Meeting Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting

March 27, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.
Chandler City Council Chambers
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ

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Community of Innovation

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 Christine Ellis
Councilmember Angel Encinas
Councilmember Jane Poston
Councilmember Matt Orlando
Councilmember OD Harris
Councilmember Jennifer Hawkins

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

Invocation
The invocation was given by Pastor Christopher Morris, Foothills Community Church.

Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Ellis.

Consent Agenda and Discussion
City Clerk
1. Boards and Commissions Member Appointments
   Move City Council approve the Board and Commission appointments as recommended.

MAYOR HARTKE recognized newly appointed board and commission members: James Montgomery, Joacim Mattisson, Shaunna Risinger, Cathy Koluch, Chris Hawley, Eric Piepenbrink, Nicholas Gonzales, Melinda Hamilton, and Chris Tiller.

City Manager

2. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5122, Amending the Code of the City of Chandler, Chapter 11 Curfew, Graffiti, Smoking and Miscellaneous Offenses, to Add Regulations Regarding Urban Camping.
   Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5122, amending the code of the City of Chandler, Chapter 11 Curfew, Graffiti, Smoking and Miscellaneous Offenses, to add regulations regarding urban camping.

3. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5121, Amending the Code of the City of Chandler, Chapter 49 Transportation Commission to Add Regulations Regarding the Use of Transit Stops
   Move Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5121, amending the code of the City of Chandler, Chapter 49 Transportation Commission to add regulations regarding the use of transit stops.

4. Resolution No. 5876, Approving the City of Chandler Title VI Implementation Plan for Transit Services 2024 Update
   Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5876, approving the City of Chandler Title VI Implementation Plan for Transit Services 2024 Update.

5. Resolution No. 5874 Authorizing the Execution of a License to use Salt River Project property, Located at the Consolidated Canal between Germann Road and Chandler Boulevard, to Conduct the Annual City of Chandler Family Bike Ride
   Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5874 authorizing the execution of a license to use Salt River Project property, located at the Consolidated Canal between Germann Road and Chandler Boulevard, to conduct the annual City of Chandler Family Bike Ride.

BROOK BEALL, 85 W. Teakwood, Chandler, AZ 85248, spoke on item 5. Mr. Beall expressed strong support for the Mayor's bike ride but raised concerns about the city's failure to enforce laws regarding motorized vehicles, specifically e-bikes, on the canal. Mr. Beall explained that for the past two years, he has sought cooperation from the City Attorney's Office and the Chandler Police Department to enforce a law passed in 1999 (Chapter 31, Section 6, Paragraph C) prohibiting motor-assisted vehicles. Despite the law's language, he claims resistance from both the police and the City Attorney's Office, with a supervisor dismissing his efforts as a waste of resources. Mr. Beall found this response offensive, as the Council passed the law. Until he receives cooperation from the police and the City Attorney's Office, he stated he would oppose the item.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked for clarification on motorized e-bikes, specifically in relation to their use on the canal. He wanted to understand whether the issue stems from a throttle mechanism or something else that occurs when e-bikes pass through the area. Councilmember Harris stated that he wants to gain a better understanding of the concerns surrounding e-bikes.

MR. BEALL said the canal and Paseo trail serve four main users: pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians, and wildlife. He noted that the issue with motorized vehicles, particularly e-bikes, is their ability to maintain high speeds over long distances. While most cyclists tire out at 15 miles per hour after a short distance, motorized vehicles can sustain speeds of 20-30 miles per hour. Over the past two years, Mr. Beall has been tracking this issue and using lamp posts installed at 100-foot intervals to measure speed. He explained that if a cyclist takes less than 3 seconds to travel between posts, they are traveling at about 25 miles per hour, which is too fast for shared trails that include pedestrians and equestrians.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS said that this issue concerns the potential for traffic accidents caused by individuals moving at varying speeds, particularly between pedestrians walking and those traveling at significantly faster speeds.

