

# City Manager's Report

March 12, 2021

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

- Crews responded to a motel on Lucky Lane for the report of a person possibly not breathing. Upon their arrival they found an unresponsive female who was not breathing and advised was possibly an overdose of Fentanyl. ALS interventions were started, and the patient soon had a pulse and started breathing again and was transported to FMC for further treatment.
- Fire personnel were called to a single vehicle accident in the area of Soliere and Foxglenn. Upon their arrival they found a vehicle on its side with no occupants around. Unfortunately, they also found a deceased male patient who appeared to have been riding his bike and was struck by the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was located by FPD approximately three hours after the incident. The initial report related to this unfortunate incident was provided to Council previously.
- Crews responded to the city shop (Solid Waste Building) for a water flow alarm activation. When crews arrived, they found that the bays were filled with heavy white smoke. This was upgraded this to a 3-1 response and one additional fire unit responded. Investigation of this revealed that there was burning debris inside of a trash truck parked in the bays which activated the sprinkler system. Crews were able to move the trash truck out of the bay to an open area and with assistance from city workers were able to prop the back of the truck up and extinguish the fire. There were no injuries as a result of this and damage was held to the trash truck cargo area. (See photos)



- Crews responded to a vehicle accident at Ponderosa and Butler. E-2 had to remove the door of one of the vehicles to access the patient. Once the patient was extricated, advanced life support treatment continued and both patients were transported to FMC by GMT. (See photo)



- The Greater Flagstaff Region (GFR) Fire personnel resumed the grant-funded Fire Officer Leadership Program this week with many participants from the GFR. It is quite gratifying to see training programs like this back in play, and we are proud of the participants. (See photo)



### Human Resources

- Human Resources is continuing to meet with the City divisions to discuss the implementation of the new pay structures as part of the compensation study. Things are progressing and there is a lot of work ahead.
- Related, the Budget Team has been working overtime with Division Budget meetings and crunching numbers in preparation for the Council Budget Retreat on April 22-23. The numbers related to the compensation study are included within the draft budget pursuant to Council's direction and we will continue the discussion of this and many other topics during the retreat.

## **Police Department**

- Several officers came in on their day off to work a scheduled protest alleging police brutality. There were approximately 50 participants who took to the streets blocking traffic as they marched through the downtown and southside main streets. The officers managed traffic to protect the protesters. One officer was struck by a water bottle in the back of the head. The suspect individual, who threw projectiles at other officers during the event, was arrested after the protest. The individual was armed with a small handgun when arrested, lawfully. The officer did not have to seek medical treatment for his injuries.
- Sgt. Turley attended a couple of virtual career fairs (Arizona State University and Western Oregon University).
- This just in. The Nacho Bar made an appearance through the various sections of the Police Department in celebration of Employee Appreciation Day.

## **Public Works**

- Based on a citizen email regarding inappropriate usage, Parks placed two boulders on either side of the Mark Kelley Bridge that spans over Cedar Ave/Forest Ave near both Buffalo Park and McMillan Mesa natural area. The boulders are a temporary deterrent based on witnessed vehicles driving on the FUTS in this area. Parks will install bollards later this month.
- Trail counters – let's talk data: The newly installed trail counters along the FUTS have the data pulled for the months of January and February. The current locations are: Mars Hill, Buffalo Park Loop, AZT just outside of Buffalo Park, Foxglenn Park and along John Wesley Powell Boulevard. Even during heavy snowfall, these specific trail locations see in upward of over 200 pedestrian or cyclists! The top count goes to Buffalo Park Loop which is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile around the loop with an average count of over 2,000 folks passing by per week. No surprise there. Next month the data will be delivered and displayed graphically.
- The Arbor Day Foundation congratulates the City of Flagstaff on earning recognition as a 2020 Tree City USA. Residents of our community should be proud to live in a place that makes the planting and care of trees a priority. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation and recognizes communities that manage and maintain urban forests. Given the City of Flagstaff's extensive urban forests, including wooded sections along the urban trail system, City parks, and open space areas, the City has been designated a Tree City USA since 2009! Each Tree City is required to renew their status each year by providing documentation proving that they continue to meet the requirements. Parks staff has been leading the charge in this effort by completing and documenting Flagstaff's urban tree canopy maintenance. To qualify each year, it must be demonstrated that the City spends a least \$2.00 per capita on maintaining our urban forest. Park staff time and budget support this recognition. Thank you to all who are involved in this effort! <https://www.arborday.org/programs/treeCityUSA/index.cfm>



*Open Space Specialist, Robert Wallace, accepting Flagstaff's Tree City USA Award in 2019  
(Pre-COVID ... no masks ... everybody relax).*

- Sweeping crews are focused on main thoroughfares, intersections, and heavily used bike lanes. Operators are reporting heavy cinders and repeated passes to clean up. This work is time consuming and with melting ice at the edge lines we anticipate focus on this work for multiple weeks. Two additional operators have been assigned to assist. This is working well and will continue for the next couple of weeks.
- A hauling crew is relocating the sweeper tailings and spoils to Cinder Lake Landfill where the used product can be used for daily cover as needed.

### **Risk Management**

- City staff are meeting the goals for employee injuries for the first eight months of this fiscal period. That did not read well. Try this: employees are being safe.
- Related to the above, the total of auto, property, and casualty type incidents and claims in the first eight months is down from the previous two-year average.

### **Monthly Updates**

Council, please find appended hereto the monthly updates for the Sustainability Section. You received, under separate cover, the monthly report from Economic Vitality earlier this week.

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