

Meeting Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

August 12, 2021 | 6:00 p.m.
Chandler City Council Chambers
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Hartke at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Attendance

Mayor Kevin Hartke
Vice Mayor Mark Stewart
Councilmember OD Harris
Councilmember Terry Roe
Councilmember René Lopez
Councilmember Christine Ellis
Councilmember Matt Orlando

Appointee Attendance

Joshua Wright, Acting City Manager
Debra Stapleton, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Schwab, City Attorney
Dana DeLong, City Clerk

Invocation

The invocation was given by Pastor Victor Hardy, Congregational Church of the Valley

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Lopez.

Scheduled Public Appearances

MAYOR HARTKE invited Councilmember Harris to join him for the proclamation.

1. Proclamation - Drowning Impact Awareness Month

MAYOR HARTKE read the proclamation and invited staff to accept.

JESSICA CHAMBERLAIN, Recreation Coordinator, said drowning is the number one cause of death for children under the age of five. Ms. Chamberlain said they are thankful the City is

supportive of the efforts to combat drowning. Drowning can happen to anyone and it is important to stop them from happening.

NOAH DUEKER, Police Officer, said drowning is a big public safety issue and the Police Department is happy to join with the Fire Department and Aquatics to address drownings in the community.

Consent Agenda and Discussion

Airport

1. Resolution No. 5505, accept Federal American Rescue Plan Act Grant for Airport Operating Purposes
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5505 authorizing a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration to accept an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant not to exceed \$59,000 for airport operating purposes; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute the grant agreement and all other documents necessary to effect the agreement.

City Clerk

2. July 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes
Move City Council approve the Council Meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2021, Study Session of July 12, 2021, Special Meeting of July 15, 2021, Regular Meeting of July 15, 2021, and Special Meeting of July 20, 2021.
3. Board and Commission Appointment
Move City Council approve the Board and Commission appointment as recommended.

City Manager

4. League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Dues
Move City Council authorize the payment of FY 2021-2022 membership dues to the League of Arizona Cities and Towns in the amount of \$100,800.

Community Services

5. Resolution No. 5500 adopting the Parks Strategic Master Plan 2021
Move City Council approve Resolution No. 5500 adopting the Parks Strategic Master Plan 2021.
6. Project Agreement No. PR1808.402 with Foresite Design & Construction, Inc., Pursuant to Job Order Contract No. JOC1905.401, for Mountain View Park Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements

Move City Council award Project Agreement No. PR1808.402 to Foresite Design & Construction, Inc., Pursuant to Job Order Contract No. JOC1905.401, for Mountain View Park Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements, in an amount not to exceed \$141,966.64.

7. Agreement No. CS2-595-4335, with Pioneer Landscape Centers, Inc., for Rock, Granite, and Miscellaneous Supplies

Move City Council approve Agreement No. CS2-595-4335, with Pioneer Landscape Centers, Inc., for rock, granite, and miscellaneous supplies, in an amount not to exceed \$540,000, for a one-year period, September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022, with the option of up to four(4) additional one-year extensions.

Cultural Development

8. First Amendment to the 2018-2022 Ostrich Festival Agreement with Chandler Chamber of Commerce and Steve LeVine Entertainment, LLC

Move City Council approve the First Amendment to the 2018-2022 License Agreement with Chandler Chamber of Commerce and Steve LeVine Entertainment, LLC, extending the Agreement to 2024 and allowing a second week of the Ostrich Festival in 2022

Development Services

9. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 4978, Adoption of Resolution No. 5502, PLH21-0030/PLH21-0015/PLT21-0011 Old Stone Ranch Phase 4

Area Plan

Move City Council approve Resolution No. 5502, PLH21-0030, amending the Brooks Ranch Area Plan by adding Single-Family Medium Density (0-6 du/ac), as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Rezoning

Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 4978 approving PLH21-0015 Old Stone Ranch Phase 4, Rezoning from Agricultural (AG-1) District to Planned Area Development (PAD) for Single-family Residential located west of the northwest corner of Chandler Heights and Lindsay roads, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Preliminary Development Plan

Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH21-0015 Old Stone Ranch Phase 4 for subdivision layout and housing product located west of the northwest corner of Chandler Heights and Lindsay roads, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Preliminary Plat

