

City Manager's Report

October 7, 2022

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

Also, appended to this report are the monthly updates from City Engineering & Capital Projects (resubmitted as it was not discussed last time) and Sustainability. Please note that the Capital Projects Update is preceded by a map to assist you with locations.

In no particular order ...

Fire Department

- FFD conducted several public education events with Mt Calvary Lutheran School Preschool, community member ride- alongs, DeMiguel Elementary School, and Sechrist Elementary School.



Police Department

- Police Department staff helped prepare for the Oktoberfest Event and upcoming elections.
- Sgt Brockman taught drivers education at Coconino High School.
- Officer Stembridge will be attending the Arizona Black Law Enforcement Officers Association Conference.
- Chief Musselman and team helped in the presentation at the Noise Discussion Town Hall on Thursday, October 7, 2022.

Public Works

- Facilities is working on preparing gutters at City Hall for winter; updating circuit panels in City Hall; replaced ceiling tiles and addressed flooding at USGS; fixed an ice machine and inoperable door in Fire Stations; repaired hot water heater at NACET along with multiple new roof leaks; and replaced a water valve at the Airport.
- 27 streetlights were replaced by the signal and streetlighting team.
- Welcome to the team Steven Foreman a new Operations Technician I.
- Solid Waste is reviewing specifications and costs for a centrally located downtown trash compactor.
- Fleet Services welcomed Tanner Abeyta to the team.
- Work continues on the Shultz Creek Basins



Meetings, Etc.

- The **Alliance Meeting** occurred on Friday, September 30th. Topics included an update from the jurisdictions related to ballot measures, flooding update from FCD, and a discussion about recruitment.



- **Badging Ceremony** for FFD Administrative Personnel occurred on September 19th. The ceremony, including family, recognized Kyle Denham, who was promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief assigned to Operations; Earl Callander, who was promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief assigned to Training; and Christ Fennell, who was hired to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief of Operations. Nice images below.



- **City County Meeting** – the upcoming meeting has been set for 3pm on Monday, October 17th with an agenda that will include discussion of flooding (the FCD Board will convene); ballot measures; and Regional Plan update.
- **HCH Follow Up** – As noted by email, Kevin Fincel will be joining the Board of the High Country Humane organization, as City liaison. Thank you Mr. Fincel!
- **Recruitments** – an offer has been accepted by our new City Engineer, whose name and photo will be provided soon. We are excited. His start date is October 31st. Also, thanks to all who participated in the ‘meet and greet’ for our Water Services Director position, with four candidates presenting. It was very well attended, and we greatly

appreciate all the efforts by our four finalists. Stay tuned for an update on this important hiring. We are currently recruiting for Purchasing Manager, and on deck is the recruitment of our new Deputy City Manager. Stay tuned.

- **Guest Lecture:** On Wednesday, October 5th, I spoke to a graduate class of students in Environmental Studies, Political Science, and other emphases as part of the MPA program at NAU. The class is instructed by Professor Minzi Su. We spoke about city council / manager form of government, local / state relations and tensions, and a bit on ethics.



- **ECONA meeting** – the Board met on Wednesday the 5th. Focus was spent discussing upcoming ballot measures and other topics.
- **Lasagna with Public Works Employees** – thanks to the Vice Mayor for orchestrating the excellent lasagna lunch with Public Works employees on October 5th. It was well attended, and home-made lasagna was enjoyed by all.



- **Water Conference** – the AZ Water Association’s Wastewater Treatment Committee has its upcoming annual Technical Seminar, being held on November 2 at the City of Surprise’s Gateway Training Center. This will be the first time the seminar has been held since 2019. This seminar has drawn 70 – 100 attendees each year and has been one of AZ Water’s most successful events outside of the annual conference. Mr. Brad Hill will be presenting on behalf of the City of Flagstaff!

That’s a Wrap! Thank you.