

## City Manager's Report

November 12, 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...

### Fire Department

There are two important recognitions to be shared here. First, congratulations to Marc Goldberg on his retirement. Captain Goldberg is on staff for the Fire Science Program at Coconino Community College. In his leadership both at CCC and the FFD he has garnered the respect of many firefighters both in and out of the FFD. Marc's fire service career spans 30 years, with 25 of them in service to the City of Flagstaff. He is pictured here smiling in front of Engine No. 6.

As noted by Chief Gaillard, "Goldie's impact as a mentor to so many firefighters is immense! Thank you for your service."

Indeed, thank you Captain Goldberg, and congrats!



Congratulations are also in order for Captain Earl Callander, for his receipt of the Fire Officer ("FO") designation from the Center of Public Safety Excellence. He is now one of 555 such designees worldwide! This is an impressive accomplishment. The FO is awarded only to individuals who meet stringent professional criteria. Captain Callander checked the boxes.

As noted by Chief Gaillard, "We are very proud of Captain Callander's designation and his commitment to Excellence."

Well done, Captain Callander!

The 2006 Quint 2 Ariel Platform repairs were completed today. These repairs involved a complete tear down of the rear suspension and remediation of extensive surface rust to the frame. Council saw images of the earlier repair process in a previous CM Report. Some of the parts had to be fabricated due to not being available any longer. This project has taken three months, with thanks to the in-house shop work to fabricate the needed parts. Almost everyone at Fleet had some hand in getting this rebuild to the finish line. We appreciate the patience of FFD with this important project!



### **Police Department**

It's that time of year. Crisis Response Network was implemented on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and officers distributed over 300 friendly Winter Parking Ordinance Warnings in University Heights, Ponderosa Trails, Southside, and N. Downtown.

And in the arena of great appreciation for community service, a hearty congratulations to two individuals who have served this community quite well for many years; Officer Kelly Brown is retiring after 24 years of service and congratulations to Sgt. Ryan Coons on his retirement after 32 years of service.

Kelly Brown started with the Flagstaff Police Department on 11/04/1996. During his career he served as a patrol officer, Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor and Housing Authority Officer. He received letters of commendation throughout his career such as conducting an outstanding domestic violence investigation in 2018 and receiving a WOW award in 2014. He also received numerous other letters detailing his compassion and professionalism during investigations and helping members of the community. He retired on 11/6/2020.



Ryan Coons transferred to the Flagstaff Police Department in December of 1989 after working as a sworn Deputy with Coconino County for two years. His starting wage with the city was \$10.79 an hour, which was considered high at the time! Ryan was commended over the years numerous times for his high-quality police work, exemplary investigations, and for arresting dangerous felons. He served as a gang investigator while assigned to State Gang Task force, started the department's bicycle officer program, and he served in the Criminal Investigations Division for 2 years. He was awarded the City Manager's Award on two different occasions. Ryan has served in just about every capacity a Sergeant can serve in including; Patrol Sergeant, Metro Narcotics Sergeant, Internal Affairs Sergeant, Sunnyside King Squad Sergeant, and most recently as the Special Enforcement Squad Sergeant.



Ryan's legacy at the Flagstaff Police Department is and forever will be the Swat Team, and he has been our Swat Team Leader for the past 18 years. His vision for the Swat Team is unparalleled, and he has transformed our team over the past three decades to the team it is today. Ryan was selected for the Swat Team in 1991, and he would remain on the team for the remainder of his career which is an incredibly difficult task, 28 years! He set the Swat PT course record at Mesa Swat School, and just like at the academy, I think he could still compete for the award today.

Ryan was commended with his teammates on several occasions for peaceful resolutions to dangerous conflicts and saving lives, and he will always be known to take the most dangerous assignments on a callout. Ryan was awarded the Medal of Valor during a Swat callout which is the department's highest award for bravery. Ryan entered a bathroom with an armed suspect, and he wrestled the gun out of the suspect hands which ended a potentially deadly scenario and saved the man's life. Ryan was also awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for chasing an armed suspect during a Swat callout. Ryan retired on 10/23/2020.