MR. BEALL said the concern is about the dangerous behavior of individuals on motorized vehicles, such as popping wheelies and zigzagging, which pose risks to others. Mr. Beall said his wife, who is hard of hearing, is unable to hear these riders' speeding past, which makes the situation even more dangerous. Mr. Beall emphasized that the canal, which holds millions of gallons of water, poses a drowning risk when people ride recklessly. Mr. Beall pointed out that this is why the Salt River Project (SRP) prohibits motorized vehicles, including e-bikes and golf carts, on their trails.

VICE MAYOR ELLIS asked for clarification regarding Mr. Beall's reasons for opposing motorized bikes on the canal. Vice Mayor Ellis inquired about the distance between Mr. Beall's residence and the trail.

MR. BEALL said he lives a mile from the trail and clarified that he is not opposed to it. Mr. Beall said there is a rule set by SRP prohibiting e-bikes. Mr. Beall said if SRP allowed e-bikes, he would not pursue the matter further. Mr. Beall pointed out that the trail is part of the parks and recreation department, implying that law 31, 6C applies in this situation, making it a collective issue for everyone involved.

VICE MAYOR ELLIS asked for a specific example or suggestion on how the Police Department could manage these individuals, as by the time a call is made, the offenders are often gone. Vice Mayor Ellis expressed a desire for a solution, emphasizing her belief in working together with constituents to find answers. She asked Mr. Beall to provide a tangible solution that could be presented to the City Manager, so they could begin working on it, rather than relying solely on police intervention to catch offenders in the act.

MR. BEALL said the first recommendation is that officers park at strategic locations along the canal, especially at the ends, to keep an eye on the area and engage with motorized vehicles. Mr. Beall said that officers could stop vehicles as they approach. Second, he proposed installing traffic cameras, though he didn't see this as the ideal solution. Third, he suggested using bicycle officers for patrols along the canal, especially with the upcoming bike-friendly road improvements on Frye

Road and Chandler. Mr. Beall pointed out that once these new bike paths are in place, there will likely be an increase in electric bike traffic on the canal, exacerbating the problem. Given the city's investment in bike infrastructure, he urged that resources be allocated to hire more officers for patrols.

VICE MAYOR ELLIS expressed concern about the request for behavior modification, emphasizing that such modification can only be effectively reinforced if there is some form of negative consequence involved. Vice Mayor Ellis noted that, in the context of the bikes and the individuals present, many of these people are not necessarily residents of Chandler and may be from various locations.

MAYOR HARTKE said the vote is specifically about the Mayor's Bike Ride, not about Mr. Beall's ongoing concerns. He explained that Mr. Beall is using this item to voice his concerns but emphasized that the discussion should be focused on the bike ride itself. Mayor Hartke suggested that if the conversation continues, it should be framed under Mr. Beall's concerns, as the issues raised are not directly related to the bike ride itself, but rather to the shared use of the path.

6. Resolution No. 5875, Authorizing a Grant Application for, and Acceptance of Grant Funds from, the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program in the Amount of $90,000
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5875, authorizing a grant application for and acceptance of grant funds from the Section 5310 federal grant program in the amount of $90,000.

Community Services

7. Purchase of Landscape Sprinkler and Irrigation Supplies
Move City Council approve the purchase of landscape sprinkler and irrigation supplies, from Ewing Irrigation Products, Inc.; Horizon Distributors, Inc.; and Sprinkler World of Arizona, Inc.; utilizing the City of Scottsdale Contract No. 22PB016, and with Ewing Irrigation Products, Inc.; and Horizon Distributors, Inc.; utilizing the City of Mesa Contract No. 2025088, in a combined amount not to exceed $350,000.

8. Professional Services Agreement No. PR2401.202, with J2 Engineering & Environmental Design, LLC, for the Mesquite Groves Park Design Services Move City Council Award Professional Services Agreement No. PR2401.202 to J2 Engineering & Environmental Design, LLC, for the Mesquite Groves Park Design Services, in an amount not to exceed $4,731,605.

