

# Meeting Minutes

## City Council Study Session

March 23, 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 6:24 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  
Jennifer Ekblad, City Clerk

### Consent Agenda and Discussion

Discussion was held on items 4, 12, 24, 25, and 27.

#### City Clerk

1. Boards and Commissions Member Appointments  
Move City Council approve the Board and Commission appointments as recommended.

#### City Manager

2. Job Order Project Agreement No. TP2203.401 with DBA Construction, Inc, Pursuant to Job Order Master Agreement No. JOC2405.401 for the Ashley Trail and Paseo Trail Connection Located at the intersection of Cooper Road and Ashley Trail  
Move City Council award Job Order Project Agreement No. TP2203.401 to DBA Construction, Inc., Pursuant to Job Order Master Agreement No. JOC2405.401, for the Ashley Trail and Paseo Trail Connection, in an amount not to exceed \$815,589.69.

3. Purchase of Concrete Repair and Maintenance Services for Various Departments  
Move City Council approve Agreement No. CS1-745-4293, Amendment No. 4, with Degan Construction, LLC, Precision Concrete Cutting, Inc., Temcon Concrete Construction, LLC, and W.L. Emshoff, LLC, for concrete repair and maintenance services, in a combined amount not to exceed \$1,405,000, for a one-year term, May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027.

### Community Services

4. Resolution No. 5987, Supporting the Naming of a United States Naval Vessel the USS Chandler  
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5987, supporting the naming of a United States Naval vessel the USS Chandler; and authorizing the Mayor and/or the City Manager to take all action necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

COREY POVAR, Community Services Assistant Director, explained that this item is regarding the naming of a naval vessel by securing support from Council to advance the effort. He noted that there is no clearly defined process for such a request but emphasized that this is a formal step in the request. The effort began with a unanimous vote from the commission, whose chair and vice chair were present, and now represents the second step, obtaining official support from city leadership. This support would enable the commission and staff to prepare a formal letter to the Secretary of the Navy, ensuring that "USS Chandler" is considered for future ships.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO commended the committee on the idea and their work he expressed his support. He also suggested coordinating with government affairs to send letters to the state's delegation and the governor's office to help champion the effort.

MR. POVAR agreed, adding that building local support is a key component of the broader strategy, and reiterated that this step represents the second phase of the process.

5. Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Construction Services Agreement No. PR2401.401 with Hunter Contracting Co., for the Mesquite Groves Park GMP 1 Located at the Northwest Corner of Val Vista Drive and Riggs Road  
Move City Council award CMAR Construction Services Agreement No. PR2401.401 to Hunter Contracting Co., for the Mesquite Groves Park GMP 1, in an amount not to exceed \$5,050,058.17.

### Cultural Development

6. Resolution No. 5991, Downtown Chandler Enhanced Municipal Services District: Assessment Modification, Expense Statement, and Public Hearing Notice  
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5991 authorizing modification of the assessment diagram for the Downtown Chandler Enhanced Municipal Services District; making a statement and estimate of expenses for the district; completing the assessment; setting the date for the hearing on the assessment; and ordering the giving of notice of such hearing.

## Development Services

7. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5156, Rezoning and Preliminary Development Plan, The Townsite Rezoning  
Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5156 approving PLH25-0040 The Townsite, Rezoning from AG-1 to PAD for single-family residential, generally located south of the southeast corner of Ocotillo Road and Basha Road, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

### Preliminary Development Plan

Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH25-0040 The Townsite for subdivision layout and housing product approval for a 12-lot single-family subdivision, generally located south of the southeast corner of Ocotillo Road and Basha Road, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

