

City Manager's Report

December 6, 2024

Council and Colleagues, greetings. These reports are intended to be informational, covering miscellaneous events and topics involving the city organization. This report inclusive of the most recent updates from Economic Vitality, Human Resources & Risk Management, and Housing.

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team had a full-day retreat at the new Discovery Center at Lowell. This occurred on Wednesday, December 4th. It was an excellent retreat, largely facilitated by Julie Lancaster. We focused on communication skills, utilizing personality assessments (Meyers Briggs Indicator) and other helpful tools and models to guide us through the discussion. It was very beneficial, and the venue was ... out of this world.



Discover Flagstaff Annual Partner Luncheon Meeting

The annual event was held at the High-Country Conference Center on November 13th. It was very well attended and quite exciting. From the start of the lunch, it became clear that the Discover Flagstaff had spent much time preparing the presentations and highlighting tourism's economic impact in Flagstaff. In particular, our own Heidi Hansen, reviewed the last year's activities and forecasted how the newly voter approved BBB tax revenue is expected to bolster tourism and economic development programs. Projects and activities at Flagstaff Airport, Public Library, ParkFlag, and Beautification, Arts and Sciences were all covered, and success stories highlighted.

Arizona State Rep. Justin Wilmeth provided the keynote. Since 2021, Wilmeth has represented Legislative District 2 covering areas of north Phoenix. The Pluto Bill is one of 29 Wilmeth has successfully had signed into law. Other speakers included Vice Mayor Aslan, and numerous staff members within Economic Vitality. Great event!



Police Department

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month ended with a week-to-week comparison trending downward with an 8% reduction over the previous week. Proactive patrol work has made a big difference – thank you!
- Records has completed their remodel.

Public Works

- In the past 18 months, almost 1/3 of the 4000 city streetlights have been replaced with amber LEDs. Great work!
- Solid Waste is excited to be working with Water Service on a new biosolids initiative to help prolong the life of the Wildcat Treatment Plant while also helping to reduce a soil deficiency at the landfill. Lots of work and testing has been happening in the background but the project is now live. We will share the outcomes. Stay tuned.

May Hicks House

Stay tuned for a presentation / Update on this great project. Coming your way.

Fire Department

- A wonderful gift ... a heartwarming story: A few members of our Fire Department – Will Giannola, Tyler Krombeen, Jake McQuaid, and Max Robinson – responded to a call for an elderly woman who had fallen and needed assistance. Upon responding, they learned upon response she had neck surgery the day before. They also discovered that she was living without a proper bed. They reached out to the local firefighters' union charities to see if they could purchase a bed for her, successfully. They purchased and assembled the bed so that it was ready upon her return to home. A big shout out for these staff members working to find a way to go above and beyond to serve this community member in such a meaningful way!
- And a hearty congratulations Captain Paul Sanders for his completion of the Arizona Fire Chief's Association Battalion Chief's Academy!

Quiet Zone & Train Horns

The staff has met onsite with Federal Rail Administration, at its request, to discuss the Quiet Zone and safety objectives related to train/pedestrian accidents. There has been considerable attention to this matter of late, and some safety improvements (recent, present, and future) are notable. Staff will be updating Council on this very important topic on January 7th.



That's all for now, Council. Thanks!