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NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG

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ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 25, 2026 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,

COMMUNICATIONS

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

A. R-26-03-01 A Resolution Awarding the Port of Nome West Gold Dock Bulkhead Repairs to Resolve Marine,

B. R-26-03-02 A Resolution Recognizing April as the Month of the Military Child,

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager Report,

B. Assessment Update from the Appraisal Company of Alaska,

C. Port Project Manager's Reports,

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026 at 7:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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ROLL CALL at 7:05 PM

Members Present: Mayor Kenny Hughes, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Lust, C. Johnson,

Absent: C. Henderson (Excused), C. Martinson (Excused)

Staff Present: City Manager Lee Smith, Deputy City Clerk Wali Rana, Deputy City Clerk Brad Soske, Joy Baker Port Project Manager/Acting Port Director, John Handeland/ NJUS GM, Mike Heintzelman/ Chief of Police, Dan Grimmer/ City Clerk (Zoom), Nickie Crowe/ Finance Director (Zoom)

Present in Audience: Ben Townsend/ KNOM, Margaret Sutherland/ KNOM, Diana H/ Nome Nugget (Zoom)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion to approve the agenda was made by C. Lust, seconded by C. Green.
At the roll call:
Aye: C. Lust, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Johnson.
Nay:
The motion **CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 9, 2026 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,
B. February 16, 2026 Nome Common Council Special Meeting Minutes,

A Motion to approve both of the minutes made by C. Johnson, seconded by C. Green.
At the roll call:
Aye: C. Lust, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Johnson.
Nay:
The motion **CARRIED**

COMMUNICATIONS

A. January 15, 2026 Nome Port Commission Meeting Minutes,

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS-NONE

NEW BUSINESS

A. R-26-02-02 **(Amended)** A Resolution Endorsing Projects for the City of Nome's 2026 State and Federal Legislative Priorities,

A Motion to approve R-26-02-02 made by C. Lust, seconded by C. Johnson.

DISCUSSION

C. Johnson asked what changes the amendments made. The City Manager and the Port Director stated that changes were made in the budgets for housing and the recreation facilities. The City Manager stated that the City Engineer recommended these changes.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Lust, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Johnson.

Nay:

The Resolution **CARRIED**

B. R-26-02-03 A Resolution Supporting a Permanent Adjustment to the Job Classification Pay Scales for Communications Offier I, II and III Positions Within the Nome Police Department,

A Motion to approve R-26-02-03 made by C. Johnson, seconded by C. Lust.

DISCUSSION

C. Lust asked if the City had conducted any pay studies for these positions. The City Manager stated that officers and dispatchers are of great value and are needed within the Nome PD; this was also due to officers filling in for dispatchers. C. Johnson asked the Finance Director what percentage of the contributions to benefits for these positions would go to PERS – She replied 22%.

The Police Chief said he was glad to be back. He reiterated that there was a dire need for communications officers that are well trained; he mentioned that he had a very small pool of applicants to draw from. He stated that the PD needed to hire locally and fight the negative stigma of the PD from yester years. He explained that staff that aren't dispatchers had been filling in for that role - including the PD's administrative assistant. That left him with a small pool of officers to deploy within the community.

The Police Chief suggested more competitive compensation for a hub community such as Nome; he said he wouldn't want to outsource these positions as that would be too expensive. He said a total of $60,000 amongst all of the roles at the PD would make these positions competitive. He added that there would be a reduction in overtime expenses should these changes materialize.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Lust, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Johnson.

Nay:

The Resolution **CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. O-26-02-02 Mid-Year General Fund
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL DISCUSSION),

B. O-26-02-03 Mid-Year Special Revenue Fund
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL DISCUSSION),

C. O-26-02-04 Mid-Year Capital Projects Fund
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL DISCUSSION),

D. O-26-02-05 Mid-Year Construction Fund
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL DISCUSSION),

E. O-26-02-06 Mid-Year Port Operating Fund
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL DISCUSSION),

F. O-26-02-07 Mid-Year Port Capital Projects Fund
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL DISCUSSION),

A Motion to adopt items A through F was made by C. Johnson, seconded by C. Lust.

