

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, held in the Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago Street, on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JAY TIBSHRAENY.

The following members answered roll call:

Jay Tibshraeny	Mayor
Jeff Weninger	Vice-Mayor
Trinity Donovan	Councilmember
Kevin Hartke	Councilmember
Rick Heumann	Councilmember
*Matt Orlando	Councilmember (arrived late)
Jack Sellers	Councilmember

Also in attendance:

Rich Dlugas	City Manager
Pat McDermott	Assistant City Manager
Mary Wade	City Attorney
Marla Paddock	City Clerk

*Councilmember Orlando arrived after the Invocation.

INVOCATION: Councilmember Kevin Hartke

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Donovan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

None.

CONSENT:

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

1. MINUTES:

APPROVED the following minutes:

- 1a. Chandler City Council Regular Meeting of April 26, 2012
- 2a. Chandler City council Special Meeting of April 26, 2012

2. ANNEXATION: NEC Queen Creek and Gilbert Roads

Ord. #4363

ADOPTED Ordinance No. 4363, annexation of approximately 2.3 acres located east of the NEC of Queen Creek and Gilbert roads.

3. REZONING: Archstone Village Crossing At Chandler Ord. #4367

ADOPTED Ordinance No. 4367, DVR11-0040 Archstone Village Crossing at Chandler, rezoning from AG-1 and C-3 (Regional Commercial District) to PAD zoning for multi-family residential and Conceptual PAD for commercial/office/business park for the multi-family residential project on 35.55 net acres located at the NEC of Arizona Avenue and Queen Creek Road.

4. CITY CODE AMENDMENT: Chapter 1 Ord. #4361

INTRODUCED AND TENTATIVELY APPROVED Ordinance No. 4361 amending Chapter 1 of the Chandler City Code, adding a new Section 1-13 pertaining to licensing inspection procedures.

During the 2011 Arizona Legislature session, Senate Bill 1598 (SB 1598) established a Regulatory Bill of Rights. The bill itself became effective on July 28, 2011, but certain provisions are not in effect until later dates in order to allow municipalities time to make any changes needed to City Codes or operational procedures.

One such provision relates to inspections and becomes effective after June 30, 2012. This section of the bill establishes certain procedures for regulatory inspections including presentation of proper identification by the inspector, providing of notification to the person being inspected of his/her rights to information related to the inspection (including copies of any documents or samples taken from the premises), a name and contact phone number and a description of the person's rights to appeal any determination made during the inspection.

The bill also requires that the person whose property was inspected must be provided with the inspection report within a specified period of time, an update as to the progress in bringing the premises into compliance and failure of any employee to follow these regulations may be cause for disciplinary action or dismissal or considered by a judge as grounds for a reduction in any fine or civil penalty.

This ordinance brings the City of Chandler Code requirements into compliance with SB 1598.

5. R-O-W VACATION: 55 W. Chicago Street Ord. #4370

INTRODUCED AND TENTATIVELY APPROVED Ordinance No. 4370 authorizing the vacation of a 5-foot strip of right-of-way and extinguishment of an easement at 55 W. Chicago Street.

The applicant and owner of 55 W. Chicago Street has requested the City consider vacating a 5-foot strip of ROW at the north property line of 55 W. Chicago Street in order to accommodate improvements to the property which is planned to be a restaurant. Vacating the ROW will allow an upgraded entrance area and an outdoor seating area, fence and other amenities for the restaurant. A public utility easement will be retained in the 5-foot strip of vacated ROW to accommodate existing utilities.

The applicant is also requesting the City consider extinguishing a 15' x 30' easement for ingress, egress and utilities at the south end of the property to further increase utility of the property.

The total market value of \$2,026.27 has been established as consideration for the ROW to be vacated and the easement to be extinguished. If approved, the property owner will compensate the City at the fair market value.

Staff and outside utilities have been notified of and have reviewed this request.

6. HOME FUNDS APPLICATION

Res. #4588

ADOPTED Resolution No. 4588 authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute and submit all related documents for an application and use of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 HOME Program funds from the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act through the Maricopa County Consortium.