And here's a heartwarming story. A community member expressed the following thanks for the assistance of Officer Guy Rogers:

*I am a caregiver. The other day as I was headed to my "clients" home I received a text from my client. He was stranded, the lift ramp for his van just stopped working. We tried to manually lift it, no luck. As I began to think about who could possibly assist us as most taxi services are not equipped to handle a 650lb wheelchair. Along came Officer Rogers, whose assistance was essential. He looked around the area in front of Cal Ranch found a trailer gate that would end up acting like a ramp. He then went and talked with the management at Cal Ranch who willingly let us use their merchandise to solve the problem as I was attending to my client's needs. With his help and that of a Good Samaritan we were able to get my guy home safely. We hear so much negative these days about our "sheepdogs", it was refreshing to hear from this officer "when I became a police officer I didn't do it with kicking down doors, or pulling my firearm in mind, I did it for this." I cannot express the gratitude I felt in that moment. To know that help was there and given with such grace.*



Thank you, Officer Rogers. Way to represent!

## Parks & Recreation

The west side Parks team took 51 cubic yards of pine needles to the NAU composting location as part of the IGA and overall composting partnership. This haul was in addition to 30 yards from Parks' regular green waste dumpster, which was filled with pine needles from Thorpe Park. This pilot program for pine needle composting is an intriguing one ... stay tuned as we will continue to provide updates. It's a great partnership!

On Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Flagstaff Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Flagstaff Library Services, held a **drive-thru Halloween Trick or Treat event**. The Halloween drive-thru took place at the Jay Lively Activity Center, Hal Jensen Recreation Center, Aquaplex, Downtown Library, and East Side Library from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. A total of 1,558 cars of trick-or-treaters with 3,723 treat bags or candies handed out. Treat bags included candy, stickers, Halloween crafts, Halloween toys, and disposable Halloween face masks in children's size. Additionally, each bag included Halloween safe trick-or-treat guidelines from [www.Halloween2020.org](http://www.Halloween2020.org). (pictures below).

In addition to extending our great appreciation for the creative and enthusiastic approach to this event, it also needs to be noted that Councilmember Aslan raised this issue months ago as a FAIR item. It resonated! Thank you, Councilmember Aslan.



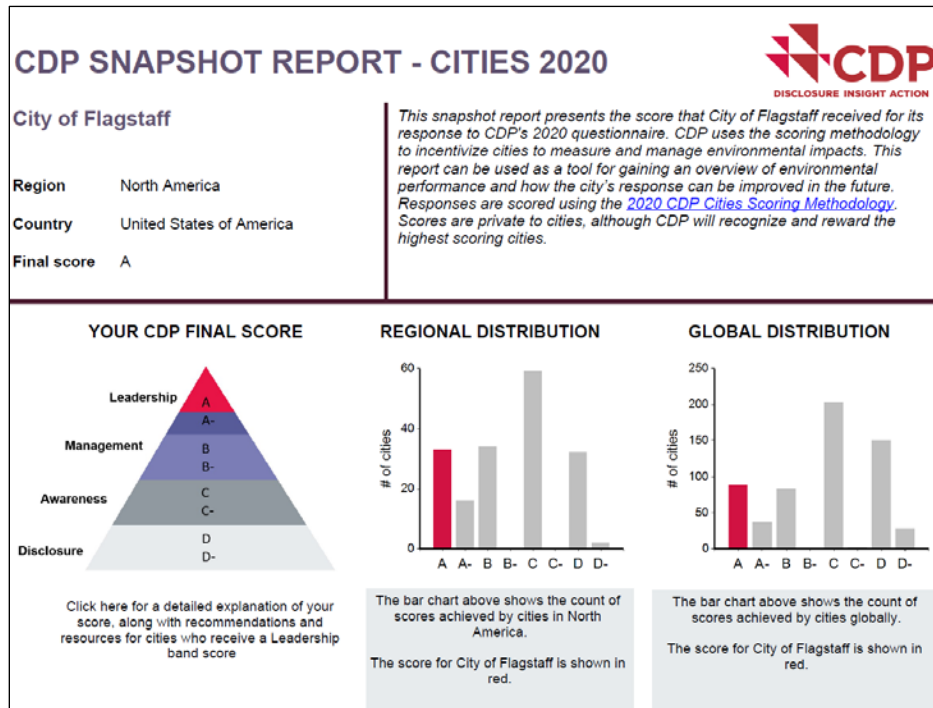
Jay Lively re-introduced *Adult Stick and Pucks* sessions this week. Sessions are currently available on Mondays and Fridays from noon to 2 PM. A maximum of 20 participants are allowed per session and patrons are encouraged to call ahead to make a reservation.

