

Meeting Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

April 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 6:01 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

Appointee Attendance

John Pombier, City Manager
Tawn Kao, Acting City Attorney
Jennifer Ekblad, City Clerk

Invocation

The invocation was given by Susan Stevens-Clarke, Chandler Baha'i Community.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Hawkins.

Scheduled Public Appearances

MAYOR HARTKE invited Councilmember Orlando to join him for the recognition.

1. Recognitions: Chandler Chamber of Commerce Award Presentation
MAYOR HARTKE invited Terri Kimble, Chandler Chamber of Commerce, President/CEO, to present the Chandler Chamber of Commerce Award to Thomas Dwiggin, Fire Chief.

TERRI KIMBLE, Chandler Chamber of Commerce, President/CEO, shared that each year the Chamber hosts its annual Community Awards celebration, with the City of Chandler serving as a

strong and valued partner. She explained that the evening's focus was to honor a distinguished community member who had gone above and beyond in leadership, innovation, and commitment to excellence, and who had made a lasting positive impact on the community. She presented the James R. Snedigar Public Service Award to Thomas Dwiggins, Fire Chief.

THOMAS DWIGGINS, Fire Chief, thanked Ms. Kimble and the Chamber, saying he was especially honored by the meaning behind the award's name. He humbly accepted the award on behalf of all of Chandler Public Safety, noting that many others are equally deserving. He expressed gratitude for the city's supportive leadership and community, and shared that the legacy of fallen officers and firefighters continues to guide their service to the community.

2. Proposed Legislation to Rename the Downtown Chandler Post Office

MAYOR HARTKE invited Coy Romine to speak on the proposed legislation to rename the Downtown Chandler Post Office.

COY ROMINE, speaking on behalf of Congressman Greg Stanton, shared that in February, Congressman Stanton introduced legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives to honor the life and legacy of former Chandler Mayor Coy Payne, who passed away in 2019. The bill proposes naming the downtown USPS building at 101 North Colorado Street as the Mayor Coy Payne Memorial Post Office Building. Mr. Romine highlighted Payne's distinguished service, including his time in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, his degree from Arizona State University, and more than 30 years as an educator in Chandler's public schools. After serving two terms on City Council, Payne was elected mayor in 1990, becoming the first Black mayor in Arizona's history. He was remembered as a compassionate leader, dedicated public servant, and strong advocate for his community. Mr. Romine added that Congressman Stanton and his team are honored to introduce the legislation and are working with colleagues to advance it through the House as quickly as possible, with updates to follow as progress continues.

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 April 6, 2026, the City Council Work Session held on April 6, 2026, the City Council Study Session held on April 6, 2026, the City Council Work Session held on April 9, 2026, and the City Council Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2026.

City Manager

2. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5160 Authorizing an Electric Franchise for Arizona Public Service Company

Move City Council 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.

Community Services

3. Job Order Project Agreement No. PR2506.401 with Hunter Contracting Co., Pursuant to Job Order Master Agreement No. JOC2419.401 for the Pima Park Sidewalk Improvements Located at 625 N McQueen Rd, Chandler, AZ 85225
Move City Council award Job Order Project Agreement No. PR2506.401 to Hunter Contracting Co., pursuant to Job Order Master Agreement No. JOC2419.401, for the Pima Park Sidewalk Improvements, in an amount not to exceed \$1,342,571.19.
4. Purchase of Library Network Infrastructure Refresh Services
Move City Council approve the purchase of Library Network Infrastructure Refresh Services, from Logicalis Inc., utilizing the 1GPA Contract No. 25-09PV-05, in amount not to exceed \$260,811.33.
5. Purchase of Landscape Sprinkler and Irrigation Supplies
Move City Council approve the purchase of landscape sprinkler and irrigation supplies, from Ewing Irrigation Products, Inc., Horizon Distributors, Inc., and Sprinkler World of Arizona, Inc. utilizing the City of Scottsdale Contract No. 22PB016, and with Ewing Irrigation Products, Inc., and Horizon Distributors, Inc., utilizing the City of Mesa Contract No. 2025088, and with Ewing Irrigation Products, utilizing the 1GPA contract No. 23-10DV-02 in a combined amount not to exceed \$560,000.

