

CITY OF MANZANITA
May 22, 2020
COVID-19 SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order Friday May 22, 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 last COVID-19 Special Council Workshop will be on May 29, 2020. This is also the day that Short-Term Rentals in our community open at a 50% capacity, and he encourages the community to practice kindness and acceptance, and to stay home if they feel unsafe. The Tillamook County Courthouse is scheduled to reopen to employees May 26, 2020, and to the public on June 8, 2020. Day use and overnight camping areas around the county remain closed this weekend.

City Manager Alamillo stated that COVID-19 has created a divide between the community and our second homeowners and visitors. She has launched a social media campaign called “Manzanita, my home” to encourage kindness and compassion as we begin to open up our community. Community members are encouraged to send in pictures of themselves enjoying the beauty of our City. There are also postcards available at the Visitors Center for people to mail to friends and family with a kind note inside.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grassest stated that her focus continues to be preparing City hall for reopening to the public. Desks have been moved to observe social distancing, and partitions will be installed as well. Employees will be returning to the office June 1, 2020 and hours will be Monday-Friday 9:00 – 4:00 and Friday by appointment only.

Public Works Director Dan Weitzel stated that the Visitors Center restrooms will be opening this weekend, as well as the Park (though restrooms will remain closed at this location). Public Works has an adequate amount of personal protective equipment and necessary cleaning supplies as well. Cleaning practices have been modified to include disinfecting, and restrooms will not be cleaned twice a day.

Dan Haag from the Visitors Center stated that the Visitors Center will be reopening this weekend with Restricted access. His hours will be Friday from 12:00 – 4:00 and Saturday-Sunday from 11:00 – 3:00. He will have masks to distribute to anyone who would like one as well.

Chief of Police Erik Harth stated that officers continue to operate on a normal schedule, and also continue to take their temperature before each shift with no illnesses reported. He plans to have an officer out in the community whenever possible this weekend to help encourage the use of masks.

Councilor Kozlowski stated that the EVCC continues to remain active in their efforts to address COVID-19. She continues to work with the Hoffman Center on getting creative signage for the community that encourages the use of masks. Many community members have been donating cloth Masks, and the City hopes to distribute them to any visitors who are in need over the weekend.

Councilor Nuttall stated that the Short-Term Rental Ordinance Oversight Workgroup has continued

their work on safely reopening the industry next week. Committee member Amy VanDyke has created A training program for cleaners which can serve as a guide for best practices. The video will be presented at a meeting next week and available on the City website thereafter. The workgroup is not expecting a great influx of visitors upon reopening as reservations are so far at less than 50% capacity.

Councilor Tonjes stated that while it is still too early to know how COVID-19 will impact real estate, he has remained busy with his clients.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that he recommends the City plan an incident response briefing In July or August to discuss how the community and City responded to COVID-19, and how we Can adjust our responses in the future to be better prepared for the unexpected.

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:33 a.m.

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

Michael Scott, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia Alamillo, City Manager/Recorder

