CITY OF MANZANITA July 17, 2020 COVID-19 SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order Friday July 17, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

ROLL: Members present: Mike Scott, Linda Kozlowski, Thomas Aschenbrener and Hans Tonjes. Steve Nuttall was absent and excused.

Staff Present: Cynthia Alamillo, Kristin Grasseth, Nina Jarvis, Dan Weitzel, and Erik Harth

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Mayor Scott stated that Tillamook County continues to see an increase in COVID-19 cases. The County is currently at 22 cases and contact tracing continues to be done for each positive case. A big concern for the County is an outbreak in the workplace, and Tillamook Creamery is being closely monitored for this as it is one of the largest employers in the County. So far there have been no work related COVID cases and the new positives are linked to social gatherings.

City Manager Alamillo stated that the Manzanita Farmers Market has changed their location to allow for in person sales. Beginning July 24, 2020 the Market will be held in the Rex Champ field in Nehalem. The City values the service that the Market provides to our community and looks forward to being able to work together next year.

Assistant City Manager Grasseth stated that the City is currently investigating several illegal Short-Term Rentals in Manzanita. Councilor Nuttall provided Grasseth an update on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance Oversight Workgroup, stating that there have been some complaints about the 24-hour waiting period that has been recommended to all renters. The workgroup will continue discussions about this at their next meeting on July 21, 2020. Nuttall also stated that renters have had a difficult time finding cleaners and encourages the community to spread the word if anyone they know is looking for work.

Public Works Director Dan Weitzel stated that his department continues to operate as normal. They remain vigilant on the regular cleaning and sanitizing restrooms. Weitzel continues to monitor personal protective equipment and cleaning supply inventory and has been able to purchase additional supplies as needed.

Chief of Police Erik Harth stated that his department also continues to operate as normal. Officers have not received any complaints from business owners about mask compliance and the department has seen less activity then is normal for this time of year.

Dan Haag with the Visitors Center stated that masks are becoming the new normal and he has also received no complaints from business owners about compliance. Haag reported that Senator Merkley presented Fulcrum with a flag and thank you card for their efforts in assisting small business owners in the community. Many business owners are short staffed and having difficulty finding applicants, and he also encourages the community to spread the word if anyone they know is looking for work. Haag stated that the Historical Society

is reopening this week from 1-4, and the Hoffman Center also will reopen from 1-5.

Councilor Kozlowski stated that the Health and Safety Advisory Committee plans to bring information to Council at the August 5, 2020 meeting. They are addressing the COVID-19 pandemic based on facts and data, aiming to foster a culture of preparedness in the community. Kozlowski continues to encourage all citizens to wear masks as an act of kindness, and to also set an example to our visitors of the expectations in our community.

Councilor Tonjes stated that merchants in our community face many challenges as they continue the difficult process of reopening their businesses. The focus continues to remain on customer and employee safety, and he encourages the community to buy locally whenever possible to support our merchants.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that food security in the County continues to remain stable, though there has been a spike in demand for supplemental benefits. There is a concern that as the pandemic continues it may become more difficult to find reliable food sources to supply food banks. Aschenbrener reported that the North County Food Bank is moving forward with the development of a new food pantry, though they are still short on funds for construction and he encourages anyone in the community who can to donate.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:20 am

	5 th Day of August, 2020
Attest:	Michael Scott, Mayor
Cynthia Alamillo, City Manager/Recorder	