

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2020**

The Moab City Council held its Special City Council Meeting on the above date. Per Executive Order 2020-5 issued by Governor Gary R. Herbert on March 18, 2020, this meeting was conducted electronically. An anchor location was not provided. An audio recording of the meeting is archived at <http://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>. A video recording is archived at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qz\\_4RCKbWo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qz_4RCKbWo).

**Special Meeting—Call to Order and Attendance:** Mayor Niehaus called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Participating remotely were Councilmembers Karen Guzman-Newton, Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Rani Derasary, Mike Duncan, and Kalen Jones. City staff participating remotely were City Manager Joel Linares, Assistant City Manager Carly Castle, City Attorney Laurie Simonson, Finance Director Rachel Stenta, and City Recorder Sommar Johnson. Klint York was also present.

**Resolution 21 -2020: A Resolution Continuing the Declaration of Local Emergency Due to COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus —Approved**

**Motion:** Councilmember Duncan moved to approve **Resolution 21-2020**. Councilmember Derasary seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Councilmember Derasary said that her understanding is the renewal of the declaration is important so the City can look to state and federal emergency funding. City Manager Linares agreed with Councilmember Derasary. He said that the Emergency Management Act requires renewal every 30 days after it is declared. He said that it also allows decisions to be made on the fly, such as decisions with water payments and Walnut Lane. Councilmember Derasary asked if the Emergency Management Act stays in effect until Council removes it, or if it must be extended every 30 days. City Manager Linares said that it would need to be renewed every 30 days.

**Vote:** The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Knuteson-Boyd, Jones, Duncan, Derasary, and Guzman-Newton voting aye in a roll call vote.

**Resolution 22-2020: A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Klint York as the City Finance Director and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Employment Contract—Approved**

**Motion:** Councilmember Derasary moved to approve **Resolution 22-2020**. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Mayor Niehaus invited Klint York to introduce himself to the Council. Klint York stated that he grew up in Moab and went away to college. He said that it has been his dream to come back home, and he got the opportunity a few years back. He said that his wife, son, and daughter love living in Moab. He said that he is grateful for the opportunity to work for the City and he is excited to jump in and help. Mayor Niehaus said that part of the interview process was based on York's resume, educational experience, and work in finance. She said that his understanding of cash flow projections and budgeting makes him an asset.

**Vote:** The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Duncan, Derasary, Guzman-Newton, Jones, Knuteson-Boyd voting aye in a roll call vote.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Niehaus stated that two items were moved from this agenda to Tuesday's agenda, and she thanked Council for being flexible to meet today. She said that she wishes everyone health and happiness over Easter weekend. Councilmember Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed

unanimously. Mayor Niehaus adjourned the meeting at 5:10 PM.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emily S. Niehaus, Mayor

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