The City of Chandler receives Federal HOME Investment Partnership funds annually through the Maricopa HOME Consortium. Chandler will receive an estimated \$267,603.00 for FY 2012-2013. HOME Investment Partnership funds are administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Eligible activities utilizing HOME funds include homeowner rehabilitation, homebuyer activities, rental housing and tenant-based rental assistance.

Staff announced the availability of HOME funding to area housing nonprofit organizations and two specific Requests for Proposal were issued seeking a rental assistance program for homeless individuals and families and a housing reconstruction program for single-family homeowners. Staff received a total of three applications for City HOME funds.

7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Res. #4589

ADOPTED Resolution No. 4589 authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute and submit all related documents for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and execute all documents and sub-recipient contracts.

BACKGROUND

HUD requires that all local governments receiving CDBG funding submit an Annual Action Plan that will guide HUD-funded housing, homeless and community development activities in the City of Chandler for the period beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. To comply with the City of Chandler's Public Participation Plan, the City held a public comment period that began Friday, March 30, 2012 and ended on Monday, April 30, 2012. In addition, a Public Hearing on the Annual Plan was held Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at the Housing and Human Services Commission (HHSC) meeting and at the April 26, 2012 City Council meeting to ensure opportunities for input from the community.

The City's FY 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan serves as the formal application for the use of entitlement funds that are received by the City of Chandler. The Action Plan defines the one-year activities in relationship to the five-year goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan covering Fiscal Years 2010-2014. It provides a description of the programs and projects of the City of Chandler in FY 2012-2013, as well as funding decisions for the City's CDBG program.

In November 2011, nonprofit organizations applying for FY 2012-2013 CDBG funding submitted applications. A total of 21 applications were received, requesting a total of \$2,023,742.00. The HHSC reviewed and evaluated the applications and made CDBG funding recommendations to

the City Council for approval on April 4, 2012. The recommendations are summarized on page 14 of the Plan.

Staff anticipates a three percent (3%) reduction in FY 2012-2013 CDBG entitlement funds compared to 2011-2012. HHSC and CDBG funding recommendations include this three percent (3%) reduction.

8. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT: Traffic Signs and Related Items

APPROVED Agreement #TE0-801-2589, Amendment No. 2, with Safeway Sign Company, Zumar of Arizona and Zumar Industries, Inc., for traffic signs and related items in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. This is the second of four one-year optional extensions.

Pricing has increased overall by \$1,700.00 over a two-year period (no price increase during the first year of the contract) due to increasing costs in commodity materials (aluminum and foil) and transport cost (fuel and labor). Pricing will remain the same with two of the three vendors. Aluminum Sheet, plate and foil commodities have increased by 6.3% over the past two years.

9. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT: Severn Trent Water Purification, Inc.

APPROVED Agreement #WA8-968-2461, Amendment No. 2, with Severn Trent Water Purification, Inc., for the purchase of arsenic filter media for two years in an amount not to exceed \$950,000.00. This is the final two-year extension.

Although the contract allows for annual price increases/decreases based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers – US Cities Average – All Items, this is the first year a price change was requested by the contractor. The CPI has increased by seven percent (7%) and the contractor is requesting the same percentage increase in the cost per cubic foot of media.

10. AGREEMENT EXTENSION: Wilson Engineers

APPROVED a one-year extension for Agreement #EN1003-101 with Wilson Engineers to the existing annual permitting, study and design for water and wastewater facilities in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. This is the first of four optional one-year extensions. The rates remain unchanged from the previous year.

11. AGREEMENT EXTENSION: Dibble Engineering

APPROVED a one-year extension for Agreement #EN1003-102 with Dibble Engineering to the existing annual permitting, study and design for water and wastewater facilities in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00. This is the first of four optional one-year extensions. The rates remain unchanged from the previous year.

12. AGREEMENT EXTENSION: Black and Veatch

APPROVED a one-year extension for Agreement #EN1003-103 with Black and Veatch to the existing annual permitting, study and design for water and wastewater facilities in an amount not to exceed \$850,000.00. This is the first of four optional one-year extensions. The rates remain unchanged from the previous year.

13. AGREEMENT EXTENSION: CH2MHill

APPROVED a one-year extension for Agreement #EN1003-104 with CH2MHill to the existing annual permitting, study and design for water and wastewater facilities in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00. This is the first of four optional one-year extensions. The rates remain unchanged from the previous year.

