

City Manager's Report

January 15, 2021

Council and Colleagues, I wish you a great weekend as we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Here is the Manager's Report for your reading enjoyment. 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. Every month we include a Capital Projects Update which is appended to this Report.

In no particular order...

Human Resources

The Human Resources Division has been quite busy with the ongoing process involving our compensation study recommendations. There have been two meetings with the Employee Advisory Committee (EAC) and a meeting with our Extended Leadership Team. All of the meetings have been well attended and participation has been high.

This matter will be before Council during the February 1st Budget Retreat. Stay tuned on this very important topic.

The Division is also finalizing set-up in PERFORM the new online performance evaluation system.

Police Department

There is much to report with the Flagstaff Police Department (FDP):

- The 2020 calendar year crime statistics show a 15% decrease in overall crime within the Flagstaff community.
- FPD attended the Continuum of Care meeting to work on solutions for our most vulnerable.
- The Department welcomed two new police recruits -- Jorden Holmes and Austin Rodgers. They will be starting the four-month Police Academy in Prescott on Monday. We wish them the best of luck! (Jorden on the left and Austin on the right).



- Back to the topic of crime. A daring escape occurred on a recent chilly morning. The suspect saw his opportunity and bolted with little warning ... and without his holiday sweater. One of our officers spotted the fleeing suspect, exited his car and gave chase. Due to the nimbleness of officer, and with focused resolve, he was able to apprehend the suspect, which was immediately returned to the confinement of his living room. A photo of the officer and the captured suspect is shown on the right.



- And in the category of awards and recognitions, and with all levity aside, we have a few items to note. On January 9th, Corporal Eberhardt and Officer Chris Wesley responded to an apartment for the report of a 30-year-old female not breathing. Upon arrival, officers observed the female to be completely lifeless on the front room floor. The female had a faint pulse, was turning blue, and was not breathing. The officers quickly assessed the situation and determined that the female had likely ingested a fentanyl pill and was suffering from an overdose. They quickly administered two doses of Narcan to the female. After the second dose the female gasped for air and began breathing on her own and regained her pulse. Medics arrived on scene and transported the female once she was in stable condition. The medics advised that the officers undoubtedly saved the individual's life with their fast response and quick action. It was believed that the female was precariously close to full cardiac arrest when the officers arrived. The mission of the Flagstaff Police Department is to protect and preserve life. Corporal Eberhardt and Officer Wesley were recognized with Department's Lifesaving Award. Well done!



Corporal Dustin Eberhardt



Officer Chris Wesley

**Announcing the retirement of Deputy Chief Walt Miller
With 24 years of dedicated service to our citizens**



After a long and successful tenure with the Flagstaff Police Department, Deputy Chief Walt Miller is retiring. We are quite sad to see him go, but we could not be more grateful for his service and dedication.

Walt was born and raised in Flagstaff, graduating from Flagstaff High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in special education from Northern Arizona University. Prior to a career in law enforcement he accepted teaching position at Coconino High School teaching in their Special Education Department for over four years.

In January of 1997 Walt joined the Flagstaff Police Department. Walt has worked many various leadership positions through his years of service at the Police Department. These include: Patrol Corporal, Criminal Investigator, Patrol Sergeant, SWAT Team leader, Professional Standards Sergeant, and Patrol Lieutenant, prior to being promoted to Deputy Chief in 2012.

During his career Walt has been named the Officer of the Year by the Masonic Lodge and Exchange Club. He has also been awarded the 7K Award for excellence in customer service, received the Departments Meritorious Service Award and the City Managers Excellence Award for Professionalism. Walt is one of the hardest working and honest people I have ever had the pleasure of working with and we wish him the best in retirement. Due to COVID restrictions, nothing formal is planned for Walt, but he is happy to receive well wishes for his next adventure via phone (928-679-4090) or E-mail: wmillier@coconino.az.gov. His last day with the City of Flagstaff will be January 22nd.

Thank you, Deputy Chief Miller, for your amazing service to our community.

Public Works

- Citizen's Cemetery closed out the calendar year with the largest quantity of burial services known to date -- 209 burials. There has been a lot of loss this past year.
- The Phoenix Suns, in collaboration with APS, have selected Ponderosa Park in Sunnyside for a grant opportunity to remodel the basketball courts! The project is called the *Rebound Project*, and the City of Flagstaff is the 2021 recipient. Tyrone Johnson and Gino Leoni worked together on applying for the grant, organizing meetings, and keeping us all in the loop. We are very excited to see what Parks and Recreation can do for the Sunnyside community in this neighborhood park, including working with FUSD on the remodel of the adjacent elementary school (Killip) to avoid any duplication of athletic amenities between the two sites.
- The baseball and softball fields will be locked beginning January 12th to prepare the fields for the upcoming seasons in April. The fields will be signed appropriately to notify users of the temporary maintenance closure.
- Parks staff setup the Parklet in front of Pay n' Take on December 30th based on the approved permit from the Expanded Use of Rights of Way (EUROW) Team. The Parklet is seeing considerable usage with the warm and dry weather of late. See picture below (taken when things were not so warm and dry).



