

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

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

ROLL: Members present: Mike Scott, Thomas Aschenbrener and Hans Tonjes. Linda Kozlowski and Steve Nuttall were absent and excused.
Staff Present: Cynthia Alamillo, Kristin Grasset, Nina Jarvis, and Dan Weitzel

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Mayor Scott stated that the state of emergency for Tillamook County as well as the State of Oregon will remain in effect until September 4, 2020. The City of Manzanita has an open ended state of emergency but will likely stay in line with what the County and State decide. Scott continues to participate in the weekly County leadership calls every Friday. Tillamook County now has 16 positive cases of COVID-19. Due to HIPPA requirements no demographic information will be released about each case except for an age range of those infected.

City Manager Alamillo stated that City hall remains open to the public and fully operational. Staff continues to take all necessary precautions to protect themselves and the public. Alamillo recently learned of a new fund that has been made available to cities to help cover costs incurred due to COVID-19 and is in the process of applying.

Public Works Director Dan Weitzel stated that his department continues to operate as normal. He has been successful at procuring emergency supplies and continues to do so. Weitzel has continues to receive positive feedback from the community on the new reader board sign.

Dan Haag with the Visitors Center stated that he continues to hand out masks to the public and has been able to keep his supply of both paper and cloth masks stocked. Councilor Kozlowski has donated N95 masks to the Visitors Center on behalf of the EVCC and they have been distributed to business owners in the community. The wheelchair rental service is back up and running and Haag has been working to develop a cleaning regime for equipment. Many businesses in the community that have remained closed will be reopening in the next week. Most business owners are reporting a 40-50% loss in revenue from this time last year.

Councilor Tonjes stated that real estate continues to see a strong buyer demand but low inventory. Sales have started out even with last year, but the second half of the year usually generates the most activity and he is expecting this year will end much slower than last. Tonjes reports that June had a 30% loss in revenue compared to last year in his retail store, and he expects to be six months out on recouping sales. Their focus has been dropping prices to clear out merchandise.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that he has been working with the director from the school of public health at OSU to discuss testing for local residents. Aschenbrener would like to see every member of the community receive a COVID-19 test so that we can fully understand our risk.

Currently, testing can only be done through the referral of a physician, but the testing program from OSU is independently operated and funded, making testing more readily available. Aschenbrener will have more information to report in the coming weeks.

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:20 am

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

Michael Scott, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia Alamillo, City Manager/Recorder