

# City Manager's Report

April 30, 2020

Council and Colleagues, Greetings.

These reports will be included in the City Council packet for regularly scheduled Council meetings, excluding Work Session meetings. The reports are intended to be informational, covering miscellaneous events and topics involving the City organization. In no particular order...

## **Emergency Grant Funding for the Local Arts, Culture and Community Science**

At the budget retreat Council heard about a \$100,000 reallocation of capital Art & Science projects to an Emergency Grant Funding for the Local Arts, Culture and Community Science Sectors to provide relief for the large losses in revenue due to closed theaters and cancelled events. Council was very supportive of the idea.

We wanted to provide a detailed list of the capital projects included in this reallocation

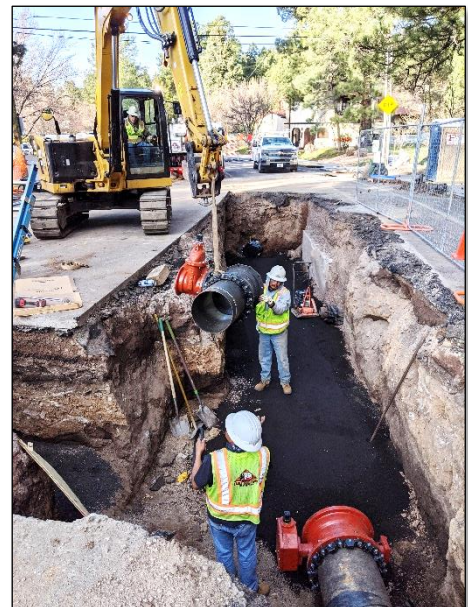
- \$40,000 for 3-D art on Fourth Street
- \$10,000 for Sunnyside Traffic Circle
- \$10,000 for Sustainability and Art project
- \$20,000 out of the Moon Landing sculpture budget
- \$10,000 from East Flagstaff Gateway – Fourth Street
- \$10,000 from poetry on NAIPTA buses.

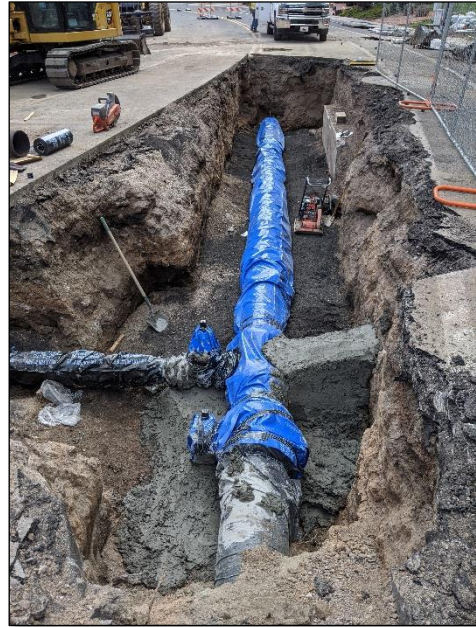
## **Linda Vista Project Update**

Council was apprised that the project is a bit ahead of schedule. To be specific, the ability to extend the road closure on Linda Vista enabled the early pavement schedule, which is happening at the time of this report. The road should be re-opened on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, by close of business. The project has gone well, and the inconveniences were minimized. It has also been completed under budget.

Highlights of the project:

- Replaced over 40 feet of 16" ductile Iron water line
- Installed over 60 feet of 8" ductile iron water line for new Pressure Regulating Valve
- Installed one of two new Pressure Regulating Valves in new vault
- Installed one new 16" Butterfly Valve on new 16" water line
- Installed 4 new 8" gate valves





This two-fold project required two project managers (Justin Emerick in Water Services handling the PRV phase and Eli Reisner in Capital Improvements handling the Culvert Expansion phase) and the collaboration was excellent. The success of this project also required our contractor (Eagle Mountain) to be willing and nimble.