RAGHAV SIVAKUMAR, 1041 E. Armstrong Way, Chandler, AZ. Mr. Sivakumar, Chairman of the Arizona Cricket Association and Chief Director of Youth Programs for USA Cricket, addressed the Council regarding agenda item number eight, which pertains to the planned cricket pitch at Mesquite Grove Park. Mr. Sivakumar expressed his gratitude for the long-awaited project, emphasizing that it is not just about building a sports facility, but also about creating a space that reflects Chandler's diversity, ambition, and community spirit. Mr. Sivakumar highlighted the global popularity of cricket, with over two billion followers worldwide, and noted that the sport connects cultures and generations. Mr. Sivakumar shared his connection to cricket, having played since the age of three. He pointed out that Arizona's weather makes it an ideal location to host cricket games year-round. While facilities nearby are functional, there has been a growing demand from other states, such as Colorado, Utah, and California, for more facilities. Mr. Sivakumar also offered suggestions for the cricket pitch's long-term maintenance, including the establishment of a dedicated turf maintenance team trained specifically for cricket pitch care. Mr. Sivakumar expressed the local cricket community's willingness to volunteer and be involved in the upkeep of the facility. Additionally, he recommended implementing a rotational schedule for the use of the pitch and integrating synthetic nets for practice, which would help preserve the quality of the main pitch for games.

MAYOR HARTKE said this is just the initial planning phase, with details still years away. He noted that maintenance discussions will occur later and thanked the Mr. Sivakumar.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO suggested that Mr. Sivakumar put his suggestions in writing and submit them to John Sefton. Councilmember Orlando acknowledged that there had already been conversations with John and inquired about the number of cricket teams present.

MR. SIVAKUMAR said over 800 individuals in Arizona are engaged in playing cricket, and in Chandler specifically, there are approximately 350 players.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS said he is unfamiliar with cricket and asked Mr. Sivakumar for a clearer explanation.

MR. SIVAKUMAR said he plans to make a public appearance soon to discuss cricket in Chandler.

Cultural Development

9. Resolution No. 5880 Authorizing Modification of the Assessment Diagram; Making a Statement and Estimate of Expenses for the Downtown Chandler Enhanced Municipal Services District; Completing the Assessment; Setting the Date for the Hearing on the Assessment; and Ordering the Giving of Notice of Such Hearing
   Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5880 authorizing modification of the assessment diagram for the Downtown Chandler Enhanced Municipal Services District; making a statement and estimate of expenses for the district; completing the assessment; setting the date for the hearing on the assessment; and ordering the giving of notice of such hearing.

10. Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Pre-Construction Services Agreement No. CA2402.251 with Willmeng Construction, Inc., for the Dr. A.J. Chandler Park Renovation Phase 1

Move City Council award CMAR Pre-Construction Services Agreement No. CA2402.251 to Willmeng Construction, Inc., for the Dr. A.J. Chandler Park Renovation Phase 1, in an amount not to exceed $175,583.

11. Resolution No. 5884, Adopting a First Amendment to the Development Agreement between One Chandler Owner, LLC, and the City of Chandler, Approving an Extension to the Agreement Term and an Extension for the Deadline to Commence Construction at the Property Generally Located at the Northeast Corner of Buffalo Street and Arizona Avenue
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5884 adopting a first amendment to the Development Agreement between One Chandler Owner, LLC, and the City of Chandler, approving an extension to the agreement term and an extension for the deadline to commence construction at the property generally located at the northeast corner of Buffalo Street and Arizona Avenue.

