

Meeting Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

February 5, 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 Jennifer Hawkins

Appointee Attendance

John Pombier, City Manager
Kelly Schwab, City Attorney
Jennifer Ekblad, City Clerk

Absent

Councilmember OD Harris

Invocation

The invocation was given by Pastor Tim Klontz, Family Bible Church.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Poston.

Consent Agenda and Discussion

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.

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).

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON stated that she had no conflict of interest on Item 10.

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.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Councilmember Orlando moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the February 5, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Poston.

Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

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 Unscheduled Public Appearances

Unscheduled Public Appearances

JENNY VITALE, Chandler, AZ, spoke regarding the city's retention basin project. She stated that the project has faced ongoing challenges, particularly due to the failure to complete proper analysis before design and construction. As a result, the basins were landscaped before drainage and drywell were tested. Ms. Vitale emphasized the importance of analysis and construction and called for better training to ensure projects are built in the correct order and properly supervised. She also expressed concern with the project's aesthetics, noting that the gray rock used does not match the surrounding neighborhoods. She acknowledged staff's willingness to work with her on solutions and urged the city to hold the rock supplier accountable and ensure aesthetics are maintained on city projects.

ROHITH CHANDRASHAKER, 800 W. Oakland St., Chandler, AZ, spoke expressing concerns about the City's use of Flock Safety's ALPR technology. He stated that the agreement may conflict with Council's statement that policing and immigration enforcement should not overlap. While commending the Council's intent, he questioned whether the city has fully upheld that commitment. Mr. Chandrasher said he has not received clear answers on whether Chandler opted in or out of federal data sharing through Flock, nor has he been provided with a copy of the city's privacy agreement. He alleged that Flock has shared data with federal agencies despite prior denials and that Chandler's data has been accessed outside Arizona through intercity and interstate sharing. He further stated that data may be accessible to 287G Jail Enforcement

program jurisdictions, including Mesa, and urged the city to suspend or reevaluate its agreement with Flock in light of ongoing privacy concerns raised by other municipalities.

MAYOR HARTKE asked staff to address the questions raised and clarify the city's current data-sharing practices.

VICE MAYOR ENCINAS stated that he requested a review of the city's Flock services and asked that the results be shared with Council once completed.

JOHN POMBIER, City Manager, shared that the results will be provided.

GEORGE RITCHIE, 44611 Pecan Dr., spoke about two concerns. He stated that he moved to Ocotillo in 2008 and wished to address issues related to the city's hazardous materials recycling center and noise from the Intel facility near Dobson and Ocotillo. Recently, after changing his vehicle's antifreeze, he attempted to dispose of it at the Chandler Recycling Center but was turned away because he did not have an appointment. He described the policy as unreasonable and said hazardous waste recycling should be simple, free, and encourage proper disposal. He urged city leadership to review the center's operations and implement stronger oversight and performance standards. Mr. Ritchie also reiterated concerns he had previously raised about noise from the nearby Intel plant. He said the noise affects a wide area, including neighborhoods between Dobson, Alma School, Ocotillo, and Chandler Heights. According to him, loud steam bursts penetrate homes and disrupt residents. Although the city has stated the plant is in compliance with regulations, he disagrees and, as an engineer, believes the noise measures are taken under conditions that minimize how far sound travel and do not reflect typical conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO suggested reviewing the recycling center's household hazardous waste appointment reservation policy during the next budget cycle, noting resident concerns and personal inconvenience. He also recommended exploring whether Intel could help identify and mitigate related issues.

NOAH JAMES MARKHAM, Tempe, AZ, spoke about his desire for more nightlife options in downtown Chandler, suggesting the addition of a restaurant and club that would appeal to both young adults and Gen Z residents. He also encouraged the city to further celebrate diversity, including the possibility of a Pride parade. Additionally, he expressed support for Chandler students opposing ICE and stated his opposition to ICE and President Donald Trump being present in Chandler.

Current Events

Mayor's Announcements

MAYOR HARTKE recognized the airport team for last month's Airport Day, which drew nearly 15,000 attendees and offered a behind-the-scenes look at one of the nation's busiest general aviation airports. He thanked the team and the community for their support.

MAYOR HARTKE congratulated Dr. Anna Battle on her appointment as Chandler Unified School District superintendent, noting her nearly four decades of educational leadership and the community's anticipation of continued partnership to support student success.

MAYOR HARTKE invited the public to next Thursday's State of the City at the Center for the Arts, with a 5:30 p.m. reception and 6:30 p.m. remarks highlighting community achievements, challenges, and plans for 2026. More information and RSVP details are at chandleraz.gov/stateofthecity.

MAYOR HARTKE recognized the Chinese New Year, beginning February 17 and marking the Year of the Horse. He wished all who celebrate a year of health, happiness, and prosperity, and expressed gratitude for Chandler's diverse cultures and traditions.

Council's Announcements

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON shared last Friday's Downtown Developer Summit, highlighting the keynote by Jim Hyde and a panel of local developers. She recognized staff for completing the updated Downtown Regional Area Plan, which modernizes zoning to support redevelopment and allow Chandler to grow. She called the event impressive and exactly what the city needs.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON recognized staff, noting that after Council received an email from a resident about stickers on light poles, Neighborhood Preservation and Street Maintenance staff went above and beyond by walking the streets to remove them. She stated that these efforts help keep the community clean and reflect the "Chandler way." She thanked the teams for their dedication and excellent work.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS recognized CE Precision Assemblies for expanding its Chandler operations with a nearly 40,000-square-foot facility on the west side of the city. She thanked the company for its long-standing presence, job creation, and contribution to Chandler's advanced and aerospace manufacturing sector.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS shared news that Yo Pauly's New York Pizza will be opening in Chandler. She invited the public to attend the grand opening and ribbon cutting on Monday, February 9, National Pizza Day, at 3:00 p.m., and encouraged the community to join in celebrating the new business.