DISCUSSION

There was discussion by the Finance Director about amending the general fund by increasing funds for the PD for salaries and for a contract with PowerDMS. Increases were also reflected for Public Works,

and funds transferred out to the Capital Projects Fund. C. Johnson asked who administrated the PowerDMS software, the Finance Director stated that the PD would be using the software as well as administering it. Its uses included tracking performance and accreditation tasks. The Police Chief stated that Paul Kosto would be using the software for department reviews; and that Paul's reviews would be peer reviewed by the Chief. C. Lust clarified that he knows about PowerDMS, and wanted to confirm if all accreditation documents would be held within the system? Chief replied affirmative. C. Johnson requested that the Council be provided a list with all of the PD's cars with their makes and models; the City Manager said that would be provided, and that the PD would be considering options other than Ford Explorers. C. Johnson asked what the increase in legal services expenditure within adjustments entailed and the City Manager stated that was mostly for his and the City Clerk's counsel for NSHC litigation, taxi cab ordinances etc.., as well as for the Port. C. Johnson also asked about increased funds for snow removal, IT company contractors, and status of the boilers at the rec center. These questions were answered by the City Manager and the Finance Director. The Finance Director stated that invoices for snow removal would be tracked this year so that there aren't any missed invoices. Funds were allocated from the General Fund to the Capital Fund for an excavator for Public Works, the City Manager expressed a need for it.

A Motion to approve the amendments for O-26-02-02 made by C. Johnson, seconded by C. Lust.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Lust, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Johnson.
Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**

A Motion to approve the amendments to O-26-02-04 and approve items A through F made by C. Lust, seconded by C. Miller.

At the roll call for the amendment:

Aye: C. Lust, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Johnson.
Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**

At the roll call to approve the motion:

Aye: C. Lust, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Johnson.
Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Handeland congratulated Louis and Diana Stang for a new addition to their family. Josh Scott and all other staff are locally hired. He then thanked Hunter Bellamy for helping NJUS get their annual first aid training. The Utility Manager reported that NJUS' first audit would be available the week of 03/02; with the other audits following after. He stated more of the audits would be completed by May. Generator 15 would be repaired by the summer, which would cost $600,000 and would take place from April 11th to May 25th.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager commended AML's workshop and said it was successful, he handed out print outs from AML's presentations. He then commented on the letter that he sent Nome Public Schools that requested they present the City Council with documents that Council asked them for. A face to face meeting is being scheduled between the School Board and City Council for March 9th. C. Lust inquired how the snow removal crew is doing and if all of their equipment is okay, City Manager confirmed yes. The City Manager also reported that the cell phone alerts through textmygov have been successfully going out and that a thousand people have signed up. C. Miller asked what the progress is on acquiring a card reader for the rec center and the City Manager replied that the City is in the process of digitizing the invoicing at the rec center and that a card reader would be available there soon. C. Miller asked about NSEDC community development funds and how they would be used, the City Manager stated that the City is applying for additional grants, like a grant from the State that is supposed to fund an outdoor

basketball court close to the ice rink. C. Lust asked if the City has received any applications for the taxi licenses. Deputy Clerk Soske answered that they have received one, and that the said applicant is under the impression that if enough people don't apply for the taxi licenses, that City Council would repeal all of the ordinances, which would not be the case. C. Johnson stated that the taxi ordinances in Nome are like other hub communities, and that nothing is different. City Manager confirmed that the City and the State help each other with snow removal. Finance Director stated that some of the previous years' NSEDC funds would be used for the rec center and that the old NSEDC funds need to be allocated before the new ones can be used.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Thanked Public Works for snow removal. He said they did a good job clearing up the roads in a timely fashion.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- C. Lust- He thanked the DOT and Public Works. He said it would be beneficial for the Council to tour other public facilities like NJUS. He added that during this year's budgeting process, a fee waiver for kids going to the rec center should be factored in to allow for free after school access.

- C. Miller- She clarified that there was an afterschool program currently in place and kids could access the rec for free after school. C. Miller thanked the City Manager for the AML workshop and Public Works for their service. She said that the City should start working with the Tribal organizations to allow for more collaboration.

- C. Johnson- Asked the Utility Manager to report on the NSEDC funds. The Utility Manager reported that they are going to get a list from NSEDC that would confirm if the people that applied for the NSEDC Energy Subsidy were in fact customers of the utility. He added that the funds would be applied by the next billing cycle. C. Johnson said that the City shouldn't wait for the legislative funds to manifest for the basketball court, and that this should be a priority.

- C. Green- Agreed with C. Miller about starting a dialogue with Tribal organizations regarding collaboration.

A Motion to adjourn made by C. Lust, seconded by C. Miller.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Lust, C. Miller, C. Green, C. Johnson.

