

**CITY OF MANZANITA**  
**September 25, 2020**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order Friday, September 25, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

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

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Mayor Scott stated that Oregon reported 382 new cases of COVID-19 yesterday, which is the highest daily total for the state in months. The state currently has a positivity rate of 7.9%, and Clatsop county recently reported an outbreak at Pacific Seafoods where 72 employees have tested positive. There are 52 positive cases for Tillamook county, with one hospitalization. The county has tested over 3,000 residents, amounting to 10% of the population. Mayor Scott also stated that there have been several scamming attempts to residents throughout the county. He would like to encourage everyone to use caution when anyone calls attempting to obtain information or payment.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grasseth stated that Scott Gebhart will be presenting the manager's report at the October 7, 2020 City council meeting. The building department just received its sixth application for new construction this month. Two of the applications for new construction are for lots in the Highlands development, and four are for other lots within City limits. The City normally averages 8-10 applications for new construction per year.

Public Works Director Dan Weitzel was unable to attend the meeting, but reported to Assistant City Manager Kristin Grasseth that his department is operating as normal. Utility workers continue to work on storm clean up, and the City received three inches of rain on Wednesday.

Dan Haag from the Visitors Center was unable to attend the meeting, but reported to Assistant City Manager Kristin Grasseth that he will be having a meeting at the Visitors Center this week to discuss Halloween with our local merchants. Haag also reported that there will be no holiday activities at the Pine Grove Community House this year.

Councilor Nuttall had no new updates to report. Short Term Rentals have begun to settle into The fall season and rental activity has normalized.

Councilor Tonjes stated that he has sold more lots in the last eight months than he has in the last several years. There is a sense of urgency among home buyers during this time of uncertainty.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that Nehalem Bay Wastewater has begun individual community testing for COVID-19, and Manzanita is scheduled to be tested next week. The results from that test should be available within 5-10 days and he will report to council as soon as the information becomes available. Aschenbrener is currently trying to identify what would be

required for the state to help with widespread testing for our community. The county only receives 10 tests per day, which leaves our community vulnerable should we receive positive test results from our wastewater testing. Food security remains stable despite an increase in demand, and Aschenbrener will continue to monitor this important issue.

**Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:21 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