Development Services

12. Resolution No. 5883, and Introduction of Ordinance No. 5120, Area Plan Amendment, Rezoning and Preliminary Development Plan, PLH24-0032/PLH24-0041 Nirvana at Ellis, generally located south of the southeast corner of Frye Road and Ellis Street
Area Plan
Move City Council approve Resolution No. 5883 San Tan Area Plan Amendment, PLH24-0032, as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
Rezoning
Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5120 approving PLH24-0041 Nirvana at Ellis, Rezoning from Planned Area Development (PAD) for Commercial Office to 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 PLH24-0041 Nirvana at Ellis for site layout and building architecture, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

PAUL KERR, 12625 High Bluff Dr., San Diego, CA, state he is one of the owners of the Trevi apartment building in Chandler, and addressed the Council regarding item number 12, a project near his property. Mr. Kerr expressed strong support for the project, noting that the developer was also the original builder of the Trevi building. However, Mr. Kerr raised a concern about the construction start time of 5:00 a.m., which is allowed at the county level due to the heat. Mr. Kerr, a native of Arizona, shared his understanding of the issue but explained that the early construction hours have created noise and disruption for the residents of Trevi, particularly as the building is adjacent to another 420-unit construction project. Mr. Kerr requested that the construction start time be moved to 7:00 a.m. to help alleviate the impact on the 550 residents of Trevi. Mr. Kerr acknowledged that the developer is trying to help and that this request may be difficult, but he hoped the Council could consider this adjustment to better support the community. Mr. Kerr concluded by emphasizing that, while this issue does not personally affect him, it is a significant concern for his tenants.

MAYOR HARTKE stated that the state is likely to pass a bill allowing construction to start at 5:00 a.m. He mentioned that he was testifying at an event where this issue was discussed, noting that the state senate has already approved it.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked staff about the usual allowances or stipulations that have been established in the past.

JOSHUA WRIGHT, City Manager, said additional information will be provided.

MAYOR HARTKE commented that there are some challenges to construction during the summer months.

13. Resolution No. 5878, Authorizing a Wireless License Agreement between the City of Chandler and SBA 2012 TC Assets, LLC, for an Existing Macro Cell Site Located at Snedigar Park
    Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5878, authorizing the Mayor to execute the license agreement between the City of Chandler and SBA 2012 TC Assets, LLC, for the existing Orbital macro cell site, and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute other documents as needed to give effect to the agreement.

14. Resolution No. 5879, Authorizing a Wireless License Agreement between the City of Chandler and T-Mobile West, LLC, for a Proposed Macro Cell Site at Pima Park
    Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5879, authorizing the Mayor to execute the license agreement between the City of Chandler and T-Mobile West, LLC, for the proposed macro cell site located at Pima Park, and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute other documents as needed to give effect to the agreement.

15. Purchase of Cisco Network Hardware
    Move City Council approve the purchase of fiber network hardware, from Sentinel Technologies, utilizing the 1GPA Contract No. 22-02PV-18, for fiber optic facilities at Desert Breeze Substation and Brooks Crossing Park, in an amount not to exceed $280,658.26.

Facilities and Fleet

16. Agreement No. BF3-936-4600, Amendment No. 1, for Fire Protection Services
    Move City Council approve Agreement No. BF3-936-4600, Amendment No. 1, with CFP Backflow Services, Inc., for fire protection services, in a total amount not to exceed $928,600, for the period of one year, beginning February 8, 2025, through February 7, 2026.

17. Agreement No. FD5-060-4882, OEM Auto Parts and Service

Move City Council approve Agreement No. FD5-060-4882, with Earnhardt Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Earnhardt Chandler Cadillac, Earnhardt Chevrolet, Earnhardt Ford, Earnhardt Queen Creek Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, and San Tan Ford, for OEM auto parts and service, for a period of one year, April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, in a combined total amount not to exceed $350,000.

Fire Department

18. Agreement No. FD3-200-4486, Amendment No. 3, with 03530 Uniforms, LLC, dba Ace Uniforms of Phoenix, for Fire Uniforms
    Move City Council approve Agreement No. FD3-200-4486, Amendment No. 3, with 03530 Uniforms, LLC, dba Ace Uniforms of Phoenix, for fire uniforms, increasing the spending limit in the amount of $125,000.

