

Meeting Minutes

City Council Study Session

January 8, 2024 | 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 Matt Orlando
Councilmember OD Harris
Councilmember Mark Stewart
Councilmember Christine Ellis
Councilmember Jane Poston
Councilmember Angel Encinas

Appointee Attendance

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

*Vice Mayor Matt Orlando attended telephonically.

Scheduled Public Appearances

MAYOR HARTKE invited Councilmember Stewart to join him for the recognitions.

1. Service Recognitions

Tracey Wyatt – 10 Years, Cultural Development
Jon Sherrill – 22 years, Management Services
Sean Duggan – 38 years, Police Chief

2. Recognition - Public Works Equipment Rodeo Awards

MAYOR HARTKE invited John Knudson, Public Works & Utilities Director, and Public Works & Streets and Traffic staff to accept.

JOHN KNUDSON, Public Works & Utilities Director, said the Public Works streets and traffic divisions for their hard work maintaining the city's infrastructure. The 56-person team is responsible for maintaining 2100 lane miles of roadway, 3000 drains, 240 traffic signals, and 29,000 streetlights. They won several awards statewide and were chosen as the best for this year's competition.

3. Recognition - CUSD, Best School District by Niche

MAYOR HARTKE invited Frank Narducci, Superintendent of Chandler Unified School District, to accept.

FRANK NARDUCCI thanked the Mayor, Council members, and the city's executive team for their unwavering support of the school's students.

4. Recognition - Parade of Lights Winners

MAYOR HARTKE invited Hermelinda Llamas, Special Events Senior Program Manager, to accept.

HERMELINDA LLAMAS announced the winners for the 2023 Parade of Lights in various categories, and all were recognized for their hard work and participation. The event was well-attended, and the organizers appreciated everyone participating in the parade.

5. Proclamation - Anti-Human Trafficking Month

MAYOR HARTKE read the proclamation and invited Pastor Mike Gowans, Pastor Bill Kirkpatrick, Pastor Jason Turner, Pastor David Wright, and Pastor Whitmer to accept.

PASTOR MIKE GOWANS thanked the City of Chandler for organizing Night of Hope, an annual event that brings awareness to the darkness in the community. The year's event will be held at Grand Canyon University on February 18th. He commended the city's efforts and invited the council as VIP guests, emphasizing the need to continue fighting against this darkness.

6. Syed Taha, Comments and Concerns regarding the Chandler Police Department

SYED TAHA, 1010 East Kaibab, Chandler, shared his experience of being arrested and charged with horse neglect under the supervision of Police Chief Duggan. He claims that he was falsely accused of the crime and faced two years of court appearances, business closure, and loss of travel rights. According to Taha, the police lied about the horse's condition and replaced it with a dying one. The state did not want to prosecute him, and after two years of running after the case, it was dismissed. Taha reached out to Police Chief Duggan, Mayor Kevin Hartke, and the Chandler City Council, but they could not act due to a pending case that was costing the state nearly a million dollars. Mr. Taha aims to bring this issue to the attention of the Chandler police, Mayor, and council to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.

Consent Agenda and Discussion

Discussion was held on item 4.

City Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes
Move City Council approve the Council meeting minutes of the Work Session of December 4, 2023, the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2023, the Study Session of December 4, 2023, the Work Session of December 7, 2023, the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2023, and the Special Joint Meeting of December 14, 2023.

City Manager

2. Resolution No. 5767, Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for Officially Submitting the Fiscal year 2024 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5767, designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the Fiscal Year 2024 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General.

Community Services

3. Professional Services Agreement No. PR2401.201, with J2 Engineering & Environmental Design, LLC, for Mesquite Groves Park Design Concept Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. PR2401.201 to J2 Engineering & Environmental Design, LLC, for Mesquite Groves Park Design Concept Services, in an amount not to exceed \$155,042.
4. Certified Autism Center Agreement
Move City Council approve an agreement to qualify the Community Services Department, Parks and Recreation Divisions, with the Certified Autism Center designation, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON asked for a briefing on the item.

JOHN SEFTON, Community Services Director, said the Parks and Recreation divisions of the Community Services department are seeking approval to become a certified Autism Center. They plan to engage the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCC) to provide training and certification for the staff. The program will improve awareness and understanding of autism-related challenges, safety and communication protocols, and best practices. The aim is to train at least 80% of Parks and Recreation staff in customer-facing areas. The five-year agreement features ongoing staff and supervisory training, five facility audits, and a financial commitment of just over \$9,900. By becoming a certified Autism Center, the staff will be able to provide a better experience for participants and their families who have unique and special needs.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON said seeing your department focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion is great and asked how customer-facing employees will recognize and assist people with special needs.

MR. SEFTON said our association provides various levels of training for autism awareness. Level one training is for all front-facing staff, including camp counselors, recreation front desk staff, coaches, and other sports-related personnel. Level two training is for managers and supervisors and focuses on behavior recognition, modification, and understanding the perspectives of individuals with autism or sensory needs. Our parks and recreation agency can help families with autistic children access and connect with the community. Our programs, such as summer camps, can offer autistic children the opportunity to learn, explore, and grow in a safe environment.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON asked if the program would reach out to residents and communicate with families who need assistance.

