

Meeting Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

August 12, 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 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Attendance

Mayor Kevin Hartke
Vice Mayor OD Harris
Councilmember Angel Encinas
*Councilmember Christine Ellis
Councilmember Mark Stewart
Councilmember Matt Orlando
Councilmember Jane Poston

Appointee Attendance

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

*Councilmember Ellis attended telephonically.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Elder Bruce Lundquist, Faith Church.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Encinas.

Scheduled Public Appearances

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

1. Service Recognitions

Matt Burdick – 10 Years, Communications & Public Affairs
Niki Tapia – 25 Years, City Manager's Office

Jaya Velagapudi – 10 Years, Development Services
Charlie Estrella – 20 Years, Public Works & Utilities

2. Recognition – Olivia Lu, Artistic Roller-Skating National Championships

MAYOR HARTKE recognized Olivia Lu for winning the 2024 American Artistic Roller-Skating National Championships.

OLIVIA LU expressed gratitude for the recognition and shared that her skating journey, starting at the age of four, has been filled with challenges and dedicated support. She also thanked the Mayor's Youth Commission, Mayor, and Council for their support of young athletes. Ms. Lu expressed her motivation to excel in her sports and civic endeavors because of the event.

3. Recognition – Maria Andrade, Meritorious Conduct Award

MAYOR HARTKE recognized Erica Andrade for receiving the Meritorious Conduct Award and invited Ryan Stover, Police Officer to join.

4. Proclamation – Drowning Impact Awareness Month

MAYOR HARTKE read the proclamation and invited Jessica Chamberlain, Recreation Supervisor; Blas Minor, Fire Battalion Chief; and Noah Dueker, Police Officer to accept.

MS. CHAMBERLAIN said drowning rates in the county are higher this year, and efforts are being made in partnership with Aquatics, Fire, and Police departments to give away free life jackets and provide over 120 free swim lessons for children. Over 7,000 swim lessons have been delivered year-to-date. Collaboration with the YMCA, which has received a grant for free swimming lessons, is ongoing. The aim is to encourage people to take swimming lessons without cost being a barrier. Plans include organizing a monthly water safety event next year and offering community CPR classes.

BATTALION CHIEF MINOR said that preventing drownings requires a community effort. He mentioned the emotional impact it has on the families and first responders, and emphasized that every drowning is preventable. He also expressed gratitude for the support in providing free swim lessons for the community.

Consent Agenda and Discussion

Discussion was held on item 2.

City Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes
Move City Council approve the Council meeting minutes of the Work Session of July 15, 2024, the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2024, the Study Session of July 15, 2024, and the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2024.

2. Resolution No. 5831, Official Canvass of the City of Chandler Primary Election of July 30, 2024
Move City Council approve Resolution No. 5831, accepting the official results of the July 30, 2024, Primary Election of the City of Chandler.

VICE MAYOR HARRIS thanked residents for voting and acknowledged Councilmember Elect Jennifer Hawkins in the audience. He also recognized his wife and community leader Roy Tatum. He expressed excitement about the end of the primary election and emphasized the importance of civic engagement and voting. Vice Mayor Harris congratulated Councilmember Stewart.

Public Works and Utilities

3. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5104 Granting a Non-Exclusive Power Distribution Easement to Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, at No Cost, for Electrical Facilities Necessary for the Reclaimed Water Interconnect Facility Improvements
Move City Council approve final adoption of Ordinance No. 5104 granting a non-exclusive Power Distribution Easement to SRP, at no cost, for electrical facilities necessary for the RWIF Improvements.



Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the August 12, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Ellis.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

ATTEST:  
City Clerk Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: September 9, 2024

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 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 9th day of September, 2024.

Dana R. DiLong
City Clerk

