

# City Manager's Report

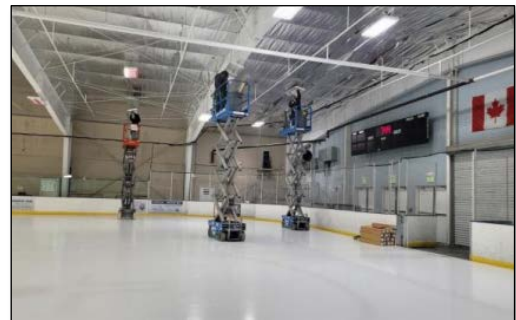
February 10, 2023

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 January update for PROSE.

In no particular order ...

## Public Works

- Despite the snow events ending, the workload continues to be heavy at Fleet as we work to keep equipment for all sections up and running citywide. Major work this week included two (2) major heavy plow frames welded, two (2) major repairs on heavy plow trucks, two (2) motor graders repaired (one being a service call), three (3) light duty snow removal pieces of equipment serviced or diagnosed, two (2) front line fire engines repaired, nine (9) Solid Waste refuse trucks repaired/diagnosed, four (4) light duty pickups repaired/diagnosed, and our routine weekly inspection and service of all landfill equipment.
- The HPC has identified a vendor that can safely recover heavy metals from LED bulbs and has begun accepting them from customers.
- Several collection containers have remained inaccessible due to snow and ice, and the team is doing its best to communicate with customers regarding unserviceable containers to reach viable resolutions.
- Streets crews continued snow hauling operation this week the focus was on cul-de-sacs on the westside of town in addition to patching potholes throughout town, 258+ potholes were filled.
- Streets partnered with Flag Fire by loaning one of our front-end loaders to them, they were able move many of the major snow piles around fire stations.
- Public Works Facilities and Project Management teams worked together to replace lighting at Jay Lively Ice Arena with LED lights.
- The tree recycling program resulted in 12.41 tons of material from curbside, Continental, Jay Lively and Mogollon pickups.



## Police Department

- The Department is focusing on seasonal parking restriction violations to get roadways cleared for snow operations.
- FPD personnel met with Walmart loss prevention to work through issues.
- PIO Sgt. Rintala conducted an open house event with 16 children from local schools.
- An awards and promotion ceremony was held on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Senior Deputy City Manager Anderson and I attended. Below are some of the names and awards. The promotional oath was given by the Honorable Brent Harris.



### **Maria Fitting – 2022 Volunteer of the Year**

Maria Fitting is an essential contributor to Flagstaff Police Department, and one of our most active volunteers. She is good at multi-tasking, always cheerful and always willing to help others. She devotes an enormous amount of time and effort to train new volunteers and share with them the benefit of her experience and wisdom. This has greatly benefited our Records Section. Maria also volunteers significant time for community events. She always has a smile on her face and is a pleasure to be around. Congratulations Maria!



### **Tammy Truman – 2022 Valerie Hernandez Excellence Award**

Tammy was hired in 2021, and quickly gained the knowledge and insight to keep up with the department's mission. She has an outstanding work ethic, demonstrates high integrity, and is always a team player. Tammy assists with numerous assignments, including her serving on the Employee Advisory Committee, assisting the Shop with a Cop and Law Enforcement Toy Drive, and volunteering to take on additional tasks or projects in Records. Recently she took on an extensive record request project – completing the redaction and dissemination of over 500 reports in four weeks! She is well deserving of this prestigious award. Congratulations Tammy!





### **Officer Chris Wesley -- 2022 Flagstaff PD Officer of the Year**

Ofc. Wesley started his career with the Flagstaff Police Department in 2017 and has become one of the most well rounded and adaptive officers in this department. Ofc. Wesley is a SWAT operator and proactively assists the Criminal Investigations Division and Metro Narcotics to help further their investigations. He also serves as a Field Training Officer to help train our newest officers and keep them safe. In 2022, Ofc. Wesley was involved in

numerous proactive investigations which lead to the arrest of several suspects and took a large amount of illegal and dangerous narcotics off of the streets of our community. He was also recognized for his life saving CPR with an unconscious female. For these reasons and more, Ofc. Wesley has been awarded the Flagstaff Police Department Officer of the year!

### **Officer Brian Smithart -- Flagstaff Law Enforcement Association Officer of the year**

Officer Brian Smithart had previously attended Grand Canyon University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in justice studies. He was hired by Flagstaff PD in October of 2019 and attended the Phoenix Regional Police Academy. Upon graduation he was assigned to patrol. He is a member of the FPD Rapid Response Team and a Field Training Officer.



There is no higher honor than one of your peers recognizing you for your hard work. A fellow officer completed this nomination, identifying the following positive attributes of Officer Smithart: he has consistently demonstrated his commitment to this department; he comes to work with a positive and humble attitude every day; and he treats everyone with an equal amount of respect and dignity that is consistent with department policy. Ofc. Smithart also exhibits a willingness to help his peers to ensure that everyone is carrying a fair workload. He has the unique ability to relate to everyone he meets – a valuable attribute in the career of law enforcement. We are all excited to see him selected by the Flagstaff Officers Association as their Officer of the year!



## Fire Department

- Members from the FFD Honor Guard went to Phoenix to be a part of the annual 2023 Professional Firefighters of Arizona Memorial. The City of Flagstaff was very well represented.
- FFD partnered with CCSO Search and Rescue and their snow cat to respond to a fall injury during the severe snowstorm. With the assistance of the CCSO team FFD was able to gain access to the patient and successfully transport her to Guardian ambulance. Well done, Team!
- The FFD is hosting a 5-week 200-hour hazmat class locally for 15 students from all over Northern Arizona. Students are halfway through the program and will be focusing on how to mitigate hazardous materials responses for the rest of the class.
- FFD celebrated Jess Maier's retirement after 20 years of service with the city. Congratulations, Jess! Thank you for your service to our community.



## Miscellaneous Updates

- More on recruitments. Shannon Jones, our new Water Services Director, started with the city on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. He successfully completed his orientation and is currently going through a well-orchestrated on-boarding program. On Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, we formally introduced him to the entire Water Services staff, and also recognized outgoing Brad Hill and Jim Huchel – both of whom will continue to assist the city through a consultation agreement (a big thank you)! We will introduce Shannon Jones in person at the upcoming Council meeting.





- We have been frequently meeting internally on the topic of the NAH relocation, with the big items of discussion being transportation and fire safety. We will be circling back with NAH with our outcomes, and they will soon be discussed with Council. Stay tuned on this very important project.
- We continue to have fruitful discussions related to the JWP corridor, with affected property owners.
- The second Budget Retreat was quite successful and thank you to the Council and staff for the hard work and time that went into this. Related, one outcome pertained to the Joe Montalvo facility and the repurposing of Fire Station 2. We will be meeting with the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association on March 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss this project as well as Ponderosa Park.

That's a Wrap! Thank you.