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Subject: New eComment for City Council Virtual Meeting 5:00 PM - Closed Session - 5:00 P.M.=0ARegular Meeting - 6:00 P.M.=0ADuly Posted Online July 24, 2020 at 6:45 p.m. By E.S.

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Jon David submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council Virtual Meeting 5:00 PM - Closed Session - 5:00 P.M. Regular Meeting - 6:00 P.M. Duly Posted Online July 24, 2020 at 6:45 p.m. By E.S.

Item: a) REPORT 20-0484 ADOPTION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, THAT REQUIRES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS; AND TO CONFIRM CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-09 REGARDING SUSPENDING LOCAL ZONING REGULATIONS TO PERMIT SPECIFIED BUSINESSES TO OPERATE OUTDOORS AND TO PERMIT CERTAIN HOME OCCUPATIONS TO OPERATE WITHOUT A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS LOCATION DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS (City Attorney Michael Jenkins)

eComment: I think a mask mandate may be needed, but suggest we see what happens between now and next week before making a decision to mandate masks. When we opened business up we certainly saw a rise in cases. I think people celebrated and forgot that virus is still with us. However, now with rising cases, people have received a healthy dose of reality and have modified their behaviors. I think this shows in our declining infections and positivity rates over the last week. Personally, I wear a mask almost every time I am outside. Half of the time this is not necessary because I am so isolated that it is not possible to spread the virus. I still make a choice to wear a mask at times when unnecessary because I am making a statement and trying to normalize wearing a mask. However, this is my choice, and I do not think it is right to make

people wear masks at times when there is no benefit in doing so. Lastly, if Council decided to move forward with the mask mandate, they should consider the regional differences within our city as it relates to potential to spread the virus. On that strand, it is hard to socially distance and many don't wear masks. On the beach, if socially isolated except with those in your household, there is no healthier place to be. So Council should consider the environment.

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