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

Absent: Rowe

Also Present: Joy Baker

In the audience: Nome Nugget- Megan Gannon

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

Motion to approve made by McLarty, seconded by Smithhisler.

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

The motion CARRIED.

Discussion: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
July 22nd, 2022
Motion made by Smithhisler, seconded by McLarty to approve minutes;

Discussion:
- Commissioner Sheffield corrected comments noted in the July 22nd 2022 meeting minutes. Her comment was asking ‘who’ made the decision to make the past USCG visit not a public meeting, not ‘why’ was it not a public meeting.
- McLarty noted the July 22nd 2022 minutes stated the last meeting was at the Public Safety Meeting and needed to be corrected.

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

The motion CARRIED.
CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

- None

COMMUNICATIONS

- 22-07-08 USCG Hosts Senior Leader Arctic Orientation Visit
- 22-08-03 Next Round of NOAA Chart Cancellations
- 2022 Don Young USCG Authorization Act – Improving Oil Spill Standards (Summary)

Discussion:

- PD Baker commented that the USCG Authorization Act is on the table for comment prior to going to congress and that the City of Nome will most likely provide comment.
  - Commissioner Sheffield asked if there will be a public meeting giving the community the opportunity to have a group discussion on comments.
  - PD Baker stated she would pass that along to the Mayor.

COMMISSIONER’S UPDATES

- Commissioner Lean stated that the big storm coming up will majorly impact the port from what he feels. He is assisting City officials with setting up an Incident Command System. He is hopeful we will not go as high as +11 ft from MLLW, which is the estimated mid-range of the surge, the minimum is +8ft.
- Commissioner McLarty let the group know that he was running for City Council.

HARBORMASTER’S REPORT

- HM Stotts provided a brief update on the following:
  - New High Mast Lights arriving soon on the last AML barge. Once in-hand we can determine if these will be installed right away, or next spring.
  - SBH lighting issues on Low Dock and East Dock – breakers being tripped every week – we are working with NJUS on the issue.
  - Investigation additional lighting for the floating docks.
  - Seasonal staff; Office Manager- Siobhan Bradly, Deputy Harbormaster – Alex Thomson and Dock Watch – Bob Baranska all worked out very well. Siobhan is now done for the season and Bob’s last day is 10.18.22
  - Busy with fuel transfers to Bonanza and NJUS
  - Cruise ROALD AMUNDSEN was just in and was a successful daytrip and PAX turnaround.
  - Thanks to Public Works for assisting with dock surfacing for the cruise ships.
  - Overview of the total 9 cruise ships we have seen throughout the 2022 season.
  - USCG now considers the Port of Nome as a Regulated Facility based on petroleum pipelines.
  - Assisted the USACE, Chris Floyd in capturing offshore soil samples for the expansion project.
  - Build-up of deck runoff and small leaks from various vessels in the Small Boat Harbor has been causing a sheen on the water – staff is dealing with.

Discussion:

- There was some group discussion on the upcoming storm and how everyone thought it was going to impact Nome. Concerns of Front St buildings and possible impacts to those units.
- Commissioner McLarty asked if there would still be a surplus sale this season.
  - HM Stotts responded that most of the impounded items have been paid for and removed from the impound list. The Public Works items have been removed from the list and a future sale for just impounded items is slated for early June 2023.
- Commissioner Sheffield asked about funding for the incinerator the City had planned.
  - PD Baker stated that that funding request was denied and we will be looking for funds.
PORT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

PD Baker provided an overview of the following:

- 22-08-16 Port Director/Project
- AAHPA Conference draft Agenda & Update
- Arctic Deep Draft Port Update
- Arctic Commitment Act (draft bill)

Discussion:

- Chairman West asked about a project closure date for the work Q Trucking is doing on the Thornbush Pad.
  - PD Baker stated that a time extension given, to account for time lost getting customers to relocate large storage items staged within the project area.
- Commissioner McLarty asked if the culvert on the TBS pad would go away and asked for details on what was going to be filled in the project area.
  - HM Stotts responded that the culvert and all low spots between the boat yard and TBS pad would be filled.
  - Chairman West stated he would like to see the low spots filled on the TBS pad with existing material first thing in the spring so we can stop the water from pooling and causing more settlement.
- Chairman West asked on the status with the Corps on the material buildup under the Causeway bridge.
  - PD Baker stated that the Corps is coming up with a plan to use the existing dredge contractor in removing the material in the future.
- PD Baker commented that the State of Alaska Legislative Grant Agreements have been signed, and funding is in place for covering completion of design, bidding and construction of Phase 1.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Recommend Project(s) for Red King Crab Disaster funding (ADF&G)

Discussion:

- There was group discussion on what items should be investigated to determine ROM costs;
  - Oil Collection Site – additional tank in SBH for increased storage capacity
  - Improving restroom facilities
  - Belmont Beach subsistence landing – improve surfacing at launch site
  - Cranes around Low Dock and East Dock with card access

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

- Gay Sheffield commented that the NW Campus has an AIS receiving antenna that provides access to marinetraffic.com for the public who can access it for free. Service is not great due to the current position of the antenna, so a higher location to mount would provide better coverage of vessel traffic. Specifically, she asked if they could relocate the antenna to a pole on the Causeway near the new sea ice radar system that just got installed this 2022 season.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

- McCann commented that he is looking forward to the upcoming Harbormaster conference. Also noted that he hopes someone from the City has gone down west beach to let folks know of the upcoming storm.
- McLarty – No Comment
- Lean – No Comment
- Sheffield – No Comment
- Smithisler – No Comment
- West commented that Nome has been preparing for the upcoming storm in many ways. Some meetings canceled, folk on the beaches notified, villages notified etc.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by for adjournment at 7:43pm.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 20th day of October 2022.

ATTEST: [Signature]
Joy Baker, Port Director