

AUGUST 6, 2025, | 5:00 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Dykstra called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 6, at 5:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Vice Chair Melanie Dykstra
Board Member Lynette Bradley
Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy
Board Member Sue McInturf (via phone)
Board Member James Montgomery
Board Member Sarah Sharits

Members Absent:

Chair John David

Staff Members:

John Sefton, Corey Povar, Mickey Ohland, Becky Kuiper, Sean Good, Sandy Popovich, Chris Smith, Sylvia Dlott, Matt Dunbar, and Misty Gustafson

Others Present:

None.

UNSCHEDULED/SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

ACTION ITEMS

1. *Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2025, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting.*

Board Member Krishnamurthy moved to approve the May 6th Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes and **Board Member Sharits** seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-0.

BRIEFING

2. *Results from the Resident Bond Committee and Details about the Upcoming Bond Election – Management Services*

Mr. Matt Dunbar, Budget and Policy Director for the City of Chandler, briefed the Board on the upcoming Bond Election on November 4, 2025.

Mr. Dunbar shared that the City of Chandler is holding a Special Bond for voters to consider a \$475 million general obligation bond package to fund large capital projects in the city's 10-yr Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Bond Project Areas include Parks and Recreation (\$158M), Fire (\$88M), Police (\$46M), and Streets (\$183M). These projects aim to improve daily life, ensure public safety, and support Chandler's growth.

Mr. Dunbar made it clear that the city predicts no increase to the property tax rate. The estimated average tax rate for the proposed bond authorization is \$0.4795 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The new bonds are timed with retiring debt, which the city projects will keep the secondary property tax rate stable at \$0.87 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Mr. Dunbar also shared that this special election would include two proposed amendments to the Chandler City Charter. The City of Chandler provides this information without supporting or opposing the amendments.

Proposition 410: Term Limits for Councilmembers and Mayor
Proposition 411: City Manager Appointment and Removal

Board Member Montgomery asked about the term for the bonds. Mr. Dunbar responded that the bonds are typically for 10 to 20-year terms.

Board Member Montgomery asked if the city expected the bond initiative to pass. Mr. Dunbar responded that it would be dependent on the voters.

Vice-Chair Dykstra asked if the upcoming bond election for Chandler Unified would impact this bond. Mr. Dunbar responded that the two bonds are very different, and the school's bond should not have an impact.

Board Member Bradley asked if this bond presentation was ever given to charter schools. Mr. Dunbar replied that it had not.

Vice-Chair Dykstra asked if there are other changes to the charter. Mr. Dunbar responded that there aren't any for this election.

3. *Neighborhood Services Ordinance 5122 Relating to Camping – Misty Gustafson*

Misty Gustafson, City of Chandler Homeless Programs Supervisor, gave a briefing on the homeless in Chandler and how the new ordinance effective January 1, 2025, impacts them. The ordinance states that it is unlawful to set up camp at city parks, outside city buildings, or schools.

Ms. Gustafson outlined the many programs available to the homeless and the support that her team provides on a regular basis.

4. *Construction of Tumbleweed Park Pickleball Facility, City of Chandler, Mickey Ohland*

Mickey Ohland, Community Services Planning Manager, announced that the new pickleball courts at Tumbleweed Park will have the ribbon cutting ceremony on September 6, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Courts will open at 9:00 a.m. with pros available and additional activities to include lessons from instructors, games, and practice with pickleball machines. Equipment will be provided.

5. *BerryDunn Accounting and Consulting Firm has been selected for the Recreation & Libraries Master Plan – City of Chandler, John Sefton*

Mr. John Sefton, Community Services Director, announced that the consulting firm for the upcoming Recreation & Libraries Master Plan had been selected and the board would be involved with future discussions.

6. *FY25/26 Community Services Budget – City of Chandler, John Sefton*

Mr. John Sefton, Community Services Director, gave a high-level review of the approved FY25/26 Community Services budget.

OPERATING BUDGET	Amount	FTE
Personnel and Benefits	\$24,779,032	190.375
Operations and Maintenance*	<u>\$16,672,853</u>	
TOTAL	\$41,451,885	

*Excludes capital cost centers

CIP Programs	2025-26 Total
TOTAL	\$89,770,144

CALENDAR ITEMS

7. Fall Community Recreation Program registration began on August 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
8. The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held on September 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago St.

ADJOURN

Board Member Montgomery moved to adjourn August 5th Parks and Recreation Board meeting, and **Board Member Krishnamurthy** seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Melanie Dykstra, Vice-Chair

John Sefton, Director of Community Services