

City Manager's Report

March 18, 2022

Council and Colleagues, greetings. These reports will be included in the City Council packet for regularly scheduled Council meetings. The reports are intended to be informational, covering miscellaneous events and topics involving the City organization. There are no supplemental attachments to this report. We will be covering work anniversaries at the subsequent Council Work Session.

In no particular order:

Citizen Bond Committee

The presentations have concluded, and the Committee enjoyed it's first week off since December. We are grateful for the amazing dedication and hard work. Over the next two weeks some Committee members will be touring the Wastewater Treatment facilities, courtesy of Jim Huchel and team.

Currently the survey is active and will be so for the next two weeks. The survey was developed with the assistance of staff and our consultant team. Stay tuned on the outcomes from this important community feedback which will be coming your way. See below timeline.

- Online Community Survey 3/17-3/31/22
- Committee deliberations 4/7/22-4/28/22
- Finalize recommendations 5/5-5/25/22
- Recommendations to Council 6/7/22

The survey link is as follows: <https://s.alchemer.com/s3/FlagstaffBondSurvey>. It is available in English and Spanish. Also, a reminder, these meetings are public and are also archived on the City Manager's Website page, so interested parties can review any and all meetings from the past. Finally, we are integrating two informative videos into the Manager's website that speak to the Committee, and to the topic of bonded debt through property tax. The first video is now linked, and it is of course going viral and destined for Viddy Awards, I am sure. Give it a review. <https://www.flagstaff.az.gov/4692/Citizen-Bond-Committee>

Fire Department

- C Shift Engine 2 conducted a public education session with the Coconino High School (see pictures below). Thank you C Shift for your community outreach.



- Fire crews responded to a two-vehicle accident on I-40. Crews found a pickup truck hauling a trailer that had rolled. The people in the vehicle had only sustained minor injuries and were promptly treated by both fire and guardian personnel. A very good outcome considering the severity of the accident, hence its reporting here.



- It was a busy time on I-40, as crews also responded to a semi-truck trailer that caught fire. (see below picture)



- And this just in: crews responded to a pickup in a living room on the corner of Dortha and Ellen. The vehicle narrowly missed the occupant of the house who was sitting at a desk near the front door. Whew! Obviously, severe property damage but very thankful for lack of injuries.



- Finally, crews also responded to a slide-off on the interstate and multiple calls for fall injuries (all of which were minor, hence the reporting).
- We are grateful for the many emergency responses that our crews have performed, only a few of which are reported here.

Police Department

- Welcome to four new officers (it sounds so good to state this): Officers Austin Koller, Daniel Young, Dominic Bonitatibus, and Misael Godoy, have joined the Flagstaff Police Department. They recently graduated from the Arizona Western College Police Training Academy.

Officer Austin Koller



Officer Daniel Young



Officer Dominic Bonitatibus



Officer Misael Godoy



- This one a bit scary, with a positive outcome, however. Officer Jason Nguyen responded to a suicidal subject call, involving an individual standing on the edge of the east interchange overpass. Officer Nguyen arrived with other officers while the individual was seated on the edge of the overpass. While the officers on the scene attempted to de-escalate and calm the subject, Officer Nguyen was able to reach over the concrete barrier and grab the individual's clothing and restrain the suicidal individual. The officers were then able to take the measures necessary to move the individual to safety.

Officer Nguyen placed himself in danger in his efforts to resolve a potentially tragic event. Officer Nguyen's actions are evident of his selfless commitment to the Department's mission of preserving life. Thank you Officer Nguyen!



- And a big Congratulations to Sharon Whitmore, our Records Supervisor, who retired this week. Sharon began her career here in 2004 and promoted to supervisor in 2008. She has many commendations and accolades in her file, including a City Mangers Excellence Award in 2021! Even in retirement Sharon's dedication to our community and agency is evident. She will be assisting us part-time with our workload and has also graciously agreed to help train her replacement. Thank you, Sharon, for your service and dedication.



PROSE

- The Joe C. Montoya Senior and Community Center reopened on Monday, March 7th. That is monumental considering the closure for the past two years. Stay tuned as we announce future re-openings. This is all very exciting.
- Parks staff have been working on a storage shed for our partners in Recreation at Hal Jensen which will assist with the tables and chairs that sit out in the game room space of the center.



- Recreation staff have been working with NORESCO and Facilities on the audits and other facility visits upon request as our partners in Sustainability gather the data for the future energy savings projects.
- Open Space will be celebrating Archaeology and Cultural History Month with a free community guided walk this Sunday, March 13th, starting at 12 PM. A shuttle from the Sunnyside neighborhood will be available at 11:30 AM, or you can meet at the Picture Canyon Trailhead (3920 El Paso Flagstaff Rd.) Check our Facebook site for additional details. <https://www.facebook.com/COFrecreation/>

- At McMillan Mesa Natural Area, Shawn Mullaney, Javier Avila and George Urrea from Parks Maintenance worked on a project to replace bollards that were no longer operative. They installed seven new bollards, boulders in six places, and new locks and pins on four still functional bollards. We thank them for their hard work!



- Ralphie gets a makeover. The stoic buffalo at Buffalo Park recently received a few touch-ups ... a big thank you to Paul McGuire and David Todirita for taking the initiative to perform the needed maintenance.



Public Works

- Streets has partnered with the Flagstaff Police Department, Coconino Sheriff, and Coconino Emergency Management to strategically place digital signs to reduce snow play in highly dangerous location off Lake Mary Rd. Thank you!
- Separated bike lanes were impacted by the recent snow event with significant curb damage from the traveling public. Each of these damaged curbs had to be hand removed to complete snow plowing operations.
- Fleet participated in a web-based conference with other Municipal and County Utilities Fleet Leadership from all over the state this week. They shared common challenges, strategies, and ideas. This will be a weekly one-hour virtual meeting going forward. This will help Fleet Services all navigate challenges related to the industry like supply chain delays, employee recruiting, sources, and vendor suggestions.
- It's been busy in Fleet Services with four Fire Engines and one Quint, four side loader Solid Waste collection trucks, and five plow trucks all needing repair.
- Facilities has been working on electrical outlets at the Airport, motors and compressors at the Aquaplex, repair of exterior doors at NACET, door lock repairs at the Visitor's Center, and recruitment for new Facilities staff.

That's a wrap, Council. More later. Onward and upward!