

# City Manager's Report

April 25, 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.

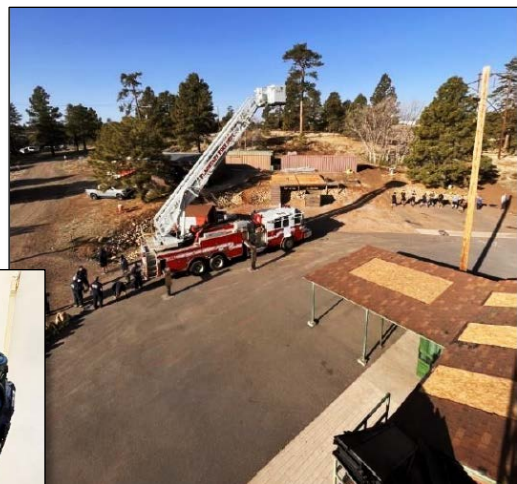
We will be covering work anniversaries at this week's Council Work Session. Also, appended to this report is the monthly update from Economic Vitality, Sustainability, and Water Services.

## Fire Department

- Fire crews responded to a tenth of an acre wildfire off Woody Mountain Road. Crews arrived and were able to quickly get a line around the fire and use tank water to contain it. This fire was human caused and under investigation with FPD. There was another wildfire behind Little American reaching a fourth of an acre.



- The Fire Department conducted two days of GFR hiring practical assessments. Crews completed the wildland refresher training at Highlands Fire Department. They also trained on their Ballistic Protective Equipment that will be utilized in ASHER incidents



- FFD held a public education session with the Sechrist Elementary School AM & PM preschool classes at Station 5.



- Also on the topic of our Fire Department, it is notable that USFS Chief Randy Moore announced that 4FRI is receiving an additional \$12M in FY22 as part of the USDA Wildfire Crisis Strategy. Press see link: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/news/releases/biden-administration-announces-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-wildfire-mitigation>
- Finally, on the very current topic of the Tunnel Fire, there have been public debriefings, including the community meeting on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The City is currently working on a public statement related to the City's role in this fire, and this should be posted today or tomorrow. The Community meeting was well attended and very informative. There will be much more on this event as time progresses.



### **Human Resources & Risk Management**

- Staff members have been working with the Leadership Team to talk through potential changes to compensation policies. We are grateful for Council's consideration of the compensation items discussed in the Budget Retreat, and similarly we appreciate Council's action toward enabling staff to address the remote working policy adjustments.
- Risk Management Director, Maria Robinson, has been working hard to remind City staff members about the danger of distracted driving. Thank you Maria!

## Police Department

- The Police Department celebrated the *National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week* from April 10<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>. Our dispatchers have the superpower of being the informational hub and nucleus of our public safety family and the City. They are the calm in chaos, the trusted lifeline between our citizens and field personnel; they are efficient, brilliant and creative. They have the ability to power through a pandemic, a severe staffing shortage, and stepped up to train several new employees. They have proven that they are resilient, dedicated, and passionate about what they do. Thank you to the City's communication team!
- Lt. Hernandez served as a judge for the Boys and Girls Club *Youth of the Year* contest. Thank you Lt. Hernandez for your service here. Good stuff.

- A call was dispatched for a suicidal person. Upon arrival at the site, Officer Dustin Eberhardt, a veteran officer who grew up in Flagstaff, recognized the individual from prior law enforcement contacts. He immediately established a rapport with him by building on past positive contacts, exhibiting extreme compassion, patience, and calmness. After approximately 25 minutes, the individual agreed to allow Officer Eberhardt to approach him safely and prepare him for transport to the Guidance Center.



Officer Eberhardt's ability to communicate in a manner that showed extreme care for human life was paramount in this situation. He is commended for his actions on this call. Officer Eberhardt, thank you for saving a life!

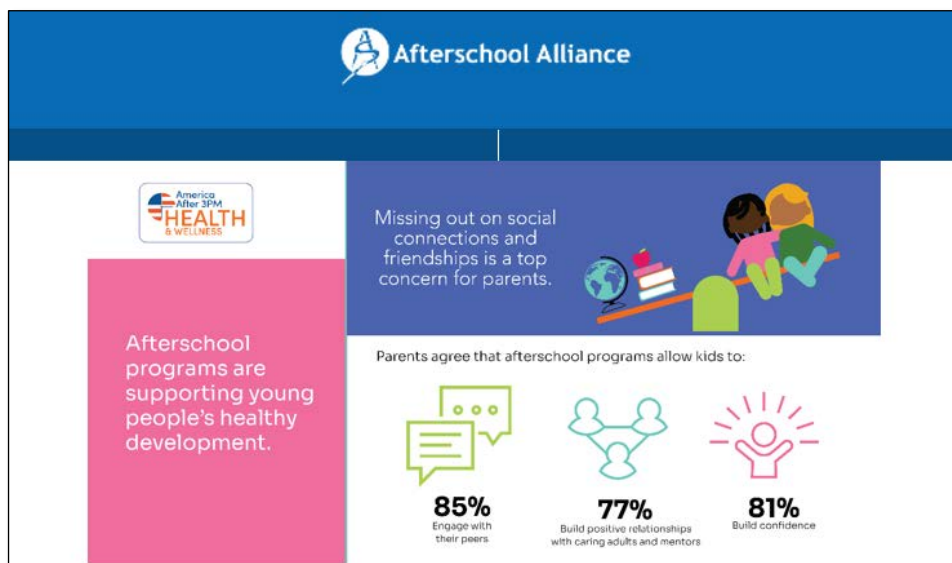
- Lt. Seay and Lt. Turley conducted a safety meeting in coordination with the Downtown Business Alliance to help our liquor establishments prevent violence.
- Also in the subject of close calls, Officers Jackson Potts and Brant Chapin both responded to the call of a potential overdose. The reporting party provided details and an address of the individual who was suspected to be experiencing an overdose. Upon arrival at the subject residence, both officers knocked and loudly announced their presence several times. Upon no response and knowing the urgency of the situation, they forced entry into the residence and found the individual who was unresponsive and unconscious. They called for immediate medical assistance and administered two separate doses of Naloxone to reverse the overdose. Upon administering the two doses, the female became conscious and was further treated by medical staff that had then arrived on scene.

