

Meeting Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

October 17, 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 6:02 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

Tadd Willie, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Schwab, City Attorney
Dana DeLong, City Clerk

*Vice Mayor Harris and Councilmember Encinas attended telephonically.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Dr. Rae Langness, Baha'i Faith.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Stewart.

Scheduled Public Appearances

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

1. Proclamation - Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

MAYOR HARTKE invited Mitchel Robinson, IT Security Program Manager, Michael Padilla, IT Security Analyst, and Brad Thomas, IT Security Architect.

Brad Thomas introduced the cybersecurity team, highlighting Senior Security Analysts Michael Padilla and Mitchell Robinson, who have been with the team for 20 years. As the acting City Chief Security Officer, he replaces Mr. Owen Zorge, who has 30 years of government service. Mr. Thomas thanked the city leadership and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. He emphasized the vital role of the residents, stating that without them, there would be no city to defend.

2. Recognition - 2024 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. MAYOR HARTKE recognized Dawn Lang, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer and the Accounting team.

Consent Agenda and Discussion

Airport

1. Professional Services Agreement No. AI2501.201, with Dibble & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., for Hangar Area Pavement Reconstruction Design Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. AI2501.201 to Dibble & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., for the Hangar Area Pavement Reconstruction Design Services, for an amount not to exceed \$328,578.

City Clerk

2. Resolution No. 5845, Setting the 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5845, setting the 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule.
3. Boards and Commissions Member Appointments
Move City Council approve the Board and Commission appointments as recommended.

Community Services

4. Agreement No. CS4-988-4668, Amendment No. 1, for Park Mowing Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. CS4-988-4668, Amendment No. 1, for Park Mowing Services, with Artistic Land Management, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$628,950.20, for a one-year term, November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025.
5. Agreement No. CS4-988-4669, Amendment No. 1, for Park Herbicide Application Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. CS4-988-4669, Amendment No. 1, for park herbicide application services, with BrightView Landscape Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$320,798.77, for a one-year term, November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025.
6. Purchase of Furniture for Tumbleweed Recreation Center (TRC) Expansion
Move City Council approve the purchase of furniture for Tumbleweed Recreation Center (TRC) expansion, utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No. CTR067414, with Wist Office Products, in an amount not to exceed \$149,546.35.

7. Sole Source Purchase of Pool Filters

Move City Council approve the sole source purchase of pool filters, from Aquatic Environmental Systems, Inc., an Aquafinity Company, in an amount not to exceed \$221,681.55.

Cultural Development

8. Purchase of Downtown Wayfinding Signage - Phase 1

Move City Council approve the purchase of downtown wayfinding signage, from YESCO, LLC, utilizing the City of Peoria Contract No. P19-0079, in the amount of

Development Services

9. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5110 Rezoning, Preliminary Development Plan, and Preliminary Plat, PLH24-0001/PLT24-0001, Toll Brothers Uptown, Located Approximately 1/4 Mile North of the Northeast Corner of Arizona Avenue and Warner Road

Rezoning

Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5110 approving PLH24-0001 Toll Brothers Uptown, Rezoning from Regional Commercial (C-3) to Planned Area Development (PAD) for multi-family residential, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Preliminary Development Plan

Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH24-0001 Toll Brothers 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 PLT24-0001 Toll Brothers Uptown, subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

10. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5112, Rezoning and Preliminary Development Plan, PLH24-0023 The District Downtown, Located at the Northwest Corner Arizona Avenue and the Loop 202 SanTan Freeway

Rezoning

Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5112 approving PLH24-0023 The District Downtown, Rezoning from PAD for mixed use including multi-family, office, and commercial uses permitted under the Community Commercial District (C-2) to PAD for mixed use including multi-family, office, and commercial uses permitted under the Community Commercial District (C-2) and automobile and truck sales with a Mid-Rise Overlay allowing for heights up to 120 feet, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Preliminary Development Plan

Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH24-0023 The District Downtown for site layout and conceptual building architecture, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

