

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 8, 2023**

Moab City Council held its Regular Meeting on the above date in Council Chambers. Archived audio is at [www.utah.gov/pmn](http://www.utah.gov/pmn) and video is at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKofYCb8bFk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKofYCb8bFk).

***Regular Meeting Attendance and Call to Order:***

Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and Community Development Director Michael Black led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Rani Derasary, Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Luke Wojciechowski and Kalen Jones attended in Council Chambers and Jason Taylor participated via electronic means. Also in attendance were Sustainability Director Alexi Lamm, City Manager Carly Castle, Finance Advisor David Everitt, Recorder Sommar Johnson, Engineer Chuck Williams, Police Chief Jared Garcia, Attorneys Lisa Watts Baskin and Nathan Bracken and 12 members of the public.

***Workshop: 2023 Sustainability Plan Update***

Sustainability Director Lamm briefed Council on the ongoing Sustainability Plan process. Consultants Imogen Ainsworth and Shelby Sommers participated via electronic means. The presentation included accomplishments to date and reasons for the plan, including energy reduction goals and resource conservation through 2030. Members of the Technical Advisory Committee were announced and the timeline, deliverables and action plan were explained, including the framework, focus areas, goals, strategies and vision statement development. The consultants mentioned their priorities of emphasizing local community buy-in, water conservation, economic stability, citizen well-being, social equity and inclusion, the natural environment and local benefit. Several focus areas were described including ecosystems, air quality, energy conservation, building efficiency, land use planning and transportation. A greenhouse gas emissions goal was touched on, as well as green building certification. Next steps were discussed. Councilmembers brought up clarification of the mission statement, access to the on-screen presentation materials, and further refinement of concepts regarding quality of life, economic diversity and resiliency. Councilmember Jones asked for examples of successful plan elements from the consultants and Councilmember Wojciechowski requested strategies that could be narrowed down with immediate cost and impact data.

***Public Comments:*** There were no public comments.

***Consent Agenda—Approved***

***Motion and Vote:*** Councilmember Derasary moved to approve the consent agenda as follows: appointment of Carolyn Conant and Machael Layton to the Planning Commission with terms as described in the nominating document, approval of minutes for the July 25, 2023, Regular Meeting and approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$726,531.86. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

***General Business:***

***Rules of Order and Procedure for City Council Meetings—Tabled***

***Presentation and Discussion:*** Mayor Langianese and Attorney Watts Baskin presented the draft rules of order and procedure for City Council meetings. It was explained that new amendments were proposed based on rushed feedback from Council. Attorney Watts Baskin stated the proposed rules and procedures were in keeping with similar documents adopted by other municipalities. Councilmember Derasary requested clarification on several points she said expressed conflicting views between the Mayor and Attorney, in particular regarding public comments versus public hearings, new state code regarding quorum versus majority rules and

adjournment rules. Councilmember Jones also expressed a need for clarification regarding new state code governing the quorum versus majority rule, specifically as it relates to adjournment. Failed motions, substitute motions and reconsideration of motions were discussed. Attorney Bracken clarified that City Council rules of conduct and procedure supersede those of other City boards and commissions unless separately adopted by Council. Councilmember Derasary requested a clean copy of the proposed document before approval.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to table **Resolution 20-2023**, a resolution of Moab City Council adopting the rules of order and procedures for City Council meetings to allow Councilmembers time to get their questions answered. Councilmember Derasary seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

### ***Kane Creek Boulevard Reconstruction Bond Issuance—Approved***

**Presentation and Discussion:** Finance Advisor Everitt presented the proposed bond elements to raise revenues toward a loan repayment for the Kane Creek Boulevard Reconstruction Project. Alex Buxton from Zions Bank Public Finance was present to answer questions from Council. Everitt explained the recent Utah Permanent Community Impact Board (CIB) funding approval included approximately half grant and half low-interest loan. He noted the two percent loan with an 18-year payment schedule was extremely favorable. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd asked for a summary of CIB mineral lease funds for the public's edification and it was remarked that project funding is very competitive. Everitt explained the next steps, including a timeline for a public hearing and protest period and the Council's ability to veto the project. Councilmember Derasary asked for clarification regarding the City's bonding capacity and available assets. Mr. Buxton explained the City had several times more capacity. Prior sales tax bonds were discussed.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Jones moved to approve **Resolution 24-2023**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Moab, Utah (the "issuer"), authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$4,500,000 aggregate principal amount of sales tax revenue bonds, series 2023 (the "series 2023 bonds"); fixing the maximum aggregate principal amount of the series 2023 bonds, the maximum number of years over which the series 2023 bonds may mature, the maximum interest rate which the series 2023 bonds may bear, and the maximum discount from par at which the series 2023 bonds may be sold; delegating to certain officers of the issuer the authority to approve the final terms and provisions of the series 2023 bonds within the parameters set forth herein; authorizing the posting of a notice of public hearing and bonds to be issued; providing for the running of a contest period and setting of a public hearing date; authorizing and approving the execution of a supplemental master resolution and other documents required in connection therewith; authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution; and related matters. Councilmember Derasary seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

### ***Kane Creek Boulevard Reconstruction Project Grant Agreement—Approved***

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a grant agreement between the City of Moab and the Utah Department of Workforce Services for the Kane Creek Boulevard Reconstruction Project. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

### ***City Manager Updates:***

City Manager Castle updated Council on the ongoing search for a Parks, Recreation and Trails Director. She noted locals schools would reopen August 16. She mentioned progress on the draft Moab Area Housing Plan.

***Mayor and Council Reports:***

Councilmember Taylor reported he attended the water resource education session called Water 101 and praised Councilmember Derasary and County Commissioner Trish Hedin for organizing it and noted approximately 50 people attended. He also mentioned he met with the Mayor.

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd said she met with the Mayor.

Councilmember Derasary noted there is a recording of the water workshop posted online and subsequent workshops had not yet been scheduled. She reported on a meeting of the Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency (GWSSA). She noted Thompson Springs seeks funding for a reservoir. Derasary mentioned work on the sod buyback ordinance and other topics, including an open seat on the Grand County Water Conservancy District board and new staff at GWSSA. She also mentioned there is a Grand County Office of Emergency Management questionnaire available online that seeks input from the community regarding emergency preparedness needs.

Councilmember Wojciechowski said he attended a recent free community concert and he attended the water workshop via electronic means. He said he also met with the Mayor.

Councilmember Jones said he attended the Community Renewable Energy board meeting.

***Executive (Closed) Sessions:***

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to enter a closed strategy session to discuss the sale of real property. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye. Mayor Langianese convened the closed session at 8:14 p.m. Councilmember Jones moved to end the closed session. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye. Mayor Langianese ended the closed session at 9:18 p.m. Councilmember Jones moved to enter a closed session to discuss reasonably imminent and/or pending litigation.

Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye. Mayor Langianese convened the closed session at 9:19 p.m. Councilmember Derasary moved to end the closed session. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye. Mayor Langianese ended the closed session at 9:46 p.m.

***Adjournment:*** Councilmember Wojciechowski moved to adjourn the meeting.

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye. Mayor Langianese adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joette Langianese, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sommar Johnson, City Recorder