

Meeting Minutes

City Council Study Session

February 2, 2026 | 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 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Attendance

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

Appointee Attendance

John Pombier, City Manager
Kelly Schwab, City Attorney
Dana DeLong, City Clerk

Scheduled Public Appearances

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

1. Service Recognitions

Courtney Randolph, CAPA – 10 years
Tammie Silversmith, Police – 35 years

2. Retirement Recognitions

MAYOR HARTKE recognized Mickey Ohland, Community Services Planning Manager, for his 30 years of service.

JOHN SEFTON, Community Services Director, said Mr. Ohland has dedicated his career to creating community through people, parks, and programs. He shared Mr. Ohland's accomplishments in the Chandler parks program, explaining that there is virtually no park space in the city that he has not influenced. From playgrounds to memorials to sports fields, skate parks, now beloved pickle

ball courts and cricket pitches and all all-inclusive play features, he's known as a dependable and conscientious leader. He has mastered the art of meshing opposing opinions and navigating restricted budgets without ever compromising the final design or the quality of life for residents. His teamwork approach and people skills have been an asset to Chandler.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO thanked Mr. Ohland for his service and shared his passion for parks and recreation.

MAYOR HARTKE recognized Dana DeLong, City Clerk, for her 8 years of service. He shared some of Ms. DeLong's accomplishments in the City Clerk's Office, including leading processes and system improvements that have defined the role of the City Clerk's Office for boards and commissions, agenda management, the passport acceptance program, and records and information management. Ms. DeLong contributed to public access and transparency for Chandler residents. He thanked her for her service to the city.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS thanked Ms. DeLong for her insight and kindness to candidates in her elections work. She leaves behind a legacy in the City Clerk's Office.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON appreciated Ms. DeLong for her calmness and expertise in elections and complimented her passion for ideas and improvements.

VICE MAYOR ENCINAS shared appreciation for Ms. DeLong's professionalism and expertise in her field. He noted that Ms. DeLong has elevated the passport acceptance program in the City Clerk's Office with excellent customer service.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO thanked Ms. DeLong for her service, noting her inclination for great ideas and doing the right thing.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS praised Ms. DeLong for her kindness in meeting candidates during city elections and thanked her for serving the Chandler community.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS thanked Ms. DeLong for her work in the City Clerk's Office and making improvements.

MS. DELONG thanked Mayor and Council for this kind recognition and said it has been an honor to serve as the City Clerk of Chandler. She thanked City Clerk's Office staff. She shared appreciation for Council's support in growing the City Clerk's Office. She thanked her family for their support.

3. Proclamation: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS read the proclamation and invited Katie Cain, Victim Services Senior Program Manager and members of the Domestic Violence Commission to accept.

LIZETTE ROEDER, Commissioner, shared information about the prevalence of teen dating violence and the importance of sharing information about healthy relationships.

4. Proclamation: Not in Our City Week

MAYOR HARTKE read the proclamation and invited Pastor Mike Gowans of Bethel Chandler to accept.

PASTOR GOWANS thanked Mayor and Council for this proclamation and announced the 8th Annual Night of Hope event on February 22, 2026 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Pure Heart Church in Glendale, AZ. He shared that more information can be found at notinourcity.org.

5. Jonathan McHatton - CARE INC / For Our Cities & Towns

JONATHAN MCHATTON, CARE Inc. recognized Boyd Dunn for his achievements contributing to For Our City Chandler.

MR. DUNN thanked Mayor and Council as well as City Manager for allowing staff involvement with residents, nonprofits, and churches to serve Chandler's community.

MR. MCHATTON also recognized Leah Powell, Deputy City Manager, for her contributions to For Our City Chandler.

Consent Agenda and Discussion

Discussion was held on item 6.

City Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes
Move City Council approve the Council meeting minutes of the City Council Special Meeting held on January 5, 2026, the City Council Special Joint Meeting held on January 16, 2026, the City Council Work Session held on January 22, 2026, the City Council Special Meeting held January 22, 2026, and the City Council Regular Meeting held January 22, 2026.

City Manager

2. Construction Agreement No. ST2106.401, with Granite Construction Company, for the Frye Road Protected Bike Lanes, Located on Frye Road between San Marcos Park (Fairview Street) and the Paseo Trail
Move City Council award Construction Agreement No. ST2106.401, Change Order No. 1, to Granite Construction Company for the Frye Road Protected Bike Lanes, in an amount not to exceed \$292,609.20.

