

CITY OF MANZANITA
May 8, 2020
COVID-19 SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order Friday May 8, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

ROLL: Members present: Mike Scott, Steve Nuttall, Thomas Aschenbrener, Hans Tonjes, and Linda Kozlowski
Staff Present: Cynthia Alamillo, Kristin Grassest, Nina Jarvis, Dan Weitzel, Erik Harth, and Dan Haag

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Mayor Scott stated that the beaches in our neighboring city of Cannon Beach have just been closed by the Mayor, and that Seaside beaches have been closed for weeks. Concerns have been raised about this causing an influx of visitors to come to our beaches instead, but it has been determined that closing our beaches would be too difficult to manage or enforce. Discussions instead focused on continuing to block beach access, and possibly creating more signs to raise awareness about the use of masks for visitors that do come.

City Manager Alamillo stated that the City continues to function at their normal capacity despite Staff working from home in order to observe social distancing requirements. She continues her Focus on preparing the 2020-21 budget.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grassest stated that there will be no Court or Planning Commission meetings scheduled for the month of May. Court will resume on June 19, 2020.

Public Works Director Dan Weitzel stated that utility workers continue to focus on mowing, brushing and park maintenance. Workers will be spraying a non-toxic weed control that smells like vinegar which citizens may notice when out in the community. It is an all-natural approach that has received great success in the past.

Dan Haag from the Visitors Center stated he had a third meeting with Fulcrum this week and over \$30,000 in donations have been received so far. They will begin their third disbursement to businesses next week. Twenty businesses in our community are participating in a “cyber Friday” which he encourages everyone to support if they are able. Details can be found on his website explore Manzanita under the news section.

Chief of Police Erik Harth stated that his department has no new updates to report. Officers continue to operate on the same schedule and continue to take their temperature prior to each shift. No symptoms of illness have been reported.

Nehalem Bay Fire & Rescue Chief Chris Beswick stated that he has released volunteers to respond to Emergency calls at will. Schedules for staff have returned to normal, however social distancing is still observed whenever possible. The last statewide hospital visit for COVID-19 related illness was reported May 1, 2020 so he remains cautiously optimistic.

Councilor Kozlowski stated that the EVCC continues to remain active in their efforts to address COVID-19. The Medical Reserve Core continues to work with the County on contact tracing which is of the utmost importance. She continues to spread the message of using masks in the community as a form of kindness and compassion.

Councilor Nuttall stated that he continues to work with the Short-Term Rental Ordinance Oversight Workgroup to develop strategies for reopening the industry. The cleaning guidelines have been completed, and they are now working on a video to accompany it. There is a sense of urgency in reopening and he feels Council will need to make a decision on how to move forward soon.

Councilor Tonjes stated he has been encouraged and surprised by the number of merchants in the community who are still not ready to open due to the inability to obtain adequate person protective equipment. He has no new updates to report.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that Farmers Market manager Emily Volmer has done an excellent job of coordinating the efforts for the drive-thru farmers market scheduled for May 9, 2020. They are almost sold out of product which he feels is a wonderful sign of encouragement.

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:53 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED THIS
3rd Day of June, 2020**

Michael Scott, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia Alamillo, City Manager/Recorder