8. Resolution No. 5961, Authorizing a License Agreement between Vexus Fiber, LLC, dba Metronet, and the City of Chandler for the Use of Public Property for the Establishment of Class 4 and Class 5 Telecommunications Systems  
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5961, authorizing the Mayor to execute the license agreement between Vexus Fiber, LLC, dba Metronet, and the City of Chandler for the use of facilities in the city's rights-of-way and public places to establish Class 4 and Class 5 Telecommunications Systems and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute other documents as needed to give effect to the agreement.
9. Use Permit, Round1  
Move City Council approve Use Permit, PLH25-0043 Round1, to continue to allow a Series 6 Bar Liquor License within an existing bowling alley and arcade located at 3177 W Chandler Boulevard, Suite 100, in the Chandler Fashion Center, subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
10. Use Permit, Happy Pets Palace & Playground  
Move City Council approve Use Permit time extension PLH25-0033 Happy Pets Palace & Playground to continue to allow outdoor dog play yards to operate together with a dog daycare, overnight boarding, and training facility located at 1080 E Pecos Rd, Suite 16, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
11. Entertainment Use Permit, San Tan Brewing  
Move City Council approve Entertainment Use Permit, PLH25-0022 San Tan Brewing to continue to allow live indoor and outdoor entertainment located at 495 E Warner Road (approximately 1/2 mile east of the southeast corner of Arizona Avenue and Warner Road), subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

## Economic Development

12. Purchase of Signage for Uptown Chandler Employment Corridor

Move City Council approve the purchase of signage for Uptown Chandler, from YESCO, LLC, utilizing the City of Peoria Contract No. ACON35025, in the amount of \$254,393.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked whether existing Uptown Chandler signage was being replaced or enhanced.

MICAH MIRANDA, Economic Development Director, explained that the previous pole-mounted signs in the corridor had been removed due to aging, though the hardware remains in place. He noted that the proposed signage represents the next phase in the corridor's development.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked if the new signs would be more durable.

MR. MIRANDA confirmed, adding that they would be similar to the monument-style signage installed in the Airpark Area West and the West Chandler Employment Corridor.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO advised staff to ensure clear lines of sight in the right of way, referencing prior adjustments made to signage near the airport.

MR. MIRANDA acknowledged his point.

### **Facilities and Fleet**

13. Purchase of OEM Auto Parts and Service

Move City Council approve Agreement No. FD5-060-4882, Amendment No. 1, with Earnhardt Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Earnhardt Chandler Cadillac, Earnhardt Chevrolet, Earnhardt Ford, Earnhardt Queen Creek Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, and San Tan Ford, for OEM auto parts and service, for a period of one year, April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, in a combined total amount not to exceed \$350,000.

14. Purchase of Facility Condition Assessment Services

Move City Council approve the purchase of facility condition assessment services, from Terracon Consultants, Inc., utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No. CTR060202, in an amount not to exceed \$149,300.

### **Fire Department**

15. Resolution No. 5992, Authorizing the Approval of a Subrecipient Grant Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security

Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5992, authorizing the approval of a subrecipient grant agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) for the Chandler Rapid Response Team (RRT) for training in the amount of \$36,000.

### **Information Technology**

16. SQL Server Replacement

Move City Council approve the purchase of information technology infrastructure and consulting services for replacement of the City's SQL database servers, from The Redesign Group, utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No. CTR06889, in an amount not to exceed \$210,033.

17. Purchase of Proofpoint Network Security Software

Move City Council approve the purchase of Proofpoint network security software, from SHI International, Inc., utilizing the Omnia Partners Contract No. 2024056-02, in the amount of \$264,918.08, for the period of one year, April 11, 2026, through April 10, 2027.

## Law

18. Settlement in Leon vs. City of Chandler, et al.

Move City Council approve the settlement of \$33,500 in the matter of Leon vs. City of Chandler, et al., CV2025-012857, in full and final satisfaction of all claims asserted without admitting liability, and further authorize the City Attorney to sign any necessary documents in such forms as are approved by the City Attorney to effectuate the terms and conditions of settlement of this matter.

