MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 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 and video is at www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0P4OzyfJ4g. Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Tawny Knutson-Boyd, Colin Topper, Jason Taylor, Kaitlin Myers and Miles Loftin attended. Also in attendance were City Manager Michael Black, Recorder Sommar Johnson, Public Works Director Levi Jones, Assistant Police Chief James Blanton, Jr., Associate Planner Johanna Blanco, Assistant Engineer Didar Charles, Parks, Recreation and Trails Director Patrick Trim, Arts & Special Events Director Kelley McInerney, Sustainability and Grant Coordinator Val Veilleux, Aquatic Manager Ryan Moran, Attorney Lisa Watts Baskin and five members of the public. Councilmember Knutson-Boyd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:
Councilmember Myers moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows: fraud risk assessment FY26, approval of minutes for the August 25, 2026, Regular Meeting and approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of $206,921.11. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Taylor, Knutson-Boyd, Topper, Myers and Loftin voting aye.

General Business:
Special Event Permit for the 2026 Center Street Fest—Approved
Presentation and Discussion: Arts & Special Events Director McInerney answered a question about whether booths will be on the street during the event. It was explained that Council approval was needed for a street closure during the event.
Motion and Vote: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve a special event permit approval for the 2026 Center Street Fest. Councilmember Loftin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Event Permit for the 2026 Moab Locals 10k—Approved
Presentation and Discussion: Mayor Langianese explained the event was anticipated to be larger, and the end point of the event was changed to Swanny Park.
Motion and Vote: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve a special event permit for the 2026 Moab Locals 10k. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sponsorship Agreement Between the City of Moab and FCA US LLC (Jeep)—Approved
Presentation and Discussion: Councilmember Taylor recused himself from deliberation and consideration due to a potential perceived conflict of interest because he stated he rents Jeep vehicles at his place of business. City Manager Black stated McInerney would be a key staff member working with the Jeep sponsorship details. He said the agreement would be with the Fiat Chrysler group in Detroit. Details of the agreement were presented to Council. He said it was proposed to be a two year program, and Jeep would be allowed to designate their brand as the official 4x4 of Moab. He detailed elements of the sponsorship including financial support, vehicles, trail stewardship, advertising and community event support. McInerney described sponsorship for Red Rock Arts Festival and a municipal 125 year anniversary event. Mayor Langianese suggested the anniversary celebration would be desirable during a quiet tourism season. Staffing involvement was described. Councilmember Myers asked about involvement in community events. Councilmember Loftin asked about the nature of the advertising, community image and Council involvement. Community involvement was discussed. Black recommended approval.
Motion and Vote: Councilmember Topper moved to adopt the recommended two-year City of Moab and FCA US LLC (Jeep) sponsorship agreement as presented. Councilmember Loftin seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 with Councilmembers Knutson-Boyd, Topper, Myers and Loftin voting aye and Councilmember Taylor recusing himself from the vote.

Phase 2 Development Agreement for 57 West Kane Creek Boulevard—Approved
Presentation and Discussion: Councilmember Myers recused herself due to a potential conflict of interest. Associate Planner Blanco presented the 38 unit phase and the history of approvals. Councilmember Loftin reviewed the Planning Commission consideration of the proposal, which forwarded a positive recommendation for approval.
Motion and Vote: Councilmember Knutson-Boyd moved to approve the phase 2 development agreement for 57 West Kane Creek Boulevard Parcel 01-0001-0200 between Amasa Arroyo Apartments LLC and the City of Moab, Utah. Councilmember Loftin seconded the motion. Knutson-Boyd expressed her support for the care taken by the contractor to avoid impact on Kane Creek Boulevard. The motion passed 4-0 with Councilmembers Taylor, Knutson-Boyd, Topper and Loftin voting aye with Myers recusing herself.

C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) Program—Approved
Presentation and Discussion: Sustainability and Grant Coordinator Veilleux made a brief presentation to inform Council about the history of the program which provides financing for clean energy programs. He said the reason for the consideration was regarding a procedural update. Councilmember Taylor asked about the terms of the agreement. Councilmember Topper asked about the financial obligations of the City. Applicant representative Theddi Chappell explained the City's involvement regarding the lien process.
Motion and Vote: Councilmember Topper moved to adopt **Resolution 14-2026**, a resolution of the Moab City Council opting into and authorizing participation in the Utah C-PACE program to facilitate and finance C-PACE projects and approving and authorizing an agreement with Sustainable Real Estate Solutions Incorporated to administer the city's C-PACE program. Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. Myers pointed out the program also finances multi-family residential projects. The motion passed unanimously.

Moab Recreation and Aquatic Center (MRAC) Fitness Equipment Purchase—Approved
Presentation and Discussion: Parks, Recreation and Trails Director Trim answered a question about the anticipated lifespan of the equipment and sale of the existing equipment at auction. Spin bike trade-in allowances were discussed.
Motion and Vote: Councilmember Topper moved to approve a purchase proposal with Pacific Fitness Corp, LLC for MRAC fitness equipment Purchase in the Amount of $154,236 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Councilmember Loftin seconded the motion. Topper stated he researched the costs and felt comfortable with the request. Trim explained he responded to resident feedback regarding the updated equipment. Councilmember Taylor stated he appreciated the use of the Recreation, Arts and Trails (RAP) tax funding for the project. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Taylor, Knutson-Boyd, Topper, Myers and Loftin voting aye.

