

Meeting Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

January 22, 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 6:00 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

Invocation

The invocation was given by Rabbi Mendy Deitsch, Chabad of the East Valley.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Hawkins.

Scheduled Public Appearances

MAYOR HARTKE invited Councilmember Orlando to join him for scheduled public appearances.

1. Recognition: Parade of Lights

MAYOR HARTKE invited Amanda Jensen and the winners of the Parade of Lights to be recognized.

AMANDA JENSEN, Special Events Senior Specialist, recognized the winners of the 2025 Parade of Lights, a long-standing Chandler tradition enjoyed by families, organizations, schools, and

businesses each year. Ten winners across five categories were honored, with eight represented in person. Congratulations were extended to all winners and participants for their creativity, hard work, and enthusiasm in the 2025 Parade of Lights.

Best Lit Musical or Dance Group:

2nd Place – Can Dance Studios

1st Place (tie) – USA Dance Company and Moonlight Sirens Tribal Belly Dance Company

Best Lit Community Group:

2nd Place – Move Martial Arts

1st Place – Santan Elementary Student Council

Best Lit Business Group:

2nd Place – Tow and Topsy LLC

1st Place – Stars in Motion Dance School

Biggest and Brightest:

2nd Place – Copper State Four-Wheelers

1st Place – TDC Fellowship

Judges' Choice:

Move Martial Arts

Consent Agenda and Discussion

Budget and Policy

1. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5148, to Adjust Certain Water, Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Rates, Fees, and Processes
Move City Council adopt Ordinance No. 5148 amending the Chandler City Code Chapter 50, Sections 50-1 through 50-5, Sections 50-7 through 50-9, Sections 50-11 through 50-12, and Section 50-19 to adjust certain Water, Wastewater and Reclaimed Water rates, fees, and processes, effective March 2, 2026, and approve a \$25,000 transfer from the General Fund, Non-Departmental, Contingency Account, to the General Fund, Local Social Service Donations Account, to provide additional funding to the Acts of Kindness (A-OK) program through AZCEND to assist residents in need with utility bills.
2. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5149 Related to Solid Waste Collections
Move City Council adopt Ordinance No. 5149 amending the Chandler City Code Chapter 44 sections: 44-1, 44-4 through 44-5, 44-5.3, 44-6 through 44-7.6 and 44-9.7 related to solid waste collections.

City Clerk

3. Approval of Minutes

Move City Council approve the Council meeting minutes of the City Council Work Session meeting held on December 11, 2025, the City Council Work Session Meeting held on December 15, 2025, the City Council Study Session held on January 5, 2026, and the City Council Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2026.

4. Resolution No. 5968, Providing Notice of the Primary and General Elections to be held on August 4, 2026 and November 3, 2026, Respectively
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5968, designating and providing notice of the 2026 Primary and General Elections to be held on August 4, 2026 and November 3, 2026, respectively; and authorizing the City Clerk to enter into agreements, as required, to provide election services for the 2026 Primary and General Elections.

City Manager

5. Purchase of First Mile, Last Mile Program Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. CM5-962-4932, with Lyft, Inc., for the First Mile, Last Mile Program, in an amount not to exceed \$195,000, for the period of one year, beginning February 8, 2026, through February 7, 2027.

Community Services

6. Purchase of Landscape Services for the Community Services Department
Move City Council approve Agreement No. CS5-988-4853, Amendment No. 1, with Grounds Control, LLC, for city park landscape services, in an amount not to exceed \$2,035,503 for a one-year period, December 13, 2025, through December 12, 2026.

Development Services

7. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5150, Rezoning, Jones Residence, 0.9-Acre Site Located at 870 E Willis Road, Generally Located West of the Northwest Corner of Willis and McQueen Roads
Move City Council introduce and tentatively 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.
8. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5151, Annexation and Initial City Zoning, Approximately 11.24 Net Acres Located East of the Northeast Corner of Willis Road and McQueen Road
Move City Council introduce and tentatively 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.

9. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5152, Rezoning and Preliminary Development Plan, Seasons at McQueen
Rezoning
Move City Council introduce and tentatively 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.
Preliminary Development Plan
Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH25-0014 Seasons at McQueen for subdivision layout for 57 homes and housing product generally located east of the northeast corner of Willis Road and McQueen Road, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
10. Use Permit and Entertainment Use Permit, Trophy Bar
Move City Council approve Use Permit and Entertainment Use Permit, PLH25-0029 Trophy Bar to allow for a Series 6 bar license and live entertainment indoors and outdoors with speakers indoors and outdoors located at 2551 W Queen Creek Rd #4, subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO stated that a presentation was unnecessary and noted that resident concerns had been addressed following meetings with the applicant.

DARSY SMITH, Planner, confirmed this.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO commended staff and the applicant for their collaboration and for holding additional meetings to resolve issues and expressed appreciation for the cooperative effort moving the project forward.

11. Use Permit, St. Mary Basha Elementary
Move City Council approve Use Permit, PLH25-0032 St. Mary Basha Elementary School, to allow a new one-story multipurpose building on an existing school campus, 200 W Galveston Street, subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Facilities and Fleet

12. Agreement for Public Safety Vehicle Upfitting Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. PD5-055-4859, Amendment No. 1, for public safety up-fitting services, with Airwave Communications Enterprises, LLC, All Fleet Services; American Emergency Products, Inc., MHQ of Arizona; Pride Outfitting, LLC, and Waltz Outfitting, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$780,000, for the period of February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027.

13. **Purchase of Painting and Related Services**
Move City Council approve the purchase of painting and related services from Ghaster Painting & Coatings, Inc., utilizing the 1GPA Contract No. 23-11PV-04, in an amount not to exceed \$1,227,500.

Information Technology

14. **Purchase of Network Switches**
Move City Council approve the purchase of network switches, from HyeTech Network & Security Solutions, LLC., utilizing the 1GPA Contract No. 22-02PV-08, and Sentinel Technologies, Inc., utilizing the 1GPA Contract No. 22-02PV-18, in an amount not to exceed \$1,127,987.
15. **Purchase of Training Credits for Enterprise Resource Planning Project**
Move City Council approve the purchase of training credits for the enterprise resource planning (ERP) project, from Workday, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, and authorize the City Manager to sign the training credit order form.

Management Services

16. **Agreement for Accounting Professional Services**
Move City Council approve Agreement No. 5019, with Sherry McGlade, for accounting professional services, in an amount not to exceed \$240,000, for the period of eighteen months, beginning January 12, 2026, through June 11, 2027, with the option of up to two one-year extensions.

Public Works and Utilities

17. **Introduction 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, City of Chandler**
Move City Council introduce and tentatively 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.
18. **Professional Services Agreement with Consultant Engineering, Inc., for the Lindsay Road Improvements (Ocotillo Road to Hunt Highway) Construction Management Services**
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. ST2001.451, to Consultant Engineering, Inc., for the Lindsay Road Improvements (Ocotillo Road to Hunt Highway) Construction Management Services, in an amount not to exceed \$2,888,276.00.

