

# Meeting Minutes

## City Council Regular Meeting

June 23, 2022 | 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 6:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

#### Council Attendance

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

#### Appointee Attendance

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

\*Councilmember Orlando and Councilmember Lopez attended telephonically, with Councilmember Lopez departing at 6:56 p.m.

### Invocation

The invocation was given by Pastor Tim Klontz, Family Bible Church.

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Ellis.

### Consent Agenda and Discussion

Discussion was held on Item 2.

#### City Clerk

1. June 2022 City Council Minutes

Move City Council approve the Council Meeting minutes of the Special Meeting of June 6, 2022; Study Session of June 6, 2022; Special Meeting of June 9, 2022; Regular Meeting of June 9, 2022; and Special Meeting - Budget Adoption of June 9, 2022.

2. Board and Commission Appointments

Move City Council approve the Board and Commission appointments as recommended.

MAYOR HARTKE stated that Clay Proulx that applied for the Citizen's Panel withdrew his application and would not serve on the Panel.

### City Magistrate

3. Municipal Court Public Defender Services Agreement

Move to approve a Public Defender Services Agreement between the City of Chandler and Ursula Gordwin in the amount of \$50,000.

### City Manager

4. Agreement No. CM9-918-4069, Amendment No. 3, for Transportation Consulting Services  
Move City Council approve Agreement No. CM9-918-4069, Amendment No. 3, with Jeff Martin Consulting, LLC, for transportation consulting services, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, for the period of June 15, 2022, through June 14, 2023.

### Development Services

5. Purchase of Repair and Upgrade Services to the City's Fiber Network

Move City Council approve the purchase of repair and upgrade services to the City's fiber network, using multiple vendors under the State of Arizona contracts for Cabling Communication Systems and the City of Tucson contracts for Installation, Maintenance and Repair of Fiber/Copper Networks, in an amount not to exceed \$2,744,698.

6. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5019, PLH21-0094 Alta Uptown Rezoning from Regional Commercial (C-3) to Planned Area Development for Multi-Family Residential with Mid-Rise Overlay Allowing Heights up to Sixty (60) Feet

Preliminary Development Plan Approval for Site Layout and Building Architecture

Preliminary Plat Approval, Located at the Southeast Corner of Arizona Avenue and Corporate Place, and More Generally Located 1/4 Mile North of the Northeast Corner of Arizona Avenue and Warner Road

Rezoning

Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5019 approving PLH21-0094 Alta Uptown, Rezoning from C-3 to PAD for multi-family residential with Mid-Rise Overlay allowing heights up to sixty (60) feet, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

### Preliminary Development Plan

Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH21-0094 Alta Uptown for site layout and building architecture, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

### Preliminary Plat

Move City Council approve Preliminary Plat PLT21-0063 Alta Uptown, subject to the condition recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

7. Use Permit, PLH22-0016 Thomas Wellness Center, 7030 W. Oakland Street, Suite 101, authorizing the operation of an outpatient treatment center, generally located 1/2 mile north of the northwest corner of Chandler Boulevard and 56th street.  
Move City Council approve Use Permit, PLH22-0016 Thomas Wellness Center, subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

### Facilities and Fleet

8. Purchase of Five Police Vehicles and Report of City Manager Authorization of Competition Impracticable  
Move City Council accept this report of the competition impracticable authorization by the City Manager, for the purchase of five police vehicles, from Larry H. Miller Toyota, San Tan Ford, and Sanderson Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$201,910.17.
9. Agreement No. FS2-928-4310, Amendment No. 1, for Auto Body Repair Services  
Move City Council approve Agreement No. FS2-928-4310, Amendment No. 1, with Allard Collision, LLC, and Arizona Truck and Coach, LLC, for auto body repair service, in a combined amount not to exceed \$250,000, for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

### Fire Department

10. Resolution No. 5582 Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to the Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5582, authorizing the submittal of an application for an Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Grant to the Ak-Chin Indian Community for the Chandler Fire Department in the amount of \$204,459.95, and authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to execute the application in conjunction with the grant application to be submitted to the Ak-Chin Indian Community on behalf of the City.
11. Resolution No. 5592 State of Arizona Mutual Aid Compact  
Move City Council approve Resolution No. 5592, authorizing the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact by and among the signatory political jurisdictions with the State of Arizona and

Arizona Department of Emergency Affairs for providing mutual aid assistance during an emergency.

