

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 14, 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=gs4IntDxJU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gs4IntDxJU). Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Councilmembers Jason Taylor, Tawny Knutson-Boyd, Kaitlin Myers, Colin Topper and Miles Loftin attended. Also in attendance were City Manager Michael Black, Recorder Sommar Johnson, Strategic Initiatives and Sustainability Director Alexi Lamm, Engineer Mark Jolissaint, Communications Director Lisa Church, Police Chief Lex Bell, Public Works Director Levi Jones, Sustainability and Grant Coordinator Val Villeux, Attorney Lisa Watts Baskin and five members of the public. Councilmember Loftin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Public Comments:***

Bill Agee said he lives on Mill Creek Drive and stated his concern about off-highway vehicle (OHV)-related noise. He said he wants to hear the Council discussion about speed limits on City routes and the proposed repeal of the vehicular noise ordinance. He mentioned state statutes regarding discrimination against certain types of vehicles. He said statute allows for setting speed limits due to weather and types of vehicles and added that removing speed limit signs makes OHV noise even harder to enforce. He recognized that reducing speeds reduces noise. Agee suggested the City would survive legal challenges and added that not enforcing the noise ordinance would cause more harm to members of the community.

Kalen Jones spoke in favor of Moab's participation in the Utah Clean Energy Program. He said it was one of the City's long-standing aims and articulated how it is an affordable way to transition to clean energy. He said it is in line with the City's climate goals and serves as an example for other communities.

***Department Update:***

Strategic Initiatives & Sustainability Director Lamm presented an update regarding the **Non-Motorized Trail Wayfinding** project. She spoke about maintaining, replacing, removing and adding new trail signs. She displayed a working draft of signage design and explained the purpose and types of signs, including directional, trail etiquette, and safety messages. Councilmember Loftin stated his appreciation for the design and asked about the thermoplastic pavement markings and associated costs. Councilmember Myers asked about funding for the project.

Lamm presented a **Water Conservation Outreach** update. She and Sustainability and Grant Coordinator Villeux spoke about the water shortage response plan and voluntary measures for water conservation. Direct mailings to residents were mentioned. Councilmember Myers stated a public education campaign was needed to answer resident questions about water usage at the golf course and hotels. Mayor Langianese asked what measures the City would take, and night watering, checking for leaks, and presenting a new golf course lease were mentioned as options.

***Consent Agenda—Approved***

Councilmember Myers moved to approve the consent agenda, as follows: Public Works Week proclamation, ratification of a letter of support for the water tank and transit study, ratification of a letter to Grand County regarding the Steen rezone, consideration and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2026 third quarter finance report, approval of minutes for the April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting and the April 17, 2026 Special Joint City Council/Grand County Commission Meeting, and approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$407,021.14. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Taylor, Knutson-Boyd, Topper, Myers and Loftin voting aye.

***General Business:***

***Community Clean Energy Program—Approved***

***Presentation and Discussion:*** Strategic Initiatives & Sustainability Director Lamm presented details

of the Utah Renewable Communities agreement, including opt-out options for residents, costs to customers, low-income considerations, and the timeline for implementation. Lamm stated participation in the program was part of the City's General Plan, the City's visioning statement, and the Sustainability Plan. She said there was an exemption for electric customers with grid-tied solar and mentioned qualifying low-income programs. Non-residential volume rates were discussed, and Lamm noted the intention of decreasing rates over time. She explained the City would bear the cost of public noticing for electric customers. Councilmember Taylor asked about the \$4.00 residential fee and Lamm explained it would be used for building infrastructure. Taylor said it is an important project for Moab's independent energy future. Councilmember Myers expressed kudos to former Council Member Kalen Jones and to prior councils. She applauded the diversity of energy sources. She expressed her disappointment that electric utility customers must pay for the program rather than the utility owner. Councilmember Loftin concurred with statements made by Jones and Myers. He said he was looking forward to diversification of energy resources in the state. Councilmember Knutson-Boyd stated the ordinance was important to support and had been a ten-year goal for the City. She said it had broad support in the community. Councilmember Topper thanked Lamm for her work on the program. Councilmember Myers suggested tying the residential fee to the City's utility assistance program.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Loftin moved to approve **Ordinance 2026-09:** an ordinance of the City of Moab enacting Chapter 9.44 of the Moab Municipal Code, Community Clean Energy Program. Councilmember Knutson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***Temporary Ban On The Discharge Of Fireworks—Approved***