Development Services

3. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5150, Rezoning, Jones Residence

Move City Council adopt Ordinance No. 5150 approving PLH25-0035 Jones Residence, Rezoning from Agricultural District (AG-1) to Single-Family District (SF-33) to allow reduced setbacks for an addition on an existing single-family home located at 870 E Willis Road, subject to the condition as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

4. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5151, Annexation and Initial City Zoning

Move City Council adopt Ordinance No. 5151 approving ANX25-0003, annexing three (3) parcels totaling approximately 11.24 acres in an area east of the northeast corner of Willis Road and McQueen Road, and approving initial City Zoning, as recommended by Planning staff.

5. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5152, Rezoning and Preliminary Development Plan, Seasons at McQueen

Rezoning

Move City Council adopt Ordinance No. 5152 approving PLH25-0014 Seasons at McQueen, Rezoning from AG-1 to PAD for single-family residential, generally located east of the northeast corner of Willis Road and McQueen Road, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Economic Development

6. Resolution No. 5972, Authorizing Support for a Foreign Trade Zone Designation and Application for Avnet, Inc.; Approving the Related Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Chandler and the City of Phoenix

Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5972, authorizing support for a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) application for Avnet, Inc. for the facility located at 6700 W. Morelos Place; authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Chandler and City of Phoenix in support of same; and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Resolution and related Intergovernmental Agreement as approved by the City Attorney.

MAYOR HARTKE called for a presentation.

MICAH MIRANDA, Economic Development Director, presented the following presentation.

- Foreign Trade Zone
- Foreign Trade Zone Program
 - Federal program established in 1934.
 - Administered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.
 - Offers special customs procedures designed to increase the use of U.S. labor, U.S. capital investment and U.S. exports.
 - FTZs are considered outside of U.S. customs territory, allowing activity involving foreign items (manufacturing, assembly, repair, testing) to take place prior to formal customs entry.

- Can help offset customs advantages available to overseas producers that compete with U.S. companies.
- Avnet FTZ Request
 - Duty Deferral: Duties are paid only when goods enter U.S. Customs territory. Postponing the payment of duties until goods exit the FTZ warehouse for domestic distribution allows companies to enhance cash flow.
 - Duty Exemption: Merchandise may be exported out of the U.S. duty free.
 - Duty Reduction: Manufacturers may pay the lower duty rate applicable to either component materials or merchandise produced.
 - Duty Elimination: Duties are eliminated on merchandise that is obsolete, damaged, destroyed as defective, scrapped, or wasted.
 - Weekly Entry Savings: Companies can reduce their cost of fees for U.S. Customs entry filings by using weekly entries versus entry per shipment.
 - Direct Delivery: With U.S. Customs and Border Protection approval, an importer may bypass normal customs FTZ procedures and move imported product directly to the FTZ.
- Map
- Questions?

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked about the slide Avnet FTZ Request.

MR. MIRANDA explained that the FTZ designation will not have any direct tax implications on the city or its taxpayers. It allows Avnet to operate their business more efficiently through existing federal regulations.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS said Avnet has opted to not take further benefits and asked how this could be reconsidered at a later date.

MR. MIRANDA explained that if Avnet requests a FTZ property tax reclassification, they will go back through the city process to get approval from the City of Chandler and taxing entities.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if another piece of this property would be designated for the federal government for the benefits.

MR. MIRANDA explained the property is not transferred to the federal government. Avnet receives import and export advantages for goods brought into the locations in Chandler.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked what Avnet imports.

MR. MIRANDA explained that they import electronics components.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked about the FTZ program being administered by US Border Patrol.

MR. MIRANDA explained that the FTZ program is not administered by US Border Patrol, it is monitored by US Border Protection which oversees goods entering the United States. This classification treats this property as exempt from tariffs and different import and export control on those goods.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked about the difference between a company with a FTZ designation versus an individual returning to the United States with foreign goods claiming them at US Customs.

MR. MIRANDA shared that when an item enters a foreign trade zone, it still goes through the normal customs and border inspection manifest confirmation. The FTZ designation just treats those items that come into the zone as not eligible for import or export duties, until it is exported at a different time. It has many advantages for businesses including cash flow improvement.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS mentioned that there are several other FTZ companies in Chandler. He asked why this request was moving forward when there are already several other FTZ sites.

