

## City Manager's Report

July 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.

We are featuring the June and July Work Anniversaries in this Report. We are also calling out one item for discussion, which concerns an update on the ARPA Funding, which is subject to attached documents. Also appended to this report are the monthly reports from City Engineer and & Capital Projects, Economic Vitality, Water Services and Sustainability. There is a lot of reading which you can enjoy at your leisure over the Council Recess. Finally, on the subject of Council Recess, I will be providing one City Manager's Report during this recess time, likely in the first week of August, mirroring what happened last year which seemed to work well for the Council. Enjoy!

### Work Anniversaries – June, July 2021

#### Five Years

- Sarah Casey (6/6/16)  
Library Clerk



- Tammy Lozano (6/24/16) (no photo)  
Recreation Assistant

- Lisa Lopez-Orozco (7/18/26)  
Collections Specialist



- Trevor Mounts (7/21/16) (no photo)  
Recreation Assistant
- Gary Crosby 7/3/16) (no photo)  
Recreation Official I
- Loretta Pappas (7/11/16) (no photo)  
Marketing and Media Relations MGR

10 Years:

- William Perry (7/25/11) (no photo)  
Division Director

- Fox Gemberling (7/25/11)  
Equipment Operator



- Karen Henderson (7/11/11)  
Recreation Leader I



- Anthony Miller (7/11/11)  
Recreation Leader I



15 Years:

- Debra Shafer (7/16/06)  
Admin Specialist



- Kyle Denham (7/16/06)  
Fire Captain



- Gregory Krahe (7/16/06)  
Public Works Supervisor



- Michael Felts (7/16/06)  
Fire Captain



## 15 Years (Cont.)

- Aaron Gregar (7/16/06)  
Fire Captain



- Collin Seay (7/30/06)  
Police Lieutenant

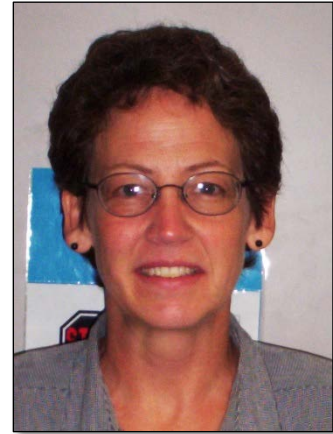


- Jared Wotasik (7/30/06)  
Police Corporal/Detective



## 15 Years (Cont.)

- Kathleen Armstrong (7/30/06)  
Library Specialist



- Rhonda Lomakema (7/31/06)  
Court Judicial Spec



## 20 Years:

- Sallie Page (6/10/01)  
Library Specialist - Temp



- Harold Yazzie (6/5/01) (no photo)  
Maintenance Worker

## 20 Years (Cont.):

- Mathew Turner (7/23/01)  
Fire Captain



- Raymond Saylor (7/23/01)  
Fire Captain



Nicholas Rullman (7/8/01)  
Library Supervisor



## 25 Years:

- Euriel Guitierrez (6/15/96)  
Firefighter



## 35 Years (ding, ding, ding):

- Raymond Gonzalez (6/30/86)  
Fire Captain

Captain Gonzalez rings the bell with 35 years of service to the City! Ray is the senior member of the Fire Department and the most senior Captain on the job. He has also been an engaged member of our Wildland Fire Call Out and has fought fires across the United States. He's been in his front-line leadership position for 15 years! Of his leadership, his boss Battalion Chief Erik Caputo says, "Ray's example as a leader is his tremendous positive attitude and his commitment to growing others to take on leadership positions."

Ray has been something of a department historian for several years. Ray attends retirements, graduations, and other functions to photograph and create a pictorial history of the department's members. He is very gifted in his photography skills.

This from Chief Mark Gaillard, "While there's been so much change in the world and the fire service, one constant at the FFD has been Ray Gonzales' positive outlook and work ethic."

And from our accomplished Captain Gonzalez:

"It's been a fun ride. I've missed a lot of birthdays, holidays, & mothers' days but I've been supported by my wife Amy and my three sons. In my upcoming retirement, I'm looking to have a more open and flexible schedule to spend time with my family."

Captain, we look forward to you having that time. Thank you for your dedication and amazing tenure. We are honored to have you in the organization, and the community has benefitted from your service. Well done!



## **Water Services**

Regarding the Spruce Wash and related drainages, there has been much outreach at the neighborhood level regarding the preparations for monsoonal floods that may occur, exacerbated by the Museum Fire scars.

The Stormwater crew has received a preliminary channel improvement engineered design for Cedar Ave. to Dortha Inlet. We have put this work out to bid with a one week bid window. The Dortha Inlet re-design we are expecting quickly and will similarly put it out to bid as soon as we receive the engineered design. Funding for both is a little up in the air but we will figure it out.