Move City Council approve Preliminary Plat PLT21-0011 Old Stone Ranch Phase 4 located west of the northwest corner of Chandler Heights and Lindsay roads, subject to the condition recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

10. Introduction of Ordinance No. 4980, PLH20-0059 Price & Queen Creek Campus Rezoning
Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 4980 approving PLH20-0059 Price & Queen Creek Campus, rezoning from AG-1 to PAD for office, manufacturing, and ancillary commercial uses with a Mid-Rise Overlay for building heights up to 150 feet located at the northeast corner of Price and Queen Creek roads, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Preliminary Development Plan
Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH20-0059 for Price & Queen Creek Campus located at the northeast corner of Price and Queen Creek roads, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
11. Preliminary Development Plan, PLH20-0069 Chandler Corporate Center Lots 8 & 10
Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH20-0069 Chandler Corporate Center Lots 8 & 10, located north of the northwest corner of Chandler Boulevard and McClintock Drive, subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
12. Preliminary Development Plan, PLH20-0072/PLT21-0016 Chandler Airpark Technology Center
Preliminary Development Plan
Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH21-0072 Chandler Airpark Technology Center, located at the southwest corner of Gilbert Road and Insight Way, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
Preliminary Plat
Move City Council approve Preliminary Plat PLT21-0016 Chandler Airpark Technology Center, located at the southwest corner of Gilbert Road and Insight Way, subject to the condition recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
13. Preliminary Development Plan, PLH21-0033 Crave Chandler
Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH21-0033 Crave Chandler for site layout and building architecture for a one-story commercial building, located on the southeast corner of Cooper Road and Yeager Drive, generally located about one quarter of a mile south of the Santan Freeway on the east side of Cooper Road, subject to conditions as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission
14. Preliminary Development Plan, PLH21-0036 Compass Christian Church
Preliminary Development Plan

Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH21-0036 for exterior signage for Compass Christian Church, located at 1825 S. Alma School Road, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

15. Preliminary and Final Plat, PLT21-0002 and PLT21-0027 Nevada and Commonwealth
Move City Council approve Preliminary Plat PLT21-0002 and Final Plat PLT21-0027 located at the southeast corner of Nevada Street and Commonwealth Avenue, generally located approximately one quarter of a mile south and east of Chandler Boulevard and Arizona Avenue as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
16. Final Plat approval PLT20-0022, Queen Creek Commerce Center
Move City Council approve Final Plat PLT20-0022, Queen Creek Commerce Center, located at the southwest corner of Queen Creek Road and Hamilton Street, as recommended by Development Services Staff.
17. Use Permit, PLH20-0070 Dogtopia Use Permit Extension
Move City Council approve Use Permit, PLH20-0070 Dogtopia Use Permit Extension, located at 4901 S. Arizona Avenue, Suite 7, at the northeast corner of Arizona Avenue and Chandler Heights Road, subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
18. Use Permit, PLH21-0046 Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant
Move City Council approve Use Permit PLH21-0046 Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant, located at 3325 West Chandler Boulevard, approximately one quarter of a mile west of the southwest corner of Price Road and Chandler Boulevard, subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Economic Development

19. Resolution No. 5501 designating the City of Chandler Economic Development Division as Chandler's Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for fiscal year (FY)2021-2022
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5501 designating the City of Chandler Economic Development Division as Chandler's Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for fiscal year (FY) 2021-2022; and authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any documents and instruments for purposes of this resolution.

Fire Department

20. Resolution No. 5504 Agreement with Maricopa Medical for Ambulance Services
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5504, authorizing the City of Chandler to enter into an amended agreement with Maricopa Medical for the provision of ambulance services.

21. Payment to City of Phoenix for Fire and Emergency Medical Dispatch Services
Move City Council approve payment for fire and emergency medical dispatch services for Fiscal Year 2021-22, in accordance with the current intergovernmental agreement with the City of Phoenix, in the amount of \$1,321,186.44.
22. Payment to City of Phoenix for Firefighter Health Services
Move City Council approve payment for Firefighter Physical Examinations for Fiscal Year 2021-22, in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Phoenix, in the amount of \$166,804.

