

**JOINT MOAB CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP
AND MOAB CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES--DRAFT
AUGUST 13, 2019**

The Moab City Council held its regular meeting on the above date in the Council Chambers at the Moab City Center, located at 217 East Center Street.

Joint City Council/Planning Commission Workshop: At 5:00 PM, Mayor Emily Niehaus called the workshop meeting to order. In attendance were Mayor Emily Niehaus, Councilmembers Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Kalen Jones, Karen Guzman-Newton, Mike Duncan and Rani Derasary. Also in attendance were Planning Commission members Allison Brown (chair), Kya Marienfield, Marianne Becnel, Brian Ballard, Jeanette Kopell and Becky Wells. Staff in attendance included City Manager Joel Linares, Recorder Sommar Johnson, City Attorney Chris McAnany, Public Works Director Oscar Antillon, Finance Director Rachel Stenta, City Engineer Chuck Williams, Planner Nora Shepard, Sustainability Director Rosemarie Russo and Records Specialist Eve Tallman. Recordings are archived at: www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html (audio) and: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0ztpJoJLmw> (video).

The Workshop considered progress on the overnight accommodations moratorium. Planner Shepard updated Council on next steps and timeframe for reintroducing some allowed uses in zones. Discussion focused on development standards, height restrictions, oversized vehicle parking, hotel shuttles, mixed use projects, and future allowed uses in the C-3 zone. The Joint Workshop meeting recessed at 6:45 PM.

Regular Meeting—Call to Order and Attendance: Mayor Niehaus called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Additional staff in attendance included Police Chief Bret Edge and Communication and Outreach Director Lisa Church. Sixteen members of the public and media were present.

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Derasary moved to approve minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting with corrections. Councilmember Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Mayor and Council Reports:

Mayor Niehaus reported she attended a meeting of the Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments, and a meeting with the leadership of Seekhaven, and she participated in the Sun Valley Forum, which was a conference on the topic of resiliency. She met with a group partnering with the City to find childcare solutions and she met with a representative of the Small Business Administration. She urged councilmembers and the public to participate in an online survey for the Utah Office of Tourism. Mayor Niehaus concluded with a comment regarding discussions with state legislators about overnight accommodations and their unintended consequences on the community.

Councilmember Derasary reported she attended a conference concerning leadership development for Utah women. She reported on a tour of the Monument Waste facilities, a meeting of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) special service district, and the Canyonlands Health Care special service district. She stated the Uranium Mill Tailing Remedial Action (UMTRA) group was planning a celebration for reaching the milestone of ten million tons of tailings moved. She concluded with kudos for the recent free swim and barbecue hosted by the police department and the recreation staff.

Councilmember Duncan said he attended the Grand Water and Sewer Services Agency meeting.

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd mentioned she toured Monument Waste facilities and reported on the Veterans' Charity Ride. She noted she also attended the Utah Women in Leadership conference. She stated she spoke with a representative of the Red Cross who was looking for ways to help the local community. A program to provide smoke alarms was proposed and a straw poll of the Council was favorable. She attended a debrief of the fire mitigation clean-up days and noted more than 1,900 cubic yards of yard waste was collected. Knuteson-Boyd concluded with an explanation of her recusal at a prior meeting when the Council considered legislation regarding the Emma Boulevard area. She explained it was because a relative of her husband had a financial interest in one of the properties involved in the transaction.

Councilmember Guzman-Newton reported she had recused herself from the same legislation because she owns a business that abuts the subject property. She went on to report on an airport board meeting and noted airport usage is up eighteen percent. She stated she attended the Grand County Council meeting at which the overnight accommodations ordinance was approved. She described a new "Every Kid Outdoors" campaign hosted by the Bureau of Land Management and she noted she attended the school district's Truth in Taxation meeting. Guzman-Newton mentioned she attended a work party day pulling weeds at the middle school in advance of the first day of school. She concluded with praise for the City staff working to mitigate traffic congestion during construction of the middle school.

Councilmember Jones mentioned he attended an ad hoc committee meeting regarding congestion at Arches National Park. He also reported on Dark Skies work and announced a party. He also stated he attended solid waste meetings and went on the Monument Waste tour.

Administrative Report: City Manager Linares reported on Walnut Lane issues in the wake of a fire that damaged two units. He added the City was working on temporary modular housing and that the City was working with a new management company. Linares stated he was working with Zion's Bank Public Finance representatives on the City's debt management policy. He mentioned the interim legislative session would begin in one week and noted several City representatives would attend. He concluded with a thank you to an intern at the Moab Arts and Recreation Center who created an artistic planter for the landscaping, and a mention of the new traffic revision in effect on Uranium Boulevard.

Police Chief Bret Edge reported on the free swim and barbecue at the recreation center and announced the police department would have a presence at Truck or Treat. He thanked City Market for donations. He stated the department was in the midst of a sergeant selection process. He praised the good relations his department has with Grand County EMS and noted a donation of an ambulance that will be converted to a critical incident response unit.

