

Meeting Minutes

City Council Study Session

April 6, 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 6:02 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
Tawn Kao, Deputy City Attorney
Jennifer Ekblad, City Clerk

Scheduled Public Appearances

MAYOR HARTKE invited Councilmember Ellis to join him for the recognitions.

Service Recognitions

1. Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month

MAYOR HARTKE read the proclamation and invited the Domestic Violence Commission and members of the Chandler Exchange Club to accept.

MARK WHITAKER, Chandler Exchange Club member, announced the Field of Hope will open on Sunday, April 12 with a 6:00 p.m. dedication and remain open through April 17. He said the event honors lost children, raises awareness of groups like Childhelp and Child Crisis Arizona, and invites the community to visit Dr. A.J. Chandler Park West to learn and help prevent child abuse.

2. Proclamation: Intimate Partner Sexual Violence Month

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS read the proclamation and invited the Domestic Violence Commission members to accept.

DAWN CURTIS, Vice Chair of the Domestic Violence Commission, expressed her appreciation for Mayor Hartke and Councilmember Ellis for their support, as well as for the entire Council's recognition of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

3. Proclamation: Fair Housing Month

MAYOR HARTKE read the proclamation and invited Larissa Gorski, Affordable Housing Manager; Ammena Bruno, Housing Stability Senior Specialist; Raymon Byrnes, Housing Stability Senior Specialist; Victoria Disney, Housing Stability Supervisor; and Riann Balch, Neighborhood Resources Director to accept.

LARISSA GORSKI, Affordable Housing Manager, thanked Mayor and Council. Ms. Gorski noted that the Neighborhood Resources team is dedicated to delivering high-quality customer service to tenants and clients. She also shared that staff complete annual training and certification to stay current on fair housing practices.

4. Recognition: Chandler Innovation Fair Winners

MAYOR HARTKE recognized Micah Miranda, Economic Development Director, and the Chandler Innovation Fair winners.

MICAH MIRANDA, Economic Development Director, thanked the sponsors of the Chandler Innovation Fair, including Avnet, Microchip Technology, Northrop Grumman, NXP Semiconductors, Pride Group, Salt River Project, Game Truck, and Waste Management, as well as Chandler Unified School District and volunteers for making the event possible. He highlighted the event's growth to over 150 vendors, 174 booths, and 8,000 attendees, then introduced the science fair winners.

High School winners

Arizona College Prep – ACP Steam Society and Megan Larson, AP Chemistry Teacher

Hamilton High School – Astralis Research Club and Dr. Jyoti Nair, AP/Honors Biology Teacher

Junior High winners

Arizona College Prep Middle School – ACP Middle School Science Department and Carlie Moss, 6th Grade Teacher

Bogle Junior High School – Sarah Timmermann, 8th Grade General Science Teacher

Elementary School winners

Chandler Traditional Academy Independence – Debbie Posniack, 5th Grade Teacher

Shumway Leadership Academy – Miranda Saenz, Technology Teacher

Consent Agenda and Discussion

Discussion was held on item 9.

City Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes
Move City Council approve the Council meeting minutes of the City Council Special Meeting Budget Workshop #2 held on March 23, 2026, the City Council Regular Meeting held on March 23, 2026, the City Council Study Session held on March 23, 2026, the Special Meeting Budget Workshop #3 held on March 26, 2026, and the City Council Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2026.
2. Boards and Commissions Member Appointment
Move City Council approve the Board and Commission appointments as recommended.

City Manager

3. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5160 Authorizing an Electric Franchise for Arizona Public Service Company; Adoption of Resolution No. 5999 Placing the Question to Grant an Electric Franchise for Arizona Public Service Company on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot
Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5160, authorizing a franchise for Arizona Public Service Company to construct, maintain, and operate its electric system in public rights-of-way and City-owned property for the purpose of supplying electric energy to the City and its residents; pass and adopt Resolution No. 5999, placing on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot, and submitting to the voters of the City, the question of whether the electric franchise shall be granted to Arizona Public Service Company.

Community Services

4. Tumbleweed Park Multi-Use Field Construction Contract with Hunter Contracting Co.
Move City Council award Job Order Project Agreement No. PR2505.401 to Hunter Contracting Co., pursuant to Job Order Master Agreement No. JOC2419.401, for the Tumbleweed Park Multi-Use Field Lighting Upgrade and Cricket Pitch, in an amount not to exceed \$607,417.25.

Development Services

5. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5156, Rezoning, The Townsite
Rezoning
Move City Council 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.

6. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5157, Rezoning and Preliminary Development Plan, The Bower Dobson
Rezoning
Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5157 approving PLH25-0028 The Bower Dobson, Rezoning from Planned Area Development (PAD) for specialty retail to PAD for single-family residential, generally located ¼ mile east and south of the southeast corner of Dobson Road and Chandler Boulevard, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
Preliminary Development Plan
Move City Council approve Preliminary Development Plan PLH25-0028 The Bower Dobson for subdivision layout and housing product for a 23-lot single-family subdivision, generally located ¼ mile east and south of the southeast corner of Dobson Road and Chandler Boulevard, subject to the conditions as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
7. Use Permit, Move Human Performance
Move City Council approve, PLH26-0003 Move Human Performance, use permit time extension to continue to allow an existing sports therapy and training facility in a Planned Industrial zoning district within a Planned Area Development Overlay (I-1/PAD) located at 375 E Elliot Rd, Suite 7, subject to the conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Economic Development

8. Agreement No. ED2-918-4422, Amendment 4 with 2060 Digital, LLC, for Digital Marketing Services to Reach Visitors, Businesses, and Residents
Move City Council approve Agreement No. ED2-918-4422, Amendment 4, with 2060 Digital, LLC, for digital marketing services, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for the period of one year, beginning March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027.