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT at 8:37 PM

APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 23rd DAY OF March, 2026

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KENNETH HUGHES III, Mayor

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DAN GRIMMER, City Clerk

Presented By:
Port Director
Action Taken:
Yes_____
No_____
Abstain _____

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. R-26-03-01

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE PORT OF NOME WEST GOLD DOCK BULKHEAD REPAIRS TO RESOLVE MARINE

WHEREAS, the Port of Nome is a hub in Western Alaska supporting the surrounding Bering Strait and U.S. Arctic regions; and,

WHEREAS, due to damage caused to the Causeway West Gold Dock by a cruise ship on 20 August 2024, resulting in cracks in the sheet pile affecting a total of 14 sheets that require a section of this area to be removed, with new sheets to be spliced and welded to ensure the integrity and stability of the dock face structure; and

WHEREAS, in July 2025, the City issued an RFP to repair the dock damage that received zero bids, mostly due to many area contractors already being obligated during the short summer season; and,

WHEREAS, in late January 2026, the City issued a second RFP, resulting in the receipt of one bid from Resolve Marine in the amount $249,228.32 to perform the necessary dock repairs during the upcoming 2026 summer season; and,

WHEREAS, estimated costs to cover damage inspection, design, engineering and construction have been paid in advance by the ship's agent, Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska (CLAA), with a balance of approximately $101K being invoiced this month to cover remaining known costs; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common Council awards the Port of Nome West Gold Dock Bulkhead Repairs to Resolve Marine for $249,228.32.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 23rd day of March, 2026.

_____
KENNETH HUGHES III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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DAN GRIMMER, City Clerk

Presented By:
City Manager

Action Taken:
Yes____
No____
Abstain____

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-03-02

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has a force of over 2,800 National Guard Members and a presence of over 21,000 active military personnel throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, military children and their families serve as an essential source of support and encouragement for armed service members; and

WHEREAS, military children should be acknowledged for the sacrifices they make and celebrated for the courage they display as the children of our nation's armed service members; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is being recognized by the Alaska National Guard Child and Youth Program as the month of the military child; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nome wishes to show support and recognition of the sacrifices of the families of past and present service members of the Alaska National Guard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome City Council recognizes April 2026 as the Month of the Military Child and supports the participation of our community in recognizing April 9th, 2026 as Purple Up Day.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 23RD day of March, 2026.

_____
KENNETH HUGHES III, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
DAN GRIMMER, City Clerk

Purple Up Day

April 9, 2026

Wear purple on April 9th to show support for our military kids!

There are over **17,000 kids** in Alaska whose parents serve in either Active Duty or the National Guard!

child & youth program
army national guard
ALASKA

NATIONAL GUARD KIDS 2025 2026
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MISSION POSSIBLE

Alaska National Guard Child & Youth Program
49000 Army Guard Road
Suite D-101
JBER, AK 99505

March 5, 2026

City of Nome
Mayor Kenneth Hughes III
PO Box 281
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Mayor Hughes,

We are Molly McBride and William Russell, President and Co-President of the Alaska National Guard Child & Youth Program (AKNG CYP) Youth Council. We are reaching out to you today to request that you show your support for military kids by making a public announcement proclaiming April as the Month of the Military Child, and ask you to participate in ***Purple Up Day!*** on April 9, 2026, which is a day dedicated to supporting Military Youth throughout the United States and Territories.

This year, our Youth Council is composed of 14 dedicated members who strive to be an active member of their community. Current members hail from Anchorage, Wasilla, Eagle River, and Fort Greely, and serve as a voice for military youth across Alaska. We host both overnight and day camps, leadership retreats, special activities and events throughout the state, ensuring support to and connection between National Guard youth and families.

Our parents are National Guard service members and have been deployed multiple times over the years. We have grown up with the AKNG CYP and it has become a second home to us. Attending camps, making new friends with other National Guard youth, and learning lifelong resiliency skills have been the highlights of our childhood summers. As we've grown, so has our desire to help others in similar situations to ourselves. We've become leaders within the program, allowing us to share our passion and experiences with other National Guard youth.

According to Military One Source data from 2024, there are 3,221 Army and Air National Guard Service Members in Alaska, 48% of whom have children. In FY24, a total of 1,316 youth ages 6-18 attended our camps and events.

National Guard children often struggle to find kids who relate to their unique situation, seeing that most Guard families live off base and are disconnected from provided resources and their military communities. This can create a feeling of isolation that is detrimental to youth. National Guard youth deserve to be recognized because of the myriad of unseen sacrifices they make for their parents to serve this country.