Information Technology

23. Purchase of Electronic Data Management System Annual Maintenance
Move City Council approve the purchase of electronic data management system annual maintenance, from InStream, in the amount of \$61,292.
24. Purchase of Annual Support for the Talent Management Suite
Move City Council approve the sole source purchase of annual support for the talent management suite, from Saba Software, Inc., in the amount of \$145,307.

Management Services

25. New License Series 7, Beer and Wine Bar Liquor License Application for The SugarBar, LLC, DBA The Sugar Bar
Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 07070071, a Series 7, Beer and Wine Bar Liquor License, for Kyle Joseph Hess, Agent, The Sugar Bar, LLC, DBA The Sugar Bar, located at 960 E Warner Road, Suite 6, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 7, Beer and Wine Bar Liquor License No. 301053.
26. License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License Application for Bourbon Richard's, LLC, DBA Rosati's Pizza
Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 153309, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Jeffrey Craig Miller, Agent, Bourbon Richard's, LLC, DBA Rosati's Pizza, located at 1050 E. Ray Road, Suite 2, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 301274.

Mayor and Council

27. Appointment of City Manager and Approval of Employment Agreement
Move City Council appoint Joshua Wright as City Manager and approve an Employment Agreement for the term of August 13, 2021, through June 30, 2022, with an annual base salary of \$261,500.

Police Department

28. Purchase of Armored Rescue Vehicle Replacement

Move City Council approve the purchase of an armored rescue vehicle, from Lenco Armored Vehicles, Inc, utilizing City of Tempe Contract No. T22-003-01, in the amount of \$350,900.30.

Public Works and Utilities

29. Introduction of Ordinance No. 4979 Repealing Ordinance No. 4964 (Authorizing the Sale of a Parcel of City-Owned Land at the Southwest Corner of McQueen Road and Pecos Road to WNDG, LLC, an Arizona Limited Liability Corporation) and Authorizing the Sale of a Parcel of City-Owned Land at the Southwest Corner of McQueen Road and Pecos Road to Copper state West, Inc.

Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 4979 repealing Ordinance No. 4964 (authorizing the sale of a parcel of City-owned Land at the southwest corner of McQueen Road and Pecos Road to WNDG, LLC, an Arizona Limited Liability Corporation) and authorizing the sale of a parcel of City-owned land at the southwest corner of McQueen Road and Pecos Road to Copper state West, Inc., for the sum of \$500.00.

30. Resolution No. 5503, Authorizing the City of Chandler to Enter into an Agreement to Share Costs Associated with Seeking to Obtain Approval for the Operation of the Flood Control Space in Modified Roosevelt Dam under a Temporary Deviation to the Water Control Plan Among Various Participating Entities and Salt River Agricultural Improvement and Power District

Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5503, authorizing the City of Chandler to enter into an agreement to share costs associated with seeking to obtain approval for the operation of the Flood Control Space in Modified Roosevelt Dam under a temporary deviation to the Water Control Plan among various participating entities and Salt River Agricultural Improvement and Power District in the amount of \$61,347.

31. Agreement No. ST7-750-3808, Amendment No. 3, with Arizona Materials, LLC, for Ready Mix Concrete Materials

Move City Council approve Agreement No. ST7-750-3808, Amendment No. 3, with Arizona Materials, LLC, for ready mix concrete materials, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000, for a one-year period, August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022.

32. Agreement No. PW0-285-4197, Amendment No. 1, with AM Signal, LLC; Clark Transportation Solutions; JTB Supply Company; and Sierra Transportation Technologies, for Traffic Signal Equipment

Move City Council approve Agreement No. PW0-285-4197, Amendment No. 1, with AM Signal, LLC; Clark Transportation Solutions; JTB Supply Company; and Sierra Transportation

Technologies, for traffic signal equipment, in a combined amount not to exceed \$720,000, for a one-year period, September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022.

