

Meeting Minutes

City Council Study Session

April 21, 2025 | 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 6:00 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
Tawn Kao, Acting City Attorney
Dana DeLong, City Clerk

*Councilmember Jane Poston attended telephonically.

Scheduled Public Appearances

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

1. Proclamation: Fair Housing Month

MAYOR HARTKE read the proclamation and invited Riann Balch, Community Resources Senior Manager; Dylan Raymond, Management Analyst Senior; Kyndel Cook, Community Resources Specialist; and Lavaughan Ballesteros, Recreation Program Coordinator; to accept.

2. Recognition: Fair Housing Poster Contest Winners

MAYOR HARTKE invited the Fair Housing Poster Contest Winners to be recognized.

RIANN BALCH, Community Resources Senior Manager, recognized Fair Housing Poster Contest winners Majda K. and Aryana B. and presented them with gifts.

3. Recognition: Chandler Innovation Fair Winners

MAYOR HARTKE invited Chandler Innovation Fair Winners to be recognized with Councilmember Orlando.

MICAH MIRANDA, Economic Development Director, recognized Bologna Elementary, Weinberg Gifted Academy, Casteel Science, Santan Jr. High, Basha High Science is Fun, and Hamilton High School National Art Honor Society.

Consent Agenda and Discussion

Discussion was held on items 4 and 8.

City Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes
Move City Council approve the Council meeting minutes of the Special Meeting Budget Workshop #2 of March 24, 2025, the Special Meeting Budget Workshop #3 of March 27, 2025, the Special Meeting of April 7, 2025, the Study Session of April 7, 2025, the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2025, and the Work Session of April 10, 2025.
2. Boards and Commissions Member Appointments
Move City Council approve the Board and Commission appointments as recommended.

City Manager

3. Resolution No. 5890, Ordering and Calling a Special Bond Election and Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Up to \$475,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5890, ordering and calling a special bond election to be held concurrently with the November 4, 2025, General Election, to submit to the qualified electors of the city questions authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$475,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds of the city; designating or providing for the manner in which the election is conducted, the translation of election materials, voter registration deadlines and early voting dates, and related matters; and ratifying all actions taken and to be taken with respect to the election in furtherance of this Resolution.
4. Agreement No. CM5-556-4868, for Flexible Transit Services, with River North Transit (Via)
Move City Council approve Agreement No. CM5-556-4868, with River North Transit, LLC (Via), for flexible transit services, in an amount not to exceed \$3,315,000, for a two-year period, July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, with the option of up to three additional one-year extensions, and authorize an appropriation transfer of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund, Non-Departmental, Contingency Account to the Grants Fund, Transportation Policy Division, Professional Services Account.

RYAN PETERS, Strategic Initiatives Director, explained item 4 is a new agreement with River North Transit to have them continue operating Chandler Flex. The city was awarded \$1 million in

congressionally directed spending from Congressman Greg Stanton in 2024. This agreement is needed to use the grant funds to be in accordance with Federal Transportation Administration guidelines. Chandler Flex is an on-demand service where passengers can request rides on the Chandler Flex app or by calling. Rides are provided in Chandler Flex minivans and riders may share trips with other riders. Passengers may have a short walk to designated pickup and drop-off areas. The passenger fare is \$2 or \$1 for elderly or people with disabilities; students ride for free to and from after school activities. This summer there are free trips to city facilities to encourage ridership when school is out of session and use of city facilities. Since Chandler Flex began operating in 2022, the service has provided 105,000 rides to 5,000 different individuals; one-third of those being trips to and from schools. Other popular destinations include Chandler Regional Medical Center, Tumbleweed Park, employment centers on Price Road, shopping centers and transit facilities to transfer to the regional bus network.

VICE MAYOR ELLIS thanked staff. These developments in local transportation services such as Chandler Flex and First Mile, Last Mile program help underserved residents who may not have access to regional transportation networks. She asked if the map of service will be expanded.

MR. PETERS answered that the service area has expanded due to some additional funding from congressional partners and managing regional transit funds and leveraging city general funds to support the program. Chandler has been investigating ways to slowly grow the boundaries while staying within budget. Future growth opportunities are constantly evaluated.

VICE MAYOR ELLIS thanked Council for putting effort into the expansion of this program.

