; Rowe; Sheffield; McLarty; Smithhisler; Lean
Nays:
Abstain:

The motion CARRIED.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Feb 8th, 2022 Motion made by Lean, seconded by McLarty to approve minutes;
Regular Meeting

Discussion:
Commissioner Sheffield commented that she felt there were inaccuracies during the Feb 8th meeting vote on setting the scaled gravel rates, and in the minutes reflecting that meeting. She believed she should have been allowed to abstain from voting and not have to choose either yes or no, and that Commissioner Smithhisler should have recused himself and not abstained.

PD Baker advised that the City Clerk had shared the City Code which states, all members are required to vote, and only those with a conflict of interest can abstain. Baker added that she had been told the City Code supersedes Robert’s Rules of Order rules.

CM Steckman advised that he would talk with the attorney for some clarification.

The motion **Failed**. Minutes were tabled until next meeting.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS
• None

COMMUNICATIONS
• 22-01-17 U.S. Needs More Icebreakers for Arctic - Naval News
• 22-01-19 Seismic and Permafrost Thaw Impacts Study
• 22-02-05 PON Letter of Support – NSF Proposal
• 22-02-10 Scientists Improve Predictions for Sea Ice Coverage - The Arctic Sounder

Discussion:
HM Stotts commented on the 22-01-19 Seismic and Permafrost Thaw Impacts Study. The intent is to install sensors in multiple locations around the Causeway and Industrial Pad to monitor seismic activity for assisting in informing how those events affect infrastructure and their subsurface materials.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES
• None

HARBORMASTER REPORT
• HM FY22 2nd QTR Report
• Operations and Maintenance
  • HML test light location and installation plan
• Alaska Commercial Passenger Vessel (CPV) – Expending $2,345 by 30 June 2022

HM Stotts updated the members on the failures of multiple high mast light fixtures, and the plan to test a new type of fixture as provided at no charge by a lighting company, as recommended by CRW Engineering (NJUS contract firm and port expansion utilities designers). If test fixture works well, all will be replaced.

Discussion:
Brief discussion was held on what could be achieved with the CPV funds – after exchanging ideas, it was determined that more signage would be the most economical, signs that welcomed visitors to Nome (staff will investigate options and pricing).
PORT DIRECTOR REPORT/PROJECTS UPDATE

- 22-02-17 PD/Project’s Report
  - America’s Marine Highway System – MARAD Route Designation
  - ADDP Cost-Share Funding Options
  - Collaboration on Thornbush Property Drainage

PD Baker highlighted ADOT will be putting the Port Rd Reconstruction Project out to bid in Aug 2022, with construction scheduled for the 2023 summer season.

Additional information on the proposed M5 Route Extension Designation under MARAD was outlined, with an update that the issue is currently being considered by ADOT Commissioner’s office for serving as the route sponsor or co-sponsor.

PD Baker advised on the cost-share funding options available to the City, and that it was a fluid document that is updated as often as necessary. Further updates will be shared with the group.

There was a brief highlight of the need to collaborate with BFI on their Thornbush property infill project, in order to ensure drainage was established in a way that was mutually acceptable to both parties. John Blees, City Engineer, is working with Umiaq, BFI engineers, to coordinate a smooth design integration.

Discussion:

OLD BUSINESS
- None

NEW BUSINESS
- Port Expansion – Elements of Deep Water Dock Design
  - Drainage
  - Surfacing

Discussion:
Tabled, pending additional information from design firm.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by for adjournment at 7:35pm.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 17th day of March 2022.

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Jim West, Chairman

ATTEST:
Joy Baker, Port Director