

City Manager's Report

August 26, 2022

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

Also, appended to this report is the monthly update from Economic Vitality and PROSE.

Fire Department

- Public outreach over this summer included FACTS Camp IWANNAGO, Fourth of July Lights on the Lawn, PROSE Truck Event, YMCA Day Camp, McMillian Park, and a ribbon cutting at Killip School. Enjoy the photos that follow.



- Several members of the Department helped with filling sandbags during this monsoon season. Thanks for the support!



- Neil Chapman was appointed to the Federal Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission to assist in improving federal policy surrounding wildfire management. Here is a link to the article in the AZ Daily Sun. Congrats, Commissioner!
https://azdailysun.com/news/local/northern-arizona-leaders-named-to-federal-wildland-fire-commission/article_aa89b0c2-016d-11ed-8c44-8f5be4b70329.html.
- A new fire academy began on August 22nd with eleven new firefighters.

Police Department

- Department personnel provided active shooter training to City Hall, Mountain School, and Next Care Urgent Care facility employees.
- Members of the Honor Guard attended the memorial service of fallen Yavapai County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Lopez in Prescott Valley.
- FPD personnel attended the Touch a Truck event at Hal Jensen Recreation Center.
- Congratulations to Officer Buessing who graduated from the Yuma Police Academy.
- A news release this week addressed a frightening situation involving the kidnapping of an infant in Scottsdale on August 24th. Flagstaff Police and Special Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (A.T.F.) responded to a call that the kidnapping suspect with the six-month old infant were in Flagstaff. In the early morning hours in a parking lot on Huntington Drive, the suspect was located and apprehended. The kidnapped baby was recovered, uninjured, and returned to the victim.

Public Works

- Streets lighting team was able to repair over one hundred streetlights even with all the emergency mitigation efforts. Well done!
- The street overlay and concrete replacement program is underway this summer.
- Fleet Services has been busy with rebuilding a water pump on a wastewater vacuum truck, maintaining Fire Department quints (much appreciated!), and other important projects.
- Facilities has retrofitted the exterior lighting at the library to be dark sky compliant; retrofitted the LED lighting at Jay Lively Ice Arena; completed cleaning air handlers, provided window repair and AC compressor repair at USGS; performed some roof repairs at the NACET facility; installed airport lighting fixtures and hydrant repair; provided AC repairs at Cogdill and Fire Station 4; repaired the Fire Station 1 water heater; performed some plumbing repairs at the Aquaplex facility; and HVAC repairs at the Airport. On the subject of the Airport, the new fencing around the older parking lot is now happening. Much going on!
- Landfill has accepted a total of 1,070 tons of fire debris as of June 22nd. That number has obviously increased since that time with the numerous flooding events this summer.

- A metal recycling company has hauled off approximately 500 tons of metal from the Landfill.
- Street crews have been going above and beyond in making sandbags and providing other assistance with the flood mitigation and response. Many thanks to the Street crews as well as the folks in Water Services who have been providing so much effort during this monsoon season.



Miscellaneous

- On Saturday, August 13th, there was a packed house at the Coconino Community College Campus to celebrate the life of Dietrich Sauer, who passed on July 1st. It was a meaningful event in a room filled with friends and family.



- To fill Dietrich's position of HR Director, we have been busy with the recruitment process, again utilizing the services of a professional recruiter. Thanks to the Vice Mayor for attending the meet and greet on August 19th. Stay tuned on this as we will be welcoming our successful candidate soon.
- On Saturday, August 13th, there was a very successful volunteer sandbagging effort at Coconino Estates and surrounding areas. The Mayor and Vice Mayor orchestrated this event, which saw more than 60 volunteers who helped distribute and place over 40 pallets of sandbags (images of before and after shown below, featuring Tim Harrington with Water Services).



- On Sunday the 14th (a very eventful weekend), there was an excellent turnout at the NACET Conference Room to honor and celebrate the *All Indigenous Code Talkers*. In addition to a Marine Corps Posting of the Colors, and a discussion by Annabelle Smallcanyon (daughter of Navajo Code Talker George P. Willie Sr.), a Proclamation by Mayor Deasy, and other presentations, there was a beautiful Exhibition by members of the Soaring Eagle Dance Group.



- More on recruitment efforts. With the filling of the HR Director vacancy, we will quickly be transitioning to a meet and greet event for the City Engineer position which should be occurring in early September (a temporary hold date is scheduled for September 9th). Stay tuned for formal announcement.

We are in the progress of recruiting for Water Services Director and will be posting for Public Works Director in the days ahead. Efforts will then turn to recruiting for the Deputy City Manager position.

That is all for now. Thank you.