

MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
January 18, 2022

Moab City Council held a Special Meeting on the above date. Audio is archived at utah.gov/pmn/index.html and video is archived at www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmT6wrcwoq8.

Mayor Joette Langianese called the Special Meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Councilmembers Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Rani Derasary, Jason Taylor and Luke Wojciechowski attended remotely. City staff participating included Acting City Manager Carly Castle, Finance Director and Acting Deputy Manager Ben Billingsley, Engineer Chuck Williams and Recorder Sommar Johnson.

Hotspot Funding Dispersed Parking Project

Cody Howick of Civil Science, Inc. introduced conceptual plans. Engineer Williams reminded Council of the funding provided by the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) for 188 parking stalls in the downtown area to alleviate traffic congestion. Williams stated the total project cost estimate is \$5,715,000 with \$342,900 set aside for aesthetics; Moab City would be responsible for funding aesthetic treatments over and above the UDOT allowance. He explained the goals of the project, which are to improve streets to gain parking downtown by adding median parking on side streets as well as along Emma Boulevard. He brought up concerns including bicycle safety, utility conflicts, turning lanes and pedestrian safety. Consultant Ann Christiansen described landscape design elements regarding traffic calming, design character, bollards, bulb-outs, street trees and plantings and stormwater treatment. Electrical engineer David Roederer described options for street lighting in the context of the Dark Skies ordinance, pedestrian safety and solar power, as well as cost differentials. Consultant Leah Jamarillo described the public process. Project costs and timeframes were discussed.

Councilmember Taylor asked about parking opportunities for oversized vehicles such as trucks pulling trailers. He also brought up Dark Sky compatible streetlights and a desire for solar compatible fixtures. He supported the proposal to complete the Emma Boulevard scope first. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd asked about surface materials and affiliated costs. Councilmember Derasary brought up Moab's culture of artists and suggested natural and locally sourced landscape materials would be popular. She also mentioned Moab's sustainability goals and stormwater management issues. She noted the wealth of local expertise regarding plant lists and asked that any historical themes to the aesthetic consider all eras of human history. She mentioned the importance of shade, bicycle safety, enforcement concerns for oversized vehicles, flashing lights for pedestrian crossings and Dark Skies. Councilmember Wojciechowski mentioned the desirability of solar fixtures but acknowledged the cost factor. He stated there was a prevalent sentiment among residents that the character should not aim for a "high end resort town" but rather reflect the eclectic nature of the community. He mentioned the importance of xeriscape and flood management. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd suggested the involvement of Moab ArtTrails for assistance with design elements. Christiansen brought up continuation of existing street light themes. Mayor Langianese brought up public art spaces, involvement of stakeholders, maintenance impacts on City staff and learning about cost differentials for lighting options. Engineer Williams clarified that some of the lighting expense would illuminate median parking due to jaywalking concerns. Construction contingencies and next steps were discussed.

Adjournment: Councilmember Derasary moved to adjourn. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. Mayor Langianese adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Joette Langianese, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sommar Johnson, City Recorder