This April, we ask you to help support military youth across the state by making a proclamation declaring your support for Month of Military Child (MOMC). On April 9th, groups and communities throughout the state and country are encouraged to take part in ***Purple Up Day!*** by wearing or displaying purple. The goal is for military kids to see that they are supported and loved by their local and state-wide communities.

Alaska National Guard Child & Youth Program
49000 Army Guard Road
Suite D-101
JBER, AK 99505

Attached is a flyer promoting ***Purple Up Day!*** Please consider taking part in this annual display of support. Your support matters!

This link provides more information on Month of the Military Child:
https://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/Military-Child-Month.cfm

For more information about the AKNG CYP, please contact our Lead Coordinator, Suzie Mauro at suzanne.m.mauro.ctr@army.mil or 907-428-6243.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Molly McBride
President, AKNG CYP Youth Council

William Russell
Vice President, AKNG CYP Youth Council

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March 20th, 2026

Mayor and Council,

Our City of Nome Team has been working diligently for the past two weeks responding to the recent snow event as well as preparing for the Iditarod and handling issues throughout the race. We anticipate wrapping up all race related items by Wednesday, March 25th. That being said, all departments including finance and administration have also been busy in the 26-27 FY City Administration working budget. I have attached the Budget Calendar distributed to departments, agencies, and Council in January 2026, prior to the February, 9th distribution date.

Thus far our Team has adhered to the Budget Calendar and have met required deadlines. City Administration is on schedule as can be seen on the attached calendar with notations of progress. The City is on schedule. The City has instituted a new budget platform by EUNA that started the fall of 2025. This platform will give us the ability for better year to year comparisons.

At the conclusion of the City Council/School work session, I stated our working budget would include the schools at a minimum of $2.7 million. This gives the schools the opportunity to review impacts to their operations as well as possible use of their reserves, budget changes, etc. if necessary. Please keep in mind the City has until May 31st to approve an amount to be appropriated to the schools for FY 26-27.

As denoted on the budget calendar, city departments are completing entering their line item budgets this week to begin budget reviews next week per our approved budget calendar. Please find our **working** budget summary as of Friday, March 20th @ 6pm. Over the next two weeks my office and finance, will be reviewing submissions with departments and outside agencies working towards a complete balanced budget before the end of April as planned. This timeline gives City Administration and Council two months to consider and adopt a final budget by June 30th 2026.

Revenue examples thus far:

- F26 property tax numbers are in as a placeholder
- AK Remote Sellers advised they are projecting a 3.5% increase; this draft is a 5% increase
- most revenue items are based on historic trends
- Only one month of the 1 cent sales increase has been collected
- awaiting grant award confirmations

Expenditure examples thus far:

- Projecting a 5% building insurance increase
- Projecting a 10% Liability insurance increase
- Projecting a 15% Health Insurance increase
- All positions are in fully funded whether vacant or not - no vacancy savings calculated yet

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- Admin -- Same amount of positions in original F26 to F27, however we changed HR to Special Projects
- Finance/Clerk - Removed Accounting Clerk and changed to Clerical Helper Casual
- IT - F/T IT Technician compared to a P/T
- Planning & Engineer - 1 F/T Building Inspector + 1 P/T Building Inspector compared to 1 P/T in F26
- Police - Lt Position included; changed 1 F/T dispatcher to 2 P/T dispatchers
- Public Works - added additional F/T mechanic
- Transfers out to Capital includes: CAT 160M Lease Payment $93,875; NVFD Firehall Door Repair $60,000; NRC Boiler Replacement $53,000; PW Shop $20,000; Side by Side for Cemetery $35,000

We look forward to working with the Council to continue to review and develop the FY 26-27 budget for the City of Nome.

Sincerely,

Lee Smith

City Manager

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FY2027 Budget Calendar

Date	Description
February 9	Distribute FY 2027 Budget Calendar to Council **Complete**
February 12	Budget instructions are distributed by Finance Director to Department Heads **Complete**
February 12	Staffing/Personnel templates are distributed by Finance to Department Heads **Complete**
February 12	Administration distributes Goals & Accomplishments templates to Department Heads **Complete**
March 6	Department Heads submit completed Staffing/Personnel requests to Finance **Complete**
	Department Heads submit completed Goals & Accomplishments to Administration **Complete**
March 18	Department Heads finalize FY 2027 budget requests in preparation of budget meetings the following week **Complete**
Mar 23 - 27	Department Heads meet with City Manager, City Clerk, and Finance Director on draft Goals & Accomplishments and preliminary FY 2027 Budget
March 24	Notice of Assessment sent by City Clerk to Real and Personal Property Owners (tentative date) **Complete**
March 27	School Administration meets with City Manager and Finance Director on NPS FY 2027 budget **Complete**
April 13	Council work session #1 on FY 2027 City Budgets
April 27	Council work session #2 on FY 2027 City Budgets
May 1	Nome Public School Board shall submit the school budget to the City Council for approval – Deadline to request for appropriation (NCO 2.25.070)
May 4	Council work session #3 on FY 2027 City Budgets

