Meeting Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting

September 14, 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 6:00 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
Deryck R. Lavelle, City Attorney
Jennifer Ekblad, City Clerk

*Councilmember Harris attended virtually.

Invocation
The invocation was given by Elder Bruce Lundquist, Faith Church.

Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Troop 201.

Scheduled Public Appearances
MAYOR HARTKE invited Councilmember Poston to join him for scheduled public appearances.

1. Service Recognitions

Helen Parker, 20 Years – Budget City Manager
Benn Hernandez, 25 Years – Community Services

2. Proclamation: National Good Neighbor Day

MAYOR HARTKE read the proclamation and invited members of the Envision committee: Priscilla Quintana, Neighborhood Preservation Senior Program Manager; Erica Barba, Neighborhood Preservation Senior Manager; Tawna Mower, Neighborhood Preservation Coordinator; Riann Balch, Neighborhood Resources Director; Leslie Peralta, Management Assistant; and Leah Powell, Deputy City Manager to accept.

MS. QUINTANA shared that the Envision committee consists of representatives from various city departments who are dedicated community partners. The Envision initiative was created by the city in 2020 to give residents a stronger voice in shaping the future of their neighborhoods. The Envision committee has played an important role through participation in neighborhood events, activities, and conversations. She noted that building connections among neighborhoods and residents is what Good Neighbor Day is all about.

3. Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

COUNCILMEMBER POSTON read the proclamation and invited members of the Domestic Violence Commission: Katie Cain, Staff Liaison; Lizette Roeder, Chair; Beth Brizel, Commissioner; Dawn Curtis, Commissioner; Kimberly Humphreys, Commissioner; and Megan Perez, Commissioner to accept.

CHAIR ROEDER thanked Mayor and Council for their recognition of the importance of domestic violence awareness and prevention. She announced the Domestic Violence Awareness Event, Beyond First Impressions: Dating Violence Across All Ages and Stages on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. located at the Avion Center, 1733 E. Northrop Blvd., Chandler, AZ 85286. This event will have great conversations, panels, and food to bring the community together to learn more about how to support domestic violence awareness.

4. Proclamation: Library Card Sign-Up Month

MAYOR HARTKE read the proclamation and invited John Sefton, Community Services Director; Jo-el Miller, Library Manager; and Rachelle Kuzyk, Library Senior Manager.

MS. KUZYK thanked Mayor and Council and shared one of the literacy initiatives the library is working on this year is getting every first grader in Chandler a library card.

5. Recognition: Praneeth Annapureddy, Silver Medal Winner at the International Economics Olympiad

MAYOR HARTKE shared that Praneeth Annapureddy is a senior at BASIS Chandler who represented Team USA at the 2026 International Economic Olympiad in Shenzhen, China.

MR. ANNAPUREDDY thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition. He shared that the International Economics Olympiad was an amazing experience, he connected with some of the

brightest economic students in the world. He also shared that economics, and financial literacy is one of the most important things that high school students can learn.

6. Recognition: Chandler National Little League

MAYOR HARTKE shared that the Chandler National 12U All-Stars represented Arizona in the Little League Baseball West Region tournament and had an undefeated season. He shared that team's success was driven by hard work, dedication, and teamwork.

AUSTIN GIVEN, Vice President of Chandler National Little League, thanked Mayor and Council for their recognition.

Consent Agenda and Discussion

City Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes

   Move City Council approve the City Council meeting minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 10, 2026, the Work Session held on August 10, 2026, the Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2026, the Study Session held on August 10, 2026, and the Regular Meeting held on August 13, 2026.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Vice Mayor Encinas moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the September 14, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Ellis.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ _____

City Clerk Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: October 12, 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 14th day of September 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this _____ day of October, 2026.

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City Clerk