Development Services

6. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5157, Rezoning and Preliminary Development Plan, The Bower Dobson
Move City Council 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.

Information Technology

7. Purchase of Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) System Annual Support and Maintenance
Move City Council approve the purchase of enterprise asset management (EAM system annual support and maintenance from CentralSquare Technologies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$120,745, for the period of one year, July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Law

8. Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 5159, Regarding Drink or Food Tampering
Move City Council adopt Ordinance No. 5159, amending the Code of the City of Chandler, Chapter 11, by adding Section 11-20, Drink or Food Tampering.

9. Authorization of City Attorney to File an Appeal in the Matter of In Re Town of Huachuca City
Move City Council to authorize the City Attorney to prepare and file a Petition for Review with the Arizona Supreme Court for the appeal of an order entered March 26, 2026, in contested case number W1-11-000245, In Re Town of Huachuca, in the Gila General Stream Adjudication.

Management Services

10. Class B Bingo license for Chandler Elks Lodge #2429
Move for approval for a Class B Bingo License for Chandler Elks Lodge #2429, located at 1775 W. Chandler Boulevard.

Mayor and Council

11. Referral of Proposed Amendments to Articles II and IX of the City Charter to Voters at the November 3, 2026 General Election
Move City Council approve Resolution Nos. 6001, 6002, and 6003, referring three amendments to Article II of the city charter, and Resolution No. 6004, referring one amendment to Article IX of the city charter, to the voters of the City of Chandler at the November 3, 2026 general election.

RICK HEUMANN, 4310 W. Dublin St., Chandler, AZ, spoke on Item 11 regarding proposed charter amendments. He stated that he supports the first three charter amendments but expressed concerns about the fourth charter amendment, which would remove the requirement that department directors live within the city. He emphasized the importance of employees being connected to the community they serve. He suggested a compromise, noting that long-term employees who have already served the city for several years should not be required to relocate if they live outside Chandler. However, he believes new hires at the director's level should be required to reside within the city, adding that such positions are well compensated and should make living in Chandler feasible.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO requested clarification on whether Council was approving the actual charter language or only the ballot language, and whether it could still be amended before going to the ballot.

JENNIFER EKBLAD, City Clerk, explained that the four resolutions include the ballot language as exhibits and confirmed that changes may be made up until the June 8 deadline, when the language must be submitted to the county. She also noted the approved language would be used in the information pamphlet.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO confirmed his understanding that changes or removal of items are possible prior to that deadline.

MS. EKBLAD confirmed.

MAYOR HARTKE stated that he recalled the discussion as a question to the city attorney about whether the proposed language was the best option for use on the ballot and whether it provided sufficient clarity. He noted that there was broader Council discussion about whether the wording could be clearer, and that the city attorney advised that the language offered the greatest clarity while also maintaining flexibility. Mayor Hartke asked if that aligned with others' recollection of the conversation.

TAWN KAO, Acting City Attorney, confirmed.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS noted that the Council was not deciding on the ballot question's approval that evening. Instead, they were referring the matter to Chandler voters, leaving the final outcome up to the electorate.

MS. KAO confirmed.

RYAN PETERS, Deputy City Manager, explained that the item represented the first reading of the ballot language, with a second reading scheduled for May. He noted that if Council chose not to advance an item at the second meeting, it would not proceed further under the charter.

MS. EKBLAD clarified that the resolutions approving the ballot language require only one reading and will not return to Council, unlike the franchise ordinance, which required a second reading.

VICE MAYOR ENCINAS asked what would be required to change or reverse the action of approving the charter amendment resolutions.

MR. PETERS stated that a second vote would be required to reverse the action.

MS. EKBLAD clarified that tonight's Council action would approve the ballot language, and it would not be returned to Council unless they later chose to revisit and repeal the resolutions being approved.

MAYOR HARTKE asked whether a majority vote could bring the item back for reconsideration, noting his understanding that only a majority could do so and not a minority, and whether that applied in this case. He also clarified that they were not referring to reconsideration, since there would still be time to act.

MS. KAO explained that a motion to reconsider may be made by any Councilmember at the current meeting or at a subsequent regular or special meeting, but it must be made within 30 days of the original decision.

VICE MAYOR ENCINAS stated that he would be voting no on Item 11 and expressed appreciation to the committee for their time and input.

