

# Keizertimes

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## Council caves to pressure on public amenity fund

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After numerous discussions during city council and planning commission meetings, the city council declined to approve a program that would have given city staff the tools and funding to begin to reshape River Road North.

The council took up the issue for a third time at the city council meeting Monday, Oct. 2. The city's planning commission had recommended an amendment to the Keizer development code that would have required new and redevelopment of commercial properties to set aside 1 percent of a project's total cost to create public amenities. The amenities could be included in development plans onsite or the business could opt to pay an equivalent amount into a fund for public art.

While the council approved change-

es that will require businesses redeveloping property interiors to bring landscaping up to code, the council removed a section of the amendment establishing the public amenity requirement. In lieu of the public amenity

sibility of requiring additional investment in public amenities when two River Road businesses—Winco and Taco Bell—balked at including additional landscaping improvements to coincide with large-scale interior remodels.

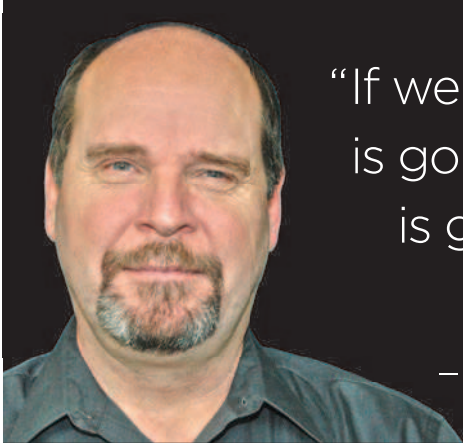
and impact on people and businesses. But if we want to change someone is going to be impacted, nothing is going to change because it is a nice thing to do.”

The council ended up having the equivalent of two public hearings on the matter. After the first one in August, the council directed staff to draft an ordinance that included the public amenity requirements. However, additional parties spoke on the issue the next time it was addressed in September and led to a re-opening of the hearing. Specifically, councilors requested some way to address the difference in types

of development, e.g. a medical office costing more to develop even though it is smaller than a retail space.

At the council meeting last week, the same two detractors, Alan Rood-

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assessment, the council directed staff to “work with the Keizer Chamber (of Commerce) and others to come up with viable options to beautify our city.”

City staff began investigating the pos-

“I have heard from business owners, the council and the Chamber that we have to do something about upgrading River Road,” said Nate Brown, Keizer community development director. “We know (the assessment) represents

## Attempted murderer gets 25 years



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Jose A. Hernandez was sentenced to 25 years in prison Monday, Oct. 9.

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A Keizer man convicted of attempted aggravated murder of a Keizer police officer, among other charges, was sentenced to 25 years in prison Monday, Oct. 9.

Jose Antonio Hernandez was found guilty of the attempted murder, attempting to elude an officer in a vehicle and on foot, unlawful use of a firearm and being a felon in possession of a firearm by a jury on Oct. 4. The charges stem from an incident in October 2016.

In issuing the sentence, Judge Channing Bennett took into account two prior firearm-involved incidents for which Hernandez served time.

“The reality is that it is necessary. You make – and I don't know if this is influenced by the use of drugs and alcohol – you make some very dangerous decisions while you are out,” Bennett said.

Members of the Keizer Police Department were in attendance during the sentencing, but the contingent did not include Sgt. Jeff

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Michael Bowar checks out the Flotilla 66 Coast Guard Auxiliary patrol boat with member Dean Wimer at a Keizer Fire District open house on Monday, Oct. 9. For more photos, See Page A4.

## Rockin' the boat

KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley

## No bail for man on 3rd drug arrest

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A Keizer man on probation for drug-related charges for a second time in less than a year was arrested on a third round

of drug charges last week.

On Monday, Oct. 2, Clayton Lee Smith, 32, arrived at the Keizer Police Department to turn himself in to his probation officer,

Marion County Sheriff Deputy Eric Bandonis, who works out of the Keizer police station. Smith denied officers access to his car, but members of the Community Response

Unit (CRU) believed they saw items inside the car that were evidence of narcotics crimes.

After obtaining a search warrant, the vehicle was searched the following day and police found 130 grams of heroin, scales and packaging materials, \$3,500 in cash, a pistol and three rifles. One of the rifles was determined to have been stolen.

Smith was charged with delivery of heroin and parole violation. He is being held without bail at the Marion County Correctional Facility.

It was Smith's fifth arrest on drug charges since May 2016, including two run-ins with Keizer police in the past year.

On Tuesday, June 27, Smith was arrested during a traffic stop by members of the CRU. Investigators suspected Smith had committed several drug offenses.

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Police found 130 grams of heroin in the car of a man turning himself into his parole officer. Submitted by KPD

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