

Meeting Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

March 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 6:01 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

*Councilmember Ellis attended virtually.

Appointee Attendance

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

Invocation

The invocation was given by Minister Keith Shepherd, Alma School Road Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Harris.

Consent Agenda and Discussion

City Clerk

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

MAYOR HARTKE recognized Board and Commission appointees in attendance.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.

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.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Councilmember Orlando moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the March 26, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Poston.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0), with the exception of Item 27 which passed by majority (6-1), Councilmember Harris dissenting.

Informational

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

Unscheduled Public Appearances

NOAH JAMES MARKHAM, Tempe, shared concerns with sewage odors in Chandler. He suggested providing light rail for transportation in Chandler, as it is a transportation option for people with disabilities.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS requested follow up on this item, which could involve manhole repair which was discussed previously.

JOHN POMBIER, City Manager, said staff is working on this item and it is a high priority.

BROOK BEALL, 85 W Teakwood Pl. Chandler, spoke regarding property law, where owners of property have certain rights regarding criminal trespass. He explained that the use of electric bikes on the canal is illegal and should be enforced as a matter of criminal trespass.

Current Events

Mayor's Announcements

MAYOR HARTKE shared that the For Our City Day event held on Saturday, March 21 in the Tradition East neighborhood was a success, consisting of 700 volunteers, 2,800 volunteer hours, and 38 projects. He thanked the event's sponsors and volunteers for making a difference in the community.

MAYOR HARTKE announced the Family Easter Celebration to be held on Friday, April 3 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Dr. A.J. Chandler Park. This community tradition brings together families for an evening of fun including the 24 Karrot Trail, live entertainment, and games.

Council's Announcements

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON announced the Chandler Public Housing waitlist will open on Friday, April 3 at noon, for more information, visit applychandlerhousing.com.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON mentioned Police Criminal Justice Career Week is scheduled for June 8 through June 11, registration will open in April. Visit chandlerazpd.gov for more information.

VICE MAYOR ENCINAS recognized the Noche Iluminada event held on Friday, March 20 where the community joined together to honor culture, art, and connection. He thanked members of Council that were able to attend. The event honored Alberto Esparza, whose lifelong dedication to serving

the community and uplifting others left a lasting impact across the city and beyond and the Chandler Education Foundation.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS thanked Congressman Greg Stanton for his work on securing critical funding to strengthen Arizona’s water infrastructure and energy resilience. This investment is vital to maintaining the infrastructure needed to ensure a reliable and sustainable water supply.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS announced he had the opportunity to attend the Big Brothers Big Sisters Gala which generates funds to support Big Brother Big Sister of Central Arizona. He commended the organization for their work in the Chandler community.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS said nominations for his teacher appreciation initiative will open soon with more information to come later.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS wished students and teachers a happy spring break and reminded everyone to stay safe and hydrated in the warm spring weather.

City Manager's Announcements

MR. POMBIER thanked Council for attending the Police Public Safety Awards and recognizing the work in the community to fight crime.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

ATTEST: *Jennifer Ehlbaek*
City Clerk

Kevin Harbo
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 Regular Meeting of the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, held on the 26th 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 Ehlbaek
City Clerk



ITEM #36

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

I was unsure if this agenda item and the associated funding request was limited to traffic signal maintenance, or if it also included the purchase of new and/or replacement LED streetlights.

If the scope does include LED streetlights, and in particular streetlights for Chandler residential neighborhoods, I would like to request that the City pause any additional purchases until the relevant stakeholders have had a chance to review the specifications for LED street lighting in the Chandler Engineering & Design Standards Manual.

This section has not been significantly updated since 2015, does not take advantage of newer LED lighting technologies, is out-of-sync with all other Valley cities, and has created resident concerns related to glare, light trespass, and sky glow.

I would be happy to share specific feedback related to Chandler's residential neighborhood streetlights, as well as alternatives that will actually reduce ongoing expenses.

Randy Aksamit

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Support/Oppose

Oppose

Comments

Dear City of Chandler,I am requesting that this statement be entered into the official public record regarding the City's requirement that property owners outside City limits sign the Agreement to Extend Utility Service Outside City Limits as a condition of moving forward with development, utility service, or permitting.I am a property owner located within a county island in the Chandler area. My property is currently served by an existing 34-inch water line and meter. I am seeking to upgrade to a 1-inch service line to support modern residential fire protection and ensure adequate water availability for the safety of my family and property.I have been informed that in order to proceed not only with this water service upgrade, but also to move forward with my building permit and begin construction I am required to sign the City's utility service agreement.As it stands today, I am otherwise ready to begin building. However, I am unable to proceed unless I agree to and sign this document.After reviewing the agreement, I have serious concerns.The agreement requires property owners to consent to future annexation and accept long-term obligations that run with the land and bind future owners . These are significant, permanent commitments that extend far beyond the scope of basic utility service.This creates a situation where access to:Building permitsUtility serviceFire protection improvements is effectively conditioned on agreeing to future annexation.This raises a critical concern regarding public safety and reasonable access to essential water service.Water service is fundamental to:Fire protectionLife safetyProtection of propertyRequiring agreement to annexation in order to obtain adequate water capacity for fire

safety or to proceed with permitted construction places property owners in an extremely difficult position forcing a choice between moving forward with safe, compliant development or preserving their current jurisdictional status. In my case, my family is rebuilding a home due to circumstances outside of our control following contractor failure. We are attempting to move forward responsibly and safely, yet are now unable to proceed with construction unless we agree to terms that include future annexation. I respectfully request:

1. Clarification on whether this agreement is required for all permitting and utility-related activities, including projects that are otherwise fully approved
2. The legal and policy basis for requiring consent to future annexation as a condition of building permit issuance or water service access
3. Consideration of alternative pathways that allow property owners to proceed with permitted construction and necessary safety improvements without being required to agree to annexation
4. That this issue be reviewed with consideration of its impact on public safety, property rights, and county island residents

Due to scheduling constraints, I am unable to attend the council meeting in person and respectfully request that this statement be included in the official record. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Brent Weinberger