19. Agreement No. FD4-345-4690, Amendment No. 2, for Fire Emergency Medical Supplies
    Move City council approve Agreement No. FD4-345-4690, Amendment No. 2, with Bound Tree Medical, LLC, for fire emergency medical supplies, in an amount not to exceed $200,000, for a one-year period, April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.

Human Resources

20. Agreement No. HR9-962-4689, Amendment No. 1, with Marathon Staffing, for Temporary Staffing Services
    Move City Council approve Agreement No. HR9-962-4689, Amendment No. 1, with Marathon Staffing, for temporary staffing services, in an amount not to exceed $1,102,945, for a one-year term, April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.

Information Technology

21. Purchase of Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) System Annual Support and Maintenance
    Move City Council approve the purchase of enterprise asset management (EAM) system annual support and maintenance, from CentralSquare Technologies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $117,800, for the period of one year, beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

22. Purchase of Proofpoint Network Security Software
    Move City Council approve the purchase of Proofpoint network security software, from SHI International, Inc., utilizing the Omnia Partners Contract No. 2018011-02, in an amount not to exceed $268,238, for the period of one year, April 11, 2025, through April 10, 2026.

23. Agreement No. IT2-918-4438, Amendment No. 4, with CE Wilson Consulting, for Professional and Project Consulting Services
    Move City Council approve Agreement No. IT2-918-4438, Amendment No. 4, with CE Wilson Consulting, for professional and project consulting services, for a period of one year, January

Management Services

24. Resolution No. 5877 Pension Funding Policy Updates
    Move Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5877, adopting the updated Pension Funding Policy accepting the City's share of assets and liabilities under the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Actuarial Valuation Report.

25. New License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License Application for Parish G. Patel, Agent, Moraya Ray, LLC, DBA Tikka Shack
    Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 328638, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Parish G. Patel, Agent, Moraya Ray, LLC, DBA Tikka Shack, located at 2855 W. Ray Road, Suite 1, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 309041.

26. License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License Application for Theresa June Morse, Agent, Miel De Agave Chandler, LLC, DBA Miel De Agave
    Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 330756, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Theresa June Morse, Agent, Miel De Agave Chandler, LLC, DBA Miel De Agave, located at 325 S. Arizona Avenue, Suite 1, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 309045.

27. Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License application for Richard Joseph Valenti, Agent for Portillos Hot Dogs, LLC, DBA Portillos Hot Dogs (APPLICANT REQUESTS WITHDRAWAL)
    Move to accept withdrawal of the application for a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License for Richard Joseph Valenti, Agent, Portillos Hot Dogs, LLC, DBA Portillos Hot Dogs, located at 7200 W. Ray Road.

Mayor and Council

28. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5123, Amending Ordinance No. 5109 by Amending the Sunset Date of the Resident Bond Exploratory Committee and Subcommittees Move City Council adopt Ordinance No. 5123, amending Ordinance No. 5109 by amending the sunset date of the Resident Bond Exploratory Committee and Subcommittees; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; and providing for severability.

Police Department

29. Resolution No. 5885, Pertaining to the Submission of Projects for Consideration in Arizona's 2026 Highway Safety Plan
    Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5885, authorizing the Chandler Police Department to submit projects for consideration in Arizona's 2026 Highway Safety Plan; and authorizing the Chief of Police to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents necessary with such grant.

30. Resolution No. 5892 Accepting a Grant Agreement with the Arizona Department of Administration; Approving the Purchase of 9-1-1 Call Handling Equipment from AT&T Corp.; and Authorizing an Appropriation Transfer from the General Fund Contingency Account to the Police Department Grant Fund
    Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5892 approving a grant agreement with the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) to reimburse the City for the purchase 9-1-1 call handling equipment and services, and approve the purchase of 9-1-1 call handling equipment, utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No. CTR055782, with AT&T Corp., in an amount not to exceed $1,545,367 for Fiscal Years 2024-25 through FY 2029-30, and authorize an appropriation transfer of $633,582 from the General Fund, Non-Departmental, Contingency Account to the Grant Fund, Police Communications Cost Center, Other Expense Account, 9-1-1 Grant Program.