Outdoor Leisure pool Myrtha Liner—Approved
Presentation and Discussion: Parks, Recreation and Trails Director Trim explained the company was the same one that installed the original pool liner. The history of the outdoor pool leakage was discussed, as well as the pool closure schedule in October. The outdoor pool sculpture feature was discussed.
Motion and Vote: Councilmember Knutson-Boyd moved to approve a contract award to Landmark Aquatics in the amount of $192,750 for the outdoor leisure pool Myrtha liner. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Taylor, Knutson-Boyd, Topper, Myers and Loftin voting aye.

Spitfire Storm Drain Improvement Project—Approved
Presentation and Discussion: Assistant Engineer Charles presented the project at the location of the Spitfire Grill as well as the City's water and storm water projects in the enterprise fund. She explained details of the bid process. Road closures and water shutdowns during construction were discussed. The

bid amount was discussed.
Motion and Vote: Councilmember Loftin moved to award the contract for the Spitfire Storm Drain Improvement Project to Beh Brothers Construction, LLC in the amount of $102,770.47 as presented by staff and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. Loftin stated his enthusiasm for the multiple bids and addressing the need for improvements on 100 West, and the ability of staff to complete the bids in-house. Taylor concurred with his interest in in-house projects. Timeline was briefly discussed. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Taylor, Knutson-Boyd, Topper, Myers and Loftin voting aye.

Moab Area Transit (MAT) Services as it Relates to the Arches Shuttle—Discussion
Councilmember Taylor stated the discussion had been ongoing for several months. He clarified that the City's goal should be to protect and sustain the MAT. Councilmember Topper commented that City residents who are vulnerable rely upon MAT. Mayor Langianese stated funding for MAT would be the responsibility of the City in the coming year and discussions regarding the Arches shuttle should also pertain to the MAT. Topper said including consideration of the downtown dispersed parking was imperative and funding streams were important to consider in view of local funding benefiting residents. Councilmember Knutson-Boyd said she supported the MAT and the Arches shuttle but had concerns about the process. She said City residents were her priority. Councilmember Myers agreed about the benefits of MAT and considered the Arches shuttle as an opportunity as the hotspot funding was phasing out. Councilmember Loftin spoke in support and concurred with Myers' perspective on collaboration. He said that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) creates an opportunity to collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS). He expressed concerns about downtown parking and wants to see if the shuttle benefits local businesses. Mayor Langianese stated that funding is limited by the state yet federal funds can be used for public transit to provide access into the park. She stated her interest in partnering with the NPS Transportation Fund. She reiterated that the shuttle program is a pilot project only. City Manager Black said hotels are worried about wait times and they want the shuttle to circulate more regularly. Loftin emphasized the importance of both services benefiting tourists and residents. Taylor said if the county shuttle is successful then it could cause excessive use and necessitate parking garages, for example, and growth and funding for the long-term was important. Myers brought up property tax, fees for service and sales tax and long-term funding for MAT and the importance of active transportation. The Mayor said the local transit services do not make money and added a letter has been prepared for the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), federal legislators, County Commissioners, and others for later discussion. She said a meeting was scheduled for November to discuss the successes and failures of the pilot. City Manager Black said he preferred a firmer contract than the MOU after the end of the first pilot session.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Arches Shuttle Pilot Project—Approved
Presentation and Discussion: Mayor Langianese stated a draft had been sent to Council members. Councilmember Taylor mentioned details of collaborative meetings with the County. Mayor Langianese stated her concern about core downtown parking.
Motion and Vote: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the proposed MOU between the City of Moab and Grand County regarding shuttle stops and visitor parking for the Moab–Arches Shuttle Pilot Project and authorize the City Manager to sign it. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. Councilmember Taylor said it was helpful to have the Council involved in the process. Topper and Loftin concurred. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Update: City Manager Black reported on the City audit and thanked Recorder Johnson for her work. He said the sidewalk improvements looked great. Black mentioned the Center Street ball fields public comment meeting. He said the Lions Park river access study was ongoing with consultants and will have a public meeting and a discussion about water conservation. He reported on a meeting regarding the proposed jail. He said the street striping project was underway.

Mayor and Council Reports:

Councilmember Loftin reported on a Planning Commission meeting.
Councilmember Myers stated she attended a conference on attainable and senior housing. She reported she met with Tyler Clancy, Utah Director on Homelessness. She said she attended the music festival and witnessed the benefits of RAP Tax funding. She mentioned upcoming local Pride events.
Councilmember Topper mentioned a spring spruce-up event and the need for sponsorships. He reported on a bike access to Arches meeting. He said he attended a transportation safety plan meeting and noted he participated in production of a social etiquette media reel on trails in Moab. He mentioned a TrailMix meeting and said Arches Park attendance is down yet public safety statistics are up.
Councilmember Taylor reported he attended meetings regarding the proposed jail, Safe Streets for All and the travel council. He said hotel reservations are projected to increase next year. He commented on the new bicycle lane striping. He brought up an upcoming presentation to the County Commission regarding funding for Emergency Medical Services.
Mayor Langianese said she attended a State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) regional transit service meeting, the homeless coordinator meeting and a recovery day event. She said the Western Energy Alliance would lobby Congress to reauthorize the legacy restoration fund. and mentioned what projects were funded. She reported on progress with the senior housing contract. She said state auditors would be in Moab next week.

Executive (Closed) Session:
Councilmember Myers moved to enter into an executive session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property, the sale of real property, and reasonably imminent and pending litigation. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Langianese convened the executive session at 8:26 p.m. Councilmember Knutson-Boyd moved to end the closed session. Councilmember Loftin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Langianese ended the closed session at 8:46 p.m.

Adjournment:
Councilmember Knutson-Boyd moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Loftin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____
Joette Langianese, Mayor Sommar Johnson, City Recorder