5. Agreement No. CS1-745-4293, Amendment No. 3, for Concrete Repair and Maintenance Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. CS1-745-4293, Amendment No. 3, with Degan Construction, LLC; Lincoln Constructors, Inc.; Precision Concrete Cutting, Inc.; Vincon Engineering Construction, LLC; and W.L. Emshoff, LLC, for concrete repair and maintenance services, in a combined amount not to exceed \$1,250,000, for a one-year term, May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026.

Communication and Public Affairs

6. Agreement No. CP3-966-4488, Amendment No. 4, for Overflow Photocopying and Printing Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. CP3-966-4488, Amendment No. 4, with LithoTech, Inc., for overflow photocopying and printing services, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the period of one year, beginning August 25, 2025, through August 24, 2026.

Community Services

7. Engineering Design Services Agreement No. PR2106.504, Amendment No. 1, with Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP) to Underground an Open Irrigation Channel Adjacent to Tumbleweed Park
Move City Council award Engineering Services Agreement No. PR2106.504, Amendment No. 1, to the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP), for the design to underground an existing SRP open irrigation channel adjacent to Tumbleweed Park, in the amount of \$51,790.
8. Purchase of a Library Locker from Lyngsoe Systems
Move City Council approve the purchase of a Library Locker from Lyngsoe Systems in the amount of \$44,521.69, and approve a contingency appropriation transfer from General Fund, Non-Departmental Cost Center, Contingency Account, in the amount of \$44,522, to the Library Trust Fund, Library Cost Center, Office Equipment Account to expend the Friends of the Library contribution.

JOHN SEFTON, Community Services Director, explained item 8 is a request to purchase a library locker system from Lyngsoe Systems as recommended by the library leadership team and the Friends of the Chandler Public Library. Lockers will benefit the community through improving access to information and sharing resources. These are comparable to Amazon package pickup lockers. The locker will be placed at Tumbleweed Recreation Center to capture users of the recreation center and to expand service beyond the libraries' capacity.

VICE MAYOR ELLIS shared she is passionate about expanding access to education and resources. She asked about the inspiration of the Friends of the Chandler Public Library.

BOB LOWRY, Friends of the Chandler Public Library President, said he is looking forward to implementing new innovations like the Outreach Mobile and the library locker. The Friends of the Chandler Public Library were approached by library staff with their ideas and the community that supports the library system contributed to make it happen.

VICE MAYOR ELLIS thanked Mr. Lowry and the Friends of the Chandler Public Library.

9. Authorizing a Grant Application to Arizona State Parks from the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the Amount of \$750,000 for Improvements to Pima Park
Move City Council authorize a grant application to Arizona State Parks from the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the amount of \$750,000 for improvements to Pima Park, located at 625 North McQueen Road.

Development Services

10. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5124, Rezoning, PLH24-0045 Beach House, Located at 603 E Carla Vista Drive, Generally Located North and East of the Northeast Corner of Arizona Avenue and Chandler Boulevard
Move City Council adopt Ordinance No. 5124 approving PLH24-0045 Beach House, Rezoning from Single-Family District (SF-8.5) to SF-8.5/Planned Area Development to allow for additional detached structures in the rear yard with reduced setbacks, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
11. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5125, Rezoning, PLH25-0003 Countrywide Frye Road Campus, Generally Located 1/4 Mile East of the Northeast Corner of Frye Road and Price Road
Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5125 approving PLH25-0003 Countrywide Frye Road Campus, amending the existing Planned Area Development (PAD) zoning district to allow medical uses in addition to the uses currently allowed, which include general office and Planned Industrial (I-1) type uses, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
12. Resolution No. 5882, Annexation of County Right-of-Way on a Portion of Cooper Road South of the Southwest Corner of Cooper Road and Nightingale Lane, and on a Portion of Ocotillo Road between 140th Street and Cobblestone Drive
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5882 approving annexation of county right-of-way located at the following locations: a) on a portion of Cooper Road south of the southwest corner of Cooper Road and Nightingale Lane; and b) on a portion of Ocotillo Road between 140th Street and Cobblestone Drive; contingent upon approval by Maricopa County.

Information Technology

13. Purchase of Replacement Edge Router and Switches
Move City Council approve the purchase of edge router and switches, from Hye Tech Network and Security Solutions, LLC, and from Sentinel Technologies, Inc., utilizing the 1GPA Contract No. 22-02PV-08 and Contract No. 22-02PV-18, in an amount not to exceed \$845,626.