14. AGREEMENT EXTENSION: Sunrise Engineering

APPROVED a one-year extension for Agreement #EN1003-105 with Sunrise Engineering to the existing annual permitting, stud and design for water and wastewater facilities in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00. This is the first of four optional one-year extensions. The rates remain unchanged from the previous year.

15. CONTINGENCY TRANSFER: Solid Waste

APPROVED a Contingency Transfer of \$825,000.00 from the Solid Waste Operating Fund Non-Departmental to Solid Waste Operating Fund for increased costs in the collection and disposal contract with Waste Management for FY 2011-12.

The Waste Management contract includes a Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Fuel Index increase each year. Historically, Solid Waste Services increased the operational budget based on the CPI and growth to cover these increases. The last increase to the Solid Waste Service budget occurred in FY 2008-2009.

16. AGREEMENT & CONTINGENCY TRANSFER: Sands Chevrolet & Midway Chevrolet

APPROVED Agreement #FA2-071-3105 with Sands Chevrolet in the amount of \$658,954.89 and Midway Chevrolet Nissan Isuzu Truck in the amount of \$20,949.53 for a total amount of \$679,904.42 for the purchase of vehicles. The requested vehicles have been recommended for replacement by the Fleet Advisory Committee.

APPROVED a Contingency Transfer in the amount of \$20,950.00 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund, Non-Departmental, Contingency Account to the Vehicle Replacement Fund, Municipal Utilities Administration, Vehicle Account.

Historically, the City has used the State contract to purchase vehicles. At the direction of Council, Staff issued an IFB for all vehicles recommended for replacement by the Fleet Advisory Committee. Vehicles rejected for reasons such as failure to meet specification and missed order cutoff dates were approved by Council on April 26, 2012, for purchase through the State contract.

17. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Arizona Department of Public Safety

APPROVED a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Arizona Department of Public Safety Counter Terrorism Information Center to enhance the ability of the Fire Department's Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) regarding information gathering and domestic preparedness as it pertains to terrorism activities and the criminal justice system's databases and authorize the City Manager to sign and submit all related documents.

Many fire departments in the Phoenix metropolitan area are currently participating in the Terrorism Liaison Officer program. Fire Department TLO inclusion has afforded a safer environment for public safety personnel who are required to perform investigations, searches and other duties related to emergency preparedness and counter terrorism activities. Fire TLOs have

brought a variety of assets such as becoming the medical liaisons for many tactical situations. They also coordinate and facilitate a quicker resolution to incidents involving hazardous chemicals or drug labs. The equipment that all TLOs have can help with information gathering and bringing an incident to a quicker conclusion. Therefore, it is critical that the Fire Department TLOs have the same ability as Law Enforcement TLOs to gather information on an incident to insure a rapid mitigation of the event.

18. CONTRACT: Blucor Contracting

APPROVED Contract #ST0717-401 with Blucor Contracting for construction of Commonwealth Avenue Improvements – Hamilton Street to Ithica Place in an amount not to exceed \$281,398.21.

19. CONTINUED LIQUOR LICENSE: Someburros Mexican Food

CONTINUED TO MAY 24, 2012, Liquor License, Series 12, for Timothy Vasquez, Someburros, Inc., dba Someburros Mexican Food, 3461 W. Frye Road, to allow the applicant time to complete the zoning requirements for their Use Permit.

20. AUTHORIZATION OF OFFER OF JUDGMENT: Janice Ramsay

APPROVED the City's defense counsel to serve Plaintiff Janice Ramsay with an Offer of Judgment in the amount of \$60,000 pursuant to Rule 68 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure. This pertains to a traffic accident that occurred on September 27, 2007.

BRIEFING:

1. Funding Feasibility for a Veterans Memorial

MICKEY OHLAND, PARK DIRECTOR AND OPERATIONS MANAGER, came forward to present to the Council.

MR. OHLAND stated that Veteran's Oasis Park is located on the northeast corner of Chandler Heights and Lindsay. It is 113-acre Community Park with an education center, lake, trails, police substation, and recharge basins. In 2005, the park's name was submitted by a Chandler resident and approved by the Parks Board and the City Council to honor veterans of all wars. Shortly after the completion of the park in 2008, City staff began meeting with several local veteran groups to develop a conceptual plan for a veteran's memorial that would complement the park's existing amenities. Last year, staff completed the concept for the memorial and a copy was provided to each of the councilmembers.