31. Purchase of Milestone Video Management System (VMS)
    Move City Council approve the purchase and implementation of the milestone video management system (VMS), utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No. CTR056385 with Premise One, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $305,494.

32. Purchase of Exterior Security Camera Replacements
    Move City Council approve the purchase of exterior security camera replacements from APL Access and Security, Inc., utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No. CTR056377, in an amount not to exceed $263,908.42.

Public Works and Utilities

33. Resolution No. 5836 Authorizing the Acquisition of Strips of Land Within Existing Alleyways, at Appraised Value, Plus Closing Costs and Escrow Fees to Complete the PM10-2024 Dust Control Project No. TO555
    Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5836 authorizing the acquisition of strips of land within existing alleyways, at appraised value, plus closing costs and escrow fees to complete the PM10-2024 Dust Control Project No. TO555; authorizing the city's real estate administrator to sign the purchase agreements, and any other documents necessary to facilitate these acquisitions; authorizing eminent domain proceedings as needed to acquire the real property and obtain immediate possession thereof; and, authorizing relocation assistance as may be required by law.

34. Professional Services Agreement No. WA2501.201, with Dick & Fritsche Design Group, Inc., for the Pecos Surface Water Treatment Plant Large Conference Room Design Services Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. WA2501.201, to Dick & Fritsche Design Group, Inc., for the Pecos Surface Water Treatment Plant Large Conference Room Design Services, in an amount not to exceed $120,375.

35. Agreement No. 4674, Amendment No. 2, with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., for the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Program Implementation Services

Move City Council approve Agreement No. 4674, Amendment No. 2, with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., for the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Program implementation services, increasing the agreement amount by $157,865.

36. Agreement No. PW5-4640-4871, with D&B Construction Group, LLC; Hydra Contracting, LLC; Metering Services, Inc., for Small Water Meter Replacement and Field Verification Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. PW5-4640-4871, with D&B Construction Group, LLC; Hydra Contracting, LLC; Metering Services, Inc., for small water meter replacement and field verification services, in a combined amount not to exceed $2,500,000, for the term of March 28, 2025, through December 31, 2025, with the option of one additional one-year extension.

37. Purchase of Asphalt Products and Services
Move City Council approve the purchase of asphalt products and services, from Sunland Asphalt & Construction, LLC, utilizing the 1GPA Agreement No. 22-15P-04, in an amount not to exceed $131,765.46.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Councilmember Encinas moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the March 27, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting Items 1-37; Seconded by Vice Mayor Ellis.

Consent Agenda passed unanimously (7-0), with the exception of Items 3 & 10, which passed by majority (6-1); Councilmember Encinas dissenting.

Public Hearing

38. Public Hearing, Results of Biennial Impact Fee Audit
    1. Open Public Hearing
    2. Staff Presentation
    3. Council Discussion
    4. Discussion from the Audience
    5. Close Public Hearing

Open Public Hearing

MAYOR HARTKE opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Staff Presentation

SYLVIA DLOTT, Budget & Research Administrator, presented the following presentation.

- Biennial System Development Fee Audit Results
- Overview of State Statute Requirements
    - If a City Collects SDF (Impact) Fees
    - Annual Report – Filed annually on website and with City Clerk

- Biennial Audit – Complete an audit and hold a public hearing of results (tonight)
- SDF update to Land Use Assumptions (LUA) and Infrastructure Improvement Plan (IIP) (every 5 years)
- Adopted 2022-2032 LUA and IIP report – January 11, 2024
- Adopted Ordinance to modify SDF fees – April 4, 2024
- Fees effective July 1, 2024
- Note: May need to come back sooner than 5 years to adjust the fees based on cost escalations