12. Construction Manager at Risk Contract No. FI2001.401 with Core Construction, Inc., for the Fire Station No. 282 Reconstruction  
Move City Council award Construction Manager at Risk Contract No. FI2001.401 - GMP #1 to CORE Construction, Inc., for the Fire Station No. 282 Reconstruction at Alma School and Warner Roads, in an amount not to exceed \$5,801,958.00.
13. Professional Services Agreement No. FI2001.452, with Kitchell CEM for the Fire Station No. 282 Reconstruction Construction Management Services  
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. FI2001.452 to Kitchell CEM, for the Fire Station No. 282 at Alma School and Warner Roads Reconstruction Construction Management Services, in an amount not to exceed \$478,410.

### Human Resources

14. Resolution No. 5594 Amending City of Chandler Personnel Rule 1, Sections 4, 5, 7 & 12; Rule 3, Sections 3, 4 & 5; Rule 6, Section 1; Rule 9, Sections 4 & 5; Rule 12, Section 1; and Rule 15, Sections 2, 3 & 7  
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5594 amending City of Chandler Personnel Rule 1, Sections 4, 5, 7 & 12; Rule 3, Sections 3, 4, & 5; Rule 6, Section 1; Rule 9, Sections 4 & 5; Rule 12, Section 1; and Rule 15, Sections 2, 3, & 7.
15. Resolution No. 5596 Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Maricopa County Community College District, on behalf of Chandler-Gilbert Community College, and the City of Chandler for a shared Student Services Internship Coordinator  
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5596 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Maricopa County Community College District, on behalf of Chandler-Gilbert Community College, and the City of Chandler for a shared Student Services Internship Coordinator.
16. Agreement No. 4508, with Innovest Portfolio Solutions, LLC, for Sponsored Retirement Plan Consulting Services  
Move City Council approve Agreement No. 4508, with Innovest Portfolio Solutions, LLC, for sponsored retirement plan consulting services, in an amount not to exceed \$59,000, for the period of two years, beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

### Information Technology

17. Purchase of Information Technology Temporary Contract Staffing Services

Move City Council approve the purchase of information technology temporary contract staffing services, from Computer Aid, Inc., utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 071321-CAI, in the amount of \$3,480,842.

18. Agreement No. 4258, Amendment No. 1, with E-PlanSoft Review for the Electronic Plan Review (EPR) Tool

Move City Council approve Agreement No. 4258, Amendment No. 1, with e-PlanSoft, for annual support and maintenance of the EPR tool, in the amount of \$58,500, for the period of July 20, 2022, through July 19, 2023.

19. Agreement No. 4506, with WalkMe, Inc., for Digital Adoption Platform

Move City Council approve Agreement No. 4506, with WalkMe, Inc., for the digital adoption platform for employee technology training, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the period of one year, beginning June 30, 2022, through June 29, 2023, with the option of up to four one-year extensions.

## Law

20. Renewal of Commercial Insurance and Services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023

Move City Council approve the renewal of commercial insurance and services for FY 2022-23, and authorize the City Attorney and Human Resources Director to sign any and all documents related to obtaining commercial insurance and services in an amount not to exceed \$3,472,340.

## Management Services

21. Resolution No. 5583 Tribal Grant Application to Ak-Chin Indian Community for Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley

Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5583 authorizing the submittal of a \$500,000 pass-through Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Grant Application from the Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley to the Ak-Chin Indian Community for the renovation and construction of current hospital space for infrastructure needed for a new Graduate Medical Education Program including an auditorium, classrooms, and simulation laboratory.

22. Resolution No. 5584 Tribal Grant Application to Ak-Chin Indian Community for Chandler Cultural Foundation

Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5584 authorizing the submittal of a \$20,000 pass-through Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Grant Application from the Chandler Cultural Foundation to the Ak-Chin Indian Community for the Connecting Kids Youth Arts Education and Engagement Program.