19. Professional Services Agreement with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., for the Lindsay Road Improvements (Ocotillo Road to Hunt Highway) Post-Design Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. ST2001.271 to Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Lindsay Road Improvements (Ocotillo Road to Hunt Highway) Post-Design Services, in an amount not to exceed \$123,075.00.
20. Construction Agreement with Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC, for the Lindsay Road Improvements (Ocotillo Road to Hunt Highway)
Move City Council award Construction Agreement No. ST2001.401 to Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC for the Lindsay Road Improvements (Ocotillo Road to Hunt Highway), in an amount not to exceed \$22,359,500.25.
21. Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for the Kyrene Road (Santan Loop 202 to Chandler Blvd) Design Services
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. ST2503.201, to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for the Kyrene Road (Santan Loop 202 to Chandler Blvd) Design Services, for an amount not to exceed \$2,473,209.
22. Purchase of Generator Maintenance Services for Public Works & Utilities
Move City Council approve Agreement No. PW3-936-4544, Amendment No. 3, with Valleywide Generator Service, LLC, for generator maintenance services, in an amount not to exceed \$365,000, for a one-year term, December 12, 2025, through December 11, 2026.
23. Purchase of Powder Activated Carbon for the Pecos Surface Water Treatment Plant
Move City Council approve Agreement No. PW5-885-4810, Amendment No. 1, with Arq Purification, LLC, and Carbon Activated Corporation, for powder activated carbon, in a combined amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, for a one-year period, January 24, 2026, through January 23, 2027.
24. Purchase of Public Works & Utilities Landscape Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. PW2-988-4407, Amendment No. 4, with Artistic Land Management, Inc., for Public Works landscape services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,571,400, for a one-year term, January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
25. Purchase of Asphalt Crack Sealant
Move City Council approve the purchase of asphalt crack sealant, from Superior Supply, Inc., utilizing Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Contract No. CTR066733, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.
26. Purchase of Pole Painting Services
Move City Council approve the purchase of pole painting services, from OLS Restoration, Inc., utilizing City of Mesa Contract No. 2024033, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

27. Purchase of Streetlight Poles
Move City Council approve Agreement No. PW4-285-4704, Amendment No. 2, with Cem-Tec Corporation, for streetlight poles, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a one-year term, January 18, 2026, through January 17, 2027.
28. Purchase of a Traffic Bucket Truck
Move City Council approve the purchase of a bucket truck, from Sanderson Ford, Inc., utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No.CTR069471, in the amount of \$252,830.08.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Vice Mayor Encinas moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the January 22, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Poston.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Action Agenda

29. Resolution No. 5970 Accepting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025, and Demonstrating Compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5970 accepting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, and demonstrating compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) §9-481(H) and §41-1494.

JULIE GOUCHER, Accounting Senior Manager, introduced Item 29, adopting Resolution No. 5970 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. She also introduced Joshua Jumper from HeinfieldMeech, who presented the audit results.

JOSHUA JUMPER, Partner, HeinfieldMeech, presented the following presentation.

- Presentation of the City Of Chandler Annual Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025
- Requirements
 - The City is required by City Charter and State Statute to issue an annual audited financial report (ACFR), and federal law requires the City to undergo an annual single audit (A-133) of federal financial assistance.
 - Effective September 29, 2021, ARS §9-481(H), as amended by laws 2021, Ch 427, §1, auditors must present audit results and any findings to the Council in a regular meeting without the use of a consent agenda within 90 days of audit completion.
 - ACFR posted online; at least 5 years reports.
- Standards to Guide the Audit
 - OMB Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200(UG)
 - Federal Compliance Audit
 - Governmental Accounting Stdrs. Board (GASB)
 - Financial Reporting
 - AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards (SAS)

- General Audit Standards
- Working paper documentation
- Risk assessments
- Governing Auditing Standards (GAS)
- Auditing Standards particular to governmental entities
- Independent standards and requirements
- Importance of the Audit
 - Verify management representations regarding finances
 - Demonstrate stewardship and accountability to:
 - Residents
 - Governing body
 - Grantors
 - State agencies
 - Federal agencies
 - Bond holders
 - IRS
 - Creditors
 - Review compliance with certain laws and regulations
 - Governing body ultimately must ensure management fulfills its responsibility
- Audit Process
 - Engagement letter and initial planning of the audit began in May
 - Site visits in July, August, October, and November
 - Various audit procedures performed remotely between site visits
 - Audit reports issued November – January
- Audit Related Reports Issued
 - Audit communication to those charged with governance
 - Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
 - Single Audit Reporting Package
 - Report on internal control for audit under Government Auditing Standards
 - Report on internal control and compliance for federal awards as required
 - Agreed-upon procedures report for ADEQ landfill requirements
 - HURF Accountant’s Report on Compliance
 - Annual Expenditure Limitation Report
- FY 2024-25 Audit Results
 - Unmodified (clean) audit opinion dated November 10, 2025
 - No internal control deficiencies noted
 - Single Audit reported \$33 million of Federal expenditures; COVID-19 funding remains a critical portion
 - Approximately \$8.8m spent in fiscal year 2025
- Other Important Communication
 - Communication to those charged with governance provided by the audit firm at the completion of the audit also includes the following:

- Engagement letter provided by the audit firm to management at the initiation of the audit
- Management representation letter provided by management at the audit firm at the completion of the audit
- Audit Team
 - Contacts: Joshua Jumper Partner (623) 237-7952 joshua.jumper@hm.cpa
- Questions?