Stormwater and Sustainability had a volunteer stream clean-up day on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Efforts included the clearing of Spruce Wash from Arroyo Seco up to Cedar. Thank you to Ed Schenck, Acting Water Resources Manager, for the efforts here and the reporting to Council.

Related to stormwater, we are currently working with Vintage Partners on a potential redesign and implementation of the stormwater infrastructure upstream of the Wildwood Park and located within Woody Mountain Campground. This is very important project that remains only partially completed at this time. Stay tuned on this ... we will be reporting our progress. The proposal being advanced by the City would have the facility become a dry detention basin rather than an amenity pond.

## **Graffiti Busters**

The Building Safety & Code Compliance team members spent several hours completing graffiti abatement on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The teams hit three highly visible locations that are frequently tagged. The Graffiti Busters program provides volunteers with paint, rollers and buckets. The paint is recycled from the Hazardous Materials drop-off and is provided to Graffiti Busters at no charge. A hearty "Thank you!" goes to our Code Compliance Officer Kevin Dunlap and our Code Compliance Manager Reggie Eccleston for organizing the work.

To learn more about Graffiti Busters: [Graffiti Busters Volunteer Program | City of Flagstaff Official Website \(az.gov\)](#)



## Airport

This from Mark Stento with Code Compliance:

*I'm pleased to note City Facilities has made substantial progress toward bringing the Airport into compliance with Outdoor Lighting Standards pursuant to the plan developed in conjunction with Code Compliance and Barney Helmick. See attached photos.*

*Almost all white hanger and canopy LEDs and a majority of Class 2 luminaires, including bollards, have been retrofitted or replaced with NSALEDs. This brings us close to completion of our first two phases of modifications. Next, with the continued assistance of Facilities we will be addressing shielding on several existing HID luminaires and evaluating remaining Class 2 illumination.*

*Thank you for your patience through this process, and thank you to the Facilities staff who put in substantial hours working on actual replacement.*

**Mark Stento**

*Code Compliance Officer*

*Dark Sky Compliance Specialist*



### **Fire Department**

- Congratulations to Engineer CEP Wesley Forbach, as he received the PFFA State of Arizona Firefighter of the Year Heroism Award for his response and overnight stay on Mount Elden with a patient who fractured their leg while hiking on the mountain. Due to steep terrain, time of day, and extreme winds the patient was unable to be extracted until the following day. Eng. Forbach assisted with the rescue as well as ACLS patient care throughout the cold night.



- 2021-01 Fire recruit graduation – congratulations to all of the new Fire personnel in the Greater Flagstaff Region.



- Applications for the next academy will be accepted for the City of Flagstaff from July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Frightful but Fortunate! Fire personnel responded to a minivan vs. train at the Ponderosa Pkwy/Rt. 66 railroad crossing. Train won. Luckily there were only minor injuries at this accident. (See picture below)



## Police Department

- Chief Musselman, Lt. Hernandez and Sgt. Turley are working with Human Resources and the Discover Flagstaff team to create a recruitment video to attract new applicants to our great community.
- And for all the pet lovers out there, here's one for that will warm your heart! On Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Officer Brant Chapin responded to the hospital for a public assistance call. There he met an individual who had checked herself out of the hospital to be with her separated pet. When it became clear to Brant that the individual was steadfast in her resolve to remain with her pet rather than seek medical attention, he offered her a ride to a local hotel. Upon arrival, he learned that the individual did not have enough money to cover the cost of her stay, so he made the decision to pay the difference for her room out of his own pocket. Brant, you are commended for your dedication to the Flagstaff Police Department's mission of providing exemplary service to our citizens. Thank you.



- A few weekends ago, OFC Zakery Holland stopped by Bushmaster Park while on patrol. He noticed a birthday party gathering and offered to let the children see his police car. They were all very excited. One of the mothers sent him the photo below. Thanks Zak!



- And in the life-saving category ... during the mid-afternoon of May 31 of this year, Officer Brad Gilbert responded to a report of a person not breathing at the Motel 6 on Butler. When he arrived on scene and saw the circumstances, he quickly ascertained that the victim was likely experiencing a narcotics overdose. Brad immediately made the decision to deploy Narcan to try to revive the subject. After several applications of the treatment, the victim began to breathe. Medics arrived on scene minutes later and took over lifesaving efforts. Brad, your quick thinking and decisive actions saved this person's life. This case is a shining example of your dedication to the Flagstaff Police Department's mission to protect and preserve life. Brad will be recognized with the Flagstaff Police Department Lifesaving Medal.

Thank you, Brad!