Also supporting the project, just at a slightly greater distance from the front line, are Lisa Deem (Management Analyst in Water Services) who has done all the public noticing and outreach, and both Ryan Roberts (WS Engineering Manager) and Bret Peterson (Capital Improvements Engineer). The entire team is to be commended for the successful and timely completion of this important project.

### **Airport**

Yes, it has been windy. On Friday evening, April 24<sup>th</sup>, a private aircraft attempting to land at the Flagstaff Airport was caught by a crosswind. The winds pushed the aircraft off the runway where it stopped on the dirt perimeter road inside the fence line. The Tower sounded an Alert III to which airport Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighters (ARFF) responded. ARFF arrived to find two individuals on the aircraft unhurt and the aircraft undamaged. After inspecting the aircraft and site, the aircraft was moved back over the runway to the Fixed Base Operators facility. Airport staff receive initial and annual training at the ARFF training facility in Dallas for Certification. They also perform monthly trainings to maintain compliance with FAA requirements.



## **Blitz Testing for COVID-19**

There is a statewide initiative to perform a mass testing for COVID-19 over a three-weekend period, starting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The flyer, pasted below, gives the details. Efforts are underway, at the County level, to ensure that there is an ample supply of test kits and PPE, with some success. The City will contribute its staff resources for traffic control and law enforcement presence.



# **Get tested for COVID-19**

Coconino County Health and Human Services (CCHHS)  
is participating in the

## **Arizona Testing Blitz**

Several community providers are participating in this statewide initiative.  
To see all locations, visit [www.azhealth.gov/TestingBlitz](http://www.azhealth.gov/TestingBlitz).

### **CCHHS Sites:**

**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

**Fort Tuthill, 2446 Fort Tuthill Loop, Flagstaff: (10 am – 3 pm)**

**CCHHS, 2625 N. King Street, Flagstaff: (10 am – 3 pm)**

**Register for testing at [www.coconino.az.gov/covid19](http://www.coconino.az.gov/covid19)**

Individuals exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms  
(fever, cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain,  
headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell)

and individuals that feel they have been  
exposed to COVID-19 can be tested. \*

(\*While supplies last. Registration is recommended. Wait times may vary.  
Antibody testing is not currently available. Testing is intended for Coconino County residents.  
Testing results take up to 7 days.)

**Please wear a mask or face covering.**



[www.coconino.az.gov/covid19](http://www.coconino.az.gov/covid19)  
COVID-19 Information Line: 928.679.7300  
Email: [covid19information@coconino.az.gov](mailto:covid19information@coconino.az.gov)

### **Misc. Updates**

The City will start hosting the Alliance Meetings and our next meeting will on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. It will of course be remotely attended. We will not be having a special joint meeting with the County and NAU accordingly.

Boards and Commissions may start resuming their meetings in May, and IT and our City Clerk's Office, with help from the Legal Dept, will be working on the logistics of remote meetings. Related, we have curtailed many of the livestream meetings simply because of budget constraints. We will pursue some livestreaming of Boards and Commissions, likely focusing on those entities that conduct *quasi-judicial* hearings and deal with property interests where the need for transparency may be heightened.

Related to budget, Council will be seeing a draft Manager's Budget Message later in May, which will highlight many of the items discussed during our recent retreat. The Budget Team continues to meet on a regular basis. Focus will continue to be upon our projected revenues.

We have started the process of obtaining title commitments and appraisals for the City properties that are candidates for our Certificates of Participation (COPs), related to the issuance of pension bonds. And related to the pension bonds, the Mayor is authoring an op ed for the newspaper this weekend (May 3<sup>rd</sup> or thereabouts) on the subject. Stay tuned.

Thanks, by the way, to Charity Lee for her efforts to help advance this process. Charity is leaving us for a career opportunity that will take her to Avondale. We wish her the very best. Dan Folke and his team are working on the recruitment process to fill the vacant position.

Onward and upward.