23. Resolution No. 5593, Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for Officially Submitting the Fiscal Year 2023 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General  
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5593, designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the Fiscal Year 2023 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General.
24. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5018 Levying upon the Assessed Valuation of the Property within the City of Chandler, Arizona, Subject to Taxation, a Certain Sum upon Each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of Assessed Valuation Sufficient to Raise the Amount Estimated to be Required in the Annual Budget, Less the Amount to be Received from Other Sources of Revenue; Providing Funds for Various Bond Redemptions, for the Purpose of Paying Interest Upon Bonded Indebtedness and Providing Funds for General Municipal Expenses, all for the Fiscal Year Ending the 30th Day of June, 2023  
Move City Council pass and adopt Ordinance No. 5018, levying upon the assessed valuation of the property within the City of Chandler, Arizona, subject to taxation, a certain sum upon each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation sufficient to raise the amount estimated to be required in the annual budget, less the amount to be received from other sources of revenue; providing funds for various bond redemptions, for the purpose of paying interest upon bonded indebtedness and providing funds for general municipal expenses, all for the Fiscal Year ending the 30th day of June, 2023.
25. New License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License application for First Watch Restaurants, Inc., DBA First Watch Restaurant #206  
Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 189295, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Joanne Karen Feinstein, Agent, First Watch Restaurants, Inc., DBA First Watch Restaurant #206, located at 4910 W. Ray Road, Suite 5, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 161434.
26. New License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License application for First Watch Restaurants, Inc., DBA First Watch Restaurant #208  
Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 195975, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Joanne Karen Feinstein, Agent, First Watch Restaurants, Inc., DBA First Watch Restaurant #208, located at 4955 S. Alma School Road, Suite 1, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 161433.

### **Mayor and Council**

27. Ordinance No. 5020 Amending the Code of the City of Chandler, Chapter 6, Emergency Management, Section 6-3 Powers and Duties, Subsection 6-3.2 Relating to the Mayor's Authority to Declare an Emergency

Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5020, amending the Code of the City of Chandler, Chapter 6, Emergency Management, Section 6-3 Powers and Duties, Subsection 6-3.2 relating to the Mayor's authority to declare an emergency.

28. City Manager Employment Agreement

Move City Council approve the City Manager Employment Agreement with Joshua Wright for the term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

29. City Attorney Employment Agreement

Move City Council approve the City Attorney Employment Agreement with Kelly Schwab for the term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

30. City Clerk Employment Agreement

Move City Council approve the City Clerk Employment Agreement with Dana DeLong for the term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

### Police Department

31. Resolution No. 5595 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the City of Chandler to Provide Law Enforcement Security Services at State Farm Stadium

Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5595 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the City of Chandler for the Chandler Police Department to provide law enforcement security services at State Farm Stadium events; authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement; and authorizing the Chief of Police to administer, execute, and submit the Agreement and all documents and other necessary instruments in connection with such Agreement.

32. Agreement with Arizona Humane Society for Veterinary and Shelter Services

Move City Council approve Agreement No. 4513, with the Arizona Humane Society, for veterinary and shelter services, in an amount not to exceed \$111,428, for the period of three years, beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

### Public Works and Utilities

33. Resolution No. 5591 Authorizing an Amended Project Agreement No. 4 Under the Public Infrastructure Master Agreement Dated May 24, 2019, Between the City of Chandler and Intel Corporation for the Construction of a Reclaimed Water Interconnect Facility and Related Public Infrastructure Needed to Serve Intel's Campus at 4500 S. Dobson Road

Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5591 approving an amended Project Agreement No. 4 under the Public Infrastructure Master Agreement dated May 24, 2019, between the City of Chandler and Intel Corporation, a Delaware company, for the



construction of a Reclaimed Water Interconnect Facility and related public infrastructure needed to serve Intel's campus at 4500 S. Dobson Road.

34. Introduction of Ordinance No. 5014 Granting a Power Distribution Easement to Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, At No Cost, for Electrical Facilities that Will Be Relocated Underground as Part of the Chandler Heights Improvement Project from McQueen Road to Gilbert Road  
Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5014 granting a power distribution easement to SRP, at no cost, for electrical facilities that will be relocated underground as part of the Chandler Heights Improvement Project from McQueen Road to Gilbert Road.
35. Purchase of Street Sweeper  
Move City Council approve the purchase of a street sweeper, from TYMCO, Inc., utilizing HGACBuy Contract No. SW04-20, in the amount of \$303,952.88.
36. Construction Contract No. WW1901.402, Change Order No. 1, with McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., for the Reclaimed Water Interconnect Facility GMP-2  
Move City Council award Contract No. WW1901.402, Change Order No. 1, to McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., for the Reclaimed Water Interconnect Facility GMP-2, in the amount of \$33,539,073, for a revised contract amount not to exceed of \$38,931,450.
37. Professional Services Agreement No. WA2204.101, with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., for the Pecos Surface Water Treatment Plant Solids Handling Study Consultant Services  
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. WA2204.101 to Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., for the Pecos Surface Water Treatment Plant Solids Handling Study Consultant Services, in an amount not to exceed \$357,080.
38. Professional Services Agreement No. WW1901.453, Amendment No. 1, with Wilson Engineers, LLC, for the Reclaimed Water Interconnect Facility Construction Management Services  
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. WW1901.453, Amendment No. 1, to Wilson Engineers, LLC, for the Reclaimed Water Interconnect Facility Construction Management Services, in the amount of \$3,267,780, for a revised contract amount not to exceed of \$3,791,430.
39. Construction Manager at Risk Contract No. WW2111.401, Change Order No. 2, with Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC, for the Chandler Heights Road Utility Relocations - GMP3  
Move City Council award Construction Manager at Risk Contract No. WW2111.401, Change Order No. 2, to Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC, for the Chandler Heights Road Utility Relocations - GMP3, in an amount not to exceed \$12,791,222.90.



