

CITY OF MANZANITA
AUGUST 28, 2020
COVID-19 SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order Friday, August 28, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

ROLL: Members present: Mike Scott, Thomas Aschenbrener, Hans Tonjes, Linda Kozlowski and Steve Nuttall. Staff Present: Kristin Grassetth and Nina Jarvis.

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Mayor Scott stated that Tillamook County has reported 2 more cases of COVID-19, bringing the total to 38 cases. The state of Oregon has a positive test rate of 5% and the county has a positive test rate of only 1%. The state of emergency for Tillamook county will expire next week, but it is expected to be extended until November 3, 2020. The City remains in an open ended state of emergency and will likely follow the lead of the county.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grassetth stated that City Manager Alamillo is out of the office today. City hall is now officially closed to the public except by appointment. There is a drop box outside of the old City hall, as well as City hall cottage. Each department will schedule their own appointments, and contact information for each department can be found on the City website. Same day appointments will be available whenever possible. Grassetth also reported that the phone system is now up and running after improvements were completed.

Grassetth stated that Dan Weitzel is also out of the office today, but reports that public works continues to operate as normal. Trash throughout the City has subsided and Weitzel is looking into an additional dumpster to ensure that his department can continue to stay on top of the issue. Weitzel also reported to Grassetth that graffiti throughout the City has also subsided but he will continue to monitor.

Dan Haag from the Visitors Center stated that he has also noticed an improvement in the garbage. Most hotels and lodging throughout coastal communities are reporting full reservations throughout the month of September and into October. Haag also stated that the Tillamook County Creamery Association has announced a grant available to small business owners in the county. Applications can be found at www.edctc.com. Haag also reported that faucets have been left on in the public restrooms and he continues to monitor the situation.

Councilor Kozlowski had no new updates to report. Kozlowski continues to work on the development of the Health and Safety Advisory Committee, which will be presented at the September 9, 2020 Council meeting.

Councilor Tonjes had no new updates to report. Tonjes would like to thank Dan Haag at the Visitors center for putting together the 'Daily Thank you', which encourages positivity in the community.

Councilor Nuttall stated that Short-Term Rentals are operating as normal, and there have not

been many complaints despite high occupancy levels. Nuttall would like to thank Dan Haag at the Visitors Center for his letter to the public about trash throughout the City, as it was very well received.

Councilor Aschenbrener reported that Nehalem Bay Wastewater has received results from the COVID-19 testing of the wastewater. There have been two tests performed, and both have come back positive. The first test showed approximately 20 positive cases of COVID-19 between Wheeler, Nehalem and Manzanita. The second test showed a reduction with approximately 10 positive cases between the three cities. Community specific testing may be available to determine where the concentration of positive results is coming from. Though the positives could be indicative of our tourist population, Aschenbrener believes that Council should be prepared with a plan of action should the positives continue. Food security continues to remain stable and Aschenbrener will continue to monitor. The food bank reports a need for volunteers and encourages anyone who can to donate their time to apply. Members of the same household are preferred.

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:39 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED THIS
7th Day of OCTOBER, 2020**

Michael Scott, Mayor

Attest:

Kristin Grasseeth, Assistant City Manager