33. Agreement No. PW1-885-4313, with Aquafit Chlorination Systems, LLC; Calgon Carbon Corporation; CarbPure Technologies, LLC; DPC Enterprises, L.P.; Hill Brothers Chemical Company; Momar, Inc.; Polydyne, Inc.; Salt Works; Solenis, LLC; Thatcher Company of Arizona, Inc.; TR International Trading Company; Univar Solutions USA, Inc.; and Waternuts Aquatic Enterprise, Inc., dba Commercial Pool Repair, for the Purchase of Water Treatment Chemicals
Move City Council award Agreement No. PW1-885-4313 to Aquafit Chlorination Systems, LLC; Calgon Carbon Corporation; CarbPure Technologies, LLC; DPC Enterprises, L.P.; Hill Brothers Chemical Company; Momar, Inc.; Polydyne, Inc.; Salt Works; Solenis, LLC; Thatcher Company of Arizona, Inc.; TR International Trading Company; Univar Solutions USA, Inc.; and Waternuts Aquatic Enterprise, Inc., dba Commercial Pool Repair, for the purchase of water treatment chemicals, in a combined amount not to exceed \$9,025,100, for a one-year term, August 15, 2021, through August 14, 2022, with the option of up to four one-year extensions.
34. Payment of Membership Dues to Arizona Municipal Water Users Association
Move City Council approve payment of fiscal year 2021-2022 membership dues to the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association in the amount of \$101,948.
35. Purchase of Water Treatment Chemicals
Move City Council approve the purchase of water treatment chemicals, from Thatcher Company of Arizona, Inc., utilizing Omnia Partners Contract No. 212528, and from Brenntag Pacific Inc., Hill Brothers Chemical Company, and Thatcher Company of Arizona, Inc., utilizing City of Mesa Contract No. 2020135, in a combined amount not to exceed \$3,890,462, for a one-year term, August 15, 2021, through August 14, 2022, and authorize the City Manager or designee to sign linking agreements.
36. Professional Services Agreement No. EN2201.451, with Kitchell CEM, Inc., for On-Call Program and Construction Management Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. EN2201.451, to Kitchell CEM, Inc., for On-Call Program and Construction Management Services, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 per year, for a two-year term, with the option of one (1) two-year extension.
37. Professional Services Agreement No. ST2009.201, Amendment No. 1, with Premier Engineering Corporation, for the Dobson Road Improvements at Intel Driveways #1 and #4 Design Services

Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. ST2009.201, Amendment No.1, to Premier Engineering Corporation, for the Dobson Road Improvements at Intel Driveways#1 and #4 Design Services, increasing the contract limit by \$72,751.13, for a revised contract amount not to exceed of \$239,573.13.

38. Professional Services Agreement No. WA2104.201, with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., for the Pecos Surface Water Treatment Plant Filter Media Replacement Design Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. WA2104.201 to Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., for the Pecos Surface Water Treatment Plant Filter Media Replacement Design Services, in an amount not to exceed \$471,270.
39. Professional Services Agreement No. WA2106.201, with Dick & Fritsche Design Group, Inc., for the Pecos Surface Water Treatment Plant Laboratory and Administration Building HVAC Renovations Design Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. WA2106.201 to Dick & Fritsche Design Group, Inc., for the Pecos Surface Water Treatment Plant Laboratory and Administration Building HVAC Renovations Design Services, in an amount not to exceed \$375,889.
40. Professional Services Agreement No. WA2110.101, with Stantec Consulting Services Inc., for the Hydraulic Modeling Support Consultant Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. WA2110.101, to Stantec Consulting Services Inc., for the Hydraulic Modeling Support Consultant Services, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
41. Professional Services Agreement No. WW2108.101, with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for the Reclaimed Water System Study Design Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. WW2108.101 to Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for the Reclaimed Water System Study Design Services, in an amount not to exceed \$420,400.
42. Professional Services Agreement No. WW2111.202, with Wilson Engineers, LLC, for the Chandler Heights Road Utility Relocations Design Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. WW2111.202 to Wilson Engineers, LLC, for the Chandler Heights Road Utility Relocations Design Services, in an amount not to exceed \$499,940.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Vice Mayor Stewart moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the August 12, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Roe.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO declared a conflict of interest on Consent Agenda Item No. 17.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0) with the exception of Consent Agenda Item No. 17 which passed unanimously (6-0), Councilmember Orlando declaring a conflict of interest.

Briefing

43. Briefing on COVID-19 as requested by Councilmember Harris

TOM DWIGGINS, Fire Chief, presented the following presentation.

