

City Manager's Report

April 2, 2021

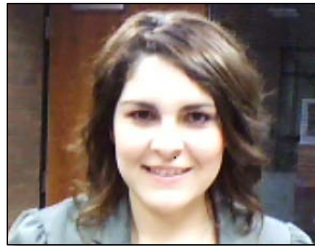
Council and Colleagues, greetings. These reports will be included in the City Council packet for regularly scheduled Council meetings, excluding Work Session meetings. The reports are intended to be informational, covering miscellaneous events and topics involving the City organization.

Council, also starting in this report, and once a month thereafter, we will be featuring our significant work anniversary achievements by our employees. We are excited to do this and will draw some focus to this each month as a call-out. Enjoy!

Work Anniversaries!

April 2021

- Adriana Fisher 4/25



- Christopher Magnan 4/25 (no photo available)

- Christina Rubalcava 3/28 (with twin graduates!)



- Kimberly Gifford 3/28



- Amy Starns 3/28



- Andrew Bertelsen 3/28



10 Years:

- Andrew Borg 3/20 (no photo available)

15 Years:

- Gerald Bills 3/26 (we call him ... Jerry)



- William Condon 3/12



- Kristopher Walsh 3/12



20 Years:

- Tammy Bishop 3/8



- James Boyer 4/11



- Gregory McLaughlin 4/9



30 years:

- Adela Eschelbacher 4/16



And ... drumroll please ... 33 years!

- Pat Staskey 4/3 (Woohoo!)



Misc. Divisional Updates

Fire Department

- A structure Fire required more than 12 Firefighters over three hours to ensure proper and safe fire control of a residence (see picture). Thank you to Highlands Fire Department, Summit Fire and Medical Department, and Guardian Medical Transport, who provide back up, support, and coverage while we had units otherwise committed.



- **Congratulations!** After 24 years of great service to our community, Captain Kevin Wilson is on his way to retirement. We could not be more appreciative of his service. Check this out -- during his tenure with the FFD, Captain Wilson served in the ranks as a Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, Paramedic, Arson Investigator, and Public Information Officer. Man!

In addition, throughout his career, he selflessly instructed several hundred students in CPR courses throughout the City of Flagstaff. It's worthy to mention that in addition to his service throughout the Greater Flagstaff Region, Captain Wilson also went out on numerous out of region wildland fire assignments with various Incident Management Teams.

Captain Wilson, we salute you!



- Flagstaff Fire crews responded to a rollover collision on East Street. It was revealed that a vehicle struck a pedestrian and rolled over into a residential driveway. Two individuals were treated for injuries.
- Flagstaff Fire Department and Highlands Fire crews worked together on a reported house fire in the Mountain Dell neighborhood and rescuing two individuals who overturned in Kayaks on Upper Lake Mary. Things have been quite busy.
- Flagstaff Fire Department and Summit Fire District responded to a structure fire in Summit Fire District. This was a working house fire. Highlands Fire covered the city and districts for several hours.



- Finally, we cannot mention all of these emergency responses without noting the important training that prepares our responders. A classroom shot of Greater Flagstaff Region Crews at Coconino College doing fire simulations and training on tactics and strategy.



Human Resources

- Human Resources has been meeting with divisions on pay structures for the implementation of the compensation study. It is a critical component of the compensation process and the hard work by all is appreciated.

Police Department

- The Community Relations Office put out a Public Service Announcement reminding our community to watch out for children returning to school. FPD will be working traffic safety education and enforcement in school zones this week.
- Sgt. Carlos Leyva responded to the area of 404 S San Francisco St for a report of three subjects consuming alcohol in the Rio De Flag. Upon arrival Sgt Leyva observed two males physically fighting (wrestling) and gave verbal commands to stop, as Sgt. Leyva got closer, he observed one subject stabbing the other with a knife. Verbal commands were given, and the suspect threw the knife. The suspect was detained until more units arrived on scene; the victim had a large laceration to his left hand and minor injury to his left ear. While the story is itself a bit disturbing, there is no doubt Sgt. Leyva may have prevented a loss of life here. Medics arrived on scene and transported the victim for non-life-threatening injuries. The suspect was booked for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Thank you Sgt. Carlos Leyva!

Public Works

- What's that buzz? The fan system and grow lighting system was installed inside the greenhouse project at the Thorpe Park Annex. The exterior door was also installed as staff continue to wrap up this amazing project. Staff will be germinating pollinator plants very soon inside the stone building to prepare to bring out into the greenhouse in April.



- And not as exciting as pollinator greenhouses, but important nevertheless, a Streets Signal and Lighting crew installed a replacement streetlight pole that was destroyed in a vehicle collision. Thanks to Steven Hill and his relationships with ADOT and APS to get this repair done quickly.
- Fleet service is working on a major overhaul of the transmission and track assembly continues with a Water Services 1997 John Deere crawler/dozer. Additionally, a steering gear replacement is occurring with Flagstaff Fire Engine 6. If this sounds like just small potatoes to you, check out the below pictures.



- With funding assistance from the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management's Tree City USA Program, an invasive tree removal and restoration plan was developed for the McMillan Mesa Natural Area. This plan will be implemented starting on April 7th. This project will remove invasive tree species Russian Olive and Siberian Elm. This will likely generate community concern and the Open Space program is completing outreach through social media and physical signing of the location to inform the community. Over 100 trees have been identified for removal. Grant funding for canopy replacement with native trees will be sought to replace some trees with native species.
- Staff created an incredible small improvement at Ponderosa Park in conjunction with some work being done by NACOG at the adjacent Head Start location in Sunnyside. Parks staff removed a low block wall along with chain link fencing to open up the play space to the turf space and create a more inviting and accessible environment.