Citizens To Be Heard:

Crystal White spoke in support of the dark skies proposal and spoke about the International Dark Skies communities. She remarked on the benefits of changing the way people think about lighting including health, ecosystem and other benefits.

Mary O'Brien spoke in favor of the Dark Sky ordinance. She mentioned the legislation would be largely useless if there is no five-year compliance provision. She stated she will work to introduce a dark sky ordinance in Castle Valley. She concluded with a mention of the importance of affordable housing and the impacts of crowding, light pollution and noise.

Sara Melnicoff remarked that the City's limitations on the ability for volunteer recycling and trash cleanup is heartbreaking. She spoke of the ramifications related to the differences between single-stream and source-separated recycling.

Presentation: Grand County Solid Waste Special Service District

Evan Tyrell, District Manager of the Solid Waste District, presented a brief history of the solid waste district including the landfills, recycle center, equipment and board. He outlined improvements underway. Community events offered by the district were presented and Tyrell reported on the success of the recent fire mitigation yard waste drop off days and spoke of plans for a new administration building, e-waste recycling, antifreeze disposal and a proposed re-use center for household goods. He outlined future equipment needs, revising the fee structure and noted there would be a public hearing on August 29.

Special Events: Amplified Music Events at Old City Park—Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to approve requests for amplified music at Old City Park on September 2 and 14 and October 26, 2019. Councilmember Guzman-Newton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Old Business:

100 Percent Renewable Energy—Approved

Discussion: Sustainability Director Russo briefed the Council on the proposal to accelerate the timeline for reaching 100 percent renewable electricity from 2032 to 2030 due to a statewide mandate.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jones moved to approve **Resolution 38-2019:** A Resolution Adopting the Accelerated Goal of 100% Renewable Electricity by 2030. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Solid Waste Hauling Amendments—Approved

Discussion: Russo briefed Council on the proposed amendments. Construction waste recycling was discussed and the benefits of recycling concrete and paving were mentioned. Possible grant funding for a concrete crusher was mentioned.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jones moved to approve **Ordinance 2019-15:** An Ordinance Amending the City of Moab Municipal Code, Section 8.04.010 Pertaining to Definitions; Amending Definitions; Amending Section 8.04.020 Mandatory Collection; and Section 8.04.030 Rates and Charges, amending Section 8.04.020 striking the third paragraph regarding construction waste. Councilmember Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Outdoor Lighting Amendments—Approved

Discussion: Planner Shepard briefed Council. Discussion covered the pros and cons of grandfathering existing noncompliant fixtures, along with potential problems with a delayed adoption date. Audits of compliance were deliberated.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jones moved to approve **Ordinance 2019-03:** An Ordinance Creating Chapters 17.09.060 and 17.09.465 of the Moab Municipal Code Establishing Outdoor Lighting and Sign Illumination Standards, amending the ordinance to be effective immediately and to strike Section 069b.1 regarding conditional use permits, as presented. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

New Business:

Moab Tramway Subdivision—Conditionally Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Guzman-Newton moved to approve **Resolution 42-2019** Conditionally Approving the Moab Tramway Subdivision at 1750 North Hwy 191, as Referred by the Planning Commission. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

HooDoo Minor Subdivision—Conditionally Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Derasary moved to approve **Resolution 43-2019:** A Resolution Conditionally Approving the HooDoo Minor Subdivision at 201 Walnut Lane, as Referred to Council by the Planning Commission. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Traffic Plan Requirements—Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Guzman-Newton moved to approve **Ordinance 2019-22:** Authorizing the City to require a traffic control plan and authorizing the City to recover its costs for traffic control associated with events, construction activities, or other activities affecting public rights-of-way. Councilmember Derasary seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Surplus Property—Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Derasary moved to approve **Resolution 39-2019:** A Resolution of the Governing Body Declaring Certain City Property as Salvage. Councilmember Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Election Services Interlocal Agreement—Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Duncan moved to approve **Resolution 37-2019:** A Resolution Adopting an Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Election Services by and between the City of Moab and Grand County. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Bills Against the City of Moab—Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to approve payment of bills against the City in the amount of \$560,186.55. Councilmember Derasary seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Executive (Closed) Session: At 9:13 PM, Councilmember Derasary moved to enter an Executive Session to discuss the Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual or Individuals. Councilmember Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Duncan, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Derasary voting aye. Mayor Niehaus convened the Executive Session at 9:25 PM. Councilmember Guzman-Newton moved to end the Executive Session. Councilmember Derasary seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0 aye, with Councilmembers Derasary, Jones, Knuteson-Boyd, Duncan and Guzman-Newton voting aye. Mayor Niehaus ended the Executive Session at 10:10 PM.

Adjournment: Councilmember Guzman-Newton moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Derasary seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0 aye, with Councilmembers Derasary, Jones, Duncan, Knuteson-Boyd and Guzman-Newton voting aye. Mayor Niehaus adjourned the meeting at 10:10 PM.

APPROVED: _____
Emily S. Niehaus, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sommar Johnson, City Recorder