

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 27, 2024**

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=oFUAOu4XAdg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oFUAOu4XAdg).

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

Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Kris Marsh led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Luke Wojciechowski, Jason Taylor, Colin Topper and Kaitlin Myers attended. Also in attendance were City Manager Carly Castle, Chief Operating Officer David Everitt, Treasurer Marcy Mason, Community Development Director Michael Black, Recorder Sommar Johnson, Transit Coordinator Richard Lory, Police Chief Lex Bell, Attorney Lisa Watts Baskin and three members of the press and public.

***Motion to Amend the Agenda—Approved***

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to amend the order of the agenda, placing the consideration of a banking services agreement after public comments. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

***Public Comments:*** None.

***Banking Services Agreement—Approved***

***Presentation:*** Treasurer Mason explained a Request for Proposals (RFP) for banking services had not been executed in the past and no record of a competitive process exists. She said four local bank branches responded to the RFP and were ranked in seven areas of concern, including customer service, which ranked highest for her staff. She said Mountain America Credit Union ranked highest overall.

***Motion and Vote:*** Councilmember Taylor moved to approve a banking services agreement with Mountain America Credit Union (MACU). Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

***Presentation: Grand Valley Mentoring***

Dan McNeil presented a history of Grand Valley Mentoring, which matches adult mentors with at-risk student mentees. He noted the organization's intention to prevent academic failure, drug use, self-harm and more. He said it was unique in the long-term nature of mentor/mentee relationships and noted the relatively low cost of intervention when compared to other modalities. Kris Marsh, a mentor, presented a testimonial regarding the value of the program.

***Department Update:***

***Fiscal Year Financial Report:*** Chief Operating Officer Everitt presented a brief report of the monthly financials. He mentioned tax revenues are a little down but said he expected them to pick up.

***Consent Agenda—Approved***

Councilmember Myers moved to approve the consent agenda, as follows: approval of minutes for the February 13, 2024, Regular Meeting and approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$914,398.78. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Knuteson-Boyd, Wojciechowski, Taylor, Topper and Myers voting aye.

***General Business:***

***Public Hearing for funding application for Downtown Master Plan:***

***Presentation:*** Community Development Director Black reported an application has been submitted to the Permanent Community Impact Board (CIB) to partially fund preparation of a Downtown Master Plan. He said the Downtown Plan was one of the Council's strategic priorities and noted the Plan would

encompass elements for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, street design, public space enhancements, and connecting nodes for education, medical care, civic areas, recreation and more. He said the overall cost for the Downtown Plan was expected to be approximately \$250,000 and the CIB request was for \$50,000 with the remaining cost expected to be covered by the General Fund. Councilmember Topper asked about the cost breakdown and Transit Coordinator and Grant Writer Lory explained the \$50,000 CIB request meets a threshold for small planning grants, which are reviewed and awarded internally by the CIB organization.

**Public Hearing:** Mayor Langianese opened a public hearing regarding a Permanent Community Impact Fund Board application for a Downtown Master Plan at 6:35 p.m. There were no public comments and she closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

#### ***RAP Tax Advisory Committee Appointment—Approved***

**Presentation:** Mayor Langianese stated she received two applications for an open seat on the Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) Tax Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). She recommended Zoe Huston to replace Barbara Hicks, whose term ended.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Topper moved to approve the Mayor's appointment to the RAP Tax Technical Advisory Committee. Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ***Red Rock Flats II Pre-Annexation Agreement—Approved***

**Presentation and Discussion:** Community Development Director Black reviewed the annexation process and presented the Red Rock Flats II Pre-Annexation Agreement. He also showed the City's annexation plan overview map, which is a required element of the City's General Plan. Mayor Langianese noted there would be a required public hearing for the Pre-Annexation at a future date. The proposed parcel is intended to be developed with workforce housing units. Combined with phase one of the Red Rock Flats, approximately 132 total residential units with some commercial spaces are expected. The proposed zoning would be C-4 Commercial. Councilmember Taylor stated the proposal for annexation makes sense for the City. Councilmember Myers stated she appreciates the proximity of the project to the university campus.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Taylor moved to approve **Resolution 05-2024**, the Red Rock Flats II Pre-Annexation Agreement, for property located at 1410 South Highway 191 Moab, Utah 84532. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**City Manager Updates:** City Manager Castle announced the deadline for RAP tax grants was extended. She reported she had been working with the City's lobbyists and attorneys to follow the legislative session. She commented on several bills that could affect the City. She reported the Kane Creek Boulevard reconstruction project was underway. She mentioned ongoing negotiations regarding the solid waste contract and dispatch services.

#### ***Mayor and Council Reports:***

Councilmember Taylor reported he worked with the Mayor on dispatch services and said he was in contact with legislators regarding a bill that would dilute funding for emergency medical services. He mentioned an upcoming trip to Washington, DC to lobby for municipal interests.

Councilmember Myers stated she had been tracking legislation and had met with the Mayor.

Councilmember Wojciechowski said he had also been tracking legislation. He mentioned an upcoming eye clinic at the Free Health Clinic and available aid for unhoused veterans. He said he also met with the Mayor.

Councilmember Topper reported he met with the Mayor, attended a meeting to discuss ebikes on area trails and bike paths, a meeting to negotiate the solid waste district contract, and a meeting of the RAP TAC to review grant applications.

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd reported on meetings with the Mayor and the Housing Authority.

Mayor Langianese brought up recent social media misinformation regarding the new Dark Skies ordinance update, and announced Lena Pace was named the new superintendent of the Southeast Utah Group of the National Park Service. The Mayor announced the Swanny Park playground application for a Community Development Block Grant was ranked highest on the list of proposals for the Southeast Utah Association of Governments (AOG). She mentioned pending legislation that would affect the City, including one that would divert Transient Room Tax (TRT) monies from Moab to help pay for a proposed major league baseball stadium in Salt Lake City. She said she met with Utah Representative Phil Lyman to voice concern about pending legislation. She noted a bill that would allow gravel pits on private property was pulled, an increase in TRT was killed, and affordable housing and homeless services in the Governor's budget was not funded. She said she was planning to travel to Washington, DC in mid-March with other local elected officials to discuss essential air service, the tailing site, and the National Parks.

***Executive (Closed) Session:***

***Motions and Votes:*** Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to enter a closed session to discuss the purchase, sale or lease of real property in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-205. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Langianese convened the executive closed session at 7:09 p.m. Knuteson-Boyd moved to end the closed session. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Langianese ended the closed session at 7:27 p.m.

***Adjournment:*** Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to adjourn. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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

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