

Meeting Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

December 9, 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 6:10 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

Invocation

The invocation was given by Rev. Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan, Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Encinas.

Scheduled Public Appearances

1. Service Recognitions

Jason Anna - 20 Years, Information Technology
Ryan Kaup - 10 Years, Economic Development
Micah Miranda - 10 Years, Economic Development

2. Recognition: Rural Roads Transportation Champion

CRAIG McFARLAND, former Mayor of Casa Grande, and IRENE HIGGS, Executive Director for Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization presented the Rural Roads Transportation Champion Award to Mayor Hartke for his collaborative work on the I-10 Widening Project.

MAYOR HARTKE said he is grateful for the partnerships with city leadership around the valley and thanked Mr. McFarland for his work.

MS. HIGGS thanked Mayor Hartke for being a champion in transportation in Arizona.

3. Recognition: Chandler Exchange Club Award to Chandler Firefighters and Police Officers

LIANNA GRAY, Chandler Exchange Club President, shared that the Chandler Exchange Club strives to give back to the community and recognize the work first responders do to make communities safer. Ms. Gray recognized Joshua Whitney, Fire Captain; and Michelle Potts, Police Communications Technology Senior Manager as Chandler Exchange Club First Responders of the Year.

MARK WHITAKER, Chandler Exchange Club, announced the Wreaths Across America event the morning of Saturday, December 14, at the Valley of the Sun Cemetery to honor veterans.

4. Recognition: Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2024-25

MAYOR HARTKE introduced Dawn Lang, Deputy City Manager/ CFO.

MS. LANG recognized the budget team – Matt Dunbar, Budget and Policy Director; Helen Parker, Budget and Research Principal Analyst; Cat Dixon, Budget and Research Principal Analyst; Enrique Sandoval, Budget and Research Principal Analyst; Sylvia Dlott, Budget and Research Administrator; Lucy Vazquez, Budget and Research Associate Analyst; Savana Martinez, Budget and Research Senior Analyst; and Sam Latuda, CGCC Intern. Ms. Lang noted that the City of Chandler has earned this award for the 37th year. This award reflects the commitment of staff in meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting through meeting federally recognized guidelines and effective budget presentation. Ms. Lang recognized Team Chandler's contributions each year to create and improve the budget document.

MAYOR HARTKE congratulated the team and thanked them for their hard work.

5. Recognition: Digital Cities & Govex

MAYOR HARTKE recognized the IT team for receiving two national designations which recognize the work of staff in all departments. Chandler placed second for the Digital Cities award at the National League of Cities Conference – focusing on how technology, people, and digital services power innovation and customer engagement.

MAYOR HARTKE noted that Chandler placed second for the Govex award – focusing on technology services that enhance customer engagement. Mayor Hartke thanked staff for their continued efforts to make Chandler an accessible and innovative community.

KERSTIN NOLD, IT Chief Technology Officer said this was a team effort that reflects Chandler’s innovation. Ms. Nold recognized support from staff, City leadership, and Mayor and Council. There are exciting new things coming with emerging technologies and looked forward to continued improvement.

6. Recognition: Rocky Mountain Emmy Awards

MAYOR HARTKE recognized the Video Production team – Melina Zuñiga, Digital Media Senior Producer; Edmundo Mendez, Digital Media Producer; Courtney Randolph, Digital Media Principal Producer; Stacy Sacco, Digital Media Manager; and Julie Carpenter, Digital Media Principal Producer. Chandler’s 2024 State of City video won in the category of Graphic Arts at the Rocky Mountain Emmy Awards. Mayor Hartke honored the talented digital media staff in the City of Chandler.

MATTHEW BURDICK, Communications & Public Affairs Director, explained that the Rocky Mountain Emmy Awards is for television stations and media production companies in Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, and California. The City of Chandler has produced numerous award-winning productions – this is the first year receiving nominations for the Rocky Mountain Emmy Awards.

Consent Agenda and Discussion

City Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes

Move City Council approve the Council meeting minutes of the Work Session of November 4, 2024, the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2024, the Study Session of November 4, 2024, the Special Meeting of November 7, 2024, the Regular Meeting of November 7, 2024, the Special Meeting of November 18, 2024, and the Special Meeting of November 21, 2024.

Development Services

2. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5108, Adopting the 2024 Editions of the International Building, Residential, Energy Conservation, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Existing Building, Swimming Pool and Spa Codes, and the 2023 Edition of the National Electrical Code, with Local Amendments

Move City Council pass and adopt Ordinance No. 5108, adopting the 2024 editions of the International Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Residential, Fuel Gas, Energy Conservation, Existing Building, Swimming Pool and Spa Codes, and the 2023 edition of the National Electrical Code, with local amendments.

3. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5113, City Code Amendments, PLH24-0025 City Code Amendments-State Housing Mandates, amending Chapter 14 Animals, Chapter 35 Land Use and Zoning, and Chapter 48 Subdivisions, Pertaining to State Bills Signed Within the 2024 Legislative Session
Move City Council pass and adopt Ordinance No. 5113 approving PLH24-0025 City Code Amendments-State Housing Mandates, text amendments pertaining to backyard chickens, accessory dwelling units, final plats, and establishing review timelines for residential zoning applications, as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Fire Department

4. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5111 Amending the Code of the City of Chandler, Chapter 28, Fire Prevention, by Repealing the International Fire Code, 2021 Edition, and by Adopting the 2024 International Fire Code and by Amending the Exception Provisions to the Code
Move City Council pass and adopt Ordinance No. 5111; Declaring the documents known as the "International Fire Code, 2024 Edition" and "2024 Amendments to Chapter 28, Fire Prevention," as Public Records; Amending the Code of the City of Chandler, Chapter 28, Fire Prevention, by Repealing the International Fire Code, 2021 Edition, by Adopting the 2024 International Fire Code, and by Amending and Clarifying the Exception Provisions to the Code; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing for Penalties; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Councilmember Orlando moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the December 9, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Poston.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST: 
City Clerk


Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: January 9, 2025

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 9th day of December 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 9th day of January, 2025.

Dana R. DeLong

City Clerk

