

City Manager's Report

January 28, 2023

Council and Colleagues, greetings. These reports will be included in the City Council packet for Council Work Sessions. The reports are intended to be informational, covering miscellaneous events and topics involving the city organization. Updates attached to this report include the December updates from IT and Water Services, and the January update for Sustainability.

In no particular order ...

Fire Department

- Significant reports included a train and vehicle collision, structure fire at Green Tree Inn, and with all the snowy weather of late, a head-on vehicle collision and a vehicle rollover. Most unfortunately, we have had another train/pedestrian collision.

Police Department

- Patrol responded to many weather-related calls for motorist assists, minor collisions, and parking issues in snow play areas and some community neighborhoods.
- Welcome to the Police Department's newest Police Chaplin Pastor Brian Spencer!
- The Department celebrated National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day with a nacho bar in honor of FPD staff members dedication to serving the Flagstaff community.
- Congratulations to Officer Zachary Knoepfel for the award of the lifesaving medal! This award was in recognition of Officer Knoepfel's efforts when responding to a medical call for a man who had collapsed and was not breathing. Officer Knoepfel administered CPR until the medical staff arrived and administered medications. The patient has recovered!



Public Works

- The solid waste team is working on a list of goals and objectives for calendar year 2023 in collaboration with the new Section Director, Evan Tyrrell. This effort will help inform the ongoing budgeting process as well as opportunities for improvement related to modernization, efficiency, optimization, public relations, and waste diversion efforts and initiatives.

- Public Works welcomed a new Administrative Specialist Lynette and Project Manager Jarrett to the team!
- The work on the landfill green waste pile has commenced.
- Speaking of Solid Waste, the team has been servicing a handful of snow play bins at Kendrick Park, Peaks View, Thorpe and Lone Tree to help keep the community clean.
- And a hearty congratulations to Scott Overton on his promotion to Public Works Division Director! Scott has been part of the City of Flagstaff as a City Councilmember and staff member since 2006. His experience as a construction business owner, contractor, trades instructor, and operator provide him with great skills and knowledge related to the day-to-day operations of Public Works.

Scott's ascension into the leadership of the organization has been fun to watch. He is a valued member of our Leadership Team, the Budget Team, EUROW, and of course he heads up the Facilities Team. An active participant, his input and perspectives are greatly valued. Scott shared the following sentiments with us about his promotion:

"Serving as the Public Works Director over the past year has been a great experience and mix of my education, experiences and career paths rooted in service to the community. These experiences and the mission to deliver essential services for our residents, fostering a skilled and talented workforce of leaders, maintaining complex infrastructure and continuing to build on the relationships that are established are keystones to success for Public Works. I look forward to working with this solid group of professionals and am thankful for the opportunity to lead a great division, thank you."



Miscellaneous Updates

- On the topic of filling vacancies, we are conducting two more interviews for the vacant Deputy City Manager position – a vacancy that has been in place for nearly a year. The amazing work of our Interim Deputy City Manager, Heidi Hansen, has enabled us to continue with the rigors of our day-to-day work in addition to the many projects of which she has been involved. We hope to fill this position in the near term, but at the same time, we are grateful to Heidi for her leadership. Subsequent to these final interviews, which will conclude early this week, we will have a Meet and Greet with our finalists on February 10th, 3-5pm.
- On January 27th I attended the Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council (CPWAC) as chaired by Vice Mayor Aslan. An update was provided on early bills pertaining to water (thank you, Sarah Langley). All focus will be on the Groundwater Rural Management Area legislation that is currently being introduced. Expect this legislation to come your way once it has been thoroughly analyzed. The city has

supported such legislation in recent years but nothing has been enacted ... yet. Stay tuned.

- We met with Colonel Balten with the Army Corps of Engineers on Friday, January 27th. Thanks to Christine Cameron and Bryce Doty for participating. It was a great meeting with updates regarding real estate acquisitions, timeline, and next steps, all related to the Rio de Flag drainage project.
- I attended an FDDBA Board meeting on the 26th. A presentation related to the Holiday festivities and successes was enjoyed, and our PROSE team had a couple members present to discuss the city's role in these events. Thanks to Haley Reynolds and her team.
- Our Budget Team has been very busy formulating the agenda for upcoming Budget Retreat on February 2nd and 3rd. A special shout-out to Heidi Derryberry for her hard work. The agenda will be provided shortly.
- We will be reaching a consultant agreement with Jim Huchel to continue to assist the city on the many projects of which he is involved, as he is off to Hawaii to commence a new position working in the private sector. We will be recognizing him for his efforts on February 8th (thank you Councilmember Sweet for organizing a get-together).
- I attended the UWNA Board meeting on January 18th. Stay tuned for news related to a new Executive Director.
- We continue to have fruitful discussions with stakeholders and City staff related to John Wesley Powell corridor. The group last met on January 18th.

That's a Wrap! Thank you.