

City Manager's Report

Sept 22, 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 is very brief in content, and will include, as attachment, the update from Economic Vitality.

In no particular order ...

CJCC

The Mission of the Coconino County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is as follows:

The CJCC exists to promote the safety and welfare of all citizens of Coconino County, to reduce the number of future crimes and future victims, to promote the protection and healing of victims, to ensure the efficient and just treatment of offenders, and to work toward the prevention of crime and reduction of recidivism.

The City continues to have active participation in the CJCC. On September 13th, the CJCC met for an afternoon retreat to continue the strategic planning of the organization. Appreciation is extended to Mayor Daggett and Councilmember Mathews, as well as Senior Deputy City Manager Shannon Anderson for their participation in this retreat. The outcomes will soon be presented to this Council.

Watershed Alliance for the Rio de Flag

As previously noted, Ed Schenk and I met with a couple members of the proposed Watershed Alliance for the Rio de Flag (WARF) on Sept 6 to discuss the formative documents that will soon be going back to the Water Commission and eventually to the City Council. It is our intention to have this documentation to the Water Commission at their October meeting, and this update was provided to the Commission on September 21st.

Sandbag Policy

An internal team together with members of the TAC for flood mitigation planning is currently discussing a policy and outreach approach to respond to residents inquiring about short-term mitigation removal (sandbags and barriers). It is a very nuanced discussion and one that needs to be tailored to the uniqueness of each neighborhood that is impacted. Obviously, the flood risks in many of these areas remain a factor. As long-term mitigation strategies are implemented, future modeling should reveal some reduction of this risk. We are simply not there yet. Stay tuned on this.

Cedar Avenue Closing

As part of the Spruce Wash Improvements Grandview Drive Reconstruction Project Utility Phase, crews will be installing sewer utilities across Cedar Avenue, necessitating a full nighttime closure of part of Cedar Avenue on Monday, Sept. 25 through Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. This work is being performed through the night to maintain the safety of the traveling public and construction crews, while allowing for the high-volume flow of daytime traffic along Cedar Avenue. Significant outreach, including distribution of door hangers in the impacted area has been conducted to prepare the neighborhoods for this construction schedule. Sewer services to residents and businesses in the area will remain operational at all times.

Council Retreat

Council will have a facilitated retreat on October 12th. Stay tuned for agenda and venue details.

That is all for now, Council. There will be more updates in the next report.