

City Manager's Report

October 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...

Wayside Horns

The City Council considered a citizen petition in July, 2017, regarding the Quiet Zone and the sound level of the wayside horns on the eastside of town at the Steves and Fanning crossings. The wayside horns are operated by the City at both crossings and are an approved supplemental safety measure used in the absence of the train mounted horn.

The other three crossings in Flagstaff that are a part of the Quiet Zone utilize One Way streets (Beaver and San Francisco) and a non-traversable median (Ponderosa Parkway) to satisfy the supplemental safety measure requirement for the Federal Railroad Administration's requirements for Quiet Zones and therefore do not require wayside horns.



In response to the petition we measured the sound levels and the aiming of the wayside horns. After the wayside horns were confirmed to be in compliance with all regulatory standards, the City moved on to pursue other supplemental safety measures in an effort to eliminate the wayside horns. Efforts by City staff are ongoing in working towards solutions in collaboration with BNSF, Arizona Corporation Commission-Railroad Safety Group, ADOT, and various roadway consultants.

Staff is currently preparing a CCR to update the Council on the detail of these supplemental safety measures and what we hope to accomplish on the eastside of town.

It is possible that some of the recent complaints may be attributed to actual train horns in addition to the Wayside horns. The east end intersections do experience occasional train horns, which are considerably louder.

Humphreys / Rt 66 Turn Lane

Project consists of building a second right-turn lane from Humphreys onto Rt 66 including City sidewalk with a retaining wall. The purpose is to improve southbound traffic flows from Humphreys to Rt 66.

Project Update :

- The ADOT contractor, CS Construction, is contracted to complete the work by November 24, 2020, just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Lane opening is anticipated to happen a few days prior to the 24TH.
- The pavement construction work is expected to be completed by October 29TH; however, concrete requires a 28-day cure period to reach its design strength in order to accommodate vehicle loading.
- The work slated for completion in November includes installation of the railing for the stairs at the southeast corner of the City Hall property, removal and replacement of the signal control cabinet, completion of ADA compliant ramps at intersections, striping, completion of landscaping including City Hall lawn and general site work along with construction zone cleanup.
- Note that ADOT provided a temporary signal control cabinet to the contractor because Covid-19 delayed the manufacturing of the control cabinet. The target date for delivery of the permanent cabinet is November 11TH.





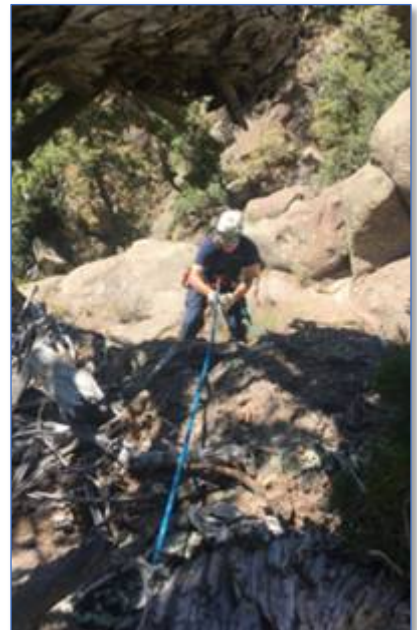
Leadership Litter Clean Up

The City's leadership group met on October 23rd to clean up the City's parcel between Walmart and WL Gore on Huntington. The group collected 22 bags of trash during the hour we were there. This leadership clean-up also helped Sustainability discover what best practices would be for future volunteer clean up efforts during the pandemic. (some pictures below)



Fire Department

- The Flagstaff Fire Department was recognized by a Flagstaff Citizen who witnessed an incident at Bushmaster Park and called 911 to give a Police report. The Fire Captain knew this Citizen was scared and stayed with her to help her calm down. She was scared to walk home alone, so the Fire Department personnel gave her a ride home. She was very appreciative of the extra mile these Fire Department members took to ensure her well-being.
- Fire Department Technical Rescue Teams completed rope repelling training.



- Flagstaff Fire Command staffed hosted a regional Greater Regional Partners BC Assessment Center this past week at Summit Fire District. Five candidates from Summit and Highlands Fire participated in the two-day process. Six Chief Officers from around the state sat in as evaluators.

- Flagstaff Fire C shift west side crews responded to a rollover accident on I-40. A passenger car had been run off the road by a semitruck and rolled. (see image) There were two patients they were treated on scene and one was transported to FMC.