## Management Services

19. License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License Application for Jared Michael Repinski, Agent, Tap N Taco Ch1, LLC, DBA, Tap N Taco

Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 379615, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Jared Michael Repinski, Agent, Tap N Taco Ch1, LLC, DBA, Tap N Taco, located at 141 S. Arizona Avenue, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 309493.

20. License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License Application for George Albert Aplicano, Agent, Mexico Magico Cantina & Restaurant, LLC, DBA Mexico Magico Cantina & Restaurant

Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 377397, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for George Albert Aplicano, Agent, Mexico Magico Cantina & Restaurant, LLC, DBA Mexico Magico Cantina & Restaurant, located at 474 W. Ray Road, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 310757.

21. License Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License Application for Chandana Devagudi, Agent, Indi Foods Chandler, LLC, DBA Biryani Pot

Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 381654, a Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License, for Chandana Devagudi, Agent, Indi Foods Chandler, LLC, DBA Biryani Pot, located at 2820 S. Alma School Road, Suite 15, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 12, Restaurant Liquor License No. 311222.

22. Purchase of Office Supplies

Move City Council approve the purchase of office supplies, from Staples Business Advantage, utilizing the Sourcwell Contract No. 070924-SCC, for the period of February 3, 2026, through February 2, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.

**Mayor and Council**

23. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Budget Amendments

Move City Council approve as presented the two new one-time FY 2025-26 budget amendments totaling \$12,000 using Council Contingency and authorize staff to transfer appropriation from the Non-Departmental Council Contingency to the respective departments.

**Police Department**

24. Resolution No. 5971, Pertaining to the Acceptance of a Grant from the State of Arizona through its Department of Public Safety (DPS) in the Amount of \$302,598.86

Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5971, pertaining to the acceptance of funds from the State of Arizona through its Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$302,598.86 to support drug trafficking enforcement initiatives and forensic laboratory equipment; and authorize the Chief of Police, as designated by the City Manager, to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents necessary in connection with such grant.

BRYAN CHAPMAN, Police Chief, explained this item is for the city to accept a \$302,000 grant from the Arizona Department of Public Safety to support forensic laboratory upgrades and drug trafficking enforcement efforts. He noted that the funding is well-timed as the city prepares to construct a new forensic facility that requires new equipment. He explained that \$227,000 of the grant will be used to purchase new equipment, including a mass spectrometer for identifying illicit drugs and precision scales for weighing evidence, expenses that would have otherwise required future Council approval. The remaining \$75,000 will fund approximately 800 hours of overtime for narcotics detectives working to combat drug activity. He noted that the grant funding will expire on June 30, 2027.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked whether the grant funds must be spent within the designated timeframe and if any unspent funds would be forfeited.

CHIEF CHAPMAN confirmed that the department does not anticipate any difficulty utilizing the funds, noting the grant period begins July 1 and that expenditures will be closely monitored, including a review at the six-month mark.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO acknowledged that this was the first time he had seen funding from this particular source and commended Chief Chapman and his team for proactively seeking alternative funding to support their efforts.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS inquired about the origin of the drugs seized.

CHIEF CHAPMAN responded that the majority enters the United States through Mexico, adding that more than half of the fentanyl seized nationwide in the previous year was intercepted in Arizona, indicating a strong regional correlation.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS noted Chandler's proximity to Mexico and confirmed that such drugs still make their way into the city.

CHIEF CHAPMAN agreed.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS emphasized the importance of continued collaboration with law enforcement to keep drugs off the streets.

25. Resolution No. 5989, Pertaining to the agreement between City of Chandler and the State of Arizona regarding Technical Operations Task Force  
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5989, pertaining to the agreement between the City of Chandler and the State of Arizona through the Department of Public Safety to enhance law enforcement services and investigations through the use of electronic surveillance equipment through the cooperative efforts of the parties to this agreement.