MR. SEFTON praised the adaptive recreation team, which runs programs like Camp Challenge and Special Olympics. These programs have Council and community support, and the staff is trained and educated. The aim is to become a certified Autism Center to demonstrate its capabilities and attract more families.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON thanked Mr. Sefton and staff.

Development Services

5. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5074, PLH23-0029 Alma Office Building Rezoning, 877 N. Alma School Road, more generally located south of the southeast corner of Alma School and Ray Roads
Move City Council adopt Ordinance No. 5074 approving PLH23-0029 Alma Office Building Rezoning, Rezoning from Single-Family Residential (SF-8.5) to Planned Area Development (PAD) for administrative office and limited commercial uses, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
6. Preliminary Development Plan, PLH23-0051 Paseo Lindo Chick-Fil-A, located at 3871 S. Arizona Avenue, at the northeast corner of Arizona Avenue and Ocotillo Road
Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH23-0051 Paseo Lindo Chick-Fil-A for the modification of an existing drive-thru restaurant, including adding a drive-thru lane and shade canopy that encroaches into the western building setback, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
7. Use Permit, PLH23-0061 Stingers Golf Club, 900 E. Pecos Road, Suite 1, located at the northwest corner of Pecos and McQueen Roads

Move City Council approve Use Permit PLH23-0061 Stinger's Golf Club for a Series 6 Bar License and Entertainment Use Permit for live indoor entertainment, subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

8. Ordinance No. 5076 Rezoning and Resolution No. 5763 Area Plan Amendment, PLH23-0038 / PLH23-0039 Grayhawk Residences at Chandler, located at the northeast corner of Frye Road and Nevada Street, approximately 1/4 mile east of Arizona Avenue
Area Plan
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5763 Chandler Redevelopment Element amendment, PLH23-0039 Grayhawk Residences at Chandler, as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Rezoning

Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5076 approving PLH23-0038 Grayhawk Residences at Chandler, Rezoning from General Industrial (I-2) District to Planned Area Development (PAD) for Multi-Family Residential with Mid-Rise Overlay to allow heights up to seventy (70) feet, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Preliminary Development Plan

Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH23-0038 Grayhawk Residences at Chandler for site layout and building architecture, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Facilities and Fleet

10. Purchase of Energy Management Control Systems Services from EMCOR Services Arizona
Move City Council approve the purchase of energy management control systems services, from EMCOR Services Arizona, utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No. CTR062668, in an amount not to exceed \$528,375.

Information Technology

11. Purchase of Information Technology Infrastructure and Consulting Services
Move City Council approve the purchase of information technology infrastructure and consulting services, from The Redesign Group, utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No. ADSPO 16-098163, in an amount not to exceed \$5,199,324.
12. Purchase of Risk Management Information System Software
Move City Council approve the purchase of risk management information system software, maintenance, and support services, from Origami Risk, LLC, utilizing the Pima County Contract No. AM-PO-15-041, in an amount not to exceed \$299,145 for the first year, and \$120,000 each in years two and three.

13. Purchase of Cisco Smartnet
Move City Council approve the purchase of Cisco Smartnet, from Sentinel Technologies, Inc., utilizing the 1GPA Contract No. 22-02PV-18, in the amount of \$272,132.

Management Services

14. Resolution No. 5762 Adopting the System Development Fee Land Use Assumptions and Infrastructure Improvement Plan as Published in the City of Chandler, Arizona, System Development Fee Update: 2022-2032 Land Use Assumptions and Infrastructure Improvements Plan, Dated September 2023.
Move to approve Resolution No. 5762 adopting the System Development Fee Land Use Assumptions and Infrastructure Improvements Plan as published in the City of Chandler, Arizona, System Development Fee Update: 2022-2032 Land Use Assumptions and Infrastructure Improvements Plan, dated September 2023.
15. Adopt Notice of Intention to Modify Certain System Development Fees and Set the Date for a Public Hearing on February 22, 2024
Move to adopt the Notice of Intention to Modify Certain System Development Fees, and set the date for a Public Hearing on February 22, 2024.

Police Department

16. Resolution No. 5672 Acceptance and Approval of the Homeland Security Grant Program
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5672 authorizing the acceptance of FY 2023 Homeland Security Agreement Nos. 23-AZDOHS-HSGP-23804-01 and 23-AZDOHS-HSGP-23804-02, authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreements; and authorizing the Chief of Police to administer, execute, and submit all documents and other necessary instruments in connection with such Agreements.

Public Works and Utilities

17. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5073 Granting a Non-Exclusive Utility Easement to Arizona Public Service Company
Move City Council approve the final adoption of Ordinance No. 5073 granting a non-exclusive utility easement to Arizona Public Service Company, at no cost, to accommodate the Wall Street Improvement Project (Frye Road to Chicago Street).
18. Resolution No. 5757 Authorizing the Acquisition of a Temporary Construction Easement Required for the Chandler Boulevard Fiber Project
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5757 authorizing the acquisition of a temporary construction easement (TCE) required for the Chandler Boulevard Fiber Project (Project No. TUF2308); authorizing the city's Real Estate Administrator to sign the purchase agreement and any other documents necessary to facilitate the acquisition; and authorizing relocation assistance as may be required by law.

- ## Action Agenda

- # Briefing

- ## Informational

- ## Adjourn

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Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, held on the 8th day of January 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this _____ day of January, 2024.

City Clerk