## **Consent Agenda Motion and Vote**

Vice Mayor Roe moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the June 23, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Harris.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0) with the exception of Consent Agenda Item No. 27 which carried by majority (6-1) Councilmember Orlando dissenting.

## **Action Agenda Items No. 40, 41, and 42 and Discussion**

40. Resolution No. 5578 Approving and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute and Submit the Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2022–2023 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and Execute All Subrecipient Contracts.  
Move that City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5578 approving and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute and submit the CDBG Fiscal Year (FY) 2022–2023 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and execute all subrecipient contracts.
41. Resolution No. 5579 Approving and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Allocate Fiscal Year 2022–2023 HOME Investment Partnerships Funds in the amount of \$453,008 from the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act through the Maricopa HOME Consortium and Execute All Subrecipient Contracts.  
Move that City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5579 approving and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to allocate FY 2022-2023 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Funds in the amount of \$453,008 from the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act through the Maricopa HOME Consortium and execute all subrecipient contracts.
42. Resolution No. 5597 Authorizing the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Funds in the Amount of \$1,088,056.40 and Funds Available as a Result of the American Rescue Plan Act in the Amount of \$350,151.44 to Various Non-Profit Agencies [Click to View](#)  
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5597, authorizing the allocation of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Funds in the amount of \$1,088,056.40 and funds available as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$350,151.44 to various non-profit agencies in accordance with the recommendations of the Chandler Housing and Human Services Commission and staff.

MAYOR HARTKE introduced the Action Agenda items and called for a staff presentation.

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

- Human Services Allocations Recommendations
- History
  - 1987 – Formal process created to fund non-profits (SSF)
  - 1994 – Youth Enhancement Program (YEP)
  - 2000 – Acts of Kindness Donation Program (A-OK)
  - 2010 – Process approved by City Council
  - 2019 – Process updated by City Council
  - Non-profit and Housing and Human Services Commission (HHSC) involvement
- Community Needs Assessment
  - Needs Assessments
    - 1994
    - 1997
    - 2007
    - 2010
    - 2016
    - 2019
  - 2019 Public Participation
    - 5 Focus Groups
    - 17 Stakeholder Interviews
    - 624 Surveys
  - Identified top areas of need (7) and populations in need (6)
- Current Priorities
  - Housing for All Incomes
    - People experiencing homelessness and/or housing crisis
  - Behavioral Health
    - Households with low and moderate income
  - Homelessness
    - Seniors who are isolated or have low household incomes
  - Better Communications
    - Youth who are vulnerable or have low household incomes
  - Transportation
    - People living with mental health and/or substance use disorders
  - Social Isolation
    - People living with physical and/or intellectual disabilities
  - Food Insecurity

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS asked who started the process 35 years ago versus our current community.

MS. POWELL answered that in the 1980s, non-profit organizations would attend Council meetings and ask Council directly for funding. It was difficult for Council to face requests directly. It is

important to get community input and input from experts in the field to drive this process. The fund was established with the Valley of the Sun United Way who had a local office in Chandler. At the time, the population of Chandler was significantly less than what it is today. The small community size drove collaboration and connection between outside community groups and non-profit organizations and the city.

MAYOR HARTKE recalled the 2007 Needs Assessment saying the faith community was an underused asset to serve the community, which led to the formation of For Our City Chandler. Mayor Hartke thanked faith communities for engaging with volunteers to get things done in Chandler.

MS. POWELL added that bringing everyone together has allowed for the investigation of gaps and overlaps of resources to best serve community needs.

RIANN BALCH, Community Resources Manager, continued the presentation.

