

City Manager's Report

April 4, 2025

Council and Colleagues, greetings. These reports are intended to be informational, covering miscellaneous events and topics involving the city organization. Appended to this report is the monthly update from both PROSE and Housing. During my report at the upcoming Council Work Session, you will receive updates from both Police and Fire.

Budget Team Process

Council, we will be retreating, likely for the final time during this budget process, on **Thursday, April 24th and Friday, April 25th**. The retreat on both days will occur at **Core Services with a hard start at 8:30am**. The Friday retreat will likely only take half a day. Details to come. The team has been working hard on the agenda and presentations.

This retreat will not be facilitated. We will be wrapping up many matters that have already been addressed, with some updates. Again, we truly appreciate the dedication by Council in this budget process, which requires so much of your time. Thank you.

Water Services Director

The City received thirteen applications for Water Services Division Director. After screening applications and conducting initial interviews, the team selected two candidates who joined us for the Meet & Greet on March 27th followed by a series of interviews with Leadership and Water Services on March 28th. The candidate names and a brief biography are included below:

Jeffery Low – Mr. Low has an MS Degree in Environmental Engineering, a BS Degree in Hydrology, and holds a Floodplain Manager certification. He has 29 years of public service and four years in private industry. Mr. Low currently serves as the Utilities Director for the Town of Camp Verde. His previous roles consisted of Capital Projects Manager for the City of Prescott, Floodplain Unit Manager for Yavapai County, Assistant Town Engineer/Public Works Director for the Town of Cave Creek, and Engineering Plan Reviewer for the Flood Control District of Maricopa County.

Lee Williams – Mr. Williams has a BS Degree in Chemistry & Math and is a certified operator in Water Treatment, Water Distribution, Wastewater Treatment, and Wastewater Collection. He has 12 years of public service, six years in education, and four years in private industry. Mr. Williams currently serves as the Water Operations Section Director for the City of Flagstaff. He previously worked for Prescott Unified School District and Orange County Schools as a teacher.



Thanks to the elected officials who participated in the Meet & Greet. We should have news on the outcome of this recruitment process by the time of the Council Work Session. Stay tuned.

Joint City County Meeting

The next Joint City County Meeting will take place at **3pm in the City Council Chambers on Monday, April 14th**. We typically try to have 3-4 agenda items during these meetings, with topics that are current and relevant. We are working on that agenda currently. It will be finalized and distributed soon.

Washington DC Trip

A consortium including Mayor Daggett, Vice Mayor Sweet, Councilmember House, Deputy City Manager Keene, Project Manager Christine Cameron, and City Attorney Solomon all participated in a short but action-packed visit to the Nation's Capital to visit Congressional Delegates and various federal agencies, including the Army Corps of Engineers. The curriculum and advocacy objectives were publicly discussed and approved in open meetings prior to the trip. This, from Deputy City Manager Joanne Keene:

Mayor Daggett, Vice Mayor Sweet, Councilmember House, Deputy City Manager Joanne Keene, City Attorney Sterling Solomon and Capital Projects Manager Christine Cameron had productive meetings in DC. The meetings focused on our need to continue funding for critical city projects. More to come on the outcome of these meetings, but below are photos with Senator Mark Kelly, Senator Ruben Gallego, Congressman Eli Crane and Congressman Greg Stanton. Our delegation is incredibly supportive of the work we do for the City of Flagstaff.



That's all for now, Council. Onward and upward ...