The Sweeper operations crew continues to work swiftly and safely during the fall season. One additional unit continues to be assigned to the residential areas to address fall foliage and road debris prior to winter events. On Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup>, all Streets crew members were working primarily on the east side to address fallen trees and debris in roadways as a result of strong overnight winds.

**Sustainability**

Some great news here! We are pleased to announce that the City of Flagstaff is being recognized as an A-list city in climate action leadership from the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). CDP is an international agency that provides the global platform for cities to measure, manage, and disclose their environmental data. The Sustainability Section is pleased to make note of this amazing accomplishment. A quote from our esteemed Mayor below:

*“We’re proud to have made the CDP A-list two years in a row. It is hard to believe that we completed our 1<sup>st</sup> community-wide Greenhouse Gas Inventory back in 2008, and now we have been twice recognized as a global leader for our climate action. Reaching our newly updated goal of carbon neutrality by 2030 will require strong leadership and dedication, and while it will be hard, Flagstaff can meet this challenge and turn current risks into future opportunities that are accessible to all residents equally. We are indebted to the community members that brought this initiative forward, specifically Flagstaff’s youth, and look forward to working with them and CDP to achieve this critical goal.”*



## CDP SNAPSHOT REPORT - CITIES 2020



### THEMATIC SCORES

CDP has broken down your response into two main themes: *Adaptation* and *Mitigation* to assess your city's climate action. Note, cities that do not receive an overall score in Leadership (A or A-) will not qualify for an A in their Adaptation or Mitigation score. To see which sections of the questionnaire are assessed in either the Adaptation or Mitigation score, please review the [Scoring methodology](#).

**Adaptation: Cities preparing for and adjusting proactively to actual or expected impacts of climate change**

#### YOUR ADAPTATION SCORE



City of Flagstaff's Adaptation score is higher than the North America regional average of B, and higher than the global average of C.

A Leadership level city has a clear understanding of future climate risks, they have implemented their adaptation plan and are progressing towards achieving their adaptation goals

**Mitigation: Cities measuring and reducing emissions to enable a move towards net zero**

#### YOUR MITIGATION SCORE



City of Flagstaff's Mitigation score is higher than the North America regional average of C, and higher than the global average of C.

A Leadership level city has implemented their action plan and have made progress towards achieving ambitious emissions reduction targets and actions

### **Lived Black Experience – A Strategic Plan**

Council, we have received a copy of the Strategic Plan from Ms. Deb Harris. I will be forwarding this to you under separate cover so you have a chance to review it in advance of the public discussion that will be occurring at the November 24<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Many thanks to Ms. Harris and the many others who were involved in this project. We look forward to the continued discussion.