11. Resolution No. 5841, Authorizing a License Agreement between Cablevision Lightpath, LLC, and the City of Chandler for the Use of Public Property for the Establishment of Class 4 and Class 5 Telecommunications Systems
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5841, authorizing the Mayor to execute the license agreement between Cablevision Lightpath, LLC, and the City of Chandler for the use of facilities in the city's rights-of-way and public places to establish Class 4 and Class 5 Telecommunications Systems, and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute other documents as needed to give effect to the agreement.
12. Resolution No. 5844, Authorizing an Amended and Restated License Agreement between Crown Castle Fiber, LLC, and the City of Chandler for the Use of Public Property for the Establishment of Class 4 and Class 5 Telecommunications Systems
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5844, authorizing the Mayor to execute the amended and restated license agreement between Crown Castle Fiber, LLC, and the City of Chandler for the use of facilities in the city's rights-of-way and public places to establish Class 4 and Class 5 Telecommunications Systems, and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute other documents as needed to give effect to the agreement.
13. Preliminary Development Plan, PLH22-0024 Cornerstone Ranch, 3999 S. Dobson Road, Located at the Northeast Corner of Dobson Road and Ocotillo Road
Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH22-0024 Cornerstone Ranch, for modifications to existing signage, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
14. Agreement No. DS5-918-4808, General Plan Update and Comprehensive Housing Plan
Move City Council approve Agreement No. DS5-918-4808, with Logan Simpson Design, Inc., for the General Plan Update and Comprehensive Housing Plan, in the amount of \$525,000.
15. Professional Services Agreement No. DS2402.201, with Greenlight Traffic Engineering, for the Traffic Signal at Gilbert Road and Amanda Boulevard Design Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. DS2402.201 to Greenlight Traffic Engineering, for the Traffic Signal at Gilbert Road and Amanda Boulevard Design Services, in an amount not to exceed \$115,622.46.
16. Use Permit PLH24-0018, Pecos & McQueen Storage, Located at the Southeast Corner of Pecos and McQueen Roads
Move City Council approve Use Permit PLH24-0018, Pecos & McQueen Storage, allowing storage facility uses on the property, subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
17. Entertainment Use Permit PLH24-0022 The Mexicano, 3095 W Chandler Boulevard, Generally Located at the Southwest Corner of Chandler Boulevard and Price Road

Move City Council approve Entertainment Use Permit PLH24-0022 The Mexicano to allow live indoor and outdoor entertainment, speakers and television screens, subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Facilities and Fleet

18. Agreement No. BF2-912-4485, Amendment No. 2, with ASR Construction Group, LLC; Crawford Mechanical Services, LLC; FPS Civil, LLC; DMS Companies, Inc., dba Hernandez Companies; Kowalski Construction, Inc.; MGC Contractors, Inc.; and Nickle Contracting, LLC, for General Building Maintenance Services

Move City Council approve Agreement No. BF2-912-4485, Amendment No. 2, with ASR Construction Group, LLC; Crawford Mechanical Services, LLC; FPS Civil, LLC; DMS Companies, Inc., dba Hernandez Companies; Kowalski Construction, Inc.; MGC Contractors, Inc.; and Nickle Contracting, LLC, for general building maintenance services, in an amount not to exceed \$3,205,000, for a period of one year, beginning September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025.

19. Purchase of HVAC Equipment, Installation, and Services

Move City Council approve the purchase of heat, ventilation, and cooling (HVAC) equipment, installation, and services, utilizing multiple vendors available under the Omnia Partners Contract No. R200403, with TDI Industries, Inc.; Contract No. R200402, with Johnson Controls, Inc.; Contract No. R200401, with Daikin Applied Americas, Inc.; and Contract No. 15-JLP-023, with Trane U.S., Inc.; and the Mohave Educational Services Cooperative Contract No. 19F-SMC-0904, with Sun Mechanical Contracting, Inc., in a combined amount not to exceed \$2,535,000.

20. Purchase of Maintenance, Repairs and Purchase of Doors, Locking Systems, Door Hardware, and Operable Walls

Move City Council approve the utilization of the Mohave Educational Services Cooperative Contract No. 21H-DHP-0917, for maintenance, repairs, and purchase of bay doors, locking systems, door hardware, and operable walls, from DH Pace Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$380,000, for the period of one year, September 17, 2024, through September 16, 2025.

21. Purchase of Access Controls and Security Equipment

Move City Council approve the purchase of access controls and security equipment, from APL Access & Security, Inc., utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No. CTR056377, in an amount not to exceed \$825,000.

22. Purchase of Vehicles and Upfitting

Move City Council approve the purchase of vehicles and upfitting, using multiple vendors under State of Arizona contracts, in a combined amount not to exceed \$4,314,940.

Human Resources

23. Resolution No. 5840, Renewal Request to Industrial Commission of Arizona for Continued Exemption from Requirement to Post Security for Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5840, renewing the request to the Industrial Commission of Arizona for continued exemption from the requirement to post security for the Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Program.

