

City Manager's Report

April 8, 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.

We will be covering work anniversaries at the Council Work Session. Also, appended to this report is the monthly update from Capital Improvements.

Fire Department

- FFD hosted a 3-year badge pinning catch up ceremony this past Friday at City Hall. Senior Deputy Manager Anderson and I attended, and Mayor Deasy was present to offer some comments. There were seventeen recognitions at the engineer and captain level. It was good to be back in person enjoying these special ceremonies. Congratulation to all!





- Crews were busy this week with our annual wildland refresher training hosted by GFR partner Highlands Fire. The below photo is an exercise in fire shelter deployment.



- The first four days of the CARE unit were a success with seventeen omega responses, six self-initiated responses, multiple outreach efforts to hot spots in the community, four transports to the shelter, three requests for Guardian to transport patient to FMC, and five responses to possible suicide incidents. The program is off to a very productive start.

Human Resources & Risk Management

- Staff members have been working on policies related to drug and alcohol testing, flexible work schedules, and compensation. Stay tuned on this.
- We are also updating the online performance evaluation process to improve timely completion rates. With the merit system reinstated, emphasis will continue to be placed upon an effective and timely evaluation process.

Police Department

- The Department is busy conducting Dispatch interviews. This is good news.
- Several Officers assisted with eight new recruit physical fitness testing and several were moved on to background checks. Also very good news.
- And on the topic of recruitment, Chief Musselman and Deputy Chiefs Mansfield and Lasiewicki attended a meeting with Coconino Community College about a local police academy.
- FPD staff members attended meeting with Goodwill, Salvation Army, Flagstaff Rescue Mission, and Victim Witness.
- Congratulations to Nancy Dauwen, who has been promoted to our Records Section Manager, with the retirement of Sharon Whitmore. Nancy started her career with the City in 2008, leaving in 2013, and returning to us in 2016. Nancy has a degree in Applied Psychology. She also has a cool Australian accent ... just saying. Please stop in and say hello to Nancy and congratulate her on her promotion.



PROSE

- We are receiving feedback re the future of Thorpe through an 8-question survey, linked [here](#).
- A big shout-out to all of those that are working the fields for our youth and adult sports. It is so good to see the fields in action once again!



- The Aquaplex will perform an annual maintenance of the entire facility the week of April 3rd to April 10th, with some heavy focus on the pool area and fitness spaces. Very exciting and the timing works well with re-entry!
- Open Space hosted Moorestown Friends School from New Jersey with a tour of the Wildcat Hill Wastewater Facility and a guided hike of Picture Canyon.
- Hal Jensen staff had a blast with community youth during spring break this week including trips to Jay Lively for ice skating, a movie at Harkins Theater, Coconino Center for the Arts, bowling, crafts, and a cooking class.



The Open Space program hosted a guided hike of Picture Canyon, in celebration of Arizona Archaeology and Cultural History Month. We had 38 adults and seven children join the hike, and eight people took advantage of the PROSE van shuttle from Sunnyside.

Public Works

- Street sweeping was in full operation this week with a shift in hours to 12-hr shifts. This change was to help get ahead of the saturation of ice cinders through the city.
- Streets held Operations Technician interviews this week with only one applicant.
- The separated bike lane pilot has resulted in 491 candlestick replacements and 19 heavily damaged curbs. Recent snow events led to significant curb damage from traveling public.
- Flood funding support from DFFM through the Coconino County Emergency Management department has led to \$290,000 for emergency traffic control devices and \$295,000 for a front-end CAT loader.
- Fleet Services has been working on repairs for three Fire Engines and one Quint.
- Facilities worked on Amtrack fence repair in loading zone; Joe C Montoya lighting conversion; Citywide boiler inspections; USGS roof and water heater repairs, lighting retrofits and painting; NACET drywall; repair Airport perimeter gate and four doors; and recreation facility plumbing repair.

Meetings

We had a very productive meeting on Tuesday, April 5th, with the Army Corps of Engineers and BNSF Railroad team. The topic, of course, was the Rio de Flag project and efforts are now underway to seek grant funding to address the needed capital to move forward. We are targeting March

2023, to have the first contract (CMA1) executed, allowing for construction to commence on the first phase. Props to Christine Cameron and others on the City team for orchestrating.



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