

**CITY OF MANZANITA**  
**September 18, 2020**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order Friday, September 18, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

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

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Mayor Scott stated that the county has confirmed 50 cases of COVID-19, with 4 hospitalizations and no deaths. The Pike fire in Bay City has burned 300 acres, but is now 100% contained and only one structure was lost. Tillamook county is expecting large crowds this weekend as people try to avoid areas with high smoke density. Portland is reporting an air-quality index of 158 which is considered moderately unhealthy. The county is reporting an air quality index of 54, however, the nearest monitoring station is located outside of the county so results may not be accurate. Mayor Scott would like to research the possibility of a City owned air quality station.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grassetth provided an update on the building department, reporting that since the beginning of September two permits have been issued for new construction, and 3 more applications are in process. The City Finance department is preparing for the software conversion scheduled to happen early next year, and today is the last day for our Court & Utility clerk before she begins her maternity leave. The next quarter of water bills will be sent out at the end of the month. This will be our first billing cycle using our new software and the City is excited about this new change.

Dan Weitzel stated that Public Works continues to operate as normal, though they continue to limit foot traffic in the office while COVID-19 remains active. Utility workers are currently working on cleaning out catch basins, and our part time Utility Worker Levi Hill has been promoted to full time. Graffiti throughout the City has been very light and Weitzel continues to work with Police Chief Harth and Councilor Aschenbrener in trying to identify the culprits. New bathroom stalls and many street signs will need to be replaced during the next budget cycle. Weitzel also stated that trash throughout the City has improved, and water usage is down.

Dan Haag from the Visitors Center stated that recreational fire rings and BBQ's are now allowed in the county, but beach fires remain prohibited. Fulcrum is meeting this weekend to discuss the next steps in fundraising for small business owners in our county that have been effected by COVID-19. So far, Fulcrum has received and distributed over \$90,000 to small busines owners in Tillamook County. There is an additional \$400,000 in grant funds available through the Economic Development Council Tillamook County. Anyone needing assistance can visit [www.edctc.com](http://www.edctc.com) for more information on how to apply. Haag also stated that this is the last day of the Manzanita Farmers market, and the Hoffman Center will have a photography

show this weekend from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. There will also be an author event at 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 19, 2020.

Councilor Kozlowski stated that the Health and Safety Advisory Committee continues its work with the Nehalem Bay Health District and is working on becoming a regional committee. Their focus has been on more testing for the community and obtaining quality information for everyone. Kozlowski also stated that because of the smoke, there is the potential for people to experience lung irritation. This will leave many susceptible to the flu, and everyone should get a flu shot this year as a preventative measure. Kozlowski also stated that EVCNB has put together a mask contest encouraging participants share why they wear a mask. September 29, 2020 will be the first EVCNB webinar on the new tsunami maps and everyone is encouraged to participate. In November Chief Beswick with the Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue will partner with EVCNB to host a seminar about how to protect your home from fire and be ready to evacuate in an emergency.

Councilor Tonjes stated that there has been a significant demand but low inventory for real estate in coastal communities. If the economy moves into a recession this may adjust, but it does not appear that demand will decrease as more people are able to permanently work from home.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that those with sensitive lungs should wear an N95 mask to protect against smoke as cloth masks are not effective for this purpose. Nehalem Bay wastewater will begin testing individual communities to determine where the highest concentration of positive COVID-19 is coming from. Aschenbrener will share the results at the next Council meeting to discuss next steps if the City has a high rate of positives. Aschenbrener also stated that food security continues to remain stable. Although there is an increase in demand, the food pantry has been able to keep up. Administrative staff at the food pantry provides periodic reports on statistics, and the next one will be released next week. The food bank is also still requesting volunteers, preferable from the same home to limit possible exposure to COVID-19.

**Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:29 a.m.**

**MINUTES APPROVED THIS  
4<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2020**

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Michael Scott, Mayor

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John Kunkel, Interim City Manager