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Date	Description
May 6-8	Board of Equalization
May 11	Council Work Session #4 on FY 2027 City Budgets
May 18	Council Work Session #5 on FY 2027 City Budgets
May 22	Administration/Finance submits proposed FY 2027 City Budgets for 1st reading
May 26	(Rescheduled) Council Regular Meeting – 1st reading of FY 2027 City Budgets
May 26	School appropriation set by Nome City Council (NCO 2.25.070) "By May 31st, the city council shall determine the total amount of money to be made available… and furnish the school board with a statement of the sum to be made available"
May 26	Mill rate set by Nome Common Council per AS 29.45.20 (b) "A municipality shall annually determine the rate of levy before June 15" June 8 Council Regular Meeting – 2nd reading of FY 2027 City Budgets
June 26	Tax bills sent

FY2027 Working Budget Document General Fund Overview	F24 Actuals	F25 Actuals	F26 YTD Actuals @ 02.28.26	O-25-06-02 F26 Approved Budget @ 11.5 Mills	O-26-02-02 F26 Approved Budget Amendment	City Manager's Working Budget for FY27
General Fund Revenue						
Property Tax	4,420,266.56	4,712,619.75	5,059,615.44	5,421,942.31	5,388,664.61	5,388,665.00
Sales Tax	7,103,121.73	7,155,083.68	5,019,807.55	7,917,200.00	8,317,200.00	9,276,500.00
Hotel/Motel Tax	256,393.23	261,999.62	136,964.51	244,000.00	260,000.00	260,000.00
Tax Penalties & Interest	127,614.93	83,612.64	105,221.04	113,900.00	131,400.00	104,450.00
Permits Licenses & Fees	559,893.91	701,650.75	267,653.39	450,550.00	458,090.00	462,230.00
Shared Revenue/Muni Assistance	267,056.10	351,030.26	105,453.85	98,474.23	97,453.85	101,953.99
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	866,172.59	966,441.33	719,369.25	949,020.73	956,889.98	938,095.73
Charge for Services	-	-	188.00	-	-	-
Copies, Plat, Court Fees	4,483.30	1,811.30	1,809.31	3,550.00	4,250.00	2,950.00
Public Safety Special Services	195,954.93	128,527.31	74,010.93	132,855.00	75,720.93	2,650.00
Recreation	290,659.33	320,050.82	183,377.03	279,100.00	300,800.00	274,700.00
Nome Swimming Pool	5,242.69	36,525.95	16,732.28	33,000.00	30,850.00	25,400.00
Museum & Library	6,152.87	7,110.31	13,657.34	6,000.00	6,601.80	6,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	2,143.42	2,608.25	2,192.13	2,600.00	3,600.00	3,150.00
Investment & Interest Earnings	563,409.01	489,891.54	187,669.62	369,097.00	389,097.00	318,060.00
Building, Equipment, Land Lease Rentals	253,945.43	197,268.48	139,019.42	211,334.84	216,334.84	209,551.54
Donations & Contributions	19,518.00	20,232.93	9,138.66	9,500.00	14,900.00	9,500.00
Sale of General Fixed Assets	43,650.00	52,515.00	-	-	-	-
Transfers		18,588.35	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	-
Proceeds: Issuance of a Lease/Insurance	114,120.12	833,770.46	13,366.26	-	13,366.26	-
Total Revenue Before Transfers:	**15,099,798.15**	**16,341,338.73**	**12,555,246.01**	**16,742,124.11**	**17,165,219.27**	**17,383,856.26**
Fund Bal Approp Landfill	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Bal Approp Equip/Vehicle	-	-	-	105,000.00	184,569.90	150,000.00
Fund Bal Appropriation	**-**	**-**	**-**	230,543.20	460,063.08	**1,767,310.52**
Total Revenue and Transfers:	**15,099,798.15**	**16,341,338.73**	**12,555,246.01**	**17,077,667.31**	**17,809,852.25**	**19,301,166.78**