Neighborhood Resources

12. Resolution No. 5998, Approving Fiscal Year 2026-2027 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds and Execute Related Contracts and Subrecipient Agreements
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5998 approving and authorizing the City Manager to allocate Fiscal Year ("FY") 2026-2027 HOME Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME") Funds; authorizing execution of all contracts and subrecipient agreements; and authorizing the City Manager to take all action necessary or prudent to implement the adopted FY 2026-2027 HOME funding allocations.
13. Resolution No. 5997, Approving submission to the Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Execute Related Contracts and Subrecipient Agreements
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5997 approving and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute and submit the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Fiscal Year ("FY") 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"); authorizing execution of all contracts and subrecipient agreements; and authorizing the City Manager to take all action necessary or prudent to implement the approved FY 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan.
14. Resolution No. 5995, Approving \$160,000 of Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to an Existing Contract with FSL Home Improvements, Inc. to Continue to Provide Homeowner Rehabilitation Services to Low- and Moderate-Income Chandler Residents
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5995, amending the existing contract (A-2022-1162) with FSL Home Improvements, Inc. (FSL) to provide continued support for the City of Chandler's Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, increasing the funding by \$160,000 and revising the not to exceed amount to \$1,094,981; and further authorizing the City Manager to take all action necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
15. Agreements for Sober Recovery Housing Services
Move City Council approve Agreement No. NR6-952-5024, with Alliance Sober Homes, LLC, House of Hope Behavior Health, LLC, P and AG Sober Living, LLC, Plugged In Recovery, LLC, and Valley Premier Care, LLC, for sober recovery housing services, in a combined total amount not to exceed \$250,000, for the period of May 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, with the option of up to four one-year extensions.

Police Department

16. Purchase of Panasonic Laptop Computers and Peripherals

Move City Council approve the purchase of Panasonic rugged laptop computers and various peripherals, from Mobile Concepts Technology (MCT), utilizing the State of Arizona Contract No. CTR068894, in the amount of \$1,259,745.06.

Public Works and Utilities

17. Agreement for Sewer Line Cleaning and Video Inspection Services

Move City Council approve Agreement No. PW6-962-5021, with Ancon Marine dba Ancon Services, Inc., Cleanview Sewer Inspections, LLC, Duke's Root Control, Inc., Pro-Pipe Services, LLC, Riley Industrial Services, Inc., and Simon Family Enterprise, Inc., for sewer line cleaning and video inspection services, in a combined amount not to exceed \$1,060,000, for a one-year period, April 27, 2026, through April 26, 2027, with the option of up to four additional one-year extensions.

NOAH JAMES MARKHAM, Tempe, AZ, spoke in support of Item 17, expressing concern about ongoing sewer odors and urging the city to take further action.

18. Agreement Amendment with M.R. Tanner Development and Construction, LLC, for the Purchase of Street Maintenance Repaving, Surface Seal, and Repair Services

Move City Council approve Agreement No. PW5-745-4887, Amendment No. 1, with M.R. Tanner Development and Construction, LLC, for street maintenance repaving, surface seal, and repair services, in an amount not to exceed \$16,713,550.76, for a one-year term, May 9, 2026, through May 8, 2027.

19. Agreement Amendment with Paramount Assistant, LLC, dba Paramount Streetlight, for the Purchase of Streetlight Pole Replacement Services

Move City Council approve Agreement No. TR3-968-4606, Amendment No. 3, with Paramount Assistant, LLC, dba Paramount Streetlight, for streetlight pole replacement in an amount not to exceed \$479,000, for a one-year term, May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027.

20. Professional Services Agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation, for the Integrated Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed Water Master Plan Consultant Services

Move City Council award Professional Services Agreement No. WW2503.101, to Black & Veatch Corporation, for the Integrated Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed Water Master Plan Consultant Services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,015,275.

NOAH JAMES MARKHAM, Tempe, AZ, spoke in support of Item 20, thanking the city for its efforts to protect water resources. He expressed concern about inaction at the state capitol and voiced appreciation for the city's leadership on the issue.