MELISSA DEANDA, Assistant Police Chief, explained this item is an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Chandler Police Department to participate in a Technical Operations Task Force. She explained that the task force is a regional collaboration led by DPS's Major Crimes Unit, currently including DPS and the Gilbert Police Department, with plans to expand to additional East Valley agencies. She stated that the task force would provide specialized technical investigative support for high-profile or sensitive cases, critical incidents requiring a technical response, and joint law enforcement operations. Detectives assigned to the task force would receive advanced training, certifications, and access to specialized equipment at no cost to the city, helping ensure personnel remain current with evolving technology and best practices. She noted that Chandler currently has only two technical surveillance detectives supporting the entire department, and demand for their services continues to increase, making the partnership beneficial.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO inquired about the matter's origin, noting that it appears limited to just two cities, and asked how it initially started.

ASSISTANT CHIEF DEANDA explained that the initiative, developed over two years, involves partnership with the Arizona Department of Public Safety. She noted that after Gilbert joined the task force, the task force began collaborating with the Tempe Police Department. She added that multiple agencies working together strengthen training, resources, and public safety in the East Valley.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked whether the initiative would be housed in the tech center or a similar facility.

ASSISTANT CHIEF DEANDA confirmed that the Arizona Department of Public Safety has an off-site facility where the operation would be housed.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked whether the location would be in Chandler.

ASSISTANT CHIEF DEANDA clarified that it would not be in Chandler but elsewhere in the East Valley.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked while it is a collaborative effort, if it would be located outside the city.

ASSISTANT CHIEF DEANDA confirmed.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO added that the initiative sounds promising, noting that any opportunity to create a force multiplier is beneficial to residents, especially at no cost to the city.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS asked whether the task force would involve coordination with federal agencies such as ICE.

ASSISTANT CHIEF DEANDA clarified that the unit has no affiliation with ICE and is focused solely on supporting local investigations, special operations, and community events.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS requested clarification on the types of technical resources used, including cameras and communication equipment.

ASSISTANT CHIEF DEANDA explained that during downtown special events, the team deploys event cameras to support public safety. She added that the team also equips undercover units with specialized communication tools to assist their operations.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS expressed concerns raised by community members regarding facial recognition technology and long-range audio surveillance and asked whether this initiative includes or would use such capabilities.

ASSISTANT CHIEF DEANDA explained that the tools would be used only for specific investigations, not for capturing general conversations, and that any audio recorded would involve undercover officers and targeted suspects for evidence. She added that camera use would be limited to event safety and targeted crime areas and would not involve facial recognition.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS expressed concerns about public privacy, noting that community members were worried the cameras could be perceived as “spy-like” devices focused on neighbors and residents.

ASSISTANT CHIEF DEANDA explained that the cameras are only deployed for specific investigations or operational events, not to monitor community members. She emphasized that department policies and regulations prohibit any misuse, and that the cameras are used only when suspects have been identified or are being investigated, or to support event safety.

26. Resolution No. 5993, Pertaining to the Submission of Projects for Consideration in Arizona's 2027 Highway Safety Plan

Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5993, authorizing the Chandler Police Department to submit projects for consideration in Arizona's 2027 Highway Safety Plan; and authorizing the Chief of Police to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents necessary with such grant.

27. Photo Enforcement

Move City Council approve Agreement No. PD5-961-3521, Amendment No. 2, with American Traffic Solutions, Inc., dba Verra Mobility, for photo enforcement, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, for the period of three years, beginning April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2029.

JASON SIECZKOWSKI, Assistant Police Chief, presented the following presentation.