- COVID-19 Update
- COVID-19 Infection Rate
 - United States
 - 11.2% Percentage of Population
 - Arizona
 - 13.2% Percentage of Population
 - Maricopa County
 - 12.9% Percentage of Population
 - City of Chandler
 - 13% Percentage of Population

MAYOR HARTKE asked if this was an accumulation from the first case.

CHIEF DWIGGINS said yes, this is cumulative.

COUNCILMEMBER LOPEZ asked if this included antibody testing or only viral positives.

CHIEF DWIGGINS said this is only PCR positive tests and not antibody tests.

CHIEF DWIGGINS continued the presentation.

- Arizona COVID-19 Daily Count Comparison
 - COVID-19 Daily Case Count
 - June 29, 2020
 - 5,510
 - January 4, 2021
 - 12,393
 - August 2, 2021
 - 3,125
- Vaccination Rate % of population with at least one dose
 - United States
 - 59.1% Percentage of Population
 - Arizona

- 53.8% Percentage of Population
- Maricopa County
 - 49.7% Percentage of Population
- City of Chandler
 - 54.2% Percentage of Population
- Hospital Data Comparison
 - High point within the month
 - July 2020
 - COVID-19 Inpatient Count 3,517
 - COVID-19 ICU Count 970
 - COVID-19 ER Count 2,008
 - COVID-19 Ventilator Count 687
 - January 2021
 - COVID-19 Inpatient 5,082
 - COVID-19 ICU Count 1,183
 - COVID-19 ER Count 2,341
 - COVID-19 Ventilator Count 821
 - July 2020
 - COVID-19 Inpatient Count 1,527
 - COVID-19 ICU Count 385
 - COVID-19 ER Count 1,501
 - COVID-19 Ventilator Count 219
- CDC Recommendations
 - Vaccines
 - Three vaccines available Moderna, Johnson and Johnson, Pfizer
 - Masks
 - CDC is recommending the use of masks when indoors in public when you are in an area of substantial high transmission
 - Social Distance
 - Put six feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household
 - Hygiene
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- [Vaccines.gov/search](https://www.vaccines.gov/search)

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS said many people have reached out about masks and asked if the priority was to get vaccinated and then use the mask as a protocol to reduce the spread.

CHIEF DWIGGINS said yes, the number one priority is to get vaccinated as it is the best thing to do to protect yourself from COVID-19 and then different variants. Chief Dwiggins said the City follows CDC protocols and masks are advised to be used indoors in high areas to prevent the spread.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS said there is a lot of misinformation on social media and asked if there has been any major defects or side effects from the vaccines.

CHIEF DWIGGINS said they defer to the professionals and the Fire Department had a virologist from the State discuss the vaccine. There are adverse reactions such as having a fever or feeling run down, occasionally there are other issues that are extremely rare. Chief Dwiggins said he has not seen a study that shows a consistent disease and if there are side effects it is equivalent to what you would see in an aspirin or Tylenol study where there is always a chance of reaction.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if the Chief's recommendation was to get vaccinated.

CHIEF DWIGGINS said yes, based on his conversations with the professionals the number one priority is to get vaccinated.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS asked about the shortage of nurses and if the trend for healthcare professionals is to mandate the vaccine or if it will remain optional.

CHIEF DWIGGINS said right now there are hospital systems that are mandating the vaccines such as Valleywise, Banner, and Dignity. Chief Dwiggins said no one knows what will happen when that mandated date arrives.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO said the emergency use approval is a legitimate concern for citizens and said the FDA is looking at approval as soon as possible and asked if the Chief had an update regarding that.

CHIEF DWIGGINS said the subject did come up and there was speculation it may occur within the next few weeks for one of the manufacturers; the other two have not applied yet. Chief Dwiggins said he has heard the concerns and some were waiting for the approval to get the vaccine but did not have exact numbers.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO said Chandler is at 54.2% and asked for a zip code breakdown.

CHIEF DWIGGINS presented the following information.

- Chandler Zip Code Data
 - 85224
 - Population 43,834
 - % POS 14%
 - % VAC 55%
 - 85225
 - Population 70,356

- % POS 15%
- % VAC 47%
- 85226
 - Population 39,156
 - % POS 12%
 - % VAC 58%
- 85248
 - Population 35,040
 - % POS 12%
 - % VAC 50%
- 85249
 - Population 39,618
 - % POS 13%
 - % VAC 61%
- 85286
 - Population 44,885
 - % POS 15%
 - % VAC 56%

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked if the correlation of those vaccinated match the number of cases that are being seen.

