

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2025**

Regular Meeting Attendance and Call to Order:

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 www.youtube.com/watch?v=tC5kNC5zBXg. Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Willie Ford led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Kaitlin Myers, Colin Topper, Jason Taylor, Luke Wojciechowski and Tawny Knuteson-Boyd attended. Also in attendance were City Manager Michael Black, Recorder Sommar Johnson, Community Development Director Cory Shurtleff, Recreation and Trails Director Patrick Trim, Engineering Associate Sydney Maller, Assistant Police Chief James Blanton, Jr., Attorney Nathan Bracken and six members of the public.

Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda—Approved

Councilmember Myers moved to approve the consent agenda, as follows: approval of minutes of the May 13 and May 27, 2025, regular meetings and approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$837,367.11. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd, Topper, Myers and Wojciechowski voting aye.

General Business:

602 Cermak Annexation Public Hearing:

Mayor Langianese opened a public hearing at 6:05 pm. for **Ordinance 2025-09**: an ordinance of the City Council of Moab annexing the Colin Fryer property at 602 Cermak to the City of Moab and assigning the zone of C-3 Central Commercial to the parcel. Mayor Langianese explained the pre-annexation agreement and planning process have been thorough. There were no public comments, and Mayor Langianese closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Annexation of 602 Cermak—Approved

Motion and Discussion: Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to adopt **Ordinance 2025-09**: an ordinance to annex the property located at 602 Cermak, Moab, UT 84532, located in unincorporated Grand County and assigning the zone of C-3 Central Commercial to the parcel. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd stated the effort is important and is a good project. Councilmember Taylor concurred and noted local concerns that the project represented a work-around of the moratorium on new lodging were inaccurate, and the lodging exception was for an extremely specific population of clients and their families who required accessible facilities. Councilmember Myers said she appreciated the collaboration between the National Ability Center and planning staff and noted the thoughtfulness of the process.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

611 Cermak Annexation Public Hearing:

Mayor Langianese opened a public hearing at 6:10 p.m. for **Ordinance 2025-10**: an ordinance of the City Council of Moab annexing the National Ability Center property at 611 Cermak to the City of Moab and assigning the zone of C-3 Central Commercial to the parcel. There were no public comments, and she closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Annexation of 611 Cermak—Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Taylor moved to adopt **Ordinance 2025-10**, an ordinance to annex the property located at 611 Cermak, Moab, UT 84532, located in unincorporated Grand County. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Amendment Public Hearing:

Mayor Langianese opened a public hearing at 6:12 p.m. for **Resolution 08-2025**: a resolution amending the fiscal year 2025-2025 budget. City Manager Black spoke about the auditor's request that the municipal budget reflect adjustments to line items which are underspent, transfers such as for the newly-created restricted fund for the Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) tax and a proposal to save approximately \$660,000 on interest payments for the Walnut Lane project by paying off the loan. He added that revenues were higher than expected and the proposed budget amendment reflected that. He said there were increased grant revenues for law enforcement. Councilmember Myers asked questions regarding higher than projected actual tax revenues and asked about specific line items regarding the Human Resources public notice amount, the restructuring of parks and recreation and RAP maintenance items at the Moab Recreation and Aquatic Center (MRAC), recreation administration, building inspection expenses, administration consultants, and administrative subscriptions and memberships. City Manager Black stated he discovered an error in the spreadsheet due to an accounting software problem and requested tabling action on the amended budget. He responded to Councilmember Myers' questions and explained the MRAC repairs and maintenance were reflected in distinct parts of the budget based on whether they were "one-time" or large-scale projects or routine items like swimming pool supplies. He said the amount set aside for building inspections reflected a new state law that requires municipalities to hire third party inspectors if the in-house inspector is unable to complete inspections in a defined time frame; he said there had so far been no instances of the City building inspector being unable to meet deadlines. Black also explained subscriptions and memberships were for organizations such as the American Planning Association and the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT). There were no public comments, and Mayor Langianese closed the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Amendment—Tabled