24. Agreement No. 4046, Calendar Year 2025 Amendment, with Anthem Life Insurance Company, for Public Safety Personnel Long-Term Disability Insurance
Move City Council approve Agreement No. 4046, Calendar Year 2025 Amendment, with Anthem Life Insurance Company, for public safety personnel long-term disability insurance, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for the period of one year, beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and authorize the City Manager or designee to extend the Agreement for an additional year, beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026 (CY2024), subject to the same terms and conditions.

25. Agreement No. 4802, Employee Benefits Consulting Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. 4802, with The Segal Company (Western States), Inc., for employee benefits consulting services, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, for the period of one year, beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, with the option of up to four one-year extensions.

Management Services

26. Resolution No. 5838 Authorizing the Submittal of a Pass-Through Gaming Tribal Revenue Sharing Grant Application From Dignity Health Foundation on Behalf of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5838 approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the City of Chandler for the distribution of a pass-through Indian gaming revenue sharing grant in the amount of \$50,000 to Dignity Health Foundation-East Valley; and authorizing submission of a related pass-through grant application for Post-Hospitalization Services at Dignity Health East Valley for Uninsured/Underinsured Hospital Patients in the East Valley.

27. License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License Application for Jeffrey Craig Miller, Agent, Phoenix Food Junction, LLC, DBA Honest Indian Restaurant
Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 307042, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Jeffrey Craig Miller, Agent, Phoenix Food Junction, LLC, DBA Honest Indian Restaurant, located at 1050 W. Ray Road, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 308108.

28. License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License Application for Theresa June Morse, Agent, Quik Burrito 3, LLC, DBA Maskadores Taco Shop
Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 305733, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Theresa June Morse, Agent, Quik Burrito 3, LLC, DBA Maskadores Taco Shop, located at 2100 W. Chandler Boulevard, Suite 38, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 308099.
29. License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License Application for Jeffrey Craig Miller, Agent, Chandler Spitz, LLC, DBA Spitz Mediterranean
Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 306182, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Jeffrey Craig Miller, Agent, Chandler Spitz, LLC, DBA Spitz Mediterranean, located at 301 S. Arizona Avenue, Suite 2, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 308080.
30. License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License Application for Jeffrey Craig Miller, Agent, Hop Brewery, LLC, DBA Brews Taphouse
Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 303548, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Jeffrey Craig Miller, Agent, Hop Brewery, LLC, DBA Brews Taphouse, located at 5055 W. Ray Road, Suite 2, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 166927.
31. New License Series 10, Beer and Wine Store Liquor License Application for Jared Michael Repinski, Agent, Gather 336, LLC, DBA George & Gather Market
Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 305465, a Series 10, Beer and Wine Store Liquor License, for Jared Michael Repinski, Agent, Gather 336, LLC, DBA George & Gather Market, located at 336 S. Washington Street, Suite 1, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 10, Beer and Wine Store Liquor License No. 308052.
32. New License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License Application for Jared Michael Repinski, Agent, Gather 336, LLC, DBA George & Gather
Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 305467, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Jared Michael Repinski, Agent, Gather 336, LLC, DBA George & Gather, located at 336 S. Washington Street, Suite 3, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 308051.
33. License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License Application for Larry Warren White, Jr., Agent, Warren's Supper Club, LLC, DBA Warren's Supper Club

Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 281651, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Larry Warren White, Jr., Agent, Warren's Supper Club, LLC, DBA Warren's Supper Club, located at 1040 N. 54th Street, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 307989.

Neighborhood Resources

34. Agreement No. 4638, Amendment No. 1, for Temporary Accommodation Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. 4638, Amendment No. 1, with GAJANAN, LLC, for temporary accommodation services, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, for the period of one year, beginning October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Police Department

35. Agreement No. 4856 for Health Screening Services for the Police Department
Move City Council approve Agreement No. 4856, with JS MD Sigma, PLLC, for health screening services for the Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$108,000, for the period of one year, beginning November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025, with the option of up to four one-year extensions.