MR. OHLAND said that the goal was to provide a space for remembrance and reflection. The plan integrates ideas from the veterans that City staff met with as they developed the design. There are six core values significant to the veterans and their families: freedom, reflection, recognition, sacrifice, family, and memories.

MR. OHLAND said that during last year's budget process, Councilmember Orlando brought forth a budget amendment that transferred \$120,000 from one-time General Fund Council contingency funds to the Parks CIP Program. This funding, which is to be repaid through a fundraising campaign was designated to be used to complete an initial feasibility study and any schematic drawings that would be needed.

MR. OHLAND stated that last summer staff issued a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a fundraising consultant for a veteran's memorial. A committee, which was comprised of City staff and two veterans, reviewed two proposals that were submitted and after interviewing the two firms, the committee selected VisionConnect.

MR. OHLAND said that VisionConnect is a Chandler business consulting firm with a host of fundraising experience. The initial phase of VisionConnect's scope was to complete a feasibility study for the project. With that, MR. OHLAND introduced the founder and president of VisionConnect, Rich Frazier, to present his findings of the feasibility study.

RICH FRAZIER said his firm was invited to conduct a feasibility study on the veteran's memorial to test the community's reaction to the project itself and specifically, to a proposed \$2 million fundraising campaign to build and maintain the project.

MR. FRAZIER said that his firm conducted 25 personal interviews among Chandler residents, representing a cross-section of influence, capacity, and credibility. The goal of the interviews was to: 1. Assess the community's support for the project 2. To identify factors that could impact the success of a fundraising campaign 3. Identify sources of leadership and financial support. 4. To provide recommendations regarding the goals, structure, and positioning for a fundraising campaign.

MR. FRAZIER said that all of the interviews conducted were confidential, formal, and standardized and stated that his firm was seeking answers to ten basic questions. MR. FRAZIER said that he feels that the answers that were received provide a reasonable measure of the opinion of the community as a whole.

MR. FRAZIER said that the recommendations made in the study are driven by objective statistical data as well as the comments that were heard during the interviews. He said that a goal of \$1.5 million is feasible. This is based upon the support that was expressed for the project and the number and size of gifts that were identified during the study. In fact, there was one lead gift potential that was identified in the \$450,000 to \$500,000 plus range and several smaller significant gifts were also identified.

MR. FRAZIER said that nobody that they talked to self-identified as a leader or a chair for the campaign, however, there were several names that were mentioned throughout the study as individuals who would be influential and effective as leaders for this campaign. One of the names given was Councilmember Orlando. MR. FRAZIER said that Councilmember Orlando has accepted the opportunity to chair this campaign. The immediate sources of funding were not identified to support a \$2 million goal.

MR. FRAZIER said that this could be a stretch goal for the City if the scope of the project could also include a partnership with an agency that is already providing services for veterans. The need for and concern about services for veterans was a topic that was stated by several people during the interviews. MR. FRAZIER said that when the idea of expanding the scope of the project to include services was mentioned, most that were interviewed felt that it would make the project and the campaign stronger. The benefits in broadening the scope would include addressing a real need in the community, generating good will in the community among veterans and veteran service organizations. It would also help to identify new resources for support among those who may not support a stand-alone memorial.

MR. FRAZIER said there are many organizations that provide valuable services for veterans. VisionConnect recommends that this organization align with a reputable agency and help them expand their services to reach more people, not for the City to provide its own services.

Should the City proceed with the fundraising campaign, it is recommended: 1. That VisionConnect prepare a lead gift solicitation 2. Cultivate and educate key community and business leaders 3. Cultivate and recruit strong campaign leadership (e.g. campaign cabinet and various committee members) 4. Strategically utilize the mayor and council.

These recommendations are based upon the feedback received. MR. FRAZIER stated that it is not unusual for an organization to adjust the recommended goals based on budgetary needs.