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General Fund Expenditure						
Legislative	203,316.59	200,828.10	183,446.43	248,558.10	279,734.36	323,312.44
Administration	1,216,733.06	1,436,524.31	1,030,008.73	1,559,307.66	1,520,398.09	1,747,543.24
Information Technology	300,883.78	261,666.79	-	426,096.86	421,166.09	426,459.19
City Clerk	515,540.14	597,504.31	398,236.51	683,774.42	640,131.71	717,243.46
Planning & Engineering	158,604.96	206,974.36	171,161.74	203,780.83	288,644.87	515,242.77
Police	4,008,252.43	4,203,894.21	2,634,132.55	4,043,387.95	4,202,306.47	4,723,497.91
Animal Control	34,491.65	46,553.19	22,716.24	54,200.00	54,300.00	53,100.00
Fire Department	356,984.10	423,509.27	238,085.76	461,848.86	470,128.14	478,683.84
Ambulance Department	311,277.94	-	-	-	-	-
Public Works - Building Maintenance	767,341.68	755,492.39	376,644.04	1,005,094.63	830,246.29	1,145,563.16
Old St. Joe's	39,740.93	28,398.36	16,536.10	26,576.39	26,076.39	29,575.53
Mini Convention Center	45,849.83	43,859.24	28,459.61	52,749.58	59,249.58	66,814.00
Public Works Building	148,368.40	125,739.67	59,685.87	75,976.75	96,101.75	60,837.00
Senior Citizen's Building	61,497.59	81,905.15	47,554.48	63,652.25	76,840.93	69,590.00
Landfill	335,069.97	459,515.40	350,306.09	381,121.12	562,794.33	569,271.40
Cemetery	70,836.53	71,457.56	37,228.65	142,756.66	58,545.11	26,040.00
Parks / Playgrounds / Lights	50,788.75	107,963.13	23,840.03	48,587.32	48,326.32	49,691.00
Public Works - Road Maintenance	2,057,909.04	1,899,512.51	1,405,802.41	2,065,836.40	2,299,184.09	2,559,653.29
Recreation Center	818,389.87	891,473.14	686,763.03	1,023,120.90	1,079,928.59	1,132,407.39
Nome School Pool	35,986.18	99,849.78	49,198.94	83,535.78	99,331.66	84,232.46
Museum	314,054.46	348,747.07	236,684.86	360,940.03	400,898.01	412,323.28
Library	403,155.91	428,599.86	344,038.91	493,709.80	533,884.25	546,732.51
Katirvik	28,817.18	31,039.91	28,432.07	29,737.09	38,083.34	30,085.00
Visitor's Center	214,183.21	214,157.95	104,576.84	144,842.39	144,842.39	144,881.00
Non-Departmental	3,457,527.55	3,787,833.68	1,815,627.15	2,959,205.73	2,962,872.08	2,976,512.10
Total Expenditure Before Transfers:	**15,955,601.73**	**16,752,999.34**	**10,289,167.04**	**16,638,397.50**	**17,194,014.84**	**18,889,291.97**
Transfers Out - Interfunds	755,235.56	959,531.31	-	439,269.81	615,837.41	411,874.81
Contribution to Fund Balance:				-		
Total Expenditure & Transfers:	**16,710,837.29**	**17,712,530.65**	**10,289,167.04**	**17,077,667.31**	**17,809,852.25**	**19,301,166.78**

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Assessment Update – Current Year

I am writing to provide an overview of property assessment activity within the City of Nome for the current assessment year. Based on our analysis of verified sales data, the overall residential assessment-to-sale ratio is approximately **84.76% (After adjustment – 89.87%)**, indicating that values were trending below market levels and required adjustment to maintain compliance with state requirements and ensure equity among property owners.

State Law Requirement

Under Alaska Statute (AS 29.45.110), municipalities are required to assess property at its "full and true value as of January 1" of each assessment year. "Full and true value" is defined as the estimated market value of the property. This requirement is established by the State of Alaska and is not discretionary at the local level. The assessor is obligated to adjust values when market evidence demonstrates that assessments are not aligned with current market conditions. These adjustments are data-driven and based on verified sales activity.

Market Analysis and Value Updates

After reviewing recent market activity and completing ratio studies, market-based adjustments were implemented for this assessment year. Based on the analysis, we applied:

- +2% increase to land values, and
- +7% increase to residential improvements

These adjustments were necessary to maintain uniformity and bring assessed values in line with current market indicators. The goal is to ensure equity across the tax base and compliance with state requirements for market-value assessment.