Public Works and Utilities

36. Resolution No. 5842 Authorizing the Acquisition of Temporary Construction Easements Required for the Kyrene Branch and Highline Canal Shared Use Path Project
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5842 authorizing the acquisition of temporary construction easements required for the Kyrene Branch and Highline Canal Shared Use Path Project No. TP2202; authorizing the city's real estate administrator to sign the purchase agreement and any other documents necessary to facilitate the acquisition; authorizing eminent domain proceedings as needed to acquire said real property, and obtain immediate possession thereof; and, relocation assistance as may be required by law.
37. Approval of a Settlement with 13012 E. Chandler Heights, LLC, for the Acquisition of Road Right of Way, a Temporary Construction Easement, Drainage Easements, and Easements for Roosevelt Water Conservation District to Relocate their Irrigation Facilities and Improvements Required for the Chandler Heights Road Improvement Project from McQueen Road to Gilbert Road
Move City Council approve a settlement with 13012 E. Chandler Heights, LLC, in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand and no/100ths dollars (\$300,000.00) plus required statutory interest, for acquisition of road right-of-way, a temporary construction easement, drainage easements, easement for Roosevelt Water Conservation District required to relocate their facilities and improvements required for the Chandler Heights Road Improvement project from McQueen Road to Gilbert Road.
38. Agreement No. WW0-885-4192, Amendment No. 4, with Carbon Activated Corporation, for Activated Carbon

Move City Council approve Agreement No. WW0-885-4192, Amendment No. 4, with Carbo Activated Corporation, for activated carbon, in an amount not to exceed \$960,000, for a one-year period, October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

39. Agreement No. PW5-885-4805, with Univar Solutions USA, LLC, for Aluminum Chlorohydrate
Move City Council approve Agreement No. PW5-885-4805, with Univar Solutions USA, LLC, for Aluminum Chlorohydrate, in an amount not to exceed \$130,000, for a one-year period, November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025, with the option of up to four additional one-year extensions.
40. Agreement No. 4831, with Tetra Tech, Inc., for the Paseo Vista Recreation Area and Landfill Environmental Consulting Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. 4831, with Tetra Tech, Inc., for the Paseo Vista Recreation Area and Landfill Environmental Consulting Services, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a one-year period, November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025, with the option of up to four one-year extensions.
41. Professional Services Agreement No. ST1804.451, with Consultant Engineering, Inc., for the Chandler Heights – Gilbert Road to Val Vista Drive Construction Management Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. ST1804.451, to Consultant Engineering, Inc., for the Chandler Heights Road Improvements – Gilbert Road to Val Vista Drive Construction Management Services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,035,646.10.
42. Construction Agreement No. ST1804.401 with Sunland Asphalt & Construction, LLC, for the Chandler Heights Road Improvements – Gilbert Road to Val Vista Drive
Move City Council award Construction Agreement No. ST1804.401, to Sunland Asphalt & Construction, LLC, for the Chandler Heights Road Improvements – Gilbert Road to Val Vista Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$9,784,943.
43. Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Pre-Construction Services Agreement No. WA2203.251, with Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC, for Water Main Replacements
Move City Council award CMAR Pre-Construction Services Agreement No. WA2203.251, to Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC, for Water Main Replacements, in an amount not to exceed \$249,641.04.
44. Construction Manager at Risk Construction Services Agreement No. WA2105.402, with PCL Construction, Inc., for the Water Facilities Optimization Improvements - Frye Road Water Production Facility Rehabilitation
Move City Council award CMAR Construction Services Agreement No. WA2105.402, to PCL Construction, Inc., for the Water Facilities Optimization Improvements - Frye Road Water Production Facility Rehabilitation, in an amount not to exceed \$3,849,574.

45. Construction Agreement No. ST2101.401, Change Order No. 4, with Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC, for the Detroit Basin/Gazelle Meadows Park Storm System & Associated Improvements
Move City Council award Agreement No. ST2101.401, Change Order No. 4, to Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC, for the Detroit Basin/Gazelle Meadows Park Storm System & Associated Improvements, in the amount of \$295,637.89.
46. Purchase of Granular Activated Carbon
Move City Council approve the purchase of granular activated carbon, from Calgon Carbon Corporation, utilizing City of Phoenix Contract No. 133070, in an amount not to exceed \$1,059,468.
47. Purchase of Bucket Trucks
Move City Council approve the purchase of two bucket trucks, from Sanderson Ford, Inc., utilizing State of Arizona Contract No. CTR069471, in the amount of \$457,054.19.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Mayor Hartke moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the October 17, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Ellis. Motion carried unanimously (7-0) with the exception of Item No. 2 which passed 6-1, Councilmember Poston dissenting. Item No. 10 passed unanimously, 7-0, amending the stipulations to include the following stipulation: The developer shall pull a building permit on a hotel or a minimum of 25,000 square feet of non-residential uses within 18 months of the effective date of the Rezoning Ordinance. If this condition is not satisfied, then the developer shall be subject to a daily penalty of \$100 until a building permit is pulled. Item No. 16 passed 5/2 with Vice Mayor Harris and Councilmember Encinas dissenting.