- Annual Allocations Process
  - HHSC develops and approves the fiscal year process
  - Application process
  - Evaluation process
    - Staff technical review
    - Subcommittee evaluation process
  - Public participation process
  - Recommendation process
  - City Council approval
  - Contracting
  - Reporting and monitoring
- 2022-2023 Applications
- 2022-23 Evaluation
- Public Participation Process
  - February 9, 2022 – CDBG/HOME Public Hearing 1
  - April 6, 2022 – CDBG/HOME Public Hearing 2
  - May 11, 2022 – General Funds Public Hearing
  - March 28, 2022 – April 29, 2022 – City Public Comment Period (CDBG)
  - April 1, 2022 – May 1, 2022 – Maricopa County Public Comment Period (HOME)
- Summary of Public Comments
  - Over 60 people attended public meetings throughout process.
  - Most resident concerns were about impact of homeless programs on neighborhoods and demographics of persons being served.
  - Most non-profit concerns were about inadequate funding to meet overwhelming demand for services.

- 52 Chandler residents signed a petition in opposition to City's acceptance of Federal and State funding support homeless programs.
- Response to Public Comments
  - Grateful for public participation in this process.
  - Programs take great care not to impact neighborhoods (e.g. I-HELP)
  - Persons served have a variety of barriers and needs. Funding source determines criteria for services.
  - General Fund commitment has not increased since July 2002, but supplemental funds are added when available (e.g. COVID-19 funds).
  - Federal and State funds leverage our ability to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income residents. Untreated homelessness is more costly to public services.

MAYOR HARTKE clarified that the I-HELP program busses people from the AZCEND location to the shelter or to their work site.

MS. BALCH confirmed that people are transported from AZCEND to their host organization.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS asked about the impact of encampments on City services.

MS. BALCH said that currently through funding for additional outreach workers through our Chandler Connect Homeless Outreach program, there are a team of seven providing services to people experiencing homelessness. The team works extended hours to engage people with the City's services.

COUNCILMEMBER STEWART asked if federal dollars and state funding makes the difference in people getting the help that they need.

MS. BALCH answered that the City of Chandler uses CDBG funding to fund our navigator program and client services specialist. The CDBG funds are the primary source and COVID funds were used for additional navigators. An amount of general funds goes to a partial navigator role.

COUNCILMEMBER STEWART asked about the demographics of people experiencing homelessness.

MS. BALCH said that prior to COVID, about 20% of the unhoused population were experiencing chronic homelessness. In future surveys of this population, the numbers of those who are elderly and experiencing homelessness will likely rise. The numbers of families experiencing homelessness are also growing due to housing market challenges exacerbated by other outside variables.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked about the information gathered on people who panhandle.

MS. BALCH answered that some people who panhandle are homeless, and some are not homeless. The Change Up Campaign helps residents dispense their funds more effectively to social services serving unhoused individuals. Signage for the Change Up Campaign would be installed soon. Panhandling enables someone to continue to live on the street or not seeking permanent employment.

MS. BALCH continued the presentation.

- CDBG Recommendations
- HOME Recommendations
- General Funds Recommendations
- General Funds Contingencies and Staff Recommendations
- Allocations to Homeless Services

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if there has been an increase of homelessness because of increased rent costs.

MS. BALCH said that rents across the state are increasing, causing a significant issue. Individuals with fixed income such as Social Security Disability Benefits or Social Security, or families with children oftentimes are unable to continue with forced higher payments. There is a short supply of housing at all income levels.

MS. BALCH continued the presentation.

- Homeless Service Outcomes

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS asked about current prevention measures.

MS. BALCH answered that prevention is a main goal of Neighborhood Resources. In this proposal, there are a recommendation to fund AZCEND for eviction prevention purposes going towards rent and utility payments. The best course of action in the current market is to keep people in the housing they are in. There are efforts to provide financial assistance and housing stability services. Some federal dollars are reserved for these prevention purposes.

MS. BALCH continued the presentation.

- Next Steps
  - Today – Requesting approval to allocate funds
  - Tomorrow – Precontract documents will be sent to awardees
  - Federal Programs orientation and environmental reviews
  - Contract execution
  - Reporting – Federal and General Fund Requirements
  - Monitoring

MAYOR HARTKE asked if there were any problems where information provided was not shared with the community.

MS. BALCH answered that there were no problems, sometimes they are just harder to find. The past reports and recommendations stay posted.

MAYOR HARTKE asked about the length of the process and how it proceeds.

MS. BALCH answered that the process begins with the Housing and Human Services Commission in August, ending the following June.