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Myers moved to table **Resolution 08-2025**: a resolution amending the fiscal year 2025-2025 budget until the June 24, 2025, regular meeting. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Adoption Public Hearing:

Mayor Langianese opened a public hearing at 6:35 p.m. for **Resolution 07-2025**: a resolution to adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. City Manager Black explained the nature of the discussion would entail changes made to the proposed budget from the tentative budget, which was approved in May. Black outlined the changes, including updated figures for the County's approved tax rate, and changes to the Community Contributions line item. Discussion with Council regarding Community Contributions followed, touching on the City's intentions for the program. Contracts and services with local nonprofit organizations that are provided to the community in lieu of the City government providing the services was a topic discussed. Councilmember Wojciechowski brought up the need for the City to have an emergency fund for community aid, and Black stated that it was included in the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budget. Councilmember Myers stated that a directive to the City's attorney to propose a policy for Community Contributions contracts was appreciated and noted the importance for partnering organizations to have predictable budget amounts. Councilmember Taylor asked about the budget for vehicles and Black explained all vehicles were consolidated into a single fund rather than distributed across departments. Black also noted that City Treasurer Marcy Mason would report on the utility relief program at the next meeting. Further discussion with Council covered items such as safety uniforms, facilities department education including arborist training, and an upcoming review of activity fees that is scheduled to be considered by the Planning Commission. The pending lease renewal for the golf course was discussed. There were no public comments, and Mayor Langianese closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget—Approved

Motion and Discussion: Councilmember Topper moved to approve **Resolution 07-2025**: a resolution to adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded

the motion. Mayor Langianese stated she appreciated the effort of City Manager Black to clarify the budget and to make it understandable to Council and the public.

Vote: In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd, Topper, Myers and Wojciechowski voting aye.

City Manager Updates:

City Manager Black updated Council on the timeline for the 100 East reconstruction project, with construction to begin within the week. He also stated the sidewalk project was in the pre-bid phase. He mentioned the City's efforts to prepare the community for the impending monsoon season. Councilmember Taylor asked about storm drains covered during construction on Kane Creek Boulevard and requested a list of sidewalks slated for reconstruction. Black also introduced Sydney Maller, who transitioned from a position as a VISTA volunteer to an Engineering Associate. He said she had an engineering background.

Mayor and Council Reports:

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd stated she attended a meeting with Congressman Kennedy, and she attended the ribbon cutting for the new playground.

Councilmember Wojciechowski said he attended a special meeting of the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Myers reported she met with Congressman Kennedy and attended meetings of the Utah housing strategic planning subcommittee for rural and resort communities, and a subcommittee of ULCT for housing-related legislation. She said she participated in a meeting to plan for the sustainability of Emergency Medical Services. She also reported on meetings of the Utah renewable energy communities, the local housing task force, and mentioned a local housing survey at www.moabhousing.com, and wished all a happy Pride month.

Councilmember Taylor announced he attended an airport board meeting and said a new airport manager was hired. He said he attended meetings of the travel council, where the City now has a voting seat. He said he participated in a tour of town regarding potential flood impacts, as well as a bicycle tour with Councilmember Topper to examine sidewalks and crosswalks.

Councilmember Topper reported he met with the manager of the solid waste district, attended the playground ribbon cutting, and said he participated in a police ride-along to observe the lack of adherence to Main Street speed limits. He reported most offenders are not local residents. He brought up a June 24 discussion of crosswalk policy.

Mayor Langianese reported on her meeting with Congressman Kennedy, along with a recent visit to Washington, DC to lobby for funding for the 300 South bridge replacement, as well as implications for the impending budget reconciliation bill. She said she met with staff from the Department of Energy to encourage further funding for the completion of the tailings pile mitigation project. She said Senator Curtis was sponsoring a bill to fund the project. She concluded by stating she met with Senator Lee's staff and attended the playground ribbon cutting.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Joette Langianese, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sommar Johnson, City Recorder