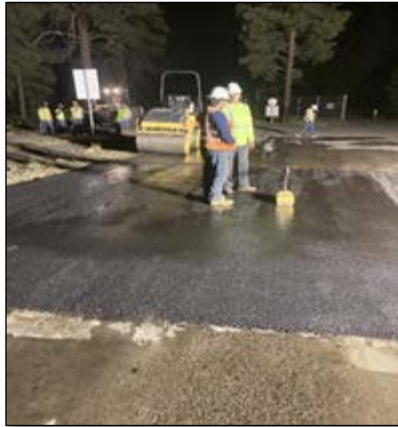


### Public Works

- A volunteer group pulled some weeds in the Rio de Flag adjacent to Foxglenn Park late last week. A big thank you to that group and to the City staff that helped to coordinate.
- Nate from Fleet Services spend three (3) days working with the Airport team and Rosenbauer American engineers correcting issues with our newest ARFF vehicle. This highly technical process required multiple tests while hooked up to Rosenbauer's home office where minor adjustments were made to the computerized system that provides proper foam concentration and water volume rates that meet FFA requirements.



- Currently patching and re-asphalting the landfill office parking lot.



- New purchase bulky truck (20yrd cobra) has been received and is currently working (and it will never look this shiny again).



- Session 1 of the Aquaplex's Free Swim Lesson pilot program, which is two (2) weeks long, has 173 participants registered. This program will continue throughout the summer to provide swim lessons to youth in our community. The program is open to City Residents only.



- Hal Jensen Recreation Center started the summer feeding program in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank. We will provide 35 meals each week to youth 18 years old and younger. This year, they will be allowed to take the meals home instead of being required to eat them at the center. We hope this will help increase participation.
- Signs and Markings began work on red curbs in the downtown as well as marking stop bars, crosswalks, and picked up the high-profile intersection Foxglenn at Butler. Additionally, the crew has been completing tasks involved with work orders on University for traffic comm per Traffic requests.

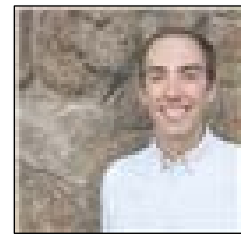
- Check out the Citizens Cemetery Parks and Streets asphalt project! This roadway was in dire need of some work, and Streets has nailed it. A huge thank you to Mike Stress and the crew.



- The Suns Rebound project and Ponderosa Park is moving along with the first concrete pour scheduled for this week. Woot! And on top of that, they won the Western Conference and are going to the big dance!
- The Aquaplex will move into Tier 2 of the re-entry plan on July 6<sup>th</sup>. This will allow for additional programming areas like the pool, climbing wall, and community rooms to be available for use.
- June 18<sup>th</sup>, in partnership with Open Space and Sustainability, Hal Jensen Recreation Center staff took five youth on a walking field trip to the Izabel Community Garden where they learned about composting.



- In May, the Open Space Program had 135 volunteers who donated a total of 413 hours volunteer time! During the volunteer events on McMillan Mesa and behind Fox Glen Park, we also educated 72 kids about the importance of being environmental stewards, especially concerning invasive weeds. Also, in May, 4,423 people visited McMillan Mesa Natural Area, and 2,798 people visited picture Canyon.
- Our Streetlight Technician has been addressing high profile outages as we can secure the bulbs to make repairs. This program continues to have challenges and the back log of reports is growing. A dark skies fixture and the LED streetlight conversion is routed in procurement and we anxiously await forward progress on the formal solicitation and purchase of the next generation lighting.
- A vegetation crew has been out addressing line of sight and overgrown trees and shrubs in the right of way. Some of the areas of focus included the Sawmill, Woodlands Village and Bow and Arrow.
- In response to the Rafael fire threat, four (4) roll-off boxes, including two (2) at the Church of the Resurrection, and the Bulky tractor have been deployed to the SET zone area to assist residents with creating defensible space around their homes. This will likely impact the regular Bulky pickup schedule.
- Finally, and certainly not least, we would like to recognize Dylan Lenzen who recently left the City organization to move to St. Louis County to work as a Performance Analyst in the County Manager's Office. Dylan has led key efforts for the City of Flagstaff during his tenure with our organization. He started with the City in 2015 as an Americorps volunteer and progressed to the Zero Waste Coordinator and then Sustainability Specialist, focusing on materials management and food systems. Dylan's efforts led to an award-winning engagement opportunity to train residents on recycling; development of the City's first Rethink Waste Plan to divert 90% of waste from the Landfill; a composting partnership with NAU; the Urban Farm Incubator; and the formulation of policy changes to the City's Animal Keeping Code. We thank Dylan for sharing his knowledge and expertise and his hard work to accomplish this meaningful change within the Flagstaff community.



OK, that's a wrap. Attached you will find monthly reports for Capital Projects, Sustainability, Economic Vitality, and Water Services. Also, attached is an update for ARPA funding, which we will discuss during the meeting.