MAYOR HARTKE confirmed that the minutes from the Housing and Human Services Commission meetings are available.

MS. BALCH said yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked for an update on the Chandler Community Action Program.

MAYOR HARTKE asked if that is part of this item.

JOSHUA WRIGHT, City Manager, said that is an important item but it is a separate process from this item. It is a direct contract with Maricopa County and the provider agency. An update could be provided in the future.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked if there was funding in the current agenda items that would go towards the Community Action Program.

MS. BALCH answered that there is \$120,000 in general funds funding Community Action Program. This amount is similar to amounts provided previously.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked about the county share.

MS. BALCH said that the county share of funding is a separate process and that information would be provided to Council.

VICE MAYOR ROE asked if the police departments deal with encampments in a legal way.

MS. BALCH said that there is partnership with the police department; they help deliver services as well as practice enforcement.

VICE MAYOR ROE said there was a ruling by the Supreme Court where there was a ruling that they cannot tell someone to leave if they cannot provide somewhere for them to go.

MS. BALCH said yes, they need to have very strong partnerships. When there are crimes they can enforce that but when there are not crimes they focus on services. In general, when they work together staff is general able to clear an encampment and get people into services. When people do not want to go into services there are times that the judicial system is needed.

VICE MAYOR ROE commented that he had seen the I-HELP program through AZCEND which encourages accountability for the participants.

MS. BALCH said the benefits are both to people experiencing homelessness as well as to the community at large.

MAYOR HARTKE read the following comment cards.

PEGGY DONALDSON, 1263 W. Los Lagos Vista Ave., in support.

*Our church has worked with I-HELP AZCEND program for the last 6 years We have seen first hand how the I-HELP program has given homeless participants an opportunity to find a home + a job. AZCEND gives a help up not a handout.*

EDWIN MEHTA, 295 N. Rural Rd. , in support.

*I wanted to write to express my support for the City of Chandler General Funds to support local nonprofits. Junior achievement of Arizona has been a grateful partner of the cities for several years, and have been able to teach thousands of students from Chandler!*

MARY YANNO / LINDA SAWYER, 750 N. Karen Dr., in opposition.

*This topic warrants further discussion and resident taxpayer input.*

MIKE SOELBERG, 75 E. Civic Center, in support.

*Please approve these items as a benefit to the community*

LINDA SAWYER, 1158 W. Linda Ln., in opposition.

*Request to table these items until 7/14/22 meeting. Public should be able to comment. Need time to address with other residents that oppose.*

KYMBERLEE HSU, 1549 W. Islandia Dr., in support.

*Support for items 40, 41, 42*

SANDRA MCNALLY, 5809 W. Linda Ln., in support submitted electronically.



*I am writing in support of the City of Chandler funding nonprofit agencies in order to better serve the residents of Chandler. I have been a Chandler resident for 30 years, and I have been the Prevention Manager for EMPACT-SPC, a local nonprofit agency, for over 20 years. EMPACT-SPC has appreciated the funding received from the City of Chandler to support older adults who are struggling with isolation, loneliness, and other mental health challenges. Over the years, we have assisted hundreds of older adults who may not have received help had it not been for the City of Chandler funding needed programs. I sincerely hope that the City of Chandler continues to support the community by funding the efforts of nonprofit agencies. Thank you.*

MAYOR HARTKE called for those wishing to speak on the Action Agenda Items.

CRAIG TRIBKEN, 868 E. University Dr., said that Chandler has been a leader in addressing homelessness, it is a regional problem and Chandler has great staff working on this. Mayor Hartke served as the chair of the Continuum of Care for many years and has shown leadership. Mr. Tribken said 40% of households in Chandler are housing stressed. This is about making a city that works for all. Homelessness is bad for the individual, for neighborhoods, and for the City as a whole. We are one.

JEFF WILLIAMS, 85 E. Saragosa St., thanked Council for continually supporting the Salvation Army and expressed that what is being done works. The collaboration in the community is unlike any other. Chandler is successful in meeting the needs of homeless individuals. There has been an uptick of disabled individuals coming in who have been homeless. There are people coming in who have been homeless for less than a week, it is happening right now. At the same time, he can contact the Navigators and have those people going to ICAN and AZCEND to get the help that they need. There are going to be more asks and higher requests. The need is not going away. Mr. Williams thanked the City for their support.

