

CITY OF MANZANITA
May 29, 2020
COVID-19 SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order Friday May 29, 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 after 72 days and two extensions the City of Manzanita is in its final day operating under a state of emergency. Today also marks his 46th and final daily video which have been very well received in the community. Tillamook County has reported no new cases of COVID-19 since April 14, 2020 and has had no deaths or hospitalizations since the outbreak began. Tillamook County Leadership calls will also be ending today but will continue again if the need arises.

City Manager Alamillo stated that Oregon State Parks still have not decided on a firm date for reopening, but are tentatively planning on June 5, 2020. There will be no yurts available for rent at Nehalem Bay State Park, and the County plans to maintain no parking on Ocean Ave until further notice. Alamillo would like to thank all staff and City Council members for their nonstop support and dedication. She would also like to thank the community for their patience and kindness during this difficult and uncertain time.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grassest stated that the reopening of City Hall is postponed until June 15, 2020 due to internet issues that will require an extensive rewiring of the building. Staff will continue to remain fully functioning as they work from home. City Hall will be open to the public by appointment only.

Public Works Director Dan Weitzel stated that all the public restroom are now open and fully operational. All restrooms are cleaned twice a day, and extra precautions are being taken to remain as safe as possible. The new swing set for the playground will be installed next week if whether permits. While hand sanitizer is still difficult to find, he continues to try and hopes that he will soon be able to Install sanitizing stations throughout the City.

Dan Haag from the Visitors Center stated that the reopening of the Visitors Center last week was a success. Visitors and members of the community were receptive to using masks, and he provided them all throughout the weekend. Donations of masks continue to be received, and he has been handing them out whenever possible. Fulcrum has another meeting scheduled for May 30, 2020 which is expected to be the last. Donations are down now but are still being encouraged as the unemployment rate for Tillamook County is at a staggering 18%, with many still not having received a payment despite qualifying.

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. Complaints about citizens not adhering to social distancing have been down. He continues to cite people parking illegally at Oswald West and Nehalem Bay State Park.

Chief Beswick of Nehalem Bay Fire & Rescue reported that call volume has been down, but they are

Starting to see an increase as people return to the area. The office will open to the public June 1, 2020.

Councilor Kozlowski stated that she continues her work with EVCC and the Medical Reserve Core to address best practices for contact tracing in the community. This practice is critical for limited exposure and preventing an outbreak in our community. The Hoffman Center has just finished their outreach to the community for creative, fun and positive signage promoting the use of masks. Citizens can expect to see these around town soon. Over 200 cloth masks have been generously donated to the community which are being distributed to visitors and residents alike. She would like the community to help change the culture of masks to make them a fun and fashionable item that when worn show kindness and caring.

Councilor Nuttall stated that the Short-Term Rental Ordinance Oversight Workgroup has been focused on delivering their training program to all cleaners in the community. The video (along with other helpful documents) is also on the City website for anyone who is interested in viewing it. They have also been working on developing a contact tracing form that visitors can fill out in order to provide information on who they may have had contact with should they become ill. In addition, the workgroup is also developing guidelines for visitors on what to do should they become ill while still in their rental. Despite Short-Term rentals opening this weekend at 50% capacity, reservations are still down, and a big influx of visitors is not expected.

Councilor Tonjes stated that visitors and community members have been respectful of the restrictions that business owners have placed on the number of customers allowed in the store at a time. The requirement of masks in stores has also been well received and he remains optimistic that this culture of respect and understanding will continue.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that he will continue to monitor food security throughout the summer. Although the supply at food banks has remained steady, he speculates that as unemployment continues to increase this may become more of a problem. He also expects that as demand increases on the supply chain for food and other household supplies, the food bank may have trouble in obtaining adequate supplies. A large shipment of shelf stable milk has just been received which will help many throughout the community. Many farmers in the area plan to donate fresh fruits and vegetables as well.

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:45 a.m.

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

Michael Scott, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia Alamillo, City Manager/Recorder