



# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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I thought the Long Range Planning Task Force Fall meeting went well. Great conversation between the task force and staff. We have our regularly scheduled second council meeting on Monday, November 18.

Some of our councilors had really busy weeks with the Planning Commission and Volunteer Coordinating Committee meeting this week in addition to our Long Range Planning Task Force. Thank you for giving of your weeknights!

After a long Tuesday at the office I got off to an early start the next morning joining a conference call at 7 am with the National League of Cities Research Advisory Committee. The meeting was in Tampa Bay, so East Coast time frame. Council President Starr knows about working in the Eastern time zone.

It was agenda week, so that usually makes for a little busier week getting all the items initiated and through the right workflows.

**Expo Negocio** – The Keizer Event Center was packed for the Expo Negocio, an event held by the Latino Business Alliance. I know several of our council members were able to join them for lunch. I had some duties for the Rotary Club, so I could not go. I know the Latino Business Alliance was grateful for the City Council's sponsorship of the event.

**Artificial Intelligence (AI)** - Our Executive Leadership Team Meeting watched a keynote speech on AI and the force multiplying impact that can have on our work force. It should allow us to do more things faster so we can spend our valuable time on the things only our minds and hands can do.

**Chamber Contract** – Mayor Clark, Councilors Juran and Cross, and myself met after the work session to go over the chambers edits to our last draft. It has been a challenge to find a time to meet. We found a time at the last minute on Monday to meet Thursday so we had to jump on it quickly. After the four of us went through the agreement with our comments we had a good meeting with the Chamber to review the changes.

**PGE** – As a result of Mayor Clark connecting us together, Planning Director Shane Witham and I met with the PGE staff responsible for business expansion power needs. Neither of us had met this person so this was a good connection. It sounds like PGE may be a little more proactive

than what I was used to on the eastern side of the state where we had to work with Idaho Power.

**Public Meetings Law Training** – It was good to see many of you with our staff at the Public Meetings training hosted at the Keizer Event Center. This is mandatory for many of us.

**Correction** – The illicit discharge mentioned last week was into our waterways not into our sanitary sewer.

**Homeless** - We have had an issue this week with several homeless persons trying to establish camps along River Road between McDonalds and Schoolhouse Square on private property. We have had some challenges with dispatch getting those complaints to Keizer Police Department.

We got our first and second park cameras installed on Monday.



## **Police**

### Community Events

On November 14, 2024, Detective Zavala and Executive Assistant Gallegos attended the Latino Business Alliance Expo Negocio.

Also, on November 14, 2024, officers participated in the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day at Weddle Elementary School and Clear Lake Elementary School.

On November 20, 2024, some of our officers will be at Corban University participating in their Career Day. Some of the officers will be on a mock interview panel. This will allow the college students to get interview experience prior to applying for jobs in the criminal justice field. We will also have a booth at the career fair portion.

### Patrol Division

Officers responded to a business due to a report of a male subject who was trespassing on the property and leaving items scattered around. An officer was able to locate the male who was trespassed from the property for one year.

An Officer investigated a reported burglary where a male broke into an apartment and stole a large number of items. The officer was able to recover the stolen property and return it back to the owner. Additional follow-up will be conducted.

Officers responded to a report of a male and female with firearms banging on the caller's door, trying to get in. Officers arrived and called the occupants out of the house. After investigating, the caller admitted to not being completely honest with dispatch on what was actually happening. The individual ended up being arrested for initiating a false report.

Officers stopped a male juvenile while he was driving his parents' vehicle. It was discovered the juvenile had taken the vehicle without permission. The juvenile was transported to juvenile detention for Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle and Fail to Carry and Present.

Over the past weekend, officers administered seven doses of Narcan due to individuals overdosing on drugs.

Officers responded to a residence due to a caller reporting their roommate was threatening to break her door down and kill her. The individual was contacted and ultimately transported to the Salem Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Officers attempted to locate a male juvenile who left his residence, leaving a suicide note behind. The Officer later located the juvenile, who attempted to flee from officers but was ultimately taken into custody and transported to the Salem Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

#### Criminal Investigation Division (CID):

CID detectives are working on multiple abuse investigations, including those requiring applications for search warrants, as well as a new elder abuse case. Additionally, this week, detectives assisted the Patrol Division with attempts to apprehend a wanted subject who fled from officers, as well as locating a suicidal male juvenile.

#### Community Response Unit (CRU)

CRU Detectives participated in the Latino Business Alliance Expo Negocio and the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day this week. CRU Detectives have been conducting follow-up on a couple on-going cases.

#### Traffic Safety Unit (TSU):

This week our traffic officer worked on preparing for the Festival of Lights Parade coming up on December 14, 2024. He also worked on catching up on reports.

#### Property and Evidence Unit

Our Property and Evidence Specialist had meetings with other agencies over the past week to discuss body camera and evidence storage programs.