CHIEF DWIGGINS said they track specific zip code data every day for about a year and stopped about four months ago. The zip code 85225 will always have the most cases as it is double the size of some zip codes. Chief Dwiggins said staff would begin tracking as the delta variant is out there and would see how many cases there are versus the number vaccinated.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS asked about congregate care and the elderly vaccination rate.

CHIEF DWIGGINS said a Task Force was set up with all of the nursing homes to bring them together to share resources and best practices during the first wave and by the second wave they were doing much better. Chief Dwiggins said this week, they reestablished contact and all six of the larger nursing homes are doing outstanding. Their internal policies are in place, so they know how to navigate this and about 90% of their residents are vaccinated and a good portion of their work force is vaccinated. They are also tested twice a week and have 30 days of PPE. Right now, they have no needs from the City.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS thanked staff for their work on this.

44. Briefing on eviction prevention and utilities assistance as requested by Councilmember Harris

LEAH POWELL, Neighborhood Resources Director, presented the following presentation.

- Emergency Rental Assistance Program Update
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program Timeline
 - AZ Eviction Moratorium
 - March 24, 2020
 - July 22, 2020
 - Oct. 31, 2020
 - CDC Eviction Moratorium
 - Sept. 4, 2020
 - Dec. 31, 2020
 - March 31, 2021
 - June 30, 2021
 - July 31, 2021
 - Aug. 3, 2021
 - Oct. 3, 2021
 - CARES Act passed March 27, 2021
 - Council approved initial plan April 23, 2020 and final plan May 14, 2020
 - Chandler received ERA 2.0 Jan. 15, 2021
 - Chandler approves expenditure and allocation of ERA 1.0 Feb 25, 2021
 - ERA 1.0 Program begins March 26, 2021
 - Chandler received ERA 2.0 May 7, 2021
 - Proposed allocation of ERA 2.0 TBD
- Services and Expenditures Thru July 31, 2021
 - 439 unduplicated households served
 - \$3,624,417.61 total expenditures
 - Households
 - Households 432
 - Total Expenditures \$3,263,107.22
 - Average Expenditures Per Household \$7,321.51
 - Utilities
 - Households 358
 - Total Expenditures \$388,310.39
 - Average Expenditures Per Household \$1,084.67
 - Water
 - Households 70
 - Total Expenditures \$50,078.91
 - Average Expenditures Per Household \$715.41
- Chandler Cares Team
 - Types of Assistance Requested
 - Rent and Mortgage 511

- Utilities 763
 - Other 200
- 1,089 resident contacts to date
- 878 agency referrals to date
- Contacted 316 residents on court calendar for evictions
- 222 flyers distributed to agencies in Chandler
- Eviction Case Monitoring
 - Identified contact information for 418 households
 - Connected with 316 households
 - Successfully provided assistance and prevented 119 households from being evicted
 - Eviction Prevention
 - Total Connections 316
 - Eviction Successfully Prevented 119
 - Households Evicted 197

COUNCILMEMBER LOPEZ asked if there were reasons listed for those who were evicted.

MS. POWELL said they did not have specific data but there are reasons people get evicted that does not have to do with late rent which makes the success rate higher.

MS. POWELL continued the presentation.

- Remaining Assistance Available
 - \$4 million ERA 1.0 still available
 - \$6 million ERA 2.0 to be available
 - Past due rent and future payments, fees, utilities, deposits and move-in assistance

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS asked how staff is looking to reach those who need this assistance but may not be aware of it or overcome the stigma of taking the assistance.

MS. POWELL said recently staff attended the meeting the teacher night at Galveston and staff signed up about 40 people that evening out of 200 who attended. Ms. Powell said they also looking to be out in the community more such as setting up a table at grocery stores and getting information out through the nonprofits.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS said For Our City is a great partner as well as the faith organizations as that is where many people go when they are in need.

COUNCILMEMBER LOPEZ asked if there is a time requirement for the additional funding that has to be spent.

MS. POWELL said September 2022 but the dates have been changing.

COUNCILMEMBER LOPEZ said for the ERA 2.0 funds is the time period the same.