21. Job Order Project Agreement with Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC, for the Alma School Road and Ocotillo Road Southbound Median Curb Improvements

Move City Council award Job Order Project Agreement No. ST2410.401, to Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC, for the Alma School Road and Ocotillo Road Southbound Median Curb Improvements, in an amount not to exceed \$463,513.66.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Councilmember Orlando moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the April 23, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Ellis.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0) with the exception of Item 11 which passed by majority (6-1), Vice Mayor Encinas dissenting.

Informational

22. Claims Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2026
23. Special Event Liquor Licenses and Temporary and Permanent Extensions of Liquor License Premises Administratively Approved
24. Contracts and Agreements Administratively Approved, Month of March 2026

Unscheduled Public Appearances

BROOK BEALL, 85 W. Teakwood Pl., Chandler, stated that he had attended several City Council meetings and work sessions and felt the Council was not demonstrating strong leadership. He thanked the Mayor for reminding participants that e-bikes are prohibited on the canal but criticized the Police Department for not enforcing that rule, citing observed violations. He also referenced a Trust for Public Land report suggesting the city was not performing as well as neighboring jurisdictions. He spoke in opposition to the Council for relying on other cities' e-bike regulations and for encouraging sidewalk riding, stating that it creates safety risks.

NOAH-JAMES MARKHAM, Tempe, AZ, stated that he loves Chandler but raised concerns about public safety after seeing an individual with a firearm in a vehicle, and urged police to monitor such situations more closely. He requested stricter enforcement. He then spoke in support of increased representation of women in leadership roles and expressed a desire for a female City Manager. Mr. Markham went on to comment on law enforcement matters in Phoenix and Mesa, referencing protests involving ICE and expressing his views on related enforcement policies and agreements. He also mentioned concerns about overcrowding at an ICE facility in Mesa and thanked several elected officials for their involvement in related issues.

Current Events

Mayor's Announcements

MAYOR HARTKE announced the Military Bound Ceremony honoring over 50 Chandler students who have committed to service in the U.S. Armed Forces. He invited the public to attend on May

2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Hamilton High School, noting that each enlistee will be recognized and receive a commemorative military coin, and encouraged Councilmembers to attend to show support.

MAYOR HARTKE invited residents to the Roads to Riches Financial Literacy Car Show and Night Market on Saturday, April 25, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the City Hall parking garage. He said the event will feature cars, music, food trucks, and vendors, while focusing on financial literacy for youth to support student success.

Council's Announcements

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON shared last Saturday that she attended the 100 Club Heroes Gala. She was joined by Councilmembers Ellis and Hawkins. What was particularly exciting about the event was that two Chandler police officers, Rupert Snedigar and Dallin Bacon, were honored as Officers of the Year for their heroic actions in saving the life of a seven-year-old girl. She expressed her gratitude to both officers, highlighting them as shining examples of the police department. She explained that the 100 Club was originally established to support the families of fallen officers. Over time, it has expanded to support all first responders and their families through scholarships and other community support initiatives. It was a wonderful event, and she was proud to see Chandler recognized with an award for the second year in a row.

VICE MAYOR ENCINCAS shared details about the El Día del Niño Toy Drive Celebration in Chandler, a children-focused event in partnership with the Chandler Unified School District and Chavez Media. Toys collected via donations until April 15 will be distributed during the Niño's event at Galveston Elementary on Saturday, April 25, from 1 to 5 p.m. Every child attending will receive a toy. The community is invited to join the celebration at Galveston Elementary.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO announced that he attended the fifth annual Pacific Islander Festival. He described the all-day event as a celebration of Pacific Islander culture featuring live performances, music, food, vendors, and cultural education. He noted strong community participation and said the festival reflects Chandler's commitment to diversity and inclusion. He also shared that the event has grown significantly and looks forward to its return next year.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS announced the adoption of the food and drink spiking ordinance, which he had championed. He explained that it makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor in Chandler to knowingly contaminate someone's food or drink without consent, or to attempt to do so. He noted the ordinance gives local law enforcement stronger tools to investigate and prosecute such offenses when needed and clearly defines the crime within the city code. He said it also empowers victims to report incidents, ensuring they are taken seriously and addressed quickly. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and stated that the ordinance helps reinforce safety for residents, businesses, and visitors in Chandler.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS announced the start of graduation season, recognizing college students and congratulating them on their achievements. He also shared personal