- Background – Biennial Audit
  - A.R.S. 9-463.05, Gives the requirement for Cities with SDF Fees to:
  - Form advisory committee OR
  - Perform biennial audit of SDF fee program
  - Chandler chose to perform the biennial audit
  - (Currently, all Arizona communities collecting SDFs perform the audit versus forming an Advisory Committee)
- Biennial Audit
  - Conducted by Heinfeld, Meech & Co.
  - Covers FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24
- Audit Procedures
  - Compared growth projections to Land Use Assumptions (LUA) and Infrastructure Improvements Plan (IIP)
  - Reviewed progress of IIP projects
  - Reviewed and tested the fee collections and capital project expenditures
- Results
  - Other than growth projections slightly different from actual growth, no exceptions reported
  - Tonight, the requirement to present the biennial audit and hold a public hearing has been met and is the last step in the audit process
- Questions
  - No formal action required

Council Discussion
None.

Discussion from the Audience
None.

Close Public Hearing
MAYOR HARTKE closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Informational
39. January 15, 2025, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

40. Special Event Liquor Licenses and Temporary and Permanent Extensions of Liquor License Premises Administratively Approved

41. Contracts and Agreements Administratively Approved, Month of February 2025

Unscheduled Public Appearances

BROOK BEALL, 85 W. TEAKWOOD PL., CHANDLER, expressed concerns about motorized vehicles on the SRP canal pedestrian and bike trails which puts trail users at risk.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked for ideas of what Chandler can do to mitigate these safety issues.

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS asked if the trail has marked separation for different directions of travel.

MAYOR HARTKE said no, it is just a trail.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked to conduct a study to understand how to mitigate traffic.

MR. WRIGHT explained that the challenge is enforcement of existing laws. There have been discussions with the Police Department of different enforcement measures they may be able to employ. A plan for targeted or specific enforcement will be shared with Council.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if the city could put up signage at canal paths.

MS. SCHWAB said this is getting into a discussion.

MAYOR HARTKE said councilmembers may only give staff direction.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON asked if an e-bike can be used on these paths without the pedal assist.

MR. WRIGHT said yes.

MAYOR HARTKE said further discussion on this subject can be held later.

Current Events

Mayor's Announcements

MAYOR HARTKE announced the For Our City Day event to be held on Saturday, March 29 at Pamela Park neighborhood, in honor of Cesar Chavez.

MAYOR HARTKE honored Victor Hardy, community member who passed away March 22. Mr. Hardy had a genuine desire to serve the people of Chandler and whether though leading prayers, offering heartfelt performances, or speaking out for justice, he used his voice to connect with and inspire others.

MAYOR HARTKE announced the 17th Annual Chandler Family Bike Ride to be held on Saturday, April 5, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Chandler Park & Ride on Hamilton Street and Germann Road. Mayor Kevin Hartke invites the Chandler community to join him for a fun and scenic bike ride along the beautiful Paseo Trail during the 17th Annual Chandler Family Bike Ride, which celebrates Valley Bike Month this April.

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Council's Announcements

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS expressed condolences to Pastor Hardy's family.

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS announced March 31, as Cesar Chavez Day, an opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate his work organizing and advocating for labor rights. There are many community events going on to celebrate in Chandler.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON expressed condolences to Pastor Hardy's family.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON said the Ostrich Festival just concluded and thanked the Chandler Chamber of Commerce for hosting this signature event.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON spoke to the Academic Decathlon Team at Arizona College Prep High School in Chandler and was grateful to be able to share about the city with the team.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS expressed condolences to Pastor Hardy's family.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS announced he had attended the ribbon cutting for George & Gather located in Downtown Chandler and encouraged everyone to check it out.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS shared information about facilities and recreation programming in Chandler, community members can sign up for classes in the new Break Time offering activities and special events.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS announced the Family Easter Celebration on Friday, April 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Dr. AJ Chandler Park.

City Manager's Announcements

None.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST: _______________________ ______________________________

City Clerk Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: April 10, 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 27th day of March 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this _______ day of March, 2025.

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City Clerk