

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 28, 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=kqoZnjRvxMU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqoZnjRvxMU).

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

Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Lex Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Luke Wojciechowski, Jason Taylor, Colin Topper and Kaitlin Myers attended. Also in attendance were Interim City Manager David Everitt, Parks, Recreation and Trails Director Brianna Bowker, Recorder Sommar Johnson, Sustainability Director Alexi Lamm, Community Development Director Michael Black, Transit Coordinator and Grant Writer Richard Lory, Police Chief Lex Bell, Assistant Police Chief James Blanton Jr., Attorney Nathan Bracken and one member of the public.

***Public Comments:*** None.

***Department Update:*** Sustainability Director Lamm updated Council on the City's sustainability program. She reported on eight new fast-charge stations for electric vehicles, located at Lions Park. She outlined charging fees and mentioned an upcoming ribbon cutting. She also presented information about the City's new designation as an International Dark Sky Community. She mentioned collaboration efforts to reach the milestone and outlined requirements for the City to comply with the new outdoor lighting code. She reported on upcoming installation of street lamps on Main Street and a public information campaign to educate residents. She mentioned a program of Friends of Arches and Canyonlands that defrays costs of compliance for residents. The City's signage ordinance was discussed. Lamm concluded by mentioning an upcoming astronomy festival June 7-9. Mayor Langianese provided more background on the process of designation as an International Dark Sky Community.

***Consent Agenda—Approved***

***Motion and Vote:*** Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the consent agenda, as follows: approval of minutes for the May 14, 2024, regular meeting and approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$576,607.01. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd, Topper, Myers and Wojciechowski voting aye.

***General Business:***

***Second Public Hearing for the 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)***

Mayor Langianese opened a public hearing for public comments regarding the CDBG application to improve Swanny Park with an all-abilities playground. Parks, Recreation and Trails Director Bowker presented an overview of the planned project and a timeline for completion. Mayor Langianese stated the City's application was the top-rated grant application in the regional rating and ranking process and was awarded \$250,000. There were no public comments and the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:21 p.m.

***Funding Commitment for Swanny Park Playground—Approved***

***Motion and Vote:*** Councilmember Taylor moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter committing the City of Moab to a local contribution of \$530,081.92 for the 2024 CDBG Swanny Park All Abilities Playground proposal. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd, Topper, Myers and Wojciechowski voting aye.

***Public Hearing regarding annexation of 1082 South Main Street***

Mayor Langianese opened a public hearing regarding annexation of 1082 South Highway 191 (Main Street) at 6:24 p.m. Community Development Director Black presented the proposed annexation and

noted the developer's intention to provide active employment housing for the local workforce. There were no public comments and the Mayor closed the hearing at 6:28 p.m.

***Annexation of 1082 South Highway 191 (Main Street)—Approved***

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Topper moved to approve **Ordinance 2024-01**, an ordinance to approve the annexation of property located 1082 S HWY 191, Moab, UT 84532. Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

***Red Rock Retreat Townhome Plat Application—Approved***

**Presentation:** Community Development Director Black presented a proposal for approval of the Red Rock Retreat Townhome Plat of property located at 241 East 100 North.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Wojciechowski moved to approve **Resolution 11-2024**, a resolution approving the Red Rock Retreat Townhome Plat of property located at 241 East 100 North Moab, Utah 84532. Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

***Monument Waste Franchise Agreement—Approved***

**Presentation:** Interim City Manager Everitt explained more time was needed to negotiate the terms of a new franchise agreement with the Canyonlands Solid Waste District.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Resolution 16-2024, a resolution of the City of Moab approving a four-month extension of the Monument Waste Services Franchise Agreement between the City and Canyonlands Solid Waste Authority for Solid Waste Management Service. Councilmember Knutson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Interim City Manager Updates:** Interim City Manager Everitt reported on a plan to provide City facilities for shelter in the event of disaster. He also reported on efforts to mitigate concerns of business owners on Main Street regarding trash receptacles and trash collection. He mentioned the franchise agreement with Rocky Mountain Power is due for negotiation and renewal.

***Mayor and Council Reports:***

Councilmember Knutson-Boyd reported on meetings of the museum board and the housing authority.

Councilmember Taylor reported on Trail to Tomorrow, a program of the Grand County Travel Council regarding tourism. He noted that housing remains a top issue. Taylor also reported on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) barbecue and reunion, and a public works barbecue.

Councilmember Myers reported on the public works barbecue and site visit, and the EMS barbecue and site visit. She also mentioned a local group that raised \$11,600 for Walnut Lane residents.

Councilmember Wojciechowski reported on meetings of the Moab Area Watershed Partnership, the Planning Commission, and the Grand Water and Sewer Services Agency. He noted the Bureau of Land Management lost funding for water gages, and the prospect of harmful algae at Kens Lake exists.

Councilmember Topper reported on the public works barbecue and site visit and the EMS barbecue and site visit.

Mayor Langianese reported on an upcoming event to honor foster grandparents and senior companions, and stated her appreciation of the recent Arts Festival and noted Theresa King is stepping down as the coordinator. The Mayor also reported on meetings regarding the Southeast Utah Association of Governments, the tailings site, and mentioned upcoming meetings with the hospital director and an open house regarding the proposed property tax.

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

**Motions and Votes:** Councilmember Knutson-Boyd moved to enter a closed session to discuss the

purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Langianese convened the executive closed session at 6:58 p.m. Councilmember Wojciechowski moved to end the closed session. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Langianese ended the closed session at 7:10 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Councilmember Wojciechowski moved to adjourn. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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

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