

Meeting Minutes Mayor's Youth Commission Regular Meeting

January 9, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Chandler Council Chambers

88 E. Chicago St., Chandler AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nigam at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chair Arnav Nigam
Vice Chair Nivid Singhania
Secretary Shea Lee
Commissioner Ananditha Sivakumaran
Commissioner Makenzie Cole
Commissioner Olivia Lu
Commissioner Ashwin Vijayaraghavan
Commissioner Sanjana Balaji
Commissioner Jackson Heinkel
Commissioner Anthony Bushard
Commissioner Joseph Bushard
Commissioner Shripal Dupati
Commissioner Victoria Jagdon
Commissioner Isaac Ming Teck-Ong
Commissioner Josh Victoria
Commissioner Maria Gonzalez
Commissioner Julianna Henderson

Absent

Commissioner Aashika Dupati
Commissioner Nikhil Dholakia

Staff Attendance

Alexis Apodaca, Mayor & Council Public
Affairs Senior Manager

Scheduled Public Appearances

None.

Unscheduled Public Appearances

None.

Action Agenda

1. December 12, 2023 Minutes.

Approval of the December 12, 2023 Mayor's Youth Commission minutes.

Action Agenda Motion and Vote

Commissioner Sanjana Balaji moved to approve the December 12, 2023 Mayor's Youth Commission meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Ananditha Sivakumaran Motion carried unanimously. (17-2-0)

Briefing

2. Mock City Council Meeting

MYC Members had a council meeting with the mayor where they presented a case, with various roles.

Council Meeting of January 9th, 2024 was called at 5:16 pm. The council was here to consider a proposal of new mixed-use development downtown by Donaldson Developers, LLC.

Residents were scheduled to appear and were allowed to speak for 3 minutes. The first resident was Shripal. He was here for 30 years and doesn't appreciate the developments due to the consequences it has caused. The second resident was Joseph. He currently takes 20 to 30 minutes to walk to his work downtown. The third resident was Anthony. He is worried about parking and wants to know how the city will educate about parking and about new mixed-use development. The residents currently do not have a place scheduled to park. The concern for Anthony is for future residents of Chandler.

The business owner, Olivia, owns a boutique gift shop in Downtown Chandler for 15 years. She is excited for the new development in the area and is excited for new people to come. She did have trouble parking for the past few years later here and would like more parking areas if possible.

Development Services Director Ashwin and Downtown Redevelopment Manager Makenzie presented about the parking situation. There are five garages, with another under construction. The city is working to educate the public through a social media campaign.

Councilmembers then vote to either approve or reject the resolution. Councilmember three has made a motion to approve the resolution with Councilmember four backing. The Mayor and Vice Mayor vote yes with a stipulation with parking. Councilmember one and two voting nay. Councilmembers three, four and five vote aye. The resolution passes with a vote of 5-2, with a stipulation of parking. The meeting adjourns at 5:34 pm.

Commissioners then talk to the Mayor about what an actual council meeting may look like. Usually, the Mayor asks Councilmembers about their input and they talk to residents beforehand.

On Thursday, January 11th, the council has 21 items that needed to weigh on. The city often talks about the budget. The council will start the budget for the new year with the primary focus on property taxes and then about the overall budget, such as whether there needs to be more workers to maintain the city's parks. The city is always in the process of hiring due to people retiring every year. The budget will be assigned by June and be in action by July.

The Mayor and Council talk a lot with residents. Recently, there was a resident who brought up a diving issue and it is the Mayor and Council's job to see how helpful it will be to Chandler and the public. There are also 30 other boards and commissions that work all around the Chandler.

3. Teen Leadership Academy Planning

MYC Commissioners work on substance material for the various activities for TLA.

4. Volunteer Opportunity-Chandler Innovation Fair

On February 24, different vendors will come with different focuses in innovation, science, and technology, to compete for awards. MYC Commissioners will help the Economic Development judge various pieces.

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

5. Mayor's Youth Commission Meeting – Tuesday, February 13th at 5:00pm
6. State of the City-Thursday February 15th at 5:30pm at Chandler Center for the Arts
7. Mayor's Youth Commission Meeting – Tuesday, March 5th at 5:00pm
8. Teen Leadership Academy - Friday, March 15th
9. Mayor's Youth Commission Meeting – Tuesday, April 9th at 5:00pm
10. Mayor's Youth Commission Meeting – Tuesday, May 14th

Informational Items Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by commissioner Ananditha Sivakumaran, seconded by Commissioner Maria Gonzalez. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Alexis Apodaca, Secretary

Arnav Nigam, Chair