

# City Manager's Report

November 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.

Also, appended to this report are the monthly updates from City Engineering & Capital Projects, Water Services, 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 a wonderful and well attended graduation ceremony on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The badge pinning involved ten new Firefighters:

Firefighter Steve Drennan  
Firefighter Blake Armstrong  
Firefighter Tanner Caputo  
Firefighter Breanna Dudzinski  
Firefighter Cory Fischer  
Firefighter Kelsey Fortnam  
Firefighter Jake McQuaid  
Firefighter Riley Millar  
Firefighter Justin Peris  
Firefighter Alex Taylor



Chief Gaillard offered some nice comments, followed by Oath of Office, Recruit Slideshow, Awards, and Closing Remarks by Deputy Chief Mark Wilson. Congratulations to the new Firefighters!



- FFD charities chose High Country Humane Society for a donation. FFD new recruits spent time helping out.



- Congratulations to Tyler Dobbs and John Jaramillo on their promotions to Engineer!
- Jessica Vigorito has joined the FFD as their Management Analyst – welcome to the FFD team Jessica! Bummer for Human Resources who lost a great employee!
- An amazing rescue: a group of individuals were stuck at the Grand Canyon Covers when the elevator malfunctioned 21 (yes, 21) stories below ground surface. The rescue team was able to create a lift system with multiple ropes and technical rescue equipment. Each member of the stranded party was placed in a harness and lifted back to the surface safely!
- A very large fire at U-Pick-It led to a full recall for Summit Fire and Medical District and FFD to staff stations with a unit. Both agencies worked into the evening to extinguish the fire. Streets on-call support Fire's efforts with one of their water tankers as the closest water source was a 45-minute turnaround. (see pictures below)





### **Police Department**

- Five new recruits began the High Country Training Academy and will graduate on February 24, 2023. This is such great news ... having new graduates and having them trained at our local Academy!
- FPD hosted a Coffee with Cop event at White Dove Coffee for public outreach.
- Chief Musselman and Deputy Chief Lasiewicki presented information to the Commission on Diversity Awareness on FPD diversity efforts.
- Chief Musselman was invited to pass out finisher medals last weekend at the Flagstaff Marathon, which benefitted Coconino Community College. The event was sold out with over 400 runners and took place at the Flagstaff Nordic Center.



## **Public Works**

- Signs and markings crew is installing digital speed radar signs along Linda Vista.
- On-call employees responded to a major power outage downtown that impacted six intersections, signal arrow not working at Fanning and Rte 66, 4<sup>th</sup> street and I-40 bridge guardrail repair, mattress in travel lane at Cedar and West, street sign hit and laying in the road, deceased deer in road at Butler and Indian Springs, and stop sign down at Lunch and Cummings.
- Fleet services working on preventative maintenance for public safety vehicles, preparing vehicles for winter readiness and working through parts delays.
- Facilities maintenance working on repairs and maintenance in many of the City facilities in Fire Station 4, Flagstaff Airport, USGS, Courthouse, Aquaplex, Visitor Center, Incubator, Milligan House, Jay Lively Ice Rink, Public Works and City Hall.
- Solid Waste is currently researching options to increase capacity of collection equipment at the Leroux Street parking lot and Heritage Square through possible use of onsite compaction.
- Shultz Creek Detention Basins were finalized in just 42 working days – congratulations to the Adam Miele, Public Works Senior Project Manager, and the team!
- Public Works and PROSE attended a couple of Downtown Business Alliance meetings to seek feedback about possible tree well/streetscape pilot project that has been proposed by the EUROW team.
- Evan Tyrell joined Team Flagstaff as the new Solid Waste/Fleet Section Director – welcome Evan!

## **A friendly Reminder**

I will be out of the office from November 17<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>. Heidi Hansen will be acting City Manager on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and Shannon Anderson will be acting Manager for the remainder of my absence. Thank you.

That's a Wrap! Thank you.