- Photo Enforcement Services Agreement; Verra Mobility
- Program Purpose and History
  - Program History
    - Launched FY 2006-07 — over 20 years of community safety data
    - Current agreement with Verra Mobility (formerly ATS) approved by Council — September 2015
    - 5-year term + 1-year extension — both fully exercised
  - Tonight's Action
    - Requesting a 3-year contract extension with Verra Mobility
    - Provides continuity while Arizona's photo enforcement legislative landscape stabilizes
  - Program Scope & Philosophy
    - 12 intersections | 17 cameras | Speed & red-light enforcement
    - “Safety over profit” — revenue-neutral; surplus funds reinvested in traffic safety
- Locations
- Governing Policies and Framework
  - Legal Authority
    - Operates under Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) and City of Chandler traffic code

- All citations are civil violations — due process rights fully preserved, including right to contest
  - Amendment #2 allows contract modifications to comply with AZ legislative or Supreme Court directives
- Operational Controls
  - Camera installation, relocation, or removal requires written mutual agreement
  - Verra Mobility provides expert testimony for contested citations at no cost to the City
- Data Ownership and Human Review
  - Human Review & Data Controls
    - Every citation is reviewed by trained Chandler PD personnel before issuance
    - Images and video captured solely for traffic violation documentation
    - Data processed under strict contract controls — not shared with third parties for non-enforcement purposes
  - System Integrity & Due Process
    - Regular calibration, preventative and corrective maintenance on all equipment
    - All calibration and maintenance records retained for evidentiary purposes and accessible to the City
    - Recipients retain full right to contest — no vehicle boots, no warrants — strictly civil process
- Safety Outcomes and Program Effectiveness
  - 5-Year Collision Reduction at Photo Enforced Intersections
    - Injury collisions: down 37.6%
    - Non-injury collisions: down 9.5%
    - Citywide all collisions: down 4.2%
  - Fiscal Accountability
    - FY 2024-25: Program revenue fully covered contract costs — net positive of ~\$23,000
    - All surplus funds reinvested into roadway safety programs
  - Photo enforcement is a proven tool to reduce collisions and save lives in Chandler.
- Fiscal Impact and Contract Terms
  - Contract Value
    - Total ceiling: \$1,500,000 over 3 years — consistent with prior contract terms
  - Termination Provisions
    - City may terminate for convenience; compensates only for non-amortized installation costs
    - No punitive termination fees
  - Why 3 Years?
    - Maintains program continuity without long-term commitment while Arizona's legislative environment evolves
- Questions?

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked why the city had not sought additional competitive bids for the contract.

ASSISTANT CHIEF SIECZKOWSKI responded that two companies submitted proposals, including one out-of-state firm, but it was not advantageous. He stated that Verra Mobility offered better customer service, responsiveness, and cost. He added that, given uncertainty in state legislation regarding photo enforcement, the city opted to extend the current contract to maintain continuity until more clarity is available.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked about enforcement mechanisms in the event of a data breach.

ASSISTANT CHIEF SIECZKOWSKI deferred to the City Attorney, noting the contract requires immediate breach notification.

KELLY SCHWAB, City Attorney, explained that the contract includes protections such as insurance coverage and indemnification, as well as required protocols to minimize the risk of data breaches. She stated the city is as protected under the agreement.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS raised concerns about privacy and whether the devices record or capture data on pedestrians.

ASSISTANT CHIEF SIECZKOWSKI confirmed the cameras do record video, but only when a violation is triggered, and not for general surveillance or facial recognition.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if the system is quota-based.

ASSISTANT CHIEF SIECZKOWSKI clarified that it is not and that it focuses solely on observed violations, aiming to remain revenue neutral. He added that fines are handled similarly to other traffic citations.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS confirmed that if any fines are issued it does not include any fees related to the photo enforcement service cost.

ASSISTANT CHIEF SIECZKOWSKI said yes. Similar to any traffic citation, a person would be assessed a fine based on the court's fine schedule and that would be the total cost.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked about prior data breaches involving the company.

ASSISTANT CHIEF SIECZKOWSKI said he did not have that information.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS expressed concerns about privacy protections, contract details, maintenance, calibration of equipment, and the need to review additional information before

moving forward. He asked the City Manager for guidance on the current status and the proposed plan, noting his concerns.