RIANN BALCH, Community Resources Manager, said ERA 2.0 is 50% by March 31, 2022.

COUNCILMEMBER LOPEZ asked about the remaining 50%.

MS. BALCH said 2025 but the date has moved a couple times.

COUNCILMEMBER LOPEZ said there is a concern that a lot of these funds are being left on the table and asked for clarification that the intent is to extent beyond 2021/2022 as the impacts may not be realized until later.

MS. POWELL said the money came out and then the rules come out later, so it takes some time for the money to be spent. Now there is a process in place please are able to start spending quicker.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS said it is great to have these clarifying conversations. Councilmember Harris said other cities are taking a long time to get the funds out and asked how fast Chandler is able to get someone from start to finish.

MS. POWELL said currently, if a complete application is received, it is 15 business days from the application to the payment to the landlord.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if that is done via check or ACH.

MS. POWELL said most of it is done ACH but there are checks sometimes. If it is a landlord that has multiple payments or properties it can be done faster.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if the tenant receives a document stating they were approved for these funds.

MS. POWELL said there is documentation from AZCEND that they were approved before the check gets to the landlord. That is typical whenever there is rental assistance and that Promise to Pay can be used in court to stop an eviction.

MS. BALCH said AZCEND is also making phone calls to the landlords and drop of checks if they need it same day.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked what type of document is needed when someone applies.

MS. POWELL said there is income documentation, tax returns, W-9, and a copy of the lease, and proof of relation to COVID-19 that this was caused by COVID-19.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if that was generally a letter from an employer or a doctor.

MS. POWELL said there are those types of documentation or there are certain situations where self-attestation is allowed.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS thanked staff for all of their work and going beyond the call of duty. Councilmember Harris encouraged residents to reach out if they need assistance and spread the information.

Informational

45. Special Event Liquor Licenses and Temporary and Permanent Extensions of Liquor License Premises Administratively Approved
46. Study Session and Regular Minutes of June 16, 2021, Planning and Zoning

Unscheduled Public Appearances

None.

Current Events

Mayor's Announcements

MAYOR HARTKE said the Tokyo Olympics came to an end last weekend and congratulated all of the Olympians. Arizona had 17 athletes that represented Team USA, including Chandler's Jamie Westbrook who competed in baseball and received a silver medal. Skateboarding made its Olympic debut with Chandler's Andrew Nicholas as the men's team manager. Mayor Hartke said the Paralympics would begin soon as well which also have Arizona athletes.

MAYOR HARTKE announced Michael Whitaker passed away who was a veteran and passionate volunteer. Mayor Hartke said Mr. Whitaker was involved with the Chandler Exchange Club, responsible for putting out thousands of flags on September 11, and spearheaded the Race Across America program. Mayor Hartke said there would be a celebration of life at Valley of the Sun cemetery.

MAYOR HARTKE said on August 14 from 6-10 p.m. at Desert Oasis Aquatics Center, there is a free dive in movie.

Council's Announcements

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS announced Nancy Ritter, a member of American Legion Post 35, passed away. Councilmember Harris said she was a huge contributor to the City.

COUNCILMEMBER LOPEZ encouraged people to be mindful while driving through the neighborhoods and near the schools now that school is back in session.

VICE MAYOR STEWART wished his wife a happy birthday.

COUNCILMEMBER ROE encouraged residents to reach out to the non-profits as they are always in need of assistance not just around the holidays.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS said Christine Ringer lost her brother and father and announced there would be a celebration of life.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS said there is a need for landlords to get people into homes. There are incentives for landlords and encouraged landlords to consider it as there are 3500 on the waiting list with vouchers.

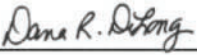
City Manager's Announcements

MAYOR HARTKE congratulated Joshua Wright for being appointed City Manager.

JOSHUA WRIGHT, City Manager, thanked Council for their support and said it has been a privilege to work with Council to achieve their vision. Mr. Wright said he is excited to serve the community and work with the outstanding staff. Mr. Wright thanked staff for all of their work and their support as well.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

ATTEST: 
City Clerk


Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: August 26, 2021

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, held on the 12th day of August 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 26th day of August, 2021.

Dana R. D'Long

City Clerk