Law

14. Settlement in McCarthy, et al. vs. City of Chandler
Move City Council approve the settlement in the matter of McCarthy, et al. vs. City of Chandler in full and final satisfaction of all claims asserted without admitting liability for the amount of \$300,000 and further authorize the City Attorney to sign any necessary documents in such forms as are approved by the City Attorney to effectuate the terms and conditions of settlement in this action.

Management Services

15. Purchase of Office Supplies

Move City Council approve the purchase of office supplies, from Staples Business Advantage, utilizing the Sourcewell Contract No. 091423-SCC, for the period of April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.

Neighborhood Resources

16. Resolution No. 5896 to Allocate Fiscal Year 2025-2026 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds

Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5896 approving and authorizing the City Manager to allocate Fiscal Year 2025-2026 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds; authorizing execution of all contracts and subrecipient agreements; and authorizing the City Manager to take all actions necessary or prudent to implement the adopted FY 2025-2026 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds.

17. Resolution No. 5895, Approving and Authorizing Submittal of the Community Development Block Grant 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5895 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year ("FY") 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"); authorizing execution of all subrecipient contracts; and authorizing the City Manager to take all action necessary or prudent to implement the approved FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan.

18. Resolution No. 5897, Approving Amendment No. 6 to the Intergovernmental Agreement Between Maricopa County, Administered by its Human Services Department, and City of Chandler to Accept Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds

Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5897 approving Amendment No. 6 to the Intergovernmental Agreement Between Maricopa County and City of Chandler to accept federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds in the amount of \$399,251; reallocate Program Year 2020 and 2021 HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds in the amount of \$307,781, and extend the expenditure term for the Program Year 2020-2023 HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds and the HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program funds; authorizing the City Manager to sign all related documents and assurances on behalf of the City of Chandler; and further authorizing the City Manager to take all action necessary or prudent to implement the city's HOME Investment Partnerships and HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan program activities.

Police Department

19. Purchase of Mobile Communication Services

Move City Council approve the purchase of mobile communication services, from Verizon Wireless, utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No. CTR049877, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.

20. Professional Services Agreement No. PD2401.101, with Dick & Fritsche Design Group, Inc., for the Police Main Station Renovations Study Consultant Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. PD2401.101 to Dick & Fritsche Design Group, Inc., for the Police Main Station Renovations Study Consultant Services, in an amount not to exceed \$291,745.
21. Professional Services Agreement No. PD2301.201, with SmithGroup, Inc., for the Police Forensic Services Facility Design Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. PD2301.201 to SmithGroup, Inc., for the Police Forensic Services Facility Design Services, in an amount not to exceed \$4,419,797.25.

Public Works and Utilities

22. Agreement No. SW2-100-4480, Amendment No. 3, with Sierra Group, LLC, for Refuse and Recycling Containers
Move City Council approve Agreement No. SW2-100-4480, Amendment No. 3, with Sierra Group, LLC, for refuse and recycling containers, in an amount not to exceed \$550,000, for the period of one year, beginning May 16, 2025, through May 15, 2026.
23. Purchase of Street Sweeper
Move City Council approve the purchase of a street sweeper, from Nescon, LLC, utilizing Maricopa County Contract No. 2400076-S, in the amount of \$390,676.92.
24. Agreement No. TR3-968-4606, Amendment No. 2, with Paramount Assistant, LLC, dba Paramount Streetlight, for Streetlight Pole Replacement
Move City Council approve Agreement No. TR3-968-4606, Amendment No. 2, with Paramount Assistant, LLC, dba Paramount Streetlight, for streetlight pole replacement, in an amount not to exceed \$479,000, for a one-year term, May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026.
25. Agreement No. PW4-962-4712, Amendment No. 1, with Andrews Plumbing Services, Inc.; PM Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc.; and TALIS Construction Corporation, for Plumbing Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. PW4-962-4712, Amendment No. 1, with Andrews Plumbing Services, Inc.; PM Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc.; and TALIS Construction Corporation, for plumbing services, in a combined amount not to exceed \$640,000, for a one-year term, April 11, 2025, through April 10, 2026.

Informational

26. Claims Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2025
27. Contracts and Agreements Administratively Approved for the Month of March 2025

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

ATTEST: Dana R. DeLong
City Clerk

Kevin Harthe
Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: May 8, 2025

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, held on the 21st day of April 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 8th day of May, 2025.

Dana R. DeLong
City Clerk