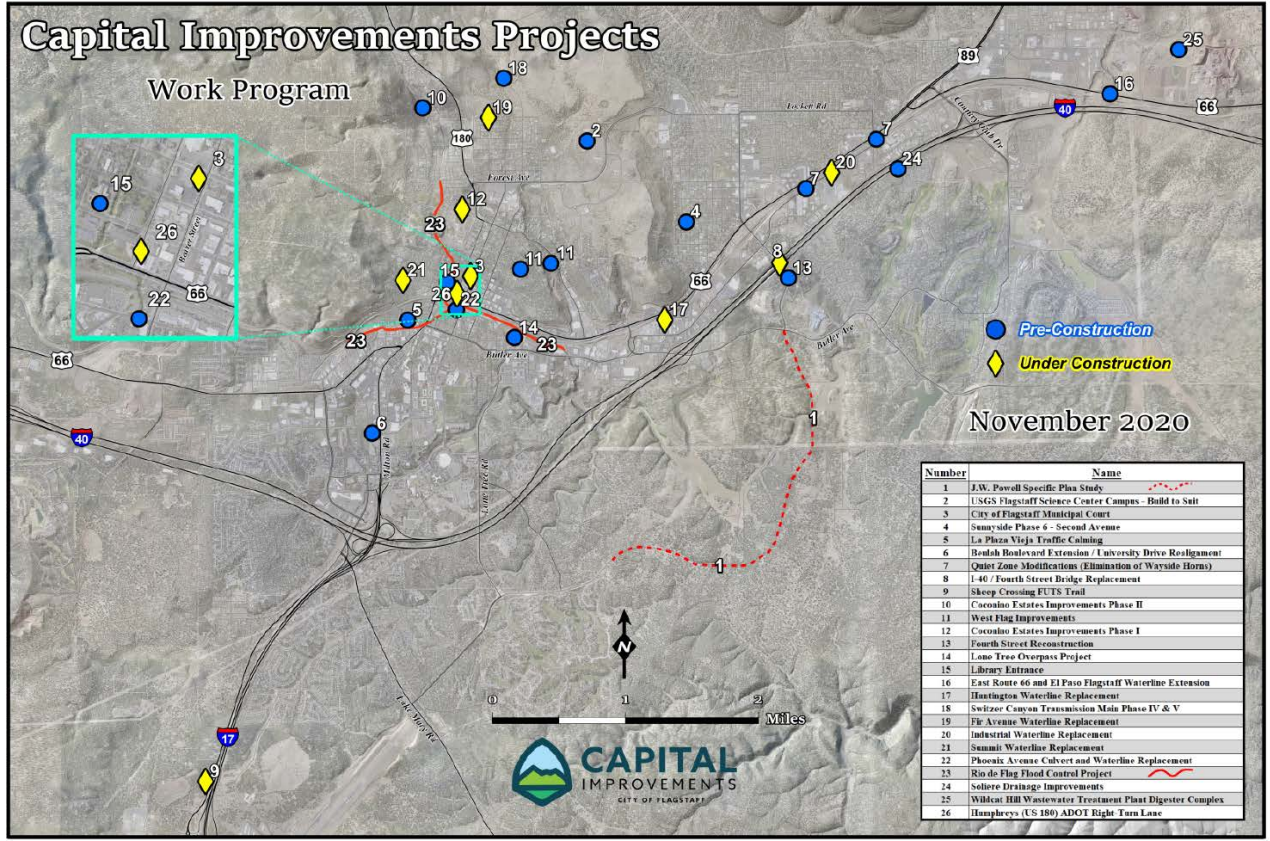
### **City Engineering & Capital Improvements**

Attached to this report is the Capital Improvements Update, which is quite informative. The following map will give you reference. There is a lot going on, obviously. We hope you find it of interest.

Thank you, Council. A gentle reminder of our one-and-a-half day retreat on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. We are working hard to put together the agenda, which will largely focus on orientation and overview discussion.

# Capital Improvements Projects

## Work Program



November 2020

Number	Name
1	J.W. Powell Specific Plan Study
2	USGS Flagstaff Science Center Campus - Build to Suit
3	City of Flagstaff Municipal Court
4	Seaside Phase 6 - Second Avenue
5	La Plaza Vieja Traffic Calming
6	Bendish Boulevard Extension / University Drive Realignment
7	Quiet Zone Modifications (Elimination of Wayside Horns)
8	I-40 / Fourth Street Bridge Replacement
9	Sheep Crossing EU 15 Trail
10	Coccolino Estates Improvements Phase II
11	West Flag Improvements
12	Coccolino Estates Improvements Phase I
13	Fourth Street Reconstruction
14	Lone Tree Overpass Project
15	Laborer Entrance
16	East Route 66 and El Paso Flagstaff Waterline Extension
17	Hastings Waterline Replacement
18	Switzer Canyon Transmission Main Phase IV & V
19	Pk Avenue Waterline Replacement
20	Industrial Waterline Replacement
21	Susanti Waterline Replacement
22	Phoenix Avenue Culvert and Waterline Replacement
23	Rio de Flag Flood Control Project
24	Selmore Drainage Improvements
25	Wilbur Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Complex
26	Humphreys (US 180) ADOT Right Turn Lane

