

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
April 6, 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=19QXy98hTjU>.

Mayor Emily Niehaus called the Special Meeting to order at 6:06 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, Finance Director Ben Billingsley, Interim Finance Director Rachel Stenta, Human Resources Director Dani Guerrero and Recorder Sommar Johnson.

***Presentation of Proposed Fiscal Year End 2022 Budget***

Interim Finance Director Stenta presented an overview of the City's finances for the fiscal year ending in June of 2020, the current fiscal year, and the proposed financial status for the upcoming fiscal year, which will end in June 2022. Stenta explained that the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the City's revenues and operations. She gave a synopsis of the various funds and expense categories and described revenue losses and resulting in reduced expenses. Mayor Niehaus thanked staff for hard work and tough decisions, which resulted in a relatively minor overall loss of 4.8 percent. Councilmember Duncan concurred that the effective actions of the staff demonstrated that government could tighten its belt when needed.

Stenta detailed revenues and expenses for the recreation budget and concerns regarding the sewer and water funds. Scenarios regarding a proposed municipal property tax were considered. A proposed 1.8 percent Cost of Living Adjustment for personnel was mentioned.

***Adjournment:*** Mayor Niehaus adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

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