Informational

48. Special Event Liquor Licenses and Temporary and Permanent Extensions of Liquor License Premises Administratively Approved
49. August 21, 2024, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes
50. Contracts and Agreements Administratively Approved, Month of September 2024

Unscheduled Public Appearances

George Richie, a resident of Chandler, AZ, expressed concerns about the Intel plant near Ocotillo and Dobson, calling it a nuisance. He has been trying to address noise complaints since 2008, noting that the noise can be heard as far as Bogle Junior High and Safeway at Chandler Heights. He often hears disturbing sounds in his home, even through closed windows. Mr. Richie has spoken with the plant manager, Aon Blond, and former Community Engagement Manager, Renee

Alvin, who acknowledged the issue during a visit. He also mentioned the intrusive smells from Intel's fleet of old buses and the overwhelming traffic in the area. He has requested that the police enforce speed limits on roads during early morning hours due to excessive activity. Mr. Richie hopes the city will appoint a staff member to work with him and Intel on these issues, particularly concerning the loud bursts of compressed air that startle residents.

Will Bullock, a resident of 598 E. Knead in Chandler, AZ, spoke about a bill for an alarm permit. He expressed his belief that this requirement is unnecessary, as it simply informs the police about an alarm system, which seems illogical for him to pay for annually. Bullock also noted that the city has outsourced this fee collection, suggesting it could have been added to water bills for convenience. He wishes to opt out of the program altogether. Mr. Bullock addressed the negative media coverage regarding the city and Vice Mayor Harris, emphasizing that if any allegations are true, it raises serious ethical concerns for residents. He called for action on this matter, acknowledging the ongoing investigation by Scottsdale and expressing his dissatisfaction with the situation, which he believes is a significant concern for the community.

Current Events

Mayor's Announcements

MAYOR HARTKE attended the grand opening of Trader Joe's, noting the excitement of standing in line with Councilmembers to welcome attendees. He thanked the Council, the new store team, and the Economic Development team for bringing Trader Joe's to Chandler. He highlighted the store as the community's most requested item for a decade and thanked citizens for their ongoing support and petitions. He encouraged everyone to visit the new store.

MAYOR HARTKE announced the kickoff for "For Our City Chandler," a volunteer initiative that has revitalized neighborhoods for the past 14 years. To avoid heat issues this year, the event will move from October to late March. The Neighborhood Resources team will host the kickoff event, where councilmembers will serve pancakes to volunteers from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM at Pamela Park. Mark your calendars for the next "For Our City" day on Saturday, March 19. Another event is planned for October 19. For more information, visit our Neighborhood Services page at www.farourcitychandler.org.

MAYOR HARTKE announced the G.A.I.N event to enhance police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in safety. The Council will visit Chandler neighborhoods hosting events this weekend, eager to connect with residents on Saturday.

Council's Announcements

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS announced that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Join us for a candlelight vigil on Thursday, October 24 at 5:30 PM in the Chandler City Hall Courtyard. This annual event aims to raise awareness and support prevention efforts in our community. All are welcome. For more details, visit chandleraz.gov/candlelightvigil.

COUNCILMEMBER STEWART spoke about the upcoming election and noted that early voting centers are now open, allowing residents to cast their votes. He encouraged everyone to participate in the election and hoped their chosen candidates would win.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON said that the Mayor and Council attended the long-awaited ribbon-cutting ceremony for Galveston Elementary School. This event highlighted the community's vision, planning, and input in the school's creation. The city is grateful for its ongoing partnership with CUSD and congratulates Principal Alala, his staff, students, and parents. The city is also investing significantly in the Galveston neighborhood to improve the area and the lives of local children. Notably, Principal Alcala is an alumnus of the school, which underscores his dedication to the students.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON attended the Chamber's recent Women in Leadership event, which focused on self-defense. She found it particularly impactful. Officer Noah Dueker offered practical safety tips, and Joseph Bautista led interactive self-defense instruction. Councilmember Poston expressed her gratitude to Officer Dueker, believing this information is essential for everyone, especially women, to enhance their safety. She commended the Police Department for hosting the self-defense classes, which fill up quickly without much advertising. Councilmember Poston encouraged community members, particularly those who travel alone at night, to take advantage of these opportunities and wanted to express her appreciation for the event.

City Manager's Announcements

None.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

ATTEST: *Dana R. DeLong*
City Clerk

Kevin Harthe
Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: November 4, 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 17th day of October 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 4th day of November, 2024.

Dana R. DeLong
City Clerk