Before & after images ...nice!



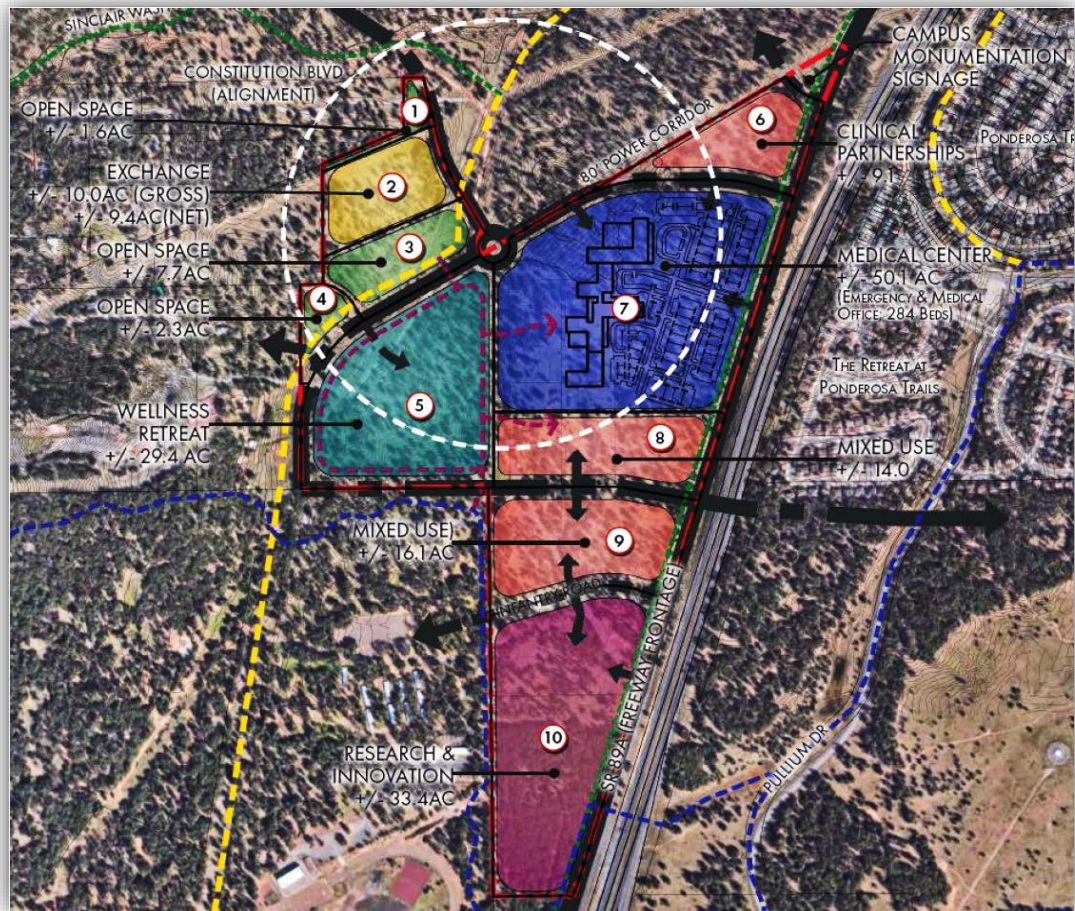
- Athletics staff hosted the annual Local User Group Field Allocation Meeting via Microsoft Teams. In attendance were local user group representatives from Continental Little League, Flagstaff Girls Softball Little League, West Flagstaff Little League, AYSO, Flagstaff Soccer Club, Prime Time Athletics, Flagstaff Eagles Youth Football & Cheer, 4 Horsemen Softball League, and Women's Soccer League.
- And now a word about cul-de-sacs. They are round, and stuff accumulates in the middle during the winter months. Cul-de-sac snow removal and clean-up is underway once again following the weekend storms. We responded to some residents who asked, "why are you doing this." In short, the snow is removed to provide adequate turn around room for emergency services, avoid daily melting and overnight ice issues and, most importantly, this removal process helps to prolong the pavement condition and surface. So there you go!
- Not to be outdone by the very impressive snow removal equipment acquired by the Airport crew recently, the Streets Section took delivery of its own new laydown asphalt paver this week. Very impressive! Enjoy these images, as you will never see asphalt equipment this new and shiny anywhere.



Community Development

- New Medical Campus for Northern Arizona Healthcare

Northern Arizona Healthcare (NAH) is intending to submit an application to Community Development by Friday, April 30, for a future hospital site located just north of Fort Tuthill. The image below comes from some preliminary information that is part of the RFP for consultants that NAH has put out. The project will require a Minor Regional Plan Amendment, a Specific Plan, and a Zoning Map Amendment. Staff has been meeting with NAH over the last several months to prepare for this application. Staff was made aware that final approval from within NAH was given at the end of March to move this project forward. The below aerial is of interest, although some of the text is hard to read.



- Graffiti Busters

Code Compliance added two more members to our amazing Graffiti Buster Volunteers group, that will become active beginning April. Bill Sheppard and Debby Wolfe, thank you for your willingness to serve our community in this way!!

- The Lofts at Continental

Concept Plan was found complete in the last week of March. This is the project on the vacant piece of property on the north end of E. Cortland Blvd. that requires the modification of the City's 88-foot access easement to a future regional park. This will clear the way to allow the applicant to move forward to site plan and rezoning.