The individual was transported to the Flagstaff Medical Center for further treatment and was expected to make a full recovery. Life is the highest value of the Flagstaff Police Department, and the mission of the Flagstaff Police Department is, first, to protect and preserve life. Officers Jackson Potts and Brant Chapin both proved their alignment with the Flagstaff Police Department's mission and values by saving a life that night. They are hereby award the lifesaving medal. Officer Potts picture on the left and Officer Chapin on the right. Officers Potts and Chapin, well done! Our Community is grateful for your life-saving heroics.



## PROSE

- Double high-fives to the staff working the amazing maintenance week at the Aquaplex this week as the pool, fitness, guest services and other areas are all being touched to prepare for a re-opening on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>!
- Have you ever heard of Afterschool Alliance? This is program PROSE is doing is being highlighted across the country. Parents are grateful for efforts in addressing mental and physical health, bullying, providing information on community resources, and offering a safe space for their children to play, socialize and have fun!



- Congratulations to Dan Carrick who was recently promoted within the PROSE Division to Jay Lively Activity Center Supervisor. Dan has a Masters degree in Sports Management and has been with the City for over eight years, most recently as Recreation Coordinator II in the Athletics Program. Dan is also very involved in local youth and adult hockey leagues as a coach and organizes leagues and tournaments for the City. We are very appreciative of Dan's experience and talents and are excited to see the innovations and new programming he plans to work on in his new role at the ice rink. Congratulations Dan!



- Also, congratulations also to Ryan Reynolds (no relation to the actor, so he tells us) who was recently promoted within the PROSE Division to Aquaplex Supervisor. Ryan has been with the City for five years and also has Recreation experience with the Cities of Tempe and Avondale. Ryan has honed his facilities management experience in those cities and at the Jay Lively Ice Arena, and is excited to put those skills to work at the Aquaplex. We are excited to see Ryan's growth into this management role, especially at the Aquaplex which is certainly a unique facility and has a lot of opportunity as we all emerge from the pandemic. Way to go, Ryan! Well done!



### **Public Works**

- Streets has been focusing on pothole repair, dirt road maintenance, sign repair and replacement, streetlight repair, and sweeper clean up.
- Facilities has been busy working on doors at the Airport, performing building inspections, repairing the ADA button at Joe C Montoya, emergency light repairs at Hal Jensen, repairing a roll up door at Fleet, and lighting and drinking fountain repairs at the Visitor's Center.

- A great shoutout of appreciation to Manny Rivera and Brian George with Facilities, Steve Camp, and Krista Snow with Water Services, and our Landfill Engineers Matt Morales and Ken Ferguson for working through and solving a potable water issue at the Landfill.
- And here's a sign of spring. The Concrete crew started on curb repair and replacement this week.



- The Pulliam Airport's new long-term parking lot anticipated completion date is April 29<sup>th</sup>. Woohoo! Just in time for the busy summer season, and thanks to all who were involved in this great project!
- Jonathon McClanahan started at a new Mechanic Assistant/Lubrication Technician – welcome to the team Jonathon!
- Fleet Services will be addressing worn and damaged vehicle decals and trim as equipment comes through the shop this spring.
- Solid Waste staff are preparing for NAU move-outs that begin April 28<sup>th</sup> and continue through May 6<sup>th</sup>. Let the fun begin!

### **Meetings**

- The Alliance meeting occurred on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and thanks to FUSD for hosting. We had a great presentation from CCC regarding the May ballot measure (Prop 438) and heard from NAU re pending tuition programs. It was a well-attended meeting and thanks to those from the City who attended and spoke.



- Also on the 15<sup>th</sup>, a group of us met with Congressman O'Halleran at the Pulliam Airport to discuss our support of the airport funding and needed building space to accommodate the heavy snow equipment, as seen in the below images. It was a good meeting.



That's it Council ... it's a wrap. Enjoy the Division updates as appended.