MR. FRAZIER said that the mayor and council each received a copy of the feasibility study report that can be referred to. He said it has complete analysis of the results. There are a few observations regarding some key topics that he would like to highlight. In the topic of leadership, he said that the City has credibility in the community; the Mayor and Council are very well respected. The term "can do attitude" was applied to both the City and its leadership.

MR. FRAZIER further stated that the idea of a fundraising campaign was very well received and viewed as a respectable way to fund a project like this, as opposed to using tax dollars. He said that several agreed that a partnership with an organization that provides veteran services would make the campaign more attractive and it would also help to move some of those who label themselves as "receptive or reserved" about the project to "warm and involved."

MR. FRAZIER said that a small percentage of the individuals who were interviewed were concerned about the location and would like to see the memorial downtown. However, the vast majority were fine with the location at Veterans Oasis Park.

MR. FRAZIER advised that some individuals stated that the Gila River Indian Community and Williams Air Force Base have a long history of producing service men and women and a long history with Chandler. It was suggested to include both of these entities in this project to provide the opportunity to recognize several individuals who have served our country well, in addition to expanding the pool of potential donors and prospects.

MR. FRAZIER noted that the presence of other fundraising campaigns is not necessarily a deterrent, but it is a good thing to be aware of one's surroundings. He noted that currently, in the City of Chandler, Chandler Regional Medical Center is undergoing a \$5 million campaign for a tower expansion and ICAN is wrapping up its fundraising campaign. MR. FRAZIER said he is not aware of any other major fundraising campaigns in the foreseeable future.

MR. FRAZIER said that when interviewing the individuals they were asked if they agree with the fundraising campaign. The answers received reflected overwhelming support in favor of the fundraising campaign, instead of using tax dollars for the project. He further stated that the overall reception was warm or receptive. When asking the respondents if they feel that it is the City's responsibility to build a memorial, the majority said that it is not, however, such plans are indicative of the respect that Chandler provides its residents. When asked if the City leadership has the influence to be successful, the majority stated, yes.

MR. FRAZIER said he would be happy to answer any questions.

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY said that there have been some successful fundraising campaigns like this. A good example is the new ICAN facility, which was founded on the same premise. He said that ICAN recently announced that they met their goals.

MR. FRAZIER advised that any time a fundraising campaign is planned; it pays to do one's homework. He said that he believes this is a respected project and there is support for it.

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY commented that he personally likes the current location for the Memorial. He believes it provides room for the layout and design.

MR. FRAZIER said that the vast majority were favorable towards that location. He noted that some also said that it would be nice to have a destination location in south Chandler. Particularly, since some individuals have expressed concern that it should be a place of solemn and respect and that it should be set apart from general traffic flow.

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY advised that Councilmember Orlando brought this forward and feels it is a good cause.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO thanked everyone for their support for this project.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO asked Mickey Ohland for an overview of the project to share with the viewers who are watching.

MICKEY OHLAND stated that Veterans Oasis Park is located on the northeast corner of Lindsay and Chandler Heights. He said the Memorial would be located on the southwest corner of Chandler Heights and Lindsay and there is a 4-acre retention basin. MR. OHLAND said that the Memorial itself will take up about an acre.

MR. OHLAND explained that the goal of the Memorial is to provide a reflection space for groups of various sizes. This design is a direct result of the veterans that participated in several workshops and meetings. MR. OHLAND said that the memorial has two distinctive spaces, the upper space with the stars, the lower level of the Memorial emulates the American Flag, and it is the exact size at 150 feet by 84 feet. He said there is a lot of symbolism in the design. The grid of columns that is displayed in the plan defines the stars and stripes of the flag and the rolling land form emulates the rippling of the flag. The perfect grid of the columns is to emulate soldiers marching in unison. He explained that the smaller columns in the stripes of the flag slowly disappear and then reappear by the rising land form. That is meant to represent soldiers going off to war and some of them not coming back. He said there are 21 blocks that are completely level for the 21 gun salute to identify those who did not come back from various wars.

MR. OHLAND said there is an elevated overlook near the star at the main plaza that replicates the Arizona state flag. The star-shape has a family overlook where visitors can look down onto the flag, giving the sense of looking over the country, as your family members have gone off to war. The star also represents the service flag of war mothers, which is hung in families windows to display that they have an immediate family member serving in the military. MR. OHLAND said there will be plenty of opportunity through the walls or columns to place plaques or to identify people or groups who have served.