CARLA SORRELL VERDUZCO, 9403 W. Illini St., said she grew up in Chandler, and when she saw the need for the homeless through her childhood living here in this community. Some of us have regular day to day lifestyles, we are very busy and just cannot get food, but compared to homeless people on the streets with no food, their suffering is more because they do not have the necessary means to get food or water. On top of that, they are tired and stressed out due to daily stressors. People dig through garbage looking for food, and on occasion asking for help with these things. From working with the homeless, you have to give yourself to others no matter what the choice of circumstances they are going through. We are not called to judge; we are called to help and support to prevent hunger and homelessness.

MR. SHAWN DONALDSON, 1263 W. Los Lagos Vista, is involved with Evident Life Church in Gilbert, which has partnered with AZCEND and the I-HELP homeless program for the last six years. People on the street with signs are not part of the I-HELP homeless program. People in the program meet with caseworkers once they enroll. They are transported by shuttle to the church or another faith-based facility and spend the night with meals provided. AZCEND has a

shower trailer that they bring to facilities without showers on site. AZCEND has lockers where people can safely store their belongings. All these things cost money. There are some concerned about the negative influence that homeless people may have on a community, if there is nothing done to address it, it will get worse. The cost of rent is going up. Evident Life has seen success stories where they have gotten jobs by following the structure of the program. Everybody deserves a second chance.

ASHLEY SANCHEZ, 1803 E. Jade Pl., is on the Board of Directors of AZCEND and praised the work other community leaders have been doing in this area. AZCEND offers services that prevent or mitigate chronic issues such as rental assistance programs like CAP, and food services which lessen health impacts. By preventing or mitigating these issues, that person is less likely to need other services. By having that person not need other services, Chandler saves money. AZCEND provides services that helps individuals get back on their feet and helps individuals get healthier, effectively preventing families from requiring more resources from the City. As a result, AZCEND services offer cost savings to the City. Families get help now rather than getting no help and requiring more intensive and expensive resources in the future. The state homelessness report found that we experienced a 30% increase in homelessness in 2021, and in 2022, that number is expected to grow. Possibility of a recession, gas prices increasing, and rising inflation all lead to higher numbers. AZCEND and its partners will be there, providing a steady resource while the community deals with an unsteady economy.

SCOTT SEPTEMBER, 953. W. Mesquite St., is on the Board of Directors for CeCe's Hope Center. CeCe's Hope Center is grateful to be a part of the CDBG funds that will be distributed.

JANIE SCHOLLES, 441 E. Vermont Dr., has been a business owner and resident in Chandler since 1999. Our tax money is being spent very wisely and responsibly. As a board member of CeCe's Hope Center, we are grateful for the support we have received. CeCe's was founded in 2017 with the help of Councilmember Lopez and now it has come to fruition. CeCe's have a home for young women ages 18 – 24 who have experienced sex trafficking, exploitation, or sexual trauma. They are receiving referrals from school districts where there are young women experiencing homelessness or their family is at risk. We can help them bridge that gap where foster care is not able to help. These services are critical. Life is hard for young women even under the best conditions. We are looking to extend some of the funds and are counting on Council to help us out.

MR. SEPTEMBER said the original request was \$21,600 and the proposed grant would be for \$10,000 to CeCe's. Mr. September requested additional funding to grant the original request, of which most will go to fund regular operations, with a small portion funding additional staff training. This is a rare opportunity to take advantage of, because the federal government has issued additional funds that would likely not be given again. Mr. September thanked the Housing and Human Services Commission and Council for their hard work working with agencies to support them. Mr. September thanked Council for utilizing the CDBG funds to help the City

support the lost, the last, and the least of our community who are going through food insecurities, homelessness, or other hardships.

VICE MAYOR ROE thanked Mr. September and asked staff if more research could be done to see if this is feasible.

MS. POWELL answered that the recommending subcommittee felt strongly about funding CeCe's Hope Center, the issue was that they wanted funding to go to direct services. There is money recommended in the contingency. Ms. Powell said she can work through more with CeCe's and the City Manager.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS said CeCe's Hope Center provides programming for extraordinary circumstances. Councilmember Harris requested more staff research to determine how to further help CeCe's Hope Center.

MR. WRIGHT suggested more time to go back, meet with the applicant, and come up with additional recommendations that would be on a future agenda.

MAYOR HARTKE asked to look into that request, without making funding decisions from the dais.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS asked if this item would still be on the agenda for tonight.

