

City Manager's Report

February 6, 2025

Council and Colleagues, greetings. These reports are intended to be informational, covering miscellaneous events and topics involving the city organization. This report is brief, and appended by a monthly update from the PROSE Division.

Council Retreat

We enjoyed the two-day retreat on January 30th and 31st at the Core Facilities Building (Public Works). Thank you for your engagement. Please be mindful that there will also be a two-day retreat on February 13th and 14th.

The Council considerations that were identified at the end of the retreat have been incorporated into our ongoing budget discussions and will be broached again with the Council for further discussion. Stay tuned.

We received surveys from many of the participants (anonymous) and there was an excellent score across the board for the retreat agenda and discussions, and exercises. These surveys are available for anyone who would like to review.

City Manager's Excellence Awards

We hosted the annual City Manager's Excellence Awards at the Orpheum on February 5th, 11AM to 1:30PM. We had great attendance, and we are grateful to the many elected officials who also enjoyed the festivities. We will provide Council with a list of the awardees and some photos during the next CM Report.

City/County Huddle

We had a great meeting on January 29th and the topic was forest health and fire preparedness. Thanks to Neil Chapman, Chief Gaillard, and Paul Oltrogge from the City for their presentations to the group. We are working on a joint City/County meeting to occur in early April to further discuss. Stay tuned.

Alliance Meeting

The meeting is Friday, February 7th, and the City will be presenting an update on its capital projects. The presentation is attached hereto for your reading enjoyment.

Grant Funding

Please find attached to this report a release as recently provided, courtesy of our Public Affairs Section, on the topic of grant funding and the importance of this revenue for the City. The topic is relevant and timely, and we touched upon it during last week's retreat. It's a very good read.

Fire Department / Summit Fire & Medical Awards

The awards event occurred on Friday, January 31st. Thanks to the elected officials who were able to attend. I would like to recap the recognitions and awards below:

Years of Service

Tenure

- 10 years of City service – Christopher Denham, Anthony Matthews, Casey Gonzales, James Devenney
- 20 years of City service – Chris Samples, Christopher Romero
- 25 years of City servicer – Dave Wilson, Chris Thomas

Promotions & Badge Pinning

- Seth Gregar - EMS BC
- Nick Ondrejch – Captain
- Kyle Benedict – Engineer
- Jessica Vigorito – Fire Administration Manager

New Positions

- Noah Baker – Wildfire, Climate, and Community Health Specialist (Temp)

Firefighter of the Year 2024

- Levi Daulton

(Excerpts from Chief Gaillard): Levi's journey as a career firefighter began in 2016 with Summit Fire and Medical, where he quickly proved himself as a dedicated and skilled member of the team. In 2021, he brought that same passion and commitment to the Flagstaff Fire Department. Levi was part of the first-ever Greater Flagstaff Regional fire academy, setting the foundation for what would become an exceptional career in service to his community.

This past summer, while on vacation, Levi found himself on a boat dock where bystanders were bringing in victims of a flipped over pontoon boat with 11 people on board. This event turned into a mass casualty incident at Lake Powell, where several individuals tragically drowned. In the face of chaos and heart-wrenching circumstances, Levi worked to assist and treat those affected, doing everything he could to bring hope to an unthinkable situation. As a result of his efforts, a child who arrived at the dock in cardiac arrest left the scene with a heartbeat and is alive today due to the treatment provided. Levi's actions, off the clock, serve as a powerful reminder that the dedication of a firefighter never truly

takes a break.

But Levi's contributions go beyond emergency response. He leads a team of firefighters who participate in Camp Courage through the Arizona Burn Foundation. Camp Courage is a place where young burn survivors come to heal and build confidence. Levi doesn't just lead—he creates opportunities for these kids to find their own strength. One of his standout contributions has been the firefighter obstacle course he designed, allowing the kids to experience the resilience and teamwork that defines our profession. It's a highlight of the camp each year, and it wouldn't be the same without Levi's creativity and heart.