MR. OHLAND said that the upper plaza view star columns are 18 inches by 18 inches and approximately 9 to 10 feet tall. The smaller squares are 3 feet by 3 feet. He said that some of the

materials for this project have been identified in an effort to blend well with the current environment at Veterans Oasis Park.

COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN thanked staff for looking into this project. He noted that he likes the design. He asked if the location will be further away from the intersection.

MR. OHLAND said that it will be away from the intersection. The area will still be sunken, as the retention must be maintained. He noted that the Memorial would be closer to the internal park with landscape behind it to help buffer the area.

COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN asked if the \$1.5 million that has been identified includes an endowment for future Operation and Maintenance (O&M) costs.

MR. OHLAND said he is not aware of an endowment. He explained that the cost estimate developed would be approximately \$1.8 million plus design, which is approximately \$250,000, bringing the total to close to \$2 million. He said that while there has been internal discussion on a funding mechanism that would take care of any future maintenance or replacement of stones, he does not have a dollar amount at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN said that he loves the location. He appreciates Councilmember Orlando for chairing this project.

VICE-MAYOR WENINGER said that he thinks the design is amazing. He asked if there was to be a memorial service or a celebration for veterans and Veteran's Day if the event would take place near the Arizona flag overlook.

MR. OHLAND said the whole site could be used and a ceremony could take place where the plaza is located. He mentioned that the turf area could also be used.

VICE-MAYOR WENINGER said that it appears that it could accommodate a fairly large celebration.

MR. OHLAND said that is correct, the veterans planned it well.

COUNCILMEMBER HARTKE asked if the ramadas would be available for small groups to use the space.

MR. OHLAND said that the details would need to be worked through. There is likely the ability to do that, but a process still needs to be developed.

COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN thanked Mr. Frazier for the thoughtfulness that went into the feasibility study. She said when conducting a capital campaign it is important to be strategic and the study put some good thought toward the campaign being successful. COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN said that she looks forward to seeing this project move forward.

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY thanked Mr. Frazier for the presentation.

CURRENT EVENTS:

A. Mayor's Announcements

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY announced that there will be a small ceremony on Saturday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m. to rededicate the Sunset Library, located at the northeast corner of Rural and Ray roads.

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY announced NextFort Groundbreaking on Monday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. He said that Next Fork will break ground on its next generation data center on the Price Corridor.

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY announced that Chandler will celebrate its 100th birthday with three days of Centennial events, May 17, 18, and 19. He said that Thursday, May 17 is the official birthday celebration from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Chandler City Hall. There will be entertainment, birthday cake and the unveiling of the new City time capsule. The contents will be on display in the Vision gallery that evening.

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY announced that Friday, May 18 highlights 100 Artists Celebrating 100 Years in Downtown Chandler from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. He said there will be artists and entertainment throughout the evening.

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY also announced Saturday, May 19 is the Bash of the Century from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Tumbleweed Park. He said there will be old fashioned games and activities, entertainment, and a number of food vendors. Fireworks will highlight the night at about 9:00 p.m.

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY encouraged residents to participate in the Centennial events and thanked the staff and volunteers who are putting these events together. He also thanked the sponsors for making these events possible.

For additional information, please visit www.chandler100th.com

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY thanked Chief Kiyler for the Police Memorial service held earlier in the week. He recognized the families of the Chandler fallen officers who lost their lives in the line of duty: Richard Felix, Jim Snedigar, Rob Nielsen, and Carlos Ledesma.

B. Councilmembers' Announcements

COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN announced that ICAN opened their new facility today (May 10) and said it was quite impressive.

COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN announced that the Chandler Relay for Life is taking place on Friday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Basha High School. He said it will be a great evening of remembrance and listening to stories from survivors. COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN said Chandler is really close to becoming the biggest relay in the state in terms of funds raised. He noted that Councilmember Hartke's wife is co-chair this year.

COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN announced that Train Day is Saturday, May 12 and the Train Museum is open on Saturday for free.

COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN wished his wife, and all the mothers out there a Happy Mother's Day.