MAYOR HARTKE thanked Mr. Jumper for his professionalism and support throughout the audit.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked how the audit results letter is sent to the federal government.

MR. JUMPER explained that this is part of the single audit reporting package, which reports the city's spending of federal grants. The package is transmitted to the federal government via the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. While the city submits it, the auditors ensure the information is accurate and matches the issued report.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO thanked Mr. Jumper and noted he was unaware the city was required to do that, adding that the State of Arizona is also sent a letter.

MR. JUMPER confirmed that all reports issued as part of the annual audit are also sent to the Arizona Auditor General.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS thanked Mr. Jumper and praised the city's leadership and staff for their strong fiscal responsibility, noting that taxpayer dollars are carefully managed and residents should be proud of the city's commitment to making every dollar count.

Action Agenda Motion and Vote

Councilmember Orlando moved to pass and adopt Resolution No. 5970 accepting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, and demonstrating compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) §9-481(H) and §41-1494; Seconded by Councilmember Ellis.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Informational

30. Contracts and Agreements Administratively Approved, Month of December 2025

Unscheduled Public Appearances

NOAH JAMES MARKHAM, Tempe, AZ, spoke in support of allowing men to be shirtless in public spaces, including sidewalks and businesses. He encouraged improvements to downtown

Chandler and the Chandler Mall, expressed appreciation for community events such as Pride, and urged the city to hire more female police officers.

BROOK BEALL, 85 W. Teakwood Pl., Chandler, AZ, congratulated city staff Jennifer Ekblad and John Pombier on their new positions and thanked Ms. DeLong for her service as City Clerk. He stated that he contacted the Bureau of Reclamation regarding concerns about the Consolidated Canal and invited a representative to address the Council. He reported being threatened while documenting violations on the canal, expressed concerns about safety and lack of enforcement, and warned that conditions may worsen with increased bike traffic following Frye Road improvements.

Current Events

Mayor's Announcements

MAYOR HARTKE announced that Chandler Municipal Airport will host Airport Day on Saturday, January 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free, family-friendly event will feature aircraft displays, interactive activities, booths from City departments, and a special guest appearance. Residents are encouraged to attend.

MAYOR HARTKE announced the Downtown Developer Summit on Friday, January 30, at the ASU Chandler Innovation Center, 249 E. Chicago Street. The event will feature developers sharing insights on adaptive reuse, housing, and new construction, with opportunities for networking and light refreshments. Residents and developers are encouraged to RSVP by contacting Lauren Koll, Downtown Redevelopment Program Manager at 480-782-3047.

MAYOR HARTKE announced that the Chandler International Film Festival is returning, showcasing filmmakers and artists from around the world. The festival highlights Chandler's commitment to the arts, cultural diversity, and creative expression, while supporting local businesses and attracting visitors. Residents are encouraged to attend screenings or events. Full details and tickets are available at chandlerfilmfestival.com.

Council's Announcements

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON shared that the Mayor and Council recently met with legislators from Arizona Legislative Districts 12, 13, and 14 to discuss priorities, including water security and maintaining local control. She appreciated the opportunity to exchange ideas and support open communication.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON announced that the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities is now accepting applications for scholarships and the 2026 Disability Awards. Scholarships of up to \$1,000 support Chandler residents with disabilities pursuing education or careers, with applications open through March 31. Nominations for the awards honoring individuals and organizations promoting inclusion are due by January 20. More information is available through the city's Adaptive Recreation Office.

