

**CITY OF MANZANITA
SEPTEMBER 4, 2020
COVID-19 SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order Friday, September 4, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

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

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Mayor Scott stated that there was no Tillamook County Leadership call today, but he continues to participate whenever they are held. The leadership calls are also broadcast on KTL radio and the public is encouraged to listen. Scott also stated that the governor extended the state of emergency until November 3, 2020 and the county plans to do the same. The City was in its first state of emergency for 72 days, and the current one has been in place for 73 days and will likely continue into November as well. There is a fire weather watch in place for this weekend and all open burning is banned in the county.

City Manager Cynthia Alamillo stated that there will be an executive session today for council to discuss the hiring of an Interim City Manager. Alamillo also stated that the City has been continuing to make improvements to the website and is in the process of finalizing many new updates.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grassest stated that there will be new updates to the phone tree as well. The City would like to simplify the tree and provide more information about directions and services. Grassest also stated that the building and planning department continue to see a large increase in activity, and they are expecting three sets of plans for new construction in the coming weeks.

Dan Weitzel stated that Monday is forecasted to have dry, humid weather with a light breeze. These conditions will greatly increase the risk of fire, and he is planning to change the electronic reader board to notify the public about the risk. The state parks are being proactive as well by following the County's open burn ban, however recreational fires are still allowed. Weitzel also stated that graffiti and trash continue to be improving.

Councilor Kozlowski stated that she participated in a meeting yesterday with the Health and Safety Advisory Committee and Nehalem Bay Health District. Both groups plan to work closely with the City and Nehalem Bay Wastewater in addressing COVID-19. Kozlowski also stated that the new tsunami evacuation maps will be released in the coming weeks, and EVCNB is planning to do a webinar to discuss how to use them. Public works has also been helping in this process by installing the new tsunami assembly area signs throughout the City, which is critical in the event of a crisis.

Councilor Tonjes had no new updates to report.

Councilor Nuttall had no new updates to report. Short-Term rentals have been operating as usual and are preparing for a busy weekend ahead.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that Nehalem Bay Wastewater just received the results from its last wastewater test, and 15 positive cases of COVID-19 were identified between Wheeler, Nehalem and Manzanita. In September, NBWW will begin testing each individual community in order to narrow down where the positive cases are coming from. If the City sees a large number of positives coming from our area, council may need to discuss the possibility of tightening restrictions again. Aschenbrener also stated that food security in our community continues to remain stable and he feels confident that existing needs are currently being met.

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:40 a.m.

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

Michael Scott, Mayor

Attest:

Kristin Grassetth, Assistant City Manager