

City Manager's Report

Sept 5, 2024

Council and Colleagues, greetings. We hope that your summer recess was fantastic. 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 inclusive of the most recent updates from PROSE, Water Services and Economic Vitality.

Miscellaneous Updates

Arizona League of Cities and Towns

The annual conference was held August 27-30th in Phoenix at the Arizona Biltmore. It was very well attended, and the curriculum was great. The City was well represented with our Mayor participating in the Center for Arizona Session entitled *Advancing the Arizona we Want – Centering Arizonans' Voices in the Election Season*. It was informative and quite timely.

Scott Overton, and Kevin Finsel were participants in the earlier sessions on Thursday morning (coinciding). Kevin presented at the *Employment for Elected Officials* session along with Justin Pierce, the guitar-strumming lawyer, while Scott presented at the *Emergency Preparedness Planning* session (with no musical instruments whatsoever). Sarah Darr then presented at a panel later in morning, entitled *Advancing Arizona: Workforce and Affordable Housing Solution*.



Many of us partook in the annual Parade of Flags event and we were accompanied by Louie the Lumberjack mascot from NAU, and Coco the Comet mascot from CCC. And on Thursday evening the city hosted a booth at the Showcase of Cities and Towns.

We were fortunate to hear Governor Hobbs speak at the Thursday Luncheon.



Volunteer Event

Back in July, a number of volunteers assembled in Coconino Estates to help remove some sandbags from residents who requested assistance. It was well-attended, and we accomplished a lot. Props to all those who helped, and to the Sustainability Team for orchestrating.



National Procurement Institute

The National Procurement Institute (yes, there is such a thing) provided the following letter to note a prestigious award earned by our City Procurement Section. Fantastic news and well deserved! See below:



August 5, 2024

Greg Clifton
City Manager
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Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Dear Greg Clifton,

I am pleased to inform you that your agency's procurement department has earned the 2024 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Award. The continuously evolving AEP criteria are designed to measure and provide benchmarks for public procurement best practices.

The City of Flagstaff is one of 198 agencies in the United States and Canada and one of 72 Cities to receive the award.

We encourage you to share this prestigious award with your governing body and organization. A sample press release is also available on our website at [AEP Media Library \(npi-aep.org\)](https://www.npi-aep.org).

Congratulations on the 29th Annual 2024 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Award!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B.P. Garrity', is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Brian P. Garrity, CPSM, C.P.M., CPPB
Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Award Officer

cc: Mr. Patrick Brown, C.P.M., Director

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® recognizes organizational excellence in public and non-profit procurement. The award criteria are designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function. In addition to the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI), the AEP is sponsored by the California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPPO), Canadian Public Procurement Council / Conseil canadien des marchés publics (CPPC), Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials (FAPPO), Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement and the Texas Public Purchasing Association (TxPPA).

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SMART Funding

On August 16, the Arizona State Transportation Board approved the City of Flagstaff's request for \$2.4 million in SMART Funding to cover the City's portion of the matching funds for the \$9.6 million Safe Streets for All grant associated with the Butler Ave Complete Streets Conversion project. A special thank you to Councilmember McCarthy who provided testimony to the Board and MetroPlan for their advocacy efforts. We are excited to keep this project moving forward!

Employee Picnic

The City of Flagstaff's annual picnic returned this year. Departments participated in a wiffle ball tournament, a dunk tank and joined with coworkers to celebrate Team Flagstaff.

Below is a photo of the first game with Engineering playing Water Services. Michelle McNulty is moonlighting for the Engineering team in the catcher role with Brian Huntzinger at bat. Fortunately, there were no injuries.



The highlight of the day was the Dunk a Director. Thanks to all of the brave directors. We raised \$240 for United Way! CJ Perry raised the most and is rumored to have been dunked over 25 times. Apparently, people truly enjoy dunking CJ. Apparently, Joanne has been practicing for the occasion.



I want to give a special thank you to Champions of Team Flagstaff and, specifically Erin Young, for their hard work on this event. I know many people were involved in planning, grilling, organizing and clean-up. Team Flagstaff is truly special!

High Country Academy Graduation

Congratulations to Class #4! The class of 14 graduates were sworn in during the graduation and celebration event on August 22nd. I understand that Council was not aware of this in advance, as it occurred at the tail end of the Council recess, and we apologize for that. In the future, we will make sure that all are aware.

The ceremony involved a keynote speech by our Police Chief Sean Connolly. It was wonderful. Class Four will see four officers coming on board with Flagstaff PD, and we welcome them with excitement!



Joy Cone

Water Services and our Office met with the team at Joy Cone to discuss the progress of the new pre-treatment infrastructure and overall plant enhancements. The reuse part of the infrastructure will see clarified discharge from the plant applied to landscaping through a drip system. It's all very exciting, and we look forward to what lies ahead. It was a great meeting, and props to the leadership at Joy Cone and our Water Services team (Regulatory Compliance) for their assistance in this matter, which has been on the table for years.

John Wesley Powell

The meetings continue to be frequent and meaningful, as we are now discussing funding participation and next steps. We are looking to have a Council update in the weeks ahead. Stay tuned.

Linda Vista

Look for an update newsletter that the Spruce Wash Team is preparing (many thanks). I will share with you that things are progressing, and the below photo was taken while riding through the area on Sept 4th. The teams are working hard.



Meade Lane Flooding

We will be having a staff update, and discussion, on this during the Council meeting.

That is a wrap, Council. Short and sweet. Again, welcome back from the recess and we look forward to accomplishing a lot of business here in the weeks to follow. Below is an image captured from the South Rim, displaying the splendor of a mid-summer sunset. Enjoy.

