

## City Manager's Report

October 31, 2019

These reports will be included in the City Council packet for regularly scheduled Council meetings, excluding Work Sessions. The reports are intended to be informational, covering miscellaneous events and topics involving the City organization.

### **An Act of Heroism**

One of our off-duty Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighters (ARFF), Joel Barnett, shown in the photo, helped save a life on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. While Joel was fueling his vehicle at the Safeway Store on Cedar Avenue, he heard an individual scream for help. A Flagstaff citizen was driving her husband to the FMC for chest pains when he became unresponsive in the car. The citizen quickly pulled over (into the Safeway gas station) and was trying to help her husband when she screamed for help.



That's when Joel stopped what he was doing and ran over to help. Joel pulled the unresponsive individual out of the vehicle and quickly checked for a pulse. When no pulse was detected, Joel immediately begin doing chest compressions. He continued the compressions until Guardian Medical Transport and the Flagstaff Fire Department arrived. They recognized Joel from the Airport as an Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighter and were able to seamlessly integrate into the situation and provide further care. The individual was transported to the hospital and subsequently admitted into the intensive care unit, awake and alert.

Joel (who is also a certified CPR Instructor) was able to rely on his ARFF and EMS training to provide critical patient care to someone in the Flagstaff Community who was in desperate need of it. As professional first responders, ARFFs practice and train for emergencies just like this, illustrating the important role of training and inter-agency relations.

As noted by Tim Skinner, Airport OPS/ARFF Manager, "they often don't get recognized for things like this, so I just wanted to give a shout-out to all of the ARFFs (including Joel obviously) for the important role they play as first responders at our airport and in our community every day!"

There are many within our emergency responder staff -- firefighters, police, EMS and ARFF -- to be recognized for their heroic actions, but we cannot name them all. While we may make note of the brave actions of one or two, from time to time, we do so while indeed acknowledging that there is a greater story to tell.

## Airport Parking – Winter Preparations

Speaking of the Airport, we have a problem with parking. A task force of City staff members has been meeting on a weekly basis over the past month in an effort to arrive at a short-term plan to better handle the parking capacity, notably in advance of the upcoming winter season. The current parking capacity at the Airport is exceeded by about 150 parked vehicles, resulting in some creative overflow parking along street sides, outside of parking aisles, and ... everywhere. The task force has put together a pretty good strategy that should help alleviate the problem.



Currently, we have applied for, and received, a temporary permit to upgrade the unimproved parking lot presently utilized by the rental car companies and directly adjoining the public parking lot in question. The unimproved lot is fenced, and with some upgrades, it could provide a significant increase of parked vehicles. Upgrades include grading, drainage, parking lot striping, lighting, and a footpath to the terminal. Reused asphalt millings from the City will be utilized as a temporary hard surface.



We are also preparing to install a temporary fence around the existing parking facility, and the placement of large rocks around the outside perimeter of the access road, to prevent the on-street parking from continuing. This will be followed by signage. Our intent is to staff the parking lot area with temporary employees this winter season (*ParkFlag* and temporary agency service employees) who will roam the parking areas and advise motorists of how and where to park, hopefully minimizing the need for enforcement.

The concept plan for the long-term parking solution is also in progress. The vision is to perform enhancements and permanent improvements to the existing lot and a secondary lot that will meet growing capacity needs, and likely involving the implementation of a paid parking system. The generated parking revenues will help reduce overall parking demands while enabling the Airport to cover capital costs for the improvements, parking operations, and future upgrades.

Details of the short-term measures will be addressed during the next Airport Commission meeting on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. We will also be presenting this plan before the City Council in the near term. Many more details will be provided at that time. There will also be significant public outreach on this very important endeavor. Stay tuned.

## Events & Staff Updates

### Autumn BBQ Picnic

Staff had its Fall BBQ at Thorpe Park on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>. The weather was perfect and the event, consisting of food, a few team sports, and overall fun times, was well attended. Management Services took home the trophy for kickball, proudly displayed at their front counter.

### Mogollon Property Tour

A short tour of the property occurred on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The offices of the Sustainability Team were visited, as well as the old Public Works stone building. The recently scraped and graded property is shown in the image. The future usage of the vacant property, and potentially, the stone building, are the subject of much discussion and growing community interest. Stay tuned.



### First Responders 2019 Awards Luncheon

Hosted by the Exchange Club of Flagstaff, the luncheon on October 16<sup>th</sup> was a great success and our City recipients, Sargent Charlie Hernandez of our Police Department and Captain Earl Callander of the Fire Department, shown in the attached image, will be recognized in front of the Council at the Tuesday meeting.

### Coconino Center for the Arts

The Vision 2030 Community Brainstorm on October 16<sup>th</sup> was a full house of active participants. This open community meeting was the first in a multi-month public engagement process seeking broad community input on Flagstaff's vision for art, science, and culture.

Other meetings and visits of late include an introductory presentation to the Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce Board (October 29<sup>th</sup>) and the Northern Arizona Association of Realtors Advocacy Group (October 30<sup>th</sup>).

