

CITY OF MANZANITA
October 9, 2020
SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order Friday, October 9, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

ROLL: Members present: Mike Scott, Thomas Aschenbrener, Hans Tonjes, Steve Nuttall, and Linda Kozlowski. Staff Present: Kristin Grassetth, Nina Jarvis, and Judy Wilson.

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Mayor Scott stated that Tillamook county is reporting 61 positive cases of COVID-19, with one hospitalization and no deaths. The state recently had an all-time daily high with 484 new cases and 11 deaths. There is a prediction of higher rates as we move into winter, and Scott would like to encourage everyone to check the City website for a schedule of local flu shot clinics available. The last day to register to vote for the November 3, 2020 election is October 13, 2020. Our local ballot box is located outside of the old City hall or ballots can be returned via mail with prepaid postage provided.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grassetth reported that the quarterly newsletter has been posted to the City website. There was an error at the printer and the newsletter did not make it into the water bills this month, but they will be mailed separately.

Public Works Director Dan Weitzel was unable to attend the meeting due to a water issue, but reported to Assistant City Manager Kristin Grassetth that there were no new updates for his department.

Dan Haag from the Visitors Center reported that the City was approved for a new beach wheel chair, which we will be receiving in the next few weeks. The City currently has a total of 3 chairs, two adult and one child. Haag would like to explore the possibility of funding the purchase of one more adult wheelchair for next summer.

Councilor Kozlowski stated that the flu vaccine is extra important this year, and there is high demand in Tillamook county so she is encouraging everyone to get their shot as soon as possible. The Public Health and Safety Advisory Committee is continuing its work on advocating for widespread testing in our community, and committee member Victoria Holt stated she would like to begin working on obtaining more demographic information about the positives in our county. Kozlowski stated that Nehalem Bay Wastewater will test Nehalem for the presence of COVID-19 after Manzanita. Councilor Nuttall suggested that the City determine a positive COVID-19 threshold for when and if an action plan should be put into place. Kozlowski stated that the Public Health and Safety Advisory Committee would be happy to assist the City in creating an action plan.

Councilor Nuttall stated that he had no new updates to report.

Councilor Tonjes stated that he had no new updates to report.

Councilor Aschenbrener stated that if the City can provide a documented need, we may be able to partner with Lab Corp. to assist in processing COVID-19 tests in our community. He strongly advocates for the City to create a COVID-19 action plan, and believes that we should base implementation of that plan not on the number of positives in our community, but rather on if there are any positives present or not. Aschenbrener continues to monitor food security in our community, and reports that the food bank has seen an increase in activity, but so far, they have been able to keep up with demand. The food bank will be purchasing an outdoor tent to provide a safe place for people to pick up food in the rain while still socially distancing.

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at: 10:28 a.m.

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

Michael Scott, Mayor

Attest:

John Kunkel, Interim City Manager