

CITY OF MANZANITA
July 2, 2020
COVID-19 SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 11:00 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, Erik Harth, and Dan Weitzel

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Mayor Scott stated that the city has now been operating under a state of emergency for two weeks. This second state of emergency in response to COVID-19 extends until July 8, 2020 at which time Council will decide how to proceed. Tillamook County and the State of Oregon have extended their state of emergency until September, and he expects that the City will as well. Scott continues to participate in the Tillamook County Leadership calls and has reported that we are up to 11 positive cases of COVID-19 in the county. There will be no Leadership call this week due to the holiday, but calls will resume their normal schedule of every Friday at 8:00 beginning July 10, 2020.

City Manager Alamillo stated that there will be a virtual Fourth of July celebration and all community members are encouraged to participate. There will be events and contests as well as a special tribute to our Veterans. The Citizen of the year nomination will be announced on Friday, July 3, 2020 at 10:00 am. Alamillo also stated that there will be a Council workshop on July 8, 2020 to continue the conversation about the City Hall relocation.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grassetth stated that staff will miss being a part of the of the parade festivities this year but encourages everyone to participate in the virtual celebration.

Public Works Director Dan Weitzel stated that his department continues to operate as normal. As we continue to see an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in our County he has begun to secure more personal protective equipment such as gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer. Weitzel stated that he has received a positive response from the new reader board at the top of Laneda and plans to add another message to it stating that there is no parade this year.

Chief of Police Erik Harth stated that officers continue to operate on a normal schedule and practice social distancing as much as possible. Although COVID-19 related calls have been down, calls about civil matters continue to rise as we move into the summer season. As we approach the holiday weekend Harth is preparing for more firework activity than usual because of event cancellations. All four officers will be on duty the Fourth of July and will be enforcing compliance with firework restrictions.

Councilor Kozlowski stated that she continues her work with EVCC and the Medical Reserve Core to address the COVID-19 pandemic. The EVCC is working to put together a regional public health expert

team that will help to foster a culture of awareness in the community. The focus of the team will be planning for the future, preparing citizens, and working to eliminate unintended consequences and risks. Kozlowski will have more information to present at the August Council Meeting.

Councilor Nuttall stated Short-Term Rentals are now operating at 100% capacity. The workgroup continues to closely monitor activity and there have been no problems so far. Though Rentals are down from normal summer months they continue to rise. Many management companies are following the recommended 24-hour waiting period between rentals which also contributes to rentals being down.

Councilor Tonjes stated that visitors and community members continue to be respectful of the restrictions that business owners have placed on the number of customers allowed in the store at a time, as well as the requiring of masks to enter.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that he has concerns over the upcoming holiday weekend and remains optimistic that those who come to visit our community will practice social distancing and the wearing of masks. Aschenbrener would like to remind the community that supporting our merchants is one of the most important things we can do during this difficult and uncertain time.

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 11:30 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED THIS
5th Day of August, 2020**

Michael Scott, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia Alamillo, City Manager/Recorder