

Meeting Minutes

City Council Special Meeting

June 11, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers Conference Room
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Hartke at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Attendance

Mayor Kevin Hartke
Vice Mayor Angel Encinas
Councilmember Jane Poston
Councilmember Christine Ellis
Councilmember Matt Orlando
Councilmember OD Harris
Councilmember Jennifer Hawkins

Appointee Attendance

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

Action Agenda and Discussion

1. Resolution No. 6012, Adopting the Annual Budget; Setting Forth the Receipts and Expenditures; and the Amounts Proposed to be Raised by Direct Property Taxation for the Various Purposes for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27, and Adopting the 2027-2036 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 6012, adopting the Annual Budget in the amount of \$1,869,056,483; setting forth the receipts and expenditures; and the amounts proposed to be raised by direct property taxation for the various purposes for FY 2026-27, and adopting the 2027-2036 CIP in the amount of \$2,947,467,963, as presented or amended after the close of the public hearing.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS stated that the budget process had been a lengthy effort and expressed appreciation to the City Manager, department directors, staff, and Council for their work in developing the proposed budget. He noted that the budget reflects input received from residents and the community and emphasized the City's commitment to fiscal responsibility while maintaining quality-of-life services. He further expressed appreciation that the budget

continued funding important programs and services without significant reductions and congratulated the City Manager on his first full budget process.

Action Agenda Motion and Vote

Councilmember Orlando moved to pass and adopt Resolution No. 6012, adopting the Annual Budget in the amount of \$1,869,056,483; setting forth the receipts and expenditures; and the amounts proposed to be raised by direct property taxation for the various purposes for FY 2026-27, and adopting the 2027-2036 CIP in the amount of \$2,947,467,963, as presented or amended after the close of the public hearing; Seconded by Councilmember Ellis.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Current Events

Mayor's Announcements

MAYOR HARTKE noted the city celebrated the opening of Villas on McQueen, the newest affordable housing project and the first built through HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration program. This 157-unit development replaces two public housing communities built in the early 1970s. He thanked Council for their support on this project.

MAYOR HARTKE shared he attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting where mayors from across the country focus on practical solutions facing local communities.

MAYOR HARTKE thanked Council and staff for their efforts in developing the approved budget and Capital Improvement Program. He stated that the budget allows Chandler to maintain one of the lowest sales tax rates in the state, reduce the property taxes for the 11th consecutive year, preserve the City's AAA bond rating, and continue providing services that reflect residents' priorities.

MAYOR HARTKE encouraged residents to vote in the primary election on July 21, where voters will elect a new mayor, three councilmembers, and consider Proposition 415, the proposed 2026 General Plan. The deadline to register to vote is Monday, June 22. Residents can register online at BeBallotReady.vote or by calling Maricopa County Elections at 602-506-1511.

Council's Announcements

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON congratulated the new location of Angry Crab Shack for opening in Chandler. The restaurant is committed to participating in charitable initiatives. She wished a happy Father's Day to her husband, Mayor Hartke and Councilmembers Orlando and Harris.

MAYOR HARTKE noted there is some additional space within the development and suggested exploring opportunities to activate the space with a community-oriented use. He requested that

the City Manager work with the property owners to evaluate potential options and report back to Council.

JOHN POMBIER, City Manager, acknowledged the request and stated that staff would review the matter.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLIS thanked the North Miami Youth Commissioners for participating in the Council meeting and visiting Chandler. She wished everyone a happy Father's Day and congratulated her daughter who graduated from medical school.

MAYOR HARTKE also thanked the North Miami Youth Commissioners for visiting Chandler, and thanked Councilmember Ellis for coordinating their visit.

VICE MAYOR ENCINAS encouraged the North Miami Youth Commissioners to continue their journey in public service and represent their community. He also announced the Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on June 18 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Downtown Chandler Library.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO shared that June 14 is Flag Day and shared the Chandler Museum is hosting the 27 Flags: Our History Through the Stars and Stripes exhibit.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS welcomed the North Miami Youth Council and thanked Councilmember Ellis for coordinating their visit.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS announced the Miss Juneteenth Pageant on Friday, June 12 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Chandler Center for the Arts. This pageant empowers young African American women to define and achieve their goals and uplift future generations.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS shared that Juneteenth is the second oldest historical holiday in the United States, recognizing the emancipation of enslaved people. The city is hosting Culture Music in the Park on Saturday, June 13 at Dr. A. J. Chandler Park Stage Plaza beginning at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS announced the ribbon cutting for the Chandler Compadre's branch and Teen Center for the Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley on Wednesday, June 24 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The improvements were funded jointly with the City of Chandler and Chandler Compadres to better serve youth and enhance safety.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS wished Chandler a happy Father's Day. She also thanked the North Miami Youth Commission for visiting Chandler.

City Manager's Announcements

MR. POMBIER said the nine-month budget process is a significant undertaking. He thanked department directors and city staff for their work on this year's budget.

MR. POMBIER welcomed the North Miami Youth Commission to Chandler.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

ATTEST: Jennifer Ehlbaek
City Clerk

Kevin Harthe
Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: June 25, 2026

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, held on the 11th day of June 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 25th day of June, 2026.

Jennifer Ehlbaek
City Clerk

