



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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Council meeting is Monday night. No executive session. The Council gets a break! They are busy folks and I sure do appreciate all of the time they put into being a city councilor!

Community Engagement – I attended Chamber Greeters, the Valor Mentoring Fundraiser, Rotary, and some events at McNary High School this week. We had many city council and employees at the Valor Mentoring Fundraiser.

Economic Development – I had a meeting with another very well-known brand looking to be in Keizer. We had some promising conversations and have some next steps.

Emergency Management – We had a very important quarterly emergency management meeting this week. It was important because we actually met in our Emergency Operations Center and went through the material that was created for it 10-15 years ago. It was really insightful to go through our supplies. We will be updating everything in preparation for having our own tabletop exercise.

All-Staff Meeting – We held our third all-staff meeting of the year. City Attorney Joe Lindsay did a fun engagement exercise to start us off. Human Resources Director Garrett Klever gave an overview of the new Human Resources Information System (HRIS) and its implementation. Assistant City Manager, Tim Wood, gave a budget status overview. I closed the meeting with some questions and answers and an inspirational story of five heroes of World War II who gave the ultimate last measure to save others as told in a book called *The Immortals*.

Traffic Island – Chief of Staff/ Policy Director Michelle Mhoon from Representative Kevin Mannix's office reached out to see if they could facilitate a conversation about the Keizer/Salem traffic island that keeps getting damaged. I provided a little history about it. Ironically, I received an email around the same time from Keith Stahley, the Salem City Manager. He was sharing with me what they had decided to do, which I also forwarded to Ms. Mhoon. They are looking at something more sustainable, but that retains the theme of the island, cooperation between our cities.

PERS – The Keizer Police Association signed off on the settlement offer finally. Mr. Wood is rocking it getting these things to PERS. I believe some people may be receiving checks soon. We only have 15 retirees left who have not returned their settlement agreements. We have 9

former employees that Mr. Wood will be reaching out to, to let them know we are adjusting their retirement accounts. PERS has the information for all agreements we have received with the exception of 3 employees and 2 retirees that will be sent to PERS next week. Morones Analytics has the data for all of the retirees and about half of the current or former employees. There has been a little slowing on PERS end because of the volume and pace that we are getting the information over to them.

Parks – Parks/ Facilities Division Manager Robert Johnson, Mr. Lindsay, and I sat down to go over some desires for the long-term contract with Keizer Community Fields. I have a meeting scheduled with them next week.

Police

We said goodbye to long-term employee, Executive Assistant Wanda Blaylock who is retiring. She has been serving the police department for 20 years. She will be missed.

Patrol Division

We welcomed Officer Zach Powell and Officer Mason Ross to the department over the past two weeks. Both will be sworn in at the next City Council meeting.

Officers responded to a reported domestic disturbance at an apartment. The investigation revealed a female let herself into her ex-boyfriend's apartment where she did not live and an argument turned physical. The female was transported to the Marion County Jail on a domestic assault charge.

Officers responded to an area regarding a report of shots fired. It was determined the "shots fired" was actually a firework set off in the roadway in front of a residence. Investigation continues.

Officers responded to a residence on two separate occasions. It was ultimately determined a male assaulted a female at the location but officers were unable to locate him. Follow-up to be conducted.

A juvenile male from Seattle took his parents' vehicle without their permission after he was told he couldn't go on a West Coast In-N-Out trip. The juvenile's parents were able to track his phone and it was determined he was at the Keizer In-N-Out. Officers responded and the juvenile was returned to their parents.

An officer arrested two drivers for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) over the weekend with breath tests resulting in 0.16% and 0.14% blood alcohol content (BAC).

A pedestrian was struck by a vehicle while crossing River Rd. The driver of the vehicle stayed on scene and was cooperative with officers. It was determined the pedestrian was intoxicated. Follow-up will be done on this investigation.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID):

Two major trials detectives were involved in were settled with plea agreements over the past week. Detectives are working on multiple child abuse cases, one of which they will be applying for a search warrant on.

Community Response Unit (CRU)

One of our CRU Detectives worked with officers, focusing on organized retail crime over the last week. Another CRU Detective began working on upfitting a cargo trailer the police department acquired. The cargo trailer was acquired to assist our firearms team with training efficiency.

Traffic Safety Unit (TSU):

Our traffic officer assisted instruction at an Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training this week. This training is geared towards furthering officers' knowledge base regarding DUII investigations.