

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 24, 2026**

***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](http://www.utah.gov/pmn) and video is at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TQvVPgmYfA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TQvVPgmYfA). Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Councilmembers Jason Taylor, Tawny Knutson-Boyd, Kaitlin Myers, Colin Topper and Miles Loftin attended. Also in attendance were City Manager Michael Black, City Recorder Sommar Johnson, Strategic Initiatives and Sustainability Director Alexi Lamm, Human Resources Director Dani Guerrero, Police Chief Lex Bell (via electronic means), Community Development Director Cory Shurtleff, Public Works Director Levi Jones, Human Resources Generalist Kerri Kirk, Communications Director Lisa Church, Recreation, Parks and Trails Director Patrick Trim, Treasurer Marcy Mason, Engineer Mark Jolissaint, Sustainability and Grant Coordinator Val Villeux, Code Compliance Specialist Mona Pompili, Police Officer Nathan Tuhy, Police Administrative Sergeant Scott Finlayson, Attorney Nathan Bracken and six members of the public. City Manager Black led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/2027 Budget Workshop:***

Strategic Initiatives & Sustainability Director Lamm presented the administration budget request, covering administration, recorder, treasurer, human resources, communications and sustainability. Lamm explained the administration budget request reflects consolidated expenses for organization-wide information technology (IT) and certain software. Community Development Director Shurtleff presented the budget request for community development, engineering, planning, and building safety. Public Works Director Jones presented the budget request for streets, parks, stormwater management and facilities. City Manager Black announced the budget workshop topics for the next meeting, including consideration of Recreation, Parks and Trails, the community contributions program and capital improvements.

***Public Comments:***

**Bill Agee** spoke about noise levels on Millcreek Drive and in the City in general. He stated he wants to learn what is proposed for noise abatement and wants to know who will oversee the effort and the point of contact. He stated he sees noise abatement as a project and hopes to bring off highway vehicles (OHVs) into compliance. He reminded Council of the City's mission statement regarding quality of life and stated noise produces pressure waves that are harmful. He mentioned the noise ordinance wording and challenged Council to act in the best interest of residents even if there is a threat of litigation. He said we will support you if you support us. He concluded with a mention of noise impacts on home values.

**Pete Gross** spoke and concurred with the statements made by Mr. Agee. He mentioned mufflers and said that secondhand noise is a health issue. He mentioned the City's five-year-old noise ordinance and asked if any citations had resulted from the law. He mentioned 200 to 400 private yard signs support quiet streets. He asked the City to be proactive with OHV users, and said he supports electric OHVs.

**Eric Plourde** stated he lives on Loveridge and echoes the prior comments. He said the noise levels have changed over time and noted he cannot be in his yard in the evening when OHV noise is at its peak.

***Department Update:***

Engineer Jolissaint and Community Development Director Shurtleff presented a review of local roads, speed limits and tourism-influenced traffic patterns. Council discussed the difference between OHVs and street-legal all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). It was noted that City signs indicating a 15 mile per hour (mph) limit for OHVs do not comply with state code and will be removed. City Manager Black brought up the City's role in engineering, education and enforcement regarding noise. Discussion regarding City speed limits ensued, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of designating connector corridors between downtown and the surrounding public lands, traffic through neighborhoods, and enforcement for OHVs and other loud vehicles. Engineered traffic calming solutions on streets such as 300 South, 400 East and

Millcreek Drive were discussed. Councilmember Loftin brought up amending the buffering rules for property frontages on busy streets. Councilmember Knutson-Boyd brought up the different noise levels on Millcreek than in her own neighborhood on the west side of town. Enforcement for any vehicle violating legal noise limits was discussed. Mayor Langianese stated consideration of speed limits on connectors are the first step, and an education campaign is needed.

### ***Consent Agenda—Approved***

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the consent agenda, as follows: arbor day proclamation, dark sky week proclamation, approval of minutes for the March 10, 2026, regular meeting, and approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$501,400.96. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Topper, Taylor, Knutson-Boyd, Myers and Loftin voting aye.

