

Meeting Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

October 13, 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 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Attendance

Mayor Kevin Hartke
*Vice Mayor Christine Ellis
Councilmember Angel Encinas
Councilmember Matt Orlando
Councilmember OD Harris
Councilmember Jennifer Hawkins

*Vice Mayor Ellis attended virtually

Absent

Councilmember Jane Poston - excused

Appointee Attendance

John Pombier, Acting City Manager
Tawn Kao, Acting City Attorney
Dana DeLong, City Clerk

Invocation

The invocation was given by Rev. Jimmy Thomas, International Assembly of God, Chandler.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Orlando.

Scheduled Public Appearances

1. Service Recognitions

Marla Palmer, 25 years – City Magistrate
Jennifer Honea, 25 years – Communications and Public Affairs

Jerry Oakes, 30 years – Neighborhood Resources

Jesus Deanda, 30 years – Police

2. Proclamation: National Friends of Libraries Week

MAYOR HARTKE read the proclamation and invited up the National Friends of Libraries to accept.

AMRITA DESHPANDE, Vice President of Friends of Chandler Public Library accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Friends of Chandler Public Library, thanking donors and volunteers. They shared excitement about the partnership with the city on the Bookmobile project.

3. Proclamation: National Code Enforcement Month

MAYOR HARTKE read the proclamation and invited up the Code Enforcement staff to accept.

GUYJAQUES, Neighborhood Preservation Senior Manager, thanked the public, Code Enforcement, and city management for their support. He shared that the department was recently named the best in Arizona and will soon compete for a national award at an upcoming conference.

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

MAYOR HARTKE invited the Chandler Exchange Club Award to Chandler Firefighters and Police Officers to be recognized.

LEANNA GRAY, President of the Chandler Exchange Club, thanked everyone for the opportunity to honor two outstanding first responders. Officer Evan Sprague joined the Chandler Police Department in 2023. Known for his professionalism and calm manner, he has earned several public commendations. He has also completed advanced training in DUI enforcement and phlebotomy. Officer Sprague's dedication and enthusiasm make him a worthy recipient of this year's First Responder Award. Fire Captain Scott Onyett has served with the Chandler Fire Department since 2010. Named Paramedic of the Year in 2023 and Firefighter of the Year in 2024, he is a respected leader and strong advocate for his fellow firefighters. The Chandler Exchange Club is proud to recognize Fire Captain Onyett with the First Responder Award.

EVAN SPRAGUE, Police Officer, thanked everyone for the opportunity and expressed appreciation to Sergeant Lang for his mentorship and guidance at the start of his law enforcement career. He shared how grateful he is to receive the award and to have learned so much during his first year on the team.

SCOTT ONYETT, Fire Captain, shared his gratitude for the strong support from the city and Council, noting how fortunate they are to serve in a well-run and highly respected community. He mentioned that, through his experience across the state, Chandler stands out as a desirable place to work, and he is truly grateful to be part of it.

5. Recognition: Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting & Achievement of Excellence in Procurement

MAYOR HARTKE invited Kristi Smith, Financial Services Director, and Accounting and Purchasing staff to accept.

KRISTI SMITH, Financial Services Director, recognized Chandler's outstanding accounting team for their dedication to accurate financial reporting. She introduced Julie Gosher, Senior Accounting Manager; Joanne Chang, Senior Accountant and Sarah Story, Senior Accountant, and Julie San Miguel, Accounting Specialist, who accepted the award for the FY 2023–24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Chandler received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 43rd consecutive year. This national recognition reflects months of detailed work by the accounting team and support from departments across the city. The ACFR ensures full financial transparency and is a key factor in maintaining the city's strong credit ratings. Kristi extended her appreciation to the entire accounting division and all who contributed.

MS. SMITH, recognized the City of Chandler's Purchasing Division for receiving the 2024 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Procurement Institute (NPI), accepting the award Christina Pryor, Procurement and Supply Senior Manager, and Christian Johnson, Procurement Officer. While the rest of their seven-member team could not attend, all contributed to the award application. This prestigious award honors organizations that demonstrate excellence in areas such as innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership. Chandler has received this recognition for 21 consecutive years and is one of only 13 agencies in Arizona and just 85 cities in the U.S. and Canada to earn this distinction. Ms. Smith expressed appreciation to the entire Purchasing Division for their commitment to quality, efficiency, and ensuring the best value for Chandler's taxpayers.

Consent Agenda and Discussion

City Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes
Move City Council approve the Council meeting minutes of the City Council and CUSD Special Joint meeting held on September 3, 2025, the Special Meeting held on September 8, 2025, the City Council Study Session held on September 15, 2025, the City Council Special Meeting held on September 15, 2025, the City Council Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2025, the City Council Special Meeting held on September 18, 2025, and the City Council Regular meeting held on September 18, 2025.

Public Works and Utilities

2. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5135 Granting a Non-Exclusive Power Distribution Easement to Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, at No Cost, for Electrical Facilities Relocation Required as Part of the Lindsay Road Improvement Project from Ocotillo Road to Hunt Highway Move City Council adopt Ordinance No. 5135 granting

