

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**April 17, 2026**

***Special Meeting Attendance:***

Moab City Council held a Special Joint Meeting with the Grand County Commission on the above date in City Council Chambers. Archived video is at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwGwYCTjdgU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwGwYCTjdgU) and audio is at [www.utah.gov/pmn](http://www.utah.gov/pmn). Commission Chair Melodie McCandless called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Councilmembers Kaitlin Myers, Jason Taylor, Colin Topper, Miles Loftin and Tawny Knuteson-Boyd attended, as well as County Commissioners Trish Hedin, Mary McGann, Jacques Hadler, Bill Winfield, Mike McCurdy, Melodie McCandless and Brian Martinez. Also in attendance were City and County staff and nine members of the public.

***Uranium Mill Tailings Remediation Act (UMTRA) Site Futures*** – Mary McGann and Saxon Sharpe presented a recap of the several years of the site future visioning process. McGann stated that all the tailings had been removed from the site. Sharpe explained the principles of the collaborative process for planning the future of the site, including property ownership transfer, site constraints, and upcoming milestones. Mayor Langianese said local authorities should act quickly once ownership is transferred to Grand County. Legacy management, rail service, pipelines, and intergovernmental cooperation regarding grant funding and having a tiered approach to “shovel-ready projects” were discussed.

***Main Street Sidewalk Installation from Liquor Store to City Limits*** – Mayor Langianese introduced the need for a sidewalk along for foot traffic to access the new liquor store. City Manager Black briefed the group on the need for the 675-foot sidewalk, with an estimated cost of \$75,000. Representatives from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) attended the meeting. Division of effort, including design, curb and gutter, and more, were discussed.

***Economic Development*** – Mayor Langianese briefed the group on senior services as a tool of economic development. She said 20 percent of the population of Grand County is fifty-five or older. Langianese introduced efforts to create a master plan for the Moab Area Project for Seniors (MAPS) and future senior housing. She spoke about various parcels in the vicinity of the hospital campus to be explored for future use for senior housing and other residential uses. McCandless spoke about the lengthy wait list at the care center and the need for policy to ensure residents can access the senior services, and the area’s Council on Aging was brought up, as well as a public engagement survey available on the Ad-Vertiser website.

***Downtown Master Plan*** – City Manager Black introduced the City’s effort to update the downtown master plan. He spoke about various elements of the downtown and the planning effort and described next steps. Collaboration with the County was brought up, along with efforts to involve stakeholders in the process of updating the master plan and adjacent plans such as the MAPS master plan. Active Transportation trails and parkways were mentioned.

***Golf Course Discussion*** – Mayor Langianese introduced a discussion regarding the management of the golf course, including the golf course lease, capital needs for the maintenance of the course, and the importance of the course for the tourist economy.

***City/County Water Conservation Plan*** – Martinez and Loftin spoke about various water conservation programs in the County and City and provided information about drought conditions in the region.

Mayor Langianese adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joette Langianese, Mayor Sommar Johnson, City Recorder