Other Adjustments

In addition to market-based adjustments, routine updates were made for:

- New construction
- Additions or remodels
- Physical changes observed during inspection
- Data corrections

The assessment process is based on verified market evidence and accepted mass appraisal methodology consistent with Alaska statutes and professional standards. The assessor's responsibility is to estimate market value as of January 1 each year. Tax amounts are determined separately by the mill rate adopted by the City Council. We will continue to monitor market conditions closely and conduct ongoing ratio studies to ensure compliance with state law and maintain fairness and equity among taxpayers. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions regarding individual assessments or broader market trends within City of Nome.

Sincerely,
Mike Renfro & Martins Onskulis & Arne Erickson
Assessors Office, Appraisal Company of Alaska

Memo

To: Lee Smith – CityManager

From: Joy L. Baker – Project Manager/Port Director JLB

CC: Mayor Hughes & Common Council; Port Commission; Planning Commission

Date: 02/16/2026

Re: Port Director/Project Manager Report – Feb 2026

Administration:

2026 already seems to be moving quickly, which means preparation for the ice-free operating season will begin soon. There are several funding vehicles on the horizon that are attractive to existing facility projects, and are therefore being pursued. Details relating to the various port and harbor projects in queue are being presented to the Port Commission during a work session on 19 Feb 2026 for consideration and prioritization.

As with other departments, staff are learning the new budgetary system, Euna, in order to help support finance in preparing and managing annual budgets. Collections on outstanding port A/R customers is going well, with several rounds of impounds in play on user collateral to ensure debt is paid. Quotes for maintenance and repair work, along with materials and equipment for in-house projects are underway for inclusion in the F27 budget prep.

Mayor Hughes and I will be traveling to WA DC during the first week of Mar 2026, to work with our lobbyist, Jay Sterne, to meet with the Congressional Delegation, USCG, USACE, NOAA and other related organizations in support of the City's 2026 federal priorities.

Causeway:

Arctic Deep Draft Port – Port of Nome Modifications (USACE):

A partnering meeting with the City, PND, USACE and Kiewit (KIW) was held in ANC on 3 Feb 2026, through a consultant provided by KIW to facilitate positive and effective teamwork during Phase 1A construction. On Tue 4 Feb, USACE held the initial pre-construction conference, to walk through contract requirements, schedule, mobilization and traffic control. Additional project meetings will be held in Nome in the spring, prior to the 2026 barge season begins. USACE continues moving forward with the engineering and design effort for Phase 2, as well as planning, scheduling and funding of the remaining phases.

Local Service Facilities (LSF) Inspection Integration:

The LSF team was in attendance for the partnering and pre-con meetings mentioned above, and continues to respond to the Alaska District regarding any Phase 1A contractor submittals and RFI's, while collaborating on the design and specs package for the Phase 2 dredging work – still scheduled for bidding in 2026.

U.S. DOT Maritime Administration (MARAD) – Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant Pre-Award:

Things are progressing with the remaining pre-award requirements for this grant. This will allow execution of the $11.25M agreement, which includes a separate funding agreement for the $1.025M passed in the FY2025 USDOT budget to supplement the PIDP award to Nome.

Petroleum Pipeline Infrastructure Upgrades:

NJUS has obtained a proposal from CRW Engineers (on behalf of the Port) to provide services for design, permitting and cost estimates to replace/upgrade the existing fuel lines that run from the city dock header to above-ground terminus valves on the upper industrial pad. Once funds for CRW's services are approved in the F26 Budget Amendment 2nd reading on 23 Feb 2026, a contract will be executed. We are currently investigating a funding opportunity to cover construction (which may potentially reimburse for these engineering services as well).

Harbor:

Inner Harbor CAP 107 Study (Deepen/Widen the Inner Basin):

The Alaska District continues to recommend a General Investigation (GI) Study. Progress has slowed while the team is occupied with the submittals/pre-construction Phase 1A of the expansion. An updated package is in prep to further highlight the nature of the issue and delays associated with this project, for the purpose of sharing with the Congressional Delegation.

Snake River Moorage Facility:

USDOT has authorized pre-award expenditures to cover the additional NEPA effort being required by MARAD for this project. As such, the City executed a contract with PND on 14 Jan for this work, which is anticipated to be complete in mid-summer. Once this additional NEPA effort is approved by MARAD, the grant agreement will be executed.

Harbor Bathhouse/Laundry Facility:

We have solicited a proposal from Bristol Engineering to provide conceptual design and cost estimates for development of a bathhouse, laundry and shower facility in the small boat harbor. Once the funds are approved in the F26 Budget Amendment 2nd reading on 23 Feb 2026, a task order will be executed.