JOHN POMBIER, City Manager, stated that the contract can be terminated for convenience with only the unamortized amount owed and no penalty. He said staff would provide the requested information by Thursday and added that, based on his 19 years of working with the company, he was not aware of any data breaches. He noted that the company is based in Arizona and is committed to improving street safety, and that staff would gather additional information to help address Councilmember Harris's concerns.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS expressed concerns about resident privacy, noting that the system involves a third-party collecting information, filtering it, and sending it back to the city, raising questions about how that data is handled and protected. He emphasized that he is worried about resident information being collected without permission and questioned how the city ensures proper safeguards.

MR. POMBIER responded that only data related to individuals who are in violation of the law is collected and forwarded to the city. He explained that while video is recorded, only relevant images such as the vehicle and license plate involved in a violation are retained for use, and other passing vehicles are not included in the data sent to the city.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS reiterated his concern, emphasizing the importance of ensuring residents feel safe and that their privacy is fully protected, particularly given the involvement of third-party systems and the evolving technologies such as AI.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS asked how long the city has been doing business with the company.

ASSISTANT CHIEF SIECZKOWSKI responded that the relationship has been in place since February 2007.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS noted that, based on that long-standing relationship, any data breach would have likely been known if one had occurred. She then asked whether the city was extending an existing contract rather than entering a new one.

ASSISTANT CHIEF SIECZKOWSKI confirmed that it is an extension of the current agreement, which has already been in place for 10 years, including a five-year term and a five-year extension, with the proposed addition of three more years.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS stated that the contract has been reviewed multiple times over the years and asked whether there have been any complaints from residents who were not in violation but believed their information was taken.

ASSISTANT CHIEF SIECZKOWSKI said he was not aware of any such complaints and noted that over 11,000 violation notices were issued in 2025. He explained that these notices are used when the driver may not be the registered owner, and in such cases, staff review the information and may issue a warning instead of a citation to ensure accuracy.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON asked for clarification on whether the cost of a red-light camera ticket differs from that of a ticket issued by an officer, and whether the process for addressing the ticket is the same.

ASSISTANT CHIEF SIECZKOWSKI deferred the question to Presiding City Magistrate Alicia Skupin for further explanation, noting that the fine is believed to be the same.

ALICIA SKUPIN, Presiding City Magistrate, confirmed that the fines are identical whether the citation is issued in person or through the photo enforcement system. She added that the fines will remain unchanged for the next fiscal year and have been consistent for several years.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked how many additional officers would be needed to provide the same level of traffic control that the technology offers, especially considering the city's growth.

ASSISTANT CHIEF SIECZKOWSKI estimated that it would require hundreds of additional officers. He explained that photo enforcement systems can continuously capture violations at an intersection, whereas a single officer can only handle one stop at a time, making the technology far more efficient for ongoing traffic monitoring.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO responded that, even with fewer officers, he would prefer to allocate personnel to other priorities such as cybercrime and violent offenses. He emphasized that the city's use of this technology aligns with its focus on innovation and safety, noting that it helps reduce accidents and can lower insurance costs by fostering a safer community.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS said his concerns focus on the contract's language, privacy protections, and data security, not the service outcomes. He emphasized the need to ensure resident information is protected when handled by a third party and that the contract clearly limits how the data is used. He asked Council to review the contract carefully, noting that it has not been fully revisited in detail for many years and should reflect current privacy standards.

MAYOR HARTKE noted that Councilmember Harris was on Council when the issue was last addressed about five years ago.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS responded that he was on Council at that time and emphasized that the matter now involves a new contract, which should be reviewed and updated to reflect current privacy standards.

MAYOR HARTKE stated that the item can be revisited on Thursday for further Council discussion.

