

**CITY OF MANZANITA  
AUGUST 21, 2020  
COVID-19 SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order Friday, August 21, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

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

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Mayor Scott stated that Tillamook County only had one new case of COVID-19 this week, despite the large increase in visitors. Tillamook County has a population of 26,000, and with weekend crowds it was estimated that the population increased to over 100,000. The County has been taking steps to reduce the impact of increased tourism by placing reader boards along Highway 101 to limit parking access. Scott also stated that he is planning to address the portion of short-term rental taxes that are collected for tourism promotion. These funds can only be used for purposes of tourism promotion, which the City and county are trying to reduce while COVID-19 remains active.

City Manager Cynthia Alamillo stated that the City has found a temporary Court & Utility clerk to fill in while our regular employee is on maternity leave. There will be overlap during her training, which will create one more person in the office and make social distancing very difficult. Because of this, staff will switch to a staggered work schedule and City hall will close to the public except by appointment. Serving the community remains the City's highest priority and all departments will remain available through phone and email. Contact information for each department is available on the City website.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grasseth stated that our annual audit will be next week. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this audit will be much different than in years past. The finance department will still be available during this time but may have a delayed response.

Public Works Director Dan Weitzel stated that his department is welcoming a new part time Employee, Levi Hill. Utility workers continue cleaning each bathroom daily, as well as an additional sanitization in the afternoon. They are continuing to see a great deal of graffiti throughout the City, and will need to repaint one of the public restrooms because the cleaning process has deteriorated the finish on stall doors. Garbage has also continued to be an issue, and Weitzel is considering relocating the dumpster at the City hall cottage over to Public Works where it be locked and unavailable to the public. Weitzel also stated that the lower bathrooms at Oswald West State Park are still unavailable to the public due to a vandalization of the upper bathrooms that caused damage in the water line.

Dan Haag from the Visitors Center stated that he has also been working hard to address the Large increase in garbage throughout the City. This is an issue that many coastal towns are Experiencing, and Travel Oregon is working on a 'Care for the coast' campaign to encourage

tourists to pack their garbage out with them. Haag stated that he will reach out to CartM to discuss the possibility of a discount for disposal during the weekends so that tourists have more options for addressing their garbage. Haag also stated that most merchants have reported increased sales since reopening in May.

Councilor Tonjes had no new updates to report. Tonjes proposed that the City consider adding more dumpsters around town to encourage tourists to properly dispose of their garbage.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that he continues to work on identifying the graffiti that continues to be a problem around the City. He is working with a source to provide a profile of the offenders in our area. Aschenbrener also stated that we are a week away from having the results from the Nehalem Bay Wastewater testing which tests for the presence of COVID-19 in our wastewater. Once we receive the results council will need to discuss any additional actions that should be taken. It has been three weeks since the supplemental unemployment benefits ended, and the food bank has reported a 50% increase in demand from this time last year. The food supply chain continues to be challenged with providing enough resources to fill demand, and this issue will continue to be monitored.

**Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:20 a.m.**

**MINUTES APPROVED THIS  
7<sup>th</sup> Day of OCTOBER, 2020**

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Michael Scott, Mayor

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Kristin Grasseth, Assistant City Manager