Port Industrial Pad:

West Nome Tank Farm (WNTF) - Property Conveyance:

I am happy to report that as of 23 Dec 2025, the fully executed conveyance package has been officially filed with the Alaska Recorder's Office in Fairbanks. This was the final step in transferring the property to the City of Nome. I have relayed this news to the CODEL offices, and am drafting a thank you letter from the City. Plans to develop this site continue, with efforts underway to obtain grant funding to relocate the NJU tank farm from the upper Industrial Pad to this site.

Petroleum Pipeline Infrastructure Upgrades:

Same as project shown under Causeway.

Thornbush Laydown Site Development (TBS):

We are continuing to evaluate a couple of different funding sources for this project, which would construct the remaining 8-acres of the undeveloped portion of the TBS site. The intent is to develop the entire site as one project, versus one section at a time. The additional laydown is necessary to meet the demand for commercial staging.

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:

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 will be in Mar/Apr 2026, with work done by 31 Aug 2026.

Causeway Road/3 Docks Repairs:

Additional road/dock repairs are anticipated to be performed after break-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. Work is anticipated to occur once the material piles thaw in June 2026.

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Update; NJUS has finished repairing all utility runs under the bridge, with the exception of the fiber conduit. The conduit will be installed in the next few months when the fiber pull can be simultaneously achieved.

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CC: Mayor Hughes & Common Council; Port Commission; Planning Commission

Date: 03/05/2026

Re: Port Director/Project Manager Report – Mar 2026

Administration:

On 28 Feb 2026, I was fortunate enough to be invited by Senator Sullivan to testify at a field hearing in Anchorage before the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation's Subcommittee on Coast Guard, Maritime and Fisheries of which he is Chairman. The hearing was titled, "Arctic Security Infrastructure Imperative" Aligning U.S. Maritime Investments with National Security Needs". Each of my fellow panelists made comments in their prepared statements as to the importance of the Arctic Deep Draft Port at Nome, including Senator Sullivan. The need for Arctic maritime infrastructure was made abundantly clear throughout the hearing.

Mayor Hughes and I traveled to WA DC for back-to-back meetings on 3-4 Mar 2026 with the Congressional Delegation, USCG, USACE, MARAD and other organizations in support of the City's 2026 federal priorities. Jay Sterne, our federal lobbyist, was once again a stellar host in whisking us across the nation's capital to keep us on schedule. In each of the meetings we heard unanimous support for full build out of the project, as designed by USACE, along with maintaining an aggressive effort to construct the facility without delay. There is continued interest in vessel refueling and resupply services to all maritime users operating in Arctic waters. This reflects not only commercial shipping, tourism, national security, fisheries, scientific research and resource development, but the positioning of oil spill response and life safety assets necessary to protect the environment, residents and subsistence resources.

There will be an Open House of the Port Commission from 4pm-7pm at Old St. Joe's on 16 April 2026, for the purpose of providing the public with updates on the more substantial projects pending with the port and harbor facility. An array of smaller projects will also be presented to give a broad perspective of the development that is ongoing at the Port of Nome. Please mark your calendars, as we are hoping for a great turnout!

As F27 budgetary planning is now underway, we look forward to becoming more familiar with the Euna accounting system. This new program advances our engagement in the annual budget process and reduces impact to finance by giving department heads the ability to view line item detail in real time – an essential tool for financial planning. We sincerely appreciate the finance department's significant effort as they transition to a new accounting system.

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Arctic Deep Draft Port – Port of Nome Modifications (USACE):

Coordination between the City, USACE and Kiewit continues as preparations are made to begin construction on Phase 1A of the project during the 2026 ice-free season. Phase 2 engineering and design is near complete, and remains on schedule for bidding in 2026. Phases 1B and 3 are in still in queue, with 1B expected to move into what remains of the design phase, to address updates and modifications that became necessary when Phase 1 was split into 1A/1B.

We continue to evaluate a variety of funding sources for subsequent phases with an array of potential agencies and partners. National and international awareness of this project continues to grow, with new parties expressing interest and seeking to obtain status updates on schedule and facility availability in the future.

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The LSF team is responding to USACE on contractor submittals and RFI's, as well the Phase 2 bid package and the planning/engineering of subsequent phases.

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District staff have advised that a small refund of cost-share funds is forthcoming, as they are unable to move forward with the project. We have yet again requested a written response to concerns raised back in July 2025 on this issue – pending.

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