### ***General Business:***

#### ***Asbestos Abatement Public Hearing:***

Mayor Langianese opened a public hearing at 7:04 p.m. regarding **Resolution 06-2026**: a resolution assessing abatement costs and fees for the abatement of the dangerous building located at 737 Mountain View Drive, Moab, Utah. City Manager Black explained the public hearing and resolution process enables the City to impose a lien on the property to recoup the \$93,000 expense for asbestos abatement on a private property. There were no public comments, and the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

#### ***Assessment of Asbestos Abatement—Approved***

**Motion and Discussion:** Councilmember Taylor moved to approve **Resolution 06-2026**: a resolution assessing abatement costs and fees for the abatement of the dangerous building located at 737 Mountain View Drive, Moab, Utah in the amount of \$93,863 plus interest at 7 percent per annum to be assessed against the property and authorizing staff to pursue and recover such funds. Councilmember Knutson-Boyd seconded the motion. Councilmember Myers inquired about the precedent for potential future abatements on private property and the City's ability to replicate the process. City Manager Black explained the process was prescribed by state statute and it will enable the City to recoup expenses with liens or fines. Mayor Langianese stated the project was enlightening and helped form the City policy.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

#### ***Adoption of 2026-2027 Strategic Plan—Approved***

**Presentation and Discussion:** Strategic Initiatives & Sustainability Director Lamm introduced the new Sustainability and Grant Coordinator Val Villeux and answered questions from Council regarding the proposed strategic plan. Items for inclusion in the final draft were discussed and were reflected in the motion.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Topper moved to approve **Resolution 05-2026**: a resolution adopting the City of Moab fiscal year 2026-2027 strategic plan with the following modifications: adding safety enhancements to the active transportation goals, adding adoption of a downtown plan to the downtown goals, and begin discussions on an updated general plan. Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ***Acceptance of Audit—Approved***

**Presentation and Discussion:** City Manager Black stated the auditors presented a clean letter of opinion on the City's annual audit, and suggested implementation of a journal entry process.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Taylor moved to accept the fiscal year 2024-2025 annual audit of the City of Moab. Councilmember Loftin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**City Manager Updates:** City Manager Black reported on the abatement project from private property on Mountain View Drive. He mentioned a staff leadership training program and reviewed the timeline for the upcoming budget process. He reported that he participated in a wildfire evacuation exercise.

**Mayor and Council Reports:**

**Councilmember Taylor** reported on a meeting of the airport board, which recommended Skywest for the essential air service contract.

**Councilmember Knutson-Boyd** reported that she met with the Mayor and with museum staff.

**Councilmember Topper** stated he attended meetings with the Mayor, the solid waste board, Team Rubicon and the Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) technical advisory committee (TAC) to discuss awards for grants. He praised Team Rubicon for their work and noted his appreciation of City staff members Levi Jones and Mark Matzen for their service. Topper noted his attendance at the Grand County Democratic Caucus and stated his enthusiasm for the upcoming Easter Jeep Safari. He announced the local Spring Spruce Up would be April 11.

**Councilmember Myers** reported on the Democratic Caucus and a meeting of the local homeless council. She noted a program called Clean Slate Utah assists residents with expungement of records. Myers also reported that she attended a meeting of the City’s housing subcommittee, and she attended ribbon-cutting ceremonies for local affordable housing projects.

**Councilmember Loftin** stated that he met with the Mayor, and attended meetings and events with the homeless council, Team Rubicon, the housing authority and Grand Water and Sewer Services Agency. He suggested a program to reimburse residents who remove their lawns.

**Mayor Langianese** announced the local year to date snowpack is at one percent of normal. She stated her concern about the water supply and opined that water restrictions may be necessary. She reported on a meeting of the Western Energy Alliance and mentioned that Congressional funding had been cut for deferred maintenance of national parks. She brought up an event on April 8 regarding a milestone for the tailings pile removal. She also mentioned meetings with the Moab Area Project for Seniors (MAPS) and the master plan for the MAPS property. Langianese noted the end of the legislative session resulted in no new laws that impact the City directly. She said she had met with staff from the Department of Interior regarding the lapse in the Arches National Park timed entry pilot program.

**Adjournment:**

Councilmember Loftin moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

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

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