

City Manager's Report

April 17, 2025

Council and Colleagues, greetings. These reports are intended to be informational, covering miscellaneous events and topics involving the city organization. During my report at the upcoming Council Work Session, you will receive updates from both Housing and Community Development.

Volunteerism

The Communication and Civic Engagement Division volunteered at the Flagstaff Family Food Kitchen last week. It was a great opportunity to come together as a team and give back to the amazing Flagstaff community. We are especially grateful for the services provided by Flagstaff Family Food Center, and we look forward to future opportunities to serve. Many props for the great teamwork!



Budget Team Process

Another reminder, Council, that we will be retreating, likely for the final time during this budget process, during **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. This retreat will not be facilitated. Thank you.

Fiber

Webcom has started the micro-trenching pilot on Swiss Rd. south of Linda Vista. Very exciting. They are making fast progress. Photos courtesy of Paul Mood and the team.



Police Department Promotions

This from Chief Connolly:

We are so proud to be promoting 5 very deserving members of the organization all in the same ceremony.

- *Charles Hernandez, promoting to Deputy Chief of Criminal Investigations*
- *Allison Hughes, promoting to Support Services Section Director*
- *Ryan Beckman, promoting to Criminal Investigations Lieutenant*
- *Nick Jacobellis, promoting to Patrol Lieutenant*
- *Courtney Hurst, promoting to Radio Dispatch Supervisor*



Congratulations to these five outstanding individuals. Well done!

Project of the Year Disaster/Emergency Construction Repair

The Inner Basin Waterline Restoration Project has been selected as the American Public Works Association's **Public Works Projects of the Year Disaster/Emergency Construction Repair \$5 million to \$25 million** for 2025. With the City of Flagstaff as the managing agency, Hunter Contracting Co. as the primary contractor, and Jacobs, Tempe AZ as primary consultant for this project, this honorable achievement was received in Phoenix on April 16th.

In addition, the project's primary agency, primary contractor, and consultant will be recognized for this achievement at the APWA Awards Recognition Ceremony. The Ceremony is held in conjunction with the 2025 PWX Expo in Chicago, Illinois. The ceremony is scheduled for Monday, August 18th.

Congratulations to this amazing team for landing such a prestigious award!



INNER BASIN WATERLINE

Flood Mitigation | Protecting Flagstaff's Water Supply and Forest Trails

After the Pipeline Fire and devastating flash floods, the City of Flagstaff immediately engaged Hunter Contracting Co. to protect the 120-year-old Inner Basin Waterline—a critical system supplying up to 20% of the City's summer water. Without swift action, failure of the line could have cost the City thousands per day and jeopardized vital infrastructure.

- ◆ Stabilized 46 sites across steep, remote terrain.
- ◆ Installed 1 mile of gabion baskets to control flooding and erosion.
- ◆ Protected potable water supply, Transwestern gas line, and downstream neighborhoods.
- ◆ Designed to blend with the forest, reintroducing native vegetation and preserving trails.
- ◆ Locally sourced materials minimized environmental impact.
- ◆ 13 Tribal Nations invited to consult for cultural sensitivity.
- ◆ Crews battled fire risks, storms, and snow while navigating narrow access roads.

A true emergency response effort—protecting vital resources, restoring the forest, ensuring long-term resilience, and preserving access to Flagstaff's iconic trails.

Hunter CONTRACTING CO.
Jacobs

A Day for Dancing ...

The Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living held an awards event on Friday, April 11th to recognize citizens and businesses who support inclusive and adaptive living in Flagstaff.

As part of the event, Ballet Folklórico de Colores performed a series of beautiful folk dances from Mexico. It was a great event that highlighted the many efforts of the Commission and the community to support adaptive and inclusive living in Flagstaff.



Airport Update

This just in ... really. The Grab n Go facility at Pulliam Airport is up and running, with a soft start having just occurred this past week. Airport Director Brian Gall held true to his promise and invited the very fortunate city manager to experience the very first cup of coffee. So that happened. And it was quite successful! Thanks to Brian Gall, Adam Miele, Heidi Hansen, and the many hard-working individuals who are seeing this project come to fruition. And the word on the street is that the vendor is working overtime to keep the machines stocked. Our traveling public is once again properly nourished and caffeinated.



That's a wrap, Council. Enjoy the spring-like weather (sunny one day, snowy the next).
Onward and upward ...

