

Meeting Minutes

Public Housing Authority Commission

Regular Meeting

May 17, 2021 | 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers Conference Room
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Hartke at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioner Attendance

Chairman Kevin Hartke
Vice Chairman Mark Stewart
*Commissioner OD Harris
Commissioner Terry Roe
Commissioner René Lopez
Commissioner Christine Ellis
Commissioner Matt Orlando
*Commissioner Vanessa Dearmon

Appointee Attendance

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

*Commissioner Harris and Commissioner Dearmon attended the meeting telephonically.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Appearances

None

Consent Agenda and Discussion

1. May 2021 Public Housing Authority Commission Minutes
Move to approve the Public Housing Authority Commission meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2021.
2. Resolution No. HO161 of the Public Housing Authority Commission Authorizing an Amendment to the Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with

Continuum of Care; and Authorizing the Housing and Redevelopment Division to Utilize Funding Associated with 28 Emergency Housing Vouchers
Move Public Housing Authority Commission Pass and Adopt Resolution No. HO161 of the Public Housing Authority Commission of the City Of Chandler, Arizona, Approving and Authorizing an Amendment to the Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract Between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Chandler Public Housing Authority and City of Chandler Housing and Redevelopment for the Emergency Housing Vouchers; Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Continuum of Care; Authorizing the Housing and Redevelopment Division to Utilize Funding Associated with 28 Emergency Housing Vouchers as well as Additional Available Vouchers; and Authorizing the Acting City Manager or Designee to Sign Agreements and All Related Documents on Behalf of the City of Chandler.

LEAH POWELL, Neighborhood Resources Director, said they are able to get 28 emergency housing vouchers that came through ARPA. Ms. Powell said staff was only given 14 days to accept or deny the vouchers. Ms. Powell said they want to have the vouchers and there are guidelines on how people would be prioritized for these vouchers. Ms. Powell said they have other programs that will help create movement and assist those experiencing homelessness.

CHAIRMAN HARTKE asked how long the vouchers are for.

MS. POWELL said until 2030.

CHAIRMAN HARTKE asked if this is all federally funded.

MS. POWELL said yes. They would be using some of the other funds for case management to help support these families.

COMMISSIONER ROE asked if these were the same type as the standard program.

MS. POWELL said these can be a little bit higher rent, up to 120% market rent, and it is similar to a Section 8. Ms. Powell said they need to have all 28 units in Chandler for these vouchers.

COMMISSIONER ELLIS asked if staff was confident 28 units could be found.

MS. POWELL said it is difficult because of the market but they do want to increase the landlord incentive program. Ms. Powell said all cities are doing something similar to get more landlords. Ms. Powell said she could not guarantee 100% but staff would work very hard to get everyone housed.

COMMISSIONER ELLIS asked if they would take all of the vouchers.

MS. POWELL said staff would like to take all of them to maximize the opportunity.

VICE CHAIR STEWART asked if this was an additional 28 homes.

MS. POWELL said these are not public housing homes, these would be private landlords where there are vouchers like the Section 8 program.

VICE CHAIR STEWART asked how many the City typically has.

MS. POWELL said they have 486 vouchers and have been at that level for many years. Ms. Powell said there is 93% utilization on those, and this would add to our portfolio until 2030.

VICE CHAIR STEWART said if they cannot use what they already have why would they take more when another community could use them.

MS. POWELL said these could be paid at a higher rental rate and they believe that would allow a higher success rate. Ms. Powell said there is more administrative funds that come with these as well.

MAYOR HARTKE said this seems like a great option.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Commissioner Orlando moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the May 17, 2021, Public Housing Authority Commission Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Ellis.

Motion carried by majority (7-1), Vice Commissioner Stewart dissenting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

ATTEST: *Dana R. D'Long*
City Clerk

Kevin Hartke
Mayor

