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Moab City Council Agenda Item
Meeting Date: April 26, 2022

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Title: City of Moab RAP Tax Committee Update

Presenter: Kelley Mclnerney

Summary:
After the presentation in the last meeting on April 12th from the BYU Grantwell team for their RAP Tax Research Findings and Recommendations, staff wanted to provide an update to Council.

Based on review of the documents presented by BYU and an understanding of our community here in Moab, staff recommends the RAP Tax Review Committee consist of five (5) voting members and one (1) non-voting staff member as the Chair of the Committee. The term lengths should be staggered with terms of two and three years. Committee Members will apply and be appointed by the Mayor. The committee should be a public body that is created through an ordinance. Staff will draft the ordinance and have it go through legal review before presenting it to Council for approval.

The purpose of the RAP Tax and how it can be used: The RAP tax was voted on and passed in 2020 and went into effect in April of 2021. The City of Moab webpage with information regarding the RAP Tax is still live on our website and available to view (https://moabcity.org/559/Recreation-Arts-Parks-RAP-Tax). The voters were asked to consider the tax in part due to the City of Moab heavily subsidizing the Recreation and Aquatic Center, youth sports programs, and the Arts & Recreation Center in order to provide these important services for the residents and community. As Moab continues to grow, so do the needs of the community. The City of Moab considered the RAP tax as a way to continue to provide services and as a resource for possible future expansion of recreation, arts, and parks offerings. The RAP Tax funds can be used for capital improvements and operations of publicly owned/operated amenities and other uses including parks, playing fields, pickleball courts, Moab Aquatic and Fitness Center, Moab Arts and Recreation Center, pedestrian trails/bike paths, sports programming, and arts and cultural programs.