- Flagstaff Fire Department completed multi-unit engine company training. Crews reported to local businesses within the city and performed size ups, hose pulls and command transfers to BC. (See Image below).



Police Department

- Recruitment Efforts: Sgt. Turley held a Police Officer testing process and four applicants participated; Sgt. Hernandez attended an NAU Criminal Justice club meeting for recruitment; and Sgt. Turley attend a recruitment fair virtually.
- Flagstaff Police Department personnel participated in a meeting with NAU Dean of Student Conduct, Flagstaff Medical Center on public safety issues, a presentation for a local boy scout troop, Salvation Army Board Meeting and the Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT) to domestic violence training.

Public Works

- Recreation staff, in collaboration with Flagstaff Library, is in planning stages for the Halloween Drive-Through Grab and Go event to be held on Halloween Day, Saturday, October 31 from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. This event will be offered to the community as an alternative to door to door Trick or

Treating. Drive up sites will include, but may not be limited to, the Main Library, Aquaplex, East Branch Library, and Jay Lively Activity Center. Treat bags and goodies will be delivered to the cars in a safe and contactless method. Masks and all precautions will be taken to make this a safe and healthy event. Many thanks to those involved in orchestrating this effort.

- Parks crews held their annual Stand-Down for 2020 with a social distanced cornhole cup tournament. A big thank you to the Parks Crews for maintaining our much-needed community park inventory during this year of the COVID, and a big congrats to the cornhole cup winners (images below).



- Staff has spent much of the week completing final equipment preparations on Snow operations equipment. A majority of our truck fleet is now outfitted with plow bodies and spreader boxes. All the associated operations checks, safety items, lighting and maintenance has been completed as we near Snow Operations season.



- Modifications to the Expanded Use of Rights-of-Way (EUROW) Aspen Ave traffic control and closure occurred on Friday, October 23rd. The water filled barriers were removed, except for the starting traffic tapers and replaced with the decorative fencing, some crowd control fencing for stability and additional wine barrels. We are working with all stakeholders to address concerns and continue the pilot project if weather will allow.



- Related to the above, a crew of folks from city staff, ParkFlag, and DBA, joined forces on Friday Oct. 29th to plant live spruce trees in the wine barrels, which now adorn the fenced area on Aspen as well as the alleyway. Much appreciation to the hard-working team. It looks great. Images below.



- Both the old City Court and Prosecutors buildings were prepared for abatement by the removal of furniture and items abandoned by the occupants including metal salvage, electronics and others. Abatement of asbestos interior to the building is to complete next week followed by

removal of asbestos-containing roofing materials. Demolition is scheduled for early November for removal of the structure.

- Flagstaff Recreation Supervisor Tyrone Johnson was honored and awarded with the Phoenix Suns Charities Spirit of Cotton Award on Wednesday, October 7th. The award is a reflection of the values of former Phoenix Suns coach Cotton Fitzsimmons, and Tyrone embodies many of those same characteristics in his approach to coaching and life. Tyrone is the Head Women's Basketball Coach at Flagstaff High School. We are so proud of Tyrone for this much deserved achievement, and we are honored to get to work with someone of his high caliber. Congratulations, Tyrone! (See the article in the Daily Sun, https://azdailysun.com/sports/local/flagstaff-girls-basketball-coach-tyrone-johnson-awarded-spirit-of-cotton-award-from-phoenix-suns/article_e6205695-2c20-5d7c-b94a-0b4ce7519503.html.)



(photo from Arizona Daily Sun article)

- Trail counters have been purchased as Parks is excited to use a great program that Open Space, Coconino County, and Forest Service already utilize in our area. There will be five counters installed along the FUTS later this month. Looking forward to the usage data to share.
- The FAA has reviewed the Pulliam Airport New Overflow Parking Lot site where the proposed parking lot is anticipated to be constructed relative to cultural resources. The final determination was that the City is cleared to proceed with the final design and ultimate construction of the parking lot. There were eight respondents to the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) solicitation, the review committee has completed their review and are awaiting procurements determination on the need for interviews.

Beautification, Arts, and Science

Council, attached is a narrative regarding a pilot project involving the beautification of utility boxes and structures in designated locations in our community. We would like any input you may have on this very exciting project. The beautification is performed with vinyl wrap. Please give it a review and let us know what you think, as we would like to move forward quickly!