

MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 26, 2024

Moab City Council held its Regular Meeting on the above date in Council Chambers. Archived audio is at www.utah.gov/pmn and video is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GIq6YPiNrQ>.

Regular Meeting Attendance and Call to Order:

Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Bobby Tech led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Luke Wojciechowski, Jason Taylor and Colin Topper attended. Councilmember Kaitlin Myers had a planned absence. Also in attendance were City Manager Carly Castle, Chief Operating Officer/Interim City Manager David Everitt, Assistant City Manager Bobby Tech, Community Development Director Michael Black, Recorder Sommar Johnson, Transportation Coordinator and Grant Writer Richard Lory, Parks, Recreation and Trails Director Brianna Bowker, Human Resource Director Dani Guerrero, Assistant Police Chief Scott Finlayson, Utility Services Director Obe Tejada, Treasurer Marcy Mason, Administrative Assistant Cindy Montague, Attorney Lisa Watts Baskin and one member of the press.

Public Comments: None.

Department Update:

Community Development Director Black briefed Council on a recent application to the Department of Energy Community Capacity Building Grant Program for funding to plan for the future site development of Moab's Uranium Mill Tailings Remediation Act (UMTRA) site. He said the anticipated grant amount of \$1.2 to \$2 million would provide concept to shovel-ready plans with no local match. Councilmember Taylor reported on his trip to lobby for the project in Washington, DC.

Consent Agenda—Approved

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to approve the consent agenda, as follows: Dark Sky Week Proclamation, consideration of adoption of **Resolution 01-2024**: a resolution designating depositories for Moab City funds and Utah Public Treasurers' Investment Fund (PTIF) accounts, approval of minutes for the February 27, 2024, Regular Meeting and March 8, 2024, Special Meeting, and approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$684,735.75. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Knuteson-Boyd, Wojciechowski, Taylor and Topper voting aye. Mayor Langianese read aloud the Dark Sky Week Proclamation.

Presentation: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Administrative Recommended Budget

Assistant City Manager/Chief Operating Officer Everitt presented a summary of the administration's recommended budget. He anticipated a general fund increase of 3.8 percent with flat sales tax revenues. He explained the budget included potential property tax revenues for municipal equipment and maintenance. He said the general fund and the recreation fund budgets reflect status quo regarding personnel expenses and funding to manage and maintain City assets. He added the enterprise and utility funds are solid, maintaining operational status quo. Everitt stated the City is at its closest to being fully staffed, and the budget reflects planning and capital projects reflected in the strategic plan. He emphasized that facilities and transportation infrastructure are deteriorating, and utility infrastructure repairs and upgrades are ongoing. He summed up the City's budgetary goals to seek to maintain current service levels, use resources efficiently, decelerate equipment expenses, start and finish key studies, and align accounting and budgeting with organizational reality. He mentioned a proposed one-time shoring up of the fund balance and noted expense increases for cost of living adjustments (COLA). He proposed a transfer from the Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) fund to the general fund for the improvements to the Swanny Park playground. He outlined departmental highlights, including elevator repairs, a secure service window for the Treasurer's office, heat pump replacements, dark sky ordinance compliance, and a new grounds maintenance position. He mentioned sidewalk repairs, the Kane Creek Boulevard

reconstruction project, and a full-time position for the front desk manager at the recreation center. He noted a need for new exercise equipment and increased costs for the pool and recreation center building. Everitt concluded with a mention of the stormwater fund and the timeline and next steps for the budget process. Councilmember Taylor commented the information was helpful, including information about sidewalk repairs. Councilmember Topper expressed appreciation for the presentation.

General Business:

Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Audit—Tabled

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Taylor moved to table acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Budget Audit until the April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Surplus Property Dispensation—Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to approve **Resolution 04-2024:** a resolution of the governing body of the City of Moab granting permission to the Moab Police Department to dispose of unclaimed property pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 77-11d-105(4). Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted the surplus property would be donated to local nonprofits.

Acceptance of Annexation Petition—Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Topper moved to accept an annexation petition by TJ Moab Enterprises for property located at 1082 South Main Street. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Updates:

City Manager Castle mentioned busy recreation season activities, ongoing construction on Kane Creek Boulevard, downtown dispersed parking, and Tusher/Locust utility work and paving. She mentioned the upcoming municipal code rewrite and spoke about her resignation to accept new employment in Salt Lake City. She expressed gratitude and said it was an honor and privilege to serve the City. She noted she was leaving for personal reasons. Mayor Langianese and Councilmembers praised Castle's work and an upcoming luncheon was announced to honor her. The Mayor stated David Everitt would serve as Interim City Manager.

Mayor and Council Reports:

Councilmember Topper reported he toured the Walnut Lane property, attended a special City Council meeting, and participated in a TrailMix meeting. He mentioned ongoing work on the Utahraptor State Park, and reported on meetings with Team Rubicon, the Mayor, the solid waste district, and the RAP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd reported on a meeting of the housing authority and noted the upcoming gala for the Museum.

Councilmember Wojciechowski reported on a meeting of the homelessness committee, COVID-19 vaccinations at the Free Health Clinic, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and a fair housing workshop at Utah State University-Moab. He mentioned Grand Water and Sewer Services Agency (GWSSA) was accepting bids for a new fill station and sought raises for employees. He announced an upcoming Water 301 public workshop and concluded by saying the local snowpack looks good for water supply and that he met with the Mayor.

Councilmember Taylor reported he toured Walnut Lane, attended a meeting of the Emergency Medical Services (EMT) board, and said he met with the Mayor and administrative staff. He thanked Red Rock Four Wheelers for the organization of the Jeep Safari, and noted his recent visit to Washington, DC to lobby for the tailings site plans. He said he met with officials from the National Park Service (NPS) to

discuss the importance of the Hite boat ramp for the local economy, and he met with transportation officials to discuss Moab's essential air service. He said he also met with Senator Lee's staff.

Mayor Langianese reported on her trip to Washington, including visiting with NPS staff to discuss the timed entry program at Arches National Park. She also noted the meeting regarding essential air service.

Executive (Closed) Session:

Motions and Votes: Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to enter a closed session to discuss reasonably imminent and/or pending litigation. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Langianese convened the executive closed session at 7:31 p.m. Councilmember Topper moved to end the closed session. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Langianese ended the closed session at 8:03 p.m.

Adjournment: Councilmember Wojciechowski moved to adjourn. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Joette Langianese, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sommar Johnson, City Recorder