Law

9. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5159, Regarding Drink or Food Tampering
Move City Council introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5159, amending the Code of the City of Chandler, Chapter 11, by adding Section 11-20, Drink or Food Tampering.

TAWN KAO, Deputy City Attorney, presented a brief presentation.

- Ordinance No. 5159 Drink & Food Tampering
- Ordinance No. 5159
 - Adds new section to Chapter 11 of the Chandler City Code
 - 11-20.1 DEFINITIONS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
 - A." *DRINK*" means any beverage intended for human consumption, whether alcoholic or nonalcoholic.

- B. *"INTOXICATING LIQUORS OR DRUGS"* include alcohol, narcotic drugs, dangerous drugs, prescription drugs, prescription medication, or other chemical agents capable of impacting a person's mental or physical faculties.
- C. *"WITHOUT CONSENT"* means the individual has not knowingly and voluntarily agreed to ingest the substance.
- Ordinance No. 5159
 - 11-20.2 OFFENSE
 - It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly, for a purpose other than lawful medical or therapeutic treatment, place pour, mix, or otherwise introduce or attempt to introduce into the drink or food of another person any intoxicating liquor or drug without the knowledge or consent of that other person.
- Ordinance No. 5159 will:
 - Allow municipal enforcement
 - Focus on misdemeanors
 - Fill a gap in early intervention
- State Law?
 - Under state law, it is a felony to administer intoxicating liquors, narcotic drugs or dangerous drugs (A.R.S. § 13-1205) and adding poison or other harmful substance to food, drink or medicine (A.R.S. § 13-3704)
 - Felony prosecutions focus on cases resulting in impaired ingestion or physical administration.

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON thanked staff for the presentation, which addressed her question. She thanked Councilmember Harris for bringing the item forward, noting its importance and her appreciation for the effort.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS thanked Councilmember Poston for highlighting the issue and noted efforts with city leadership to equip law enforcement with needed tools in a growing city. He also thanked Mayor and Council as well as staff for their support on this item.

Management Services

10. License Series 13, Domestic Farm Winery License Application for Alison Marie Buckler, Agent, Valley & Vine, LLC, DBA Down Time Wines
Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 381836, a Series 13, Domestic Farm Winery License, for Alison Marie Buckler, Agent, Valley & Vine, LLC, DBA Down Time Wines, located at 393 W. Warner Road, Suite 109, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 13, Domestic Farm Winery License No. 311496.
11. License Series 11, Hotel/Motel Liquor License Application for Andrea Dahlman Lewkowitz, Agent, Ocotillo Lodging, LLC, DBA Holiday Inn Phoenix-Chandler

Move for recommendation to the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for approval of the State Liquor Job No. 380844, a Series 11, Hotel/Motel Liquor License, for Andrea Dahlman Lewkowitz, Agent, Holiday Inn Phoenix-Chandler, located at 1200 W. Ocotillo Road, and approval of the City of Chandler, Series 11, Hotel/Motel Liquor License No. 311099.

Public Works and Utilities

12. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5155 Approving the Abandonment of Temporary Drainage Easement at the Northeast Corner of Gilbert and Queen Creek Roads
Move City Council 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.
13. Resolution No. 5996, Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Chandler, the City of Mesa, and the Town of Gilbert for a Downstream Impact Study Related to the SRP/CAP Interconnection Facility
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5996 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Chandler, the City of Mesa, and the Town of Gilbert for a Downstream Impact Study related to the SRP/CAP Interconnection Facility.
14. Professional Services Agreement, with Dibble CM, LLC, for the Arrowhead Meadows Water Main Replacement Construction Management Services Located at Arrowhead Meadows near Chandler Boulevard and Alma School Road
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. WA2203.452, to Dibble CM, LLC for the Arrowhead Meadows Water Main Replacement Construction Management Services, in an amount not to exceed \$558,437.
15. Professional Services Agreement with GHD, Inc., for the Arrowhead Meadows Water Main Replacement Post-Design Services Located at Arrowhead Meadows near Chandler Boulevard and Alma School Road
Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. WA2203.272, to GHD, Inc. for the Arrowhead Meadows Water Main Replacement Post-Design Services, in an amount not to exceed \$143,420.
16. Construction Agreement with Lincoln Constructors Inc., for the Arrowhead Meadows Water Main Replacement Located at Arrowhead Meadows near Chandler Boulevard and Alma School Road
Move City Council award Construction Agreement No. WA2203.402, to Lincoln Constructors Inc. for the Arrowhead Meadows Water Main Replacement, in an amount not to exceed \$4,198,165.50.

Informational

17. Special Event Liquor Licenses and Temporary and Permanent Extensions of Liquor License Premises Administratively Approved

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: April 23, 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 6th day of April 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this _____ day of April 2026.

City Clerk