Levi, your work with Camp Courage, your heroism at Lake Powell, and your unwavering commitment to our department and community makes you truly deserving of this honor. You are not only a skilled firefighter but a leader, and mentor for so many. Levi exemplifies the very best of what it means to serve. On behalf of the Flagstaff Fire Department, it is my honor to present you with the Firefighter of the Year Award. Congratulations, Levi!

Unit Commendation

- Station 2 A Shift Crew:
- E2- Mike Felts, Matt Howell, Hannah Duval
- R2- Todd George, Lucas Trotter

(Excerpt from Chief Gaillard): On 12-21-23, station 2 A shift crews responded to the eastside Walmart for the report of a 19-year-old male that was not breathing. Once crews arrived on scene, they confirmed that the patient was a full code or (in cardiac arrest) on the sidewalk in front of the store. Crews were able to quickly jump into action and started CPR and followed ACLS protocols. Due to this crew's actions on scene, the patient regained pluses and was transported to FMC where he recovered and was eventually released. Due to their efforts the following crew will be receiving the Unit Commendation.

The Unit Commendation is awarded when a unit acts with courage, resourcefulness, and/or perseverance in performance of their duties have resulted in the protection of life or property, the prevention of serious injury or death, or exceptional quality service to the department or the community.

Storks Pin's/ Field Delivery Plaque

- E6 Crew:
- Kevin Wiles
- John Jaramillo
- Brandon Roberts

(Excerpt from Chief Gaillard): *Early Easter morning, E6 was dispatched to a female patient in active labor. The family had prepared to deliver the baby at home but, due to the snowy weather conditions, the midwife was delayed so 911 was called. E6 crew arrived on scene and delivery was imminent. E6 crew assisted mom in delivering a healthy baby girl just before the midwife arrived*

The Stork Pin is awarded to either an individual or a unit for performance of duties during a field baby delivery.

Citizen Heroism Award

- Cassandra Borg

(Excerpt from Chief Gaillard): *E1- C shift responded on 02/04/2024 to the Bashas on Woodlands Village for the report of a male who was having chest pain and collapsed in the produce section. While enroute crews were advised that the male pt had stopped breathing and a bystander had started CPR and it was in progress. Upon E1 arrival the pt had agonal respirations and shortly after became conscious. There is no doubt that early CPR from a bystander named Cassandra Borg helped save this man's life. For her efforts Cassandra Borg will be award the Citizen Heroism Award.*

The Citizen Heroism Award (plaque) is awarded to a person outside the Fire Department who has been involved in a lifesaving effort at an emergency scene before the arrival of the Fire Department or who has provided extraordinary assistance to the Fire Department members in an emergency.





FY26 State and Federal Funding Requests

Each year, the City has an opportunity to pursue state appropriations and federal congressionally directed spending requests to fund areas of need within the City. Staff worked with City divisions, City leadership and our lobbyists to create a list of requests of current funding needs that are impactful to our community, politically salient, at the appropriate stage of planning, and within the legislature's desired cost range. The identified requests for FY26 at both the state and federal levels are listed below.

State Funding Asks

- Wildland Fire Management Facility + Design (\$3.95M)
- Public Safety Apparatus (\$3.26M)
- Big Fill Lake Flood Mitigation Project (\$3M)
- Airport Security and Access Control Upgrades (\$1M)

Federal Funding Asks

- La Plaza Vieja Phase II (\$1M)
- Wildfire Risk Reduction Home Hardening Homeowner Matching (\$4M)
- Real Time Operations Center + Emergency Management Equipment (\$3.5M)
- Fanning Wash Flood Mitigations (\$4M)
- Pine Dell Main Upsizing (\$3.2M)
- Airport Terminal Expansion and Accessibility (\$4M)
- Removing Green Waste and Biosolids from the Municipal Waste Stream through Thermal Composting (\$4M)

Staff will work with our lobbyist to communicate the importance of these requests to our legislators and encourage their inclusion in state and federal budgets.

That's all for now, Council.