

# City Manager's Report

June 23, 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. This Report will include, as attachments, the June update from PROSE, the April-June quarterly from Water Services, the spring quarterly from IT, and the May update from Economic Vitality.

In no particular order ...

## Fire Department

- The Commission on Professional Credentialing voted to award Deputy Chief Mark Wilson the Chief Fire Officer designation. He has earned this professional designation through his demonstration of education, leadership, and management skills. DC Wilson is one of 1,882 Chief Fire Officers (internationally). Congratulations Deputy Chief Wilson on your Chief Fire Officer designation!



- And a hearty congratulations to Casey Gonzales on your promotion to Fire Captain!



- Flagstaff Fire Department conducted some public outreach at Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School (picture of Engineer Callan), STEM event at Ft Tuthill, and Shadows Foundation Color Run! Good stuff!



- Fire Department training has recently included an Engineer's Academy, Haz Mat training for on duty Special Operations Technicians, CEASE, Wildland Training, paramedic training, training with Mountain Line on new electric buses, dispatch ride along, Purina Plant on high hazard areas, BlueCard, vehicle stabilization and extrication, and aerial training.
- Significant calls included a pedestrian vs vehicle accident, multiple freeway motor vehicle accidents, a quarter-acre fire on Mt Elden, a gas meter struck by a vehicle, a rollover accident, a quarter-acre wildfire behind Homco, a stranded hiker on Fat Mans Loop, a rubbish fire at Waste Management plant, a wildland fire on Mars Hill, a train vs. pedestrian accident, and a fire behind Station 2.
- Welcome to Mark Adams the new Community Risk Reduction Specialist! He joined Team Flagstaff on June 26th.
- Flagstaff Fire received a grant from Heal the Hero Foundation, Vitanya, and The State of Arizona for a Program called *Command Performance*. This program is designed to help first responders improve sleep, mental clarity, anxiety, resiliency, and overall general health. The equipment is located at Fire Station 3 in the upstairs mezzanine.

## Human Resources & Risk Management

- Risk Management participated in the Public Works all employee appreciation event during Public Works week. They shared information and provided prizes to participants.
- Cindy Perger rolled out training for a new software for Family Medical and Parental Leave to extended leadership.
- City staff have been finishing up P4P (“pay-for-performance”) training with the assistance of Alan Keay and Lancaster Leadership.
- Our classification and compensation heroes are gearing up for the fiscal year changes – thanks to Sara Stachura and Justin Oblinger!

## Police Department

- FPD completed training on open field search tactics for the SWAT team, Rapid Response, mobile field force, CEASE, CPR refresher, victims’ rights and notification, and child crimes in-service.
- FPD met with local partners at Amtrak, Flagstaff Shelter Services, state terrorism intelligence, Southside Community Association, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, High Country Humane, Boys & Girls Club, Continuum of Care, FUSD on Project Alert, Coconino Safe-Kids Coalition, and CCC Foundation Board.
- Sgt. Rintala and a couple reserve officers assisted with family fun day out at the Flagstaff Mall.
- Katie Brandis held a statewide dispatcher job fair at Flagstaff Police Department (thank you, Katie!)
- Sustainability and FPD partners on a drug drop and shred-a-thon event.
- Officer Rees Cleeland received a life saving award for responding to the Greyhound Bus Station for a woman not breathing. He was able to administer Narcan and she began to breathe on her own. Thanks to you, Officer Cleeland, for your life saving efforts!



- And congratulations, Collette Truman, for your promotion to Records Manager!



- Our Police Department held a community outreach event, Pizza with the Police at Nimarcos Pizza on the East side. Dozens of folks came out to meet the officers and get a free slice of pizza. Check out the below picture of the well-fed group!



- And one more big congratulations to Melissa Seay on your promotion to Police Sergeant. Well done, Sergeant!



## Public Works

- An Incident Management Team (IMT) interest meeting was hosted and was well attended by just over 50 city staff across multiple divisions.
- The Traffic Signal Team repaired 296 streetlights.
- Streets concrete crews are working on annual sidewalk and curbing repair and replacement ... much appreciated, team.
- Fleet Services have been busy working on snow operations vehicle repairs, refuse trucks, fire apparatus, and working on getting sweepers back in service.
- Facilities maintenance have been focusing efforts on preventative maintenance, USGS projects, roof replacements at Joe C Montoya and NACET, partnering with PROSE on annual repair and maintenance during closure, repairs of tenant properties like Boys & Girls Club and Theatrikos, Sustainability remodel, and working on organizing several storage areas.
- Bulky pickup is on schedule. Woohoo! Thanks team!
- Streets is working on their two weeks of blading of dirt roads working East to West.
- Landfill hosted the Coconino County Community Clean up event the beginning of June.

## Beautification ...

- This just in. Flowers. Flowers are in, and adorning the Downtown core, and Southside commercial areas. Excellent. Check out the before and after photos below.





## Meetings & Events

- We had a nice Metro Plan Advance on May 24<sup>th</sup> ... well attended. We covered a lot of ground. The event took place at the Aquaplex.
- The Downtown Business Alliance met on May 25<sup>th</sup> and again on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. During the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, both Christine Cameron and Trevor Henry presented on the Downtown Mile. Thank you both ... it was a great presentation.
- On May 25<sup>th</sup>, we recognized Sgt. Todd Bishop on his well-earned retirement, which will bring him up to Alaska with his wonderful family. It was a great celebration ... thanks to Chief Musselman and the many others who put this together.
- Also on May 25<sup>th</sup>, I had the honor of speaking at the Museum of Northern Arizona to NALA (Northern Arizona Leadership Alliance), giving an update on city matters.



- We met with Virginia Watahomigie on May 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss trauma-informed systems. The city will be instituting a significant training on this in the fall. Stay tuned.
- On May 31<sup>st</sup> we had the groundbreaking for the Downtown Connection Center. Excellent event, and well attended. Photos below.



- On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, I had a personal tour at some of the facilities operated by Catholic Charities. It was very informative.
- Also on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, I participated in a kick-off meeting with the Water Services and our consultant helping out with the rate study – Stantec.
- And on June 3<sup>rd</sup> we helped celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of Steve Darden, spouse of Rose Toehe, at the Aquaplex. It was very well attended.



- Our Council Priority Based Budgeting retreat on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, facilitated by Kathy Novak, was very well orchestrated and engaging. Thanks to all for the participation. Next steps on this important process will be a significant amount of community outreach. Props to Chris Rhode, Glorice Thousand, and team.

That is a wrap ... thank you!