- Community Events staff have scheduled an Event Partners meeting to take place on February 8th over Microsoft Teams. This meeting will include a presentation from our Sustainability Section on Zero-Waste Events.
- The Streets signs and markings group has completed the street name conversion downtown to *WC Riles*. Woohoo! This work included signpost installations, sign fabrication, and a well-executed plan for the installation and timely change out.

- Two (2) new solid waste commercial collection trucks are scheduled to arrive the week of January 11th. The essential equipment purchase was approved through the Budget Team.

Fire Department

- The Flagstaff Fire Department (FFD) has responded to 15,717 calls during calendar year 2020 compared to 14,723 in 2019 and 14,270 in 2018. The FFD continues to see growth in the community need for their services.
- Fire crews responded to a residential fire and, due to their quick response, the damage was contained to the outside of the structure (see images below).



- And as a final comment regarding our Fire Department, personnel are currently engaged in a Leadership Training program with line supervisors and FFD administration.



Meetings and Events of Note:

The City hosted the quarterly Alliance meeting on Friday, January 15th, and attendance was excellent. The topics discussed included a very inclusive discussion regarding COVID, legislative priorities, and budget updates. Thanks to Sarah Langley and Jack Fitchett for orchestrating the successful event.

The Coconino Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) also met on January 13th and that meeting was also well attended, with an update on the Technical Assistance Project. Deputy City Manager Anderson, along with myself, will soon be interviewing with the consultant who is conducting this Project.

The agendas for both meetings are pasted below for your reference.

Alliance for the Second Century
 Management & Policy Team Agenda
 Friday, January 15, 2021
 7:30 – 9:30 AM
 (Virtual Meeting – TEAMS platform)

1. Welcome & Introductions (Greg Clifton)
2. COVID-19 Updates (All)
3. Legislative Priorities (All)
4. Budget Updates (All)
 - a. Expected FY 2021-22
5. Agency Updates (Time Permitting)
 - a. NAIPTA
 - b. NAU
 - c. FUSD
 - d. County
 - e. CCC
 - f. City
6. Next Meeting March/April. ____, 2021
7. Other Business
 - a. New Coordinator Agency
8. Adjournment

**Coconino County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

Location: Video Conference (Zoom): <https://zoom.us/j/91652899572>
 Or Telephone: Dial 253-215-8782 or 888-788-0099 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 916 5289 9572

Date: January 13, 2021
Time: 3:00-5:00 P.M.
Chair: Superior Court Presiding Judge Dan Slayton
Facilitators: The Justice Management Institute (JMI)

Agenda Details:

<p>I. Welcome</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Executive Member Introductions/Roll Call b. Introduction of New Members 	<p><i>Hon. Judge Slayton</i></p>
<p>II. Council Business and Updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of December 2020 Minutes b. Diversion Legislation (County Attorney Ring) 	<p><i>Hon. Judge Slayton</i></p>
<p>III. CJCC Technical Assistance Project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Summary of Feedback Obtained from Interviews b. Next Steps: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. CJCC Assessment ii. Membership Survey iii. Bylaws workgroup (<i>Action Item: Identify Workgroup Members</i>) iv. Planning Retreat (<i>Action Item: Select Date for Retreat</i>) 	<p><i>Tom Eberly/CJCC</i></p>
<p>IV. System Data</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Data Trends from the Justice System b. CJCC Discussion on Next Steps 	<p><i>JMI/CJCC</i></p>
<p>V. Closing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next Meeting Date: February 10, 2021 (3:00-5:00) b. Adjournment 	<p><i>Hon. Judge Slayton</i></p>

Additionally, I attended the LaunchFlag Steering Committee meeting on January 7th, where we focused on drafting a Community Statement of Intent which addresses anti-racism education. Stay tuned on that as we will be reporting back to you once we have a final version.

Engineering & Capital Improvements

As noted in the introductory paragraph, attached is the monthly Capital Improvements Update. Please give it a read, as it's always informative. The map that shows the locations of the reference projects is shown below.

That's it for now. Onward and upward ...