MAYOR HARTKE confirmed that the item would still be on the agenda. If there is additional funding that could be a separate item in the future.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS shared excitement about how we are using these funds. The vision of the City has carried through since the founders. We are cohesive community where we give to those in need and collaborate with other organizations. The funding being granted to these organizations will help Chandler continue to be a great city. Organizations continue to produce results and we continue to get the benefits of that by helping people in need.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS shared her experiences of what she has seen in Downtown Phoenix regarding the homeless population and how she has worked for years helping others in Chandler and Phoenix. Councilmember Ellis said they have helped many people get their life back on track. There are many people living paycheck to paycheck, and it is the support of the community that more people do not end up in a homeless situation. Councilmember Ellis said approving these funds should not be delayed another second as people's lives are on the line. Councilmember Ellis said the community has supported these items for over 30 years and asked why it was now a problem and asked people, as they go to their homes, where those who do not have a home would be sleeping tonight.

MAYOR HARTKE thanked staff and community partners for the work they have done.

## **Action Items No. 40, 41, 42 Motion and Vote**

Councilmember Ellis moved to approve Action Agenda Items Nos. 40, 41, 42 of the June 23, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Harris.

Motion carried unanimously (6-0, Councilmember Lopez absent).

## Public Hearing Item No. 43

43. Annexation Public Hearing, ANX21-0009 Northeast corner McQueen Road and Hunt Highway, annexing approximately 40.2 acres located at the Northeast corner McQueen Road and Hunt Highway

### Open Public Hearing

MAYOR HARTKE opened the public hearing.

### Staff Presentation

LAURENN SCHUMANN, Principal Planner, presented the following presentation.

- Public Hearing – Annexation Northeast Corner McQueen Road & Hunt Highway
- General Plan 2016
- Southeast Chandler Area Plan

MAYOR HARTKE asked about the livestock.

MS. SCHUMANN answered that in talks with the developer, they have talked about the heritage of the property and how that would be displayed. The subdivision's name will be Earnhardt Ranch, and there would be amenities talking about the heritage of the Earnhardt family, the animals that used to be there, and the family that used to reside on site.

### Council Discussion

MAYOR HARTKE asked if there was any discussion from Council. There was none.

### Discussion from the Audience

MAYOR HARTKE asked if there was any discussion from the audience. There was none.

### Close Public Hearing

MAYOR HARTKE closed the public hearing.

## Informational

44. April 20, 2022 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

## Unscheduled Public Appearances

None.

## Current Events

### Mayor's Announcements

MAYOR HARTKE asked for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Mayor Gail Barney of Queen Creek.

MAYOR HARTKE wished everyone a happy Fourth of July and requested people consider their neighbors, their pets, and veterans when using fireworks. Mayor Hartke said more information on fire and firework safety can be found on the City's website.

### Council's Announcements

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS brought up the Juneteenth events hosted by the City of Chandler and its partners: Freedom Week Kickoff, Miss Juneteenth Pageant, Culture Music in the Park, and Chandler Men of Action Annual Mixer. Councilmember Harris thanked Council for their support. Chandler made history with the most Juneteenth celebrations in the state, recognizing culture and diversity.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS announced the Active Shooter Response Presentation on Saturday, June 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. held by the Chandler Police and Fire Department at the Public Safety Training Center.

VICE MAYOR ROE thanked Team Chandler and those attending tonight's meeting.

VICE MAYOR ROE brought up water safety during July 4th and encouraged everyone to follow the ABC's of water safety: adult supervision, barriers, and classes for swimming and CPR. Chandler aquatics and the YMCA offers swim lessons throughout the year. Vice Mayor Roe said more information can be found at [chandleraz.gov/wateryoudoing](http://chandleraz.gov/wateryoudoing).

COUNCILMEMBER STEWART announced the Chandler All-American Bash on July 4 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Dr. A.J. Chandler Park.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS mentioned the Chandler All-American Bash, there would be activities and vendors. Councilmember Ellis encouraged everyone to watch their kids around fireworks and water.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS announced Operation Back to School has been collecting school supplies and donations to support schoolchildren. Councilmember Ellis said more information to donate and volunteer could be found at [ForOurCityChandler.org](http://ForOurCityChandler.org).

### City Manager's Announcements

MR. WRIGHT wished everyone a happy Fourth of July and said there will be additional patrols of public safety personnel. Mr. Wright thanked Chandler Police and Fire for their work.

## Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST: *Dana R. Dilling*  
City Clerk

*Kevin Harthe*  
Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: July 11, 2022

## 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 23rd day of June 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 11th day of July, 2022.



*Dana R. Dilling*  
City Clerk