**Presentation and Discussion:** Moab Valley Fire Department Chief T.J. Brewer joined City Manager Black for the presentation of a temporary ban on fireworks in specified areas within City limits. Brewer stated he strongly supported the ban. Black explained the purpose of the temporary ban supports public health, property, and public safety. He said that the wildland urban interface, particularly in creek corridors, was a crucial factor that makes Moab susceptible to wildfire risk related to fireworks. He said an outright ban was not allowed under state law, so an identified area with a temporary time limit was required. Councilmember Taylor noted the overlap with Grand County jurisdiction, and it was explained the County had not yet approved of a fireworks ban. Taylor stated he wished the boundaries were broader. Mayor Langianese recounted a wildfire in her neighborhood.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Topper moved to approve **Ordinance 2026-10** imposing a temporary ban on the discharge of fireworks within designated areas of the City of Moab. Councilmember Loftin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***Speed Limits on Certain Routes in the City of Moab—Discussion***

Police Chief Bell and Public Works director Jones presented a map of proposed routes to be considered for a lowered speed limit to 20 miles per hour (MPH) for all vehicles. The routes they described included Mill Creek Drive from 400 East to Sand Flats Road, 400 North, 100 West, Kane Creek Boulevard, Williams Way, and 500 West from 400 North to Kane Creek Boulevard. Jones stated the City had a supply of speed limit signs on hand to complete the change. Councilmember Taylor stated the changes would improve safety and were logical. Councilmember Topper stated the proposed changes complement the non-motorized master plan with identified routes that are important for safety. Councilmember Loftin stated the proposal makes sense. He added the highly congested area on 400 East near Mill Creek Drive should be considered when 400 East improvements are made. Councilmember Myers asked about 500 West, 400 North and Kane Creek Boulevard. Discussion ensued regarding tourist traffic, proximity to a school, parks and churches, and children on bicycles. Consistency was mentioned, as well as enforceability. 500 West from 400 North to Highway 191 was discussed regarding bicycle safety. City Manager Black mentioned bulb outs for calming traffic, and Council discussed residents commuting on 500 west to avoid left turns on Main Street.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the recommended speed limits presented including the north end of 500 West to also be reduced to 20 MPH, as well as changing the speed limit to 25 MPH on Mill Creek Drive from the stop sign to the bridge. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. Councilmember Loftin stated his interest in lowering the speed at 400 East near Mill Creek

Drive, depending on how long the street redesign takes. The motion passed unanimously.

**City Manager Updates:** City Manager Black spoke about the ongoing project for installing shields on streetlamps. He thanked the police department for their work over the weekend. He mentioned an upcoming Arts & Ag market, water conservation, and a request for proposals for information technology services for the City garnered 21 responses.

**Mayor and Council Reports:**

**Councilmember Myers** reported she attended a housing task force subcommittee meeting, as well as a meeting with the Mayor, the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) conference, and a trail connection reception with the Governor.

**Councilmember Topper** reported he met with the wayfinding stakeholders, the solid waste district board, the joint meeting with the County Commission, as well as attended meetings for Steward Moab, with the Mayor, and the trail connection reception.

**Councilmember Taylor** stated he attended the joint City/County meeting, and attended meetings with the Mayor, the Tourism Council, and the trail reception.

**Councilmember Loftin** stated he attended meetings of the watershed partnership, the housing task force, the housing authority, Grand Water and Sewer Services Agency, the City/County joint meeting, as well as meetings with the Mayor and the citizen's police academy.

**Councilmember Knutson-Boyd** reported she attended the joint City/County meeting.

**Mayor Langianese** reported she attended Ms. Maki's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party, the joint City/County meeting, the ULCT conference, and met with officials regarding the upcoming Utah Olympics. She said she attended the trail reception with the Governor.

**Adjournment:**

Councilmember Topper moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Loftin 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