

CITY OF MANZANITA
April 10, 2020
COVID-19 SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order Friday April 10th 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 Grassetth, Nina Jarvis, Dan Weitzel, Erik Harth, and Dan Haag

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Mayor Scott stated that he continues to participate in regular calls with the County on COVID-19 related issues. He stated that the US Census has been sent to physical addresses in Manzanita instead of PO Box's, and as a result only 28% of the population has responded. He encourages anyone who has received a Census to respond.

City Manager Cynthia Alamillo stated that the City had its first Council meeting virtually via Zoom and the audio from the meeting will be available on the City website under the Government tab. She also stated that Council approved a motion to file an extension for all first quarter short-term rental taxes which are currently due April 30th, 2020. The extension will allow will give renters until July 31st, 2020 to submit their payment.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grassetth stated that the Planning Commission meeting schedule for April has been cancelled.

Public Works Director Dan Weitzel stated that he continues to operate the department on opposite schedules in order to maintain social distancing. Utility Workers are currently working on general maintenance, and plan to replace the swing set at the City park as well as the teeter totter. He also reported that vandalism has been down during the shutdown.

Dan Haag from the Visitors Center reported that his focus continues to be helping small business owners in the community. The Small Business Association loan process is confusing and time consuming, and he has been helping many navigate this challenge. He continues to participate in weekly conference calls with the Oregon Coast Visitors Association to discuss the effects of this pandemic and how to address reopening.

Chief of Police Erik Harth stated that he continues to operate on a normal schedule, and officers continue to take their temperature prior to reporting for their shift. The department tries to address any issues in the community by phone whenever possible in order to avoid face to face interactions.

Chief Beswick of Nehalem Bay Fire & Rescue stated that emergency call volume has been down. He continues to operate with staggered scheduling in order to maintain social distancing

Councilor Kozlowski stated that she continues to remain active with the EVCC. The Medical Reserve Core is doing an excellent job of tracking COVID-19 exposure. She stresses that although wearing a mask is of the utmost importance, it does not diminish the need to frequently wash hands.

Councilor Nuttall stated that he continues to work with the Short-Term Rental Oversight Workgroup to address the effects of the shut down on the industry. The current issue being discussed is how and when

to reinstate short term rentals in our community.

Councilor Tonjes stated that he continues to have good communication with the community.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that the community has done an excellent job of addressing food scarcity in the short-term. A Community Relief Plan is being worked on to address food scarcity in the long term.

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:43 am

**MINUTES APPROVED THIS
6th DAY OF MAY, 2020**

Michael Scott, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia Alamillo, City Manager/Recorder