

Meeting Minutes

City Council Special Meeting

February 26, 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 7:15 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, Acting City Manager
Kelly Schwab, City Attorney
Jennifer Ekblad, City Clerk

*Councilmember Ellis attended virtually.

Action Agenda and Discussion

1. Resolution No. 5988, Recommending the Continuation of the Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation - Home Rule Option
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5988 recommending the continuation of the Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation - Home Rule Option. In addition, recommend the Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation - Home Rule Option, be submitted to the voters of the City of Chandler at the general election scheduled for November 3, 2026

Action Agenda Motion and Vote

Councilmember Orlando moved to pass and adopt Resolution No. 5988 recommending the continuation of the Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation - Home Rule Option and recommend the Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation - Home Rule Option, be submitted to the voters of

the City of Chandler at the general election scheduled for November 3, 2026; Seconded by Councilmember Hawkins.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Unscheduled Public Appearances

BROOK BEALL, 85 W TEAKWOOD PL CHANDLER, spoke regarding the use of electronic bikes on the canal. Mr. Beall explained that riding electric bikes on the canal is illegal and recalled that at the previous Chandler Family Bike Ride the use of electric bikes was encouraged. He requested further information on the use of e-bikes on Paseo Trail at the next upcoming Chandler Family Bike Ride.

THAYNE MARTIN, 457 N NEWPORT ST CHANDLER, spoke regarding a nuisance bird issue in his neighborhood which has impacted his home and quality of life. He stated that the nuisance bird issue is becoming a health concern. Mr. Martin mentioned other cities have taken action against this issue. He requested follow-up regarding what Council plans to do to take action.

MAYOR HARTKE requested an update on this item.

JOHN POMBIER, City Manager, said a work session will be scheduled to discuss a draft ordinance regarding nuisance bird feeding.

Current Events

Mayor's Announcements

MAYOR HARTKE shared that the Chandler Innovation Fair held on February 21 was a success. He thanked Chandler's Economic Development team for their work in putting on this event. Chandler students and families visited over 160 exhibits at the fair.

MAYOR HARTKE announced applications are open for the Teen Leadership Academy facilitated by the Mayor's Youth Commission, which teaches Chandler high schoolers about the importance of civic engagement and professional development and facilitates connections through the teen community.

MAYOR HARTKE announced applications are open for the Mayor's Youth Commission through March 31. Commissioners will have the opportunity to learn more about their city government, serve their community, and engage in professional development opportunities.

MAYOR HARTKE shared that the Chandler Chamber Ostrich Festival will be held on March 13-15 and March 20-22 at Rawhide Western Town and Event Center.

Council's Announcements

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON shared that she and other members of Council were able to attend an event meeting the family of Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till and read a proclamation declaring February 26 as Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley Legacy Day in Chandler.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON shared the Tribute to the Women of the Civil Rights Movement event scheduled for Saturday February 28 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Tumbleweed Recreation Center. This empowering event will feature impactful presentations, storytelling and live performances that honor the contributions of trailblazing women who fought for equality, justice and change for all.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON recognized March as Women's History Month, and shared that she will be interviewing Victoria Vredevoogd, Miss Chandler 2026 and founder of the nonprofit The Gender Violence Project at ASU for her video series Women Rise. The video will be released in March so stay tuned.

VICE MAYOR ENCINAS announced he attended the Chandler Fun Run held on February 26. He thanked the Community Services and Adaptive Recreation staff who hosted the event and volunteers and recognized the participants.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS recognized February as Black History Month. He honored the passing of Reverend Jesse Jackson, preacher and activist who fought for civil rights.

City Manager's Announcements

MR. POMBIER announced the Chandler Family Bike Ride registration opens on March 2, where it is made clear that no electronic bikes will be permitted to ride on the canal. The event will be Saturday, April 11 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Chandler Park & Ride on Hamilton Street & Germann Road.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

ATTEST: 
City Clerk


Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: March 23, 2026

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, held on the 26th day of February 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Jennifer Ethelred

City Clerk

