



City of Cortez
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

September 13, 2022

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- The annual budget preparation process has taken up the bulk of my time for the past two weeks. We are deeply engaged in preparing a budget that reflects Council priorities while ensuring the operational needs of the City are met. Although we have publicized the transparency page and continue to request community input, we have had very little participation in this. I again invite community members and other stakeholders to access the page via the City website, and on the top menu bar is a link to the "Cleargov Financial Center". Now is your opportunity to weigh in on what you think our financial priorities should be for FY2023.
- On August 25, 2022 our City Council participated in a "Board to Board" meeting held in a meeting room at the Ute Mountain Casino. Other government partners in attendance included council members from the Ute Mountain tribe, Town of Dolores, Town of Mancos, and Montezuma County. I was very proud that our entire Council was able to attend and represented our community very well. There was some excellent interaction between the governing bodies that is resulting in partnerships on various projects. I am looking forward to the next opportunity to gather in this fashion.
- I wanted to take the opportunity to share how pleased and proud I am of the Community and Economic Development Department, led by Rachael Marchbanks, for all of their skill and hard work in helping bring some of our priorities to fruition. Some of their work was presented to Council this evening, and other action items are prepared to follow in subsequent meetings. It has been a joy to watch this group work closely together with partners and stakeholders in our quest to make meaningful changes and improvements for our community. Furthermore, I am very pleased that all of their work is beginning to become visible to Council and the Community and that progress is being made. Thanks to each of them.