

CITY OF MANZANITA
October 2, 2020
SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order Friday, October 2, 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, Nina Jarvis, Judy Wilson, and Dan Weitzel

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Mayor Scott stated that there are currently 53 positive cases of COVID-19 in Tillamook county, while our neighboring counties report 481 in Lincoln and 221 in Clatsop. Nehalem Bay wastewater just released the results from the testing of Manzanita's wastewater, and there were no positive cases present. Many European countries are reporting a resurgence of COVID-19, and our president just reported that both he and the first lady have tested positive for the virus. Scott also stated that flu shots will be available soon at NCRD, and the schedule can be found on the City's website. It is currently reported that only 75% of Oregonians get the flu shot, and he would like to encourage everyone to get one this year. Interim City Manager John Kunkel will begin work on October 19, 2020.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grasseth reported that there are no new updates for City hall administration. Building Official Scott Gebhart will provide the manager's report for Council at the October 7, 2020 meeting. His report will focus on the new building increase.

Public Works Director Dan Weitzel reported that there are no new updates for his department. Utility workers continue with their regular work as normal. Water usage has been down, and there has been less trash throughout the City. Weitzel also reported that Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue is sending two firefighters to California to assist in the Napa Fire.

Dan Haag from the Visitors Center stated that there have been large crowds for this time of year, and he has talked to many visitors who are interested in moving to Tillamook county. The 'Trash for Coffee' program is still running, and Haag reports that there has been a positive response to it so far. The library will reopen for visitors on October 5th, 2020 for 15 minutes per patron.

Councilor Nuttall stated that there was a water leak at Pine Grove Community House and he would like to thank City staff for helping to identify the leak before it caused any permanent damage. Nuttall also stated that short-term rentals are reporting a robust September, despite many self-managed properties being shut down for the remainder of 2020.

Councilor Tonjes stated that despite his store being closed for eight weeks due to COVID-19, they are only down 25% in sales for the year. He is hoping for a strong end to 2020.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that Wheeler will be the next community to be tested by

Nehalem Bay Wastewater, and Manzanita will be tested again after that. Aschenbrener would like to encourage everyone to get a flu shot, and to check on the price of the shot prior to receiving it as many places won't accept Medicaid and the shot can be up to \$75.00.

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:21 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED THIS
4th Day of November, 2020**

Michael Scott, Mayor

Attest:

John Kunkel, Interim City Manager