

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING AND TOWN HALL
MARCH 20, 2019**

Call to Order and Attendance: The Moab City Council attended a Special Joint City Council and Grand County Council Workshop Meeting on the above date in the City Council Chambers at 217 East Center Street, Moab, Utah. An audio recording of the meeting is archived at <http://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html> and a video recording is archived at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmbDWdeuG30>. In attendance were City Councilmembers Kalen Jones, Rani Derasary, Karen Guzman-Newton, Tawny Knuteson-Boyd and Mike Duncan. Also in attendance were Assistant City Manager Joel Linares, Finance Director Rachel Stenta, Recorder Sommar Johnson and Records Specialist Eve Tallman. Representing Grand County were Councilmembers Mary McGann, Terry Morse, Jaylyn Hawks, Evan Clapper and Greg Halliday, as well as County Council Administrator Ruth Dillon, County Community and Economic Development Director Zacharia Levine and County Clerk Chris Baird. Fourteen members of the media and public were present.

Welcome to Congressman Curtis: Mayor Niehaus called the meeting to order at 5:53 PM and introduced Congressman John Curtis. Councilmembers McGann and Derasary and Joette Langianese presented two gifts and thanked Mr. Curtis for his attendance at the Town Hall, his representation of Grand County and support of the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) project.

Remarks from Congressman Curtis: Congressman Curtis made opening remarks on the Emery County Public Land Management Act and the Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act. He mentioned his efforts to expand rural access to broadband internet.

Jen Sadoff, Chief Executive Officer of the Moab Regional Hospital, spoke about challenges faced by Moab's rural hospital. Mr. Curtis noted there were 67 bipartisan bills regarding opioids passed in the House as well as long-term funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Discussion about health care for veterans followed.

County Council Chair Clapper brought up the collection of Transient Room Tax (TRT) on federally-owned campsites and explained the need for revenue to support the area's tourist economy infrastructure. County Clerk Baird further explained a recent ruling by the Utah Tax Commission regarding the collection of sales tax generated on federal lands.

Councilmember Derasary brought up the Land and Water Conservation Fund as well as Immigration legislation. Mr. Curtis stated the Utah Compact guided his decisions regarding immigration and he added he supports Dreamers and border security. McGann brought up the need for regulation of asbestos. Clapper requested efforts to protect clean air and water.

Recess: Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to recess the meeting. Councilmember Guzman-Newton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Niehaus recessed the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Town Hall: At 7:03 PM Mayor Niehaus convened a Town Hall without a quorum of City Council members. Seventy-five participants were in attendance. It concluded at 8:15 PM.

APPROVED: _____
Emily S. Niehaus, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sommar Johnson, City Recorder