MR. MIRANDA said each site that receives the FTZ designation is unique. A business may have multiple locations throughout a community and the activities at each location may not be part of the FTZ program. There are no implications for taxpayers, and any enforcement of the program is relegated to the federal government.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked to confirm that any enforcement actions are taken by the federal government, and the city does not maintain oversight of the FTZ program.

MR. MIRANDA confirmed that the City of Chandler does not have oversight over the FTZ program.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if the City of Chandler can provide emergency services to the FTZ area.

MR. MIRANDA explained that the FTZ designation is an economic development tool to support growing businesses, the city can provide emergency services to the business. The city does not have any oversight over the FTZ designation of that business.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if the city would lose any money or suffer lost tax revenue.

MR. MIRANDA said no. There are no direct financial implications for the city. There may be an increase in indirect economic activity due to the designation.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked what would happen if a business with a FTZ designation went out of business.

MR. MIRANDA said the FTZ designation is site and business specific. The business has options in order to terminate their designation. If a business relocates, the designation does not apply to any future businesses in that location.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked why businesses do not collaborate with businesses that already have FTZ designations in Chandler.

MR. MIRANDA explained that there may be numerous businesses involved with similar goods or products, but each individual business must have their own FTZ designation. Each site or business must have their own FTZ designation, as sharing a designation with another site or business is not possible.

MAYOR HARTKE requested staff share a fact sheet regarding FTZ designations to Council.

Facilities and Fleet

7. Purchase of Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Systems Installation, Maintenance and Inspection Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. BF3-936-4600, Amendment No. 2, with CFP Backflow Services Inc., for Purchase of Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Systems Installation, Maintenance and Inspection Services, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,663,600, for the period of one year, beginning February 8, 2026, through February 7, 2027.

Human Resources

8. Memorandum of Understanding, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)
Move City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 between the City of Chandler (City) and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF).
9. Memorandum of Understanding, Chandler Lieutenants and Police Sergeants Association (CLASA)
Move City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 between the City of Chandler (City) and the Chandler Lieutenants and Police Sergeants Association (CLASA).
10. Memorandum of Understanding, Chandler Law Enforcement Association (CLEA)
Move City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 between the City of Chandler (City) and the Chandler Law Enforcement Association (CLEA).

Police Department

11. Purchase of Ammunition

Move City Council approve the purchase of ammunition, utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No. CTR071169, CTR071170, CTR071171, CTR071172, with Diamondback Police, Dooley Enterprises Inc., FX Tactical LLC, San Diego Police Equipment, and Miwall Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Public Works and Utilities

12. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5147 Declaring a Portion of Geronimo Street and Iowa Street, Lying Within the Police Forensic Lab Property at the Northeast Corner of Hartford Street and Pecos Road, No Longer Needed for a Public Purpose, to be Vacated, and Conveyed to the Abutting Property Owner
Move City Council adopt Ordinance No. 5147 declaring certain real property as no longer necessary for use as a public roadway; vacating a portion of Geronimo Street and Iowa Street roadways lying within the Police Forensic Lab property at the northeast corner of Hartford Street and Pecos Road; and authorizing the execution of all documents necessary or appropriate to complete the abandonment and vacation of the roadway.
13. Purchase of Asphalt Products and Services
Move City Council approve the purchase of asphalt products and services from Weems Asphalt, LLC; Cactus Asphalt, Inc.; Roadrunner Paving & Asphalt Maintenance, LLC; and Sunland Asphalt & Construction, LLC, utilizing 1GPA Agreement No. 22-15P, in a combined amount not to exceed \$2,478,000.16.

Public Hearing

14. Chandler General Plan Update, PLH25-0010, Public Input, Consideration and Discussion Regarding the Update of Chandler's General Plan - **Continued to the Monday, February 23, 2026 Special Meeting**
 1. Open Public Hearing
 2. Staff Presentation
 3. Council Discussion
 4. Discussion from the Audience
 5. Close Public Hearing

Informational

15. Special Event Liquor Licenses and Temporary and Permanent Extensions of Liquor License Premises Administratively Approved
16. Claims Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2025

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

ATTEST: *Jennifer Ehlbaul*
City Clerk

Kevin Harthe
Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: February 26, 2026

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 2nd day of February 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 27th day of February, 2026.

Jennifer Ehlbaul
City Clerk

