

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 11, 2021**

Moab City Council held a Special Meeting on the above date. Consistent with provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 54-2-207(4), the Council Chair has issued written determinations supporting the decision to convene electronic meetings of the Council without a physical anchor location. Due to the health and safety risks related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Moab City Council held this meeting by electronic means. An audio recording is at <http://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>; a video recording is archived at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhpX7PbRsuE>.

***Moab City Council Strategic Planning 2021-2022 Continuation***

Mayor Emily Niehaus called the Workshop to order at 6:21 p.m. Participating remotely were Councilmembers Rani Derasary, Karen Guzman-Newton, Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Mike Duncan and Kalen Jones. City staff participating remotely were Manager Joel Linares, Assistant Manager Carly Castle, Attorney Laurie Simonson, Engineer Chuck Williams, Public Works Director Levi Jones and Recorder Sommar Johnson.

The session began with a discussion about the state of the City’s sidewalks. Councilmember Duncan briefly described his project to survey City areas without sidewalks. Councilmember Jones suggested designating areas of pavement for pedestrians and bikes.

Assistant Manager Castle provided an update on Hotspot projects and funds from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). Attorney Simonson described a proposed “complete streets” and “green streets” program to include updating existing ordinances. Manager Linares asked about combining the sidewalks project with the complete streets program.

Engineer Williams reviewed capital water projects. Assistant Manager Castle presented a water resource management timeline and project list. Discussion ensued regarding water resources for the greater Spanish Valley area.

Assistant Manager Castle gave an overview of the City’s sustainability programs. Mayor Niehaus brought up integrating the existing draft sustainability plan into the General Plan. The role of the new Sustainability Director was considered and Mayor Niehaus emphasized development of policies, resolutions and ordinances. Councilmember Derasary mentioned noise as an element of sustainability, and Councilmember Jones concurred. Councilmember Duncan didn’t agree, and suggested standards for nightly accommodations and water use were of concern. Mayor Niehaus brought up carbon offsets. Councilmember Jones mentioned sustainable practices in the City’s procurement policy. Councilmember Guzman-Newton suggested emphasizing car-free options. Councilmember Jones mentioned the importance of charging stations for private electric vehicles. The question of a budget for sustainability programs was discussed.

The overall City budget was discussed, emphasizing a possible municipal property tax.

***Adjournment:*** Mayor Niehaus adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

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

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