

City Manager's Report

March 26, 2024

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. You will have an update from Community Development along with this report.

Police Chief Interview Process

Last week (March 20th and 21st) there was a rigorous process involving interview sessions and a community meet & greet for the five candidates for our Police Chief position. In total, there were five panel reviews including a Community Panel, Leadership Panel, Technical Panel, Employee Panel, and Executive Management Panel. We are greatly appreciative to all the members of these panels, and to the many people who attended the Wednesday evening meet & greet. We received significant input.

The five candidates include two internal members of Flagstaff PD, Lieutenant Charles Hernandez II and Deputy Chief of Police Collin Seay. The three candidates from outside the organization include Kenneth Booker, former Executive Staff member and Deputy Chief of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office; Sean Connolly, Operations Executive Assistant Chief with Phoenix Police Department; and Colin King, Division Commander with Tucson Police Department.

With notable qualifications and experience of all five candidates, the process clearly revealed that we had a successful recruitment process. There were 49 applications, which were screened down to eleven, followed by a selection of seven finalists. Five of the seven finalists made it to the interview process accordingly. A big shout-out to Senior Deputy City Manager Shannon Anderson for her oversight of this process, together with members of our Human Resource Division.

Stay tuned for a final decision, which is forthcoming.

City Events & Awards

Viola Awards

Creative Flagstaff hosted the 16th Annual Viola Awards on Saturday, March 23rd at the Orpheum Theater. It was well attended, and Mayor Daggett was Co-Emcee. The Viola Awards are Flagstaff's Oscars for the arts community. Notably, the event honored Klee Benally as the 2024 Babbitt Brothers Foundation Legacy Award recipient.



Arizona Forward

Mayor Daggett was honored on Saturday at the Arizona Forward's Environmental Awards for her leadership on climate action. Mayor Daggett joined only four Mayors across the state who received this award. Vice Mayor Aslan accepted the award on her behalf and celebrated the amazing team at the City of Flagstaff working to address our climate emergency.



Arizona Forward's 42nd Annual
Environmental Excellence Awards
Presented in Partnership with SRP

Saturday | March 23, 2024 | 5:30pm
JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn
5402 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85253

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 13, 2024.
For table and seat pricing, visit ArizonaForward.org
or email info@ArizonaForward.org.
Dress is Black Tie or Evening Attire.

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