

# City of Chandler's Major Accomplishments - 2016

## PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE

- ) Community Survey completed with 352 responses. Completed in 2011 and 2016 to gain citizen direction.
- ) Ordinance amendments completed better regulating grease traps, backyard chickens and roadside vendors.
- ) Acquired right-of-way for a future extension of Adams Lane to FM 315, including land for needed drainage improvements.
- ) 5-year and 25-year Capital Improvement Plan completed ensuring the City is prepared for growth.
- ) Scanned all old utility distribution maps to preserve information and make more accessible.
- ) Issued building permits for 12 new residential homes and 4 new commercial buildings.
- ) Total of 32 new residential lots created for future residential development.

## ENHANCING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

- ) Dedicated the State of Texas certified "Chandler Upper Neches Paddle Trail" at River Park.
- ) Kayak launch at River Park was extended.
- ) Kid Fish Day and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Winter Rainbow Trout program held at Winchester Pond.
- ) "Summer Movies in the Park" program held at the Grand Pavilion in Winchester Park.
- ) Annual Pow Wow and Christmas in the Park community celebrations held at Winchester Park.
- ) Chandler Sports Association (CSA) completed its first year of operations.
- ) Chandler Sports Association expanded to include Youth Soccer which began in the Fall.
- ) Three soccer fields built at Winchester Park for Spring 2017 use.
- ) Added lighting to Winchester Park walking path.
- ) Five baseball lights added to Baseball Field #5. Funded by 50% State grant, 25% EDC and 25% City.
- ) "Fit City Chandler" held its 1<sup>st</sup> annual 5K Race/Walk.
- ) Library accredited by the Texas Library System and approved for State Inter-Library Loan Program.
- ) Spring, Fall and Christmas banners purchased by the City and Keep Chandler Beautiful.
- ) Received \$8,000 in Library grants and \$400 in Museum grants for improvements and programming.

## PROVIDING FOR OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ) Tax Increment Finance District participation approved by Henderson Co. and Trinity Valley Community College. TIF Board created.
- ) 12 Independent Baseball & Softball Tournaments held bringing 114 out-of-town teams to Chandler.
- ) District and State Baseball Tournaments held bringing 20 out-of-town teams to Chandler.
- ) O'Reilly Auto Parts, Bush's Chicken and Stillwater Farms Market constructed new commercial buildings.
- ) Economic Development Corporation spent \$50,000 to support the development of two new commercial developments and \$10,000 to support the expansion of one existing business.

- ) Two-acre hotel site donated to the Chandler Economic Development Corporation.
- ) Existing business expansions included Wade's Place and Chandler Storage.
- ) Gateway RV Park began construction at the Neches River.
- ) A+ Rent to Own, Crossroads Furniture, Stillwater Farms, Gypsy Waltz and Daydream Attic opened new businesses.
- ) Annual sales tax increased 6% from 2015 (minus 2015 sales tax from Brookshire's construction).
- ) Final Development Agreement entered into with developer for Best Western Plus Hotel.
- ) Acquired updated Community, Market, Housing, and Demographic Profiles for Chandler Area through the Council of Governments.

## **ENSURING OUR SUSTAINABILITY**

- ) New electronically read water meter replacement program implemented replacing all meters in the Chandler water system for more accuracy and accountability.
- ) Winchester Park restrooms at the small concession rehabbed and heat and air installed.
- ) Park land was donated in Crestview II (Briarcrest St) and in the Price Addition for Winchester Park.
- ) Chandler received a grant to develop a streetscape planting area on Hwy 31 at Main Street in conjunction with Keep Chandler Beautiful.
- ) Used John Deer Road Grader (maintainer) acquired for Public Works projects.
- ) New mulch was added to play and exercise equipment at Winchester Park.
- ) Original Railroad Depot building and land donated to City of Chandler.
- ) Design and cost estimates completed for the parking lot, restrooms and trails at McCain park and Museum for construction when funds are identified.
- ) FEMA grants received to repair flood damage. 2 projects completed 2016 and 1 to be completed 2017.
- ) Landscape improvements added to City Hall.
- ) Pipe fence added around Winchester Park for added security and safety.
- ) Fiber run to City Hall for higher speed and dependable internet.
- ) Finished filling the old lagoon at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- ) Phase I of storm drain improvements on Walnut and Charmwood Streets completed.
- ) Street base failure repairs completed on Susie and Fairway.
- ) Five substandard residential structures were removed.
- ) Ordered two new Police Patrol Units to retire older ones.
- ) Developed new city Police Policy Handbook.
- ) Began evaluating the opportunity to rehab Water Well #5 into a producing water well.

## **ENSURING QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNANCE**

- ) New phone system acquired for all city government buildings, creating more efficiency and capabilities.
- ) New financial software implemented for better accountability in financial reporting and payroll.
- ) Part-time Bookkeeper added to city staff for more efficient financial accountability.
- ) Set up system and acquired training to report into the State's Uniform Crime Reporting Program.
- ) Improved cash handling procedures at City Hall to ensure accountability.
- ) Provided online interactive mapping capabilities to city's web site.
- ) Acquired a new citizen response system for residents be able to use their smart phone or computer to report city work requests or code complaints (Implementation in 2017).