## Public Works and Utilities

28. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5155 Approving the Abandonment of Temporary Drainage Easement  
Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5155 approving the abandonment of Temporary Drainage Easement No. 2, located on the Rockefeller Group Chandler Crossroads property at the northeast corner of Gilbert and Queen Creek roads that is no longer needed for public use.
29. Resolution No. 5892, Authorizing the City of Chandler to Increase the Amount of Its Cost Share for the Feasibility Study of Bartlett Dam Modification Alternatives  
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5892 authorizing the City of Chandler to increase the amount of its cost share under the agreement to share costs for the feasibility study of Bartlett Dam Modification Alternatives from \$400,000 to \$688,000.
30. Resolution No. 5969, SRP Land Use License for Underground Waterline Access, McQueen & Queen Creek Roads  
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5969 accepting a Land Use License from SRP to Provide Access to its property to operate and maintain a turnout structure serving the city's Reclaimed Water Interconnect Facility (RWIF) located on the west side of McQueen Road, south of Queen Creek Road.
31. Professional Services Agreement with Dibble & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., for the Sewer Assessment and Rehabilitation Program  
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. WW2601.201, to Dibble & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., for the Sewer Assessment and Rehabilitation Program, in an amount not to exceed \$486,761.
32. Purchase of Refuse and Recycling Containers  
Move City Council approve Agreement No. SW2-100-4480, Amendment No. 4, with Sierra Container Group, LLC, for refuse and recycling containers, in an amount not to exceed \$550,000, for the period of one year, beginning May 16, 2026, through May 15, 2027.
33. Purchase of Laboratory Testing Services for the Water Quality, Wastewater Quality, Environmental Management, Solid Waste Services, and Ocotillo Brine Reduction Facility Divisions  
Move City Council approve the purchase of laboratory testing services, from Aquatic Consulting & Testing, Inc., Eurofins Environment Testing Southwest, Eurofins Eaton Analytical, and Legend Technical Services, utilizing City of Mesa Contract No. 2021181, in a combined amount not to exceed \$676,000, for a one-year term, April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.
34. Purchase of Street Repair and Maintenance Services

Move City Council approve Agreement No. PW5-745-4851, Amendment No. 2, with M.R. Tanner Development and Construction, Inc., for street repair and maintenance services, increasing the spending limit by \$1,180,599, for a revised amount not to exceed \$2,670,599.

35. Purchase of Street Sweeper

Move City Council approve the purchase of a street sweeper, from Nescon, LLC, utilizing Maricopa County Contract No. 2400076-S, in the amount of \$399,340.92.

36. Purchase of Streetlights, Signals, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Components

Move City Council approve the purchase of streetlights, signals, and ITS components, from CS Construction, Inc., utilizing Town of Gilbert Contract No. 323000238, in an amount not to exceed \$711,295.83.

37. Purchase of Concrete Repair and Maintenance Services

Move City Council approve Agreement No. PW5-745-4850, Amendment No. 2, with Temcon Concrete Construction, LLC, for concrete repair and maintenance services, increasing the spending limit by \$394,758, for a revised amount not to exceed \$7,094,758.

## Informational

38. Contracts and Agreements Administratively Approved, Month of February 2026

### Mayor And Councilmember Comments

MAYOR HARTKE recognized Alexis Apodaca, Mayor and Council Public Affairs Senior Manager, for her service to the city.

VICE MAYOR ENCINAS thanked Alexis for her professionalism and service to the city, noting her contributions in government affairs and as the main staff person supporting Council.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS shared pride in Alexis's growth over the years, recalling her early work with the city and expressing confidence in her future endeavors.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON congratulated her, calling it "Arizona's gain" and encouraging her to stay in touch.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO praised her growth and maturity, affirming his continued faith in her and welcoming her back anytime.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS commended her solution-oriented mindset, energy, and dedication, encouraging her to take her experience to the next level while trusting in God's guidance.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS expressed excitement for her future, highlighting her impact over the past year and wishing her success at the state level.

MAYOR HARTKE noted the advantage of having a city insider in the governor's office and expressed support and excitement for her future opportunities.

## Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

ATTEST: Jennifer Ehlblad  
City Clerk

Kevin Hartke  
Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: April 9, 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 23rd day of March 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 9 day of April, 2026.

Jennifer Ehlblad  
City Clerk

