

MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 2023

Moab City Council held its Regular Meeting on the above date in Council Chambers. Archived audio is at www.utah.gov/pmn and video is at www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2-HV2Pb1kQ.

Regular Meeting Attendance and Call to Order:

Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Rani Derasary, Jason Taylor, Luke Wojciechowski and Kalen Jones attended. Councilmember Tawny Knuteson-Boyd was absent. Also in attendance were Planning Director Cory Shurtleff, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Director Annie McVay, Code Compliance Specialist Mona Pompili, Police Administrative Sergeant Scott Finlayson, Police Chief Jared Garcia, Arts & Special Events Director Kelley McInerney, City Manager Carly Castle, Finance Director Ben Billingsley, Recorder Sommar Johnson, Attorney Lisa Watts Baskin and 12 citizens.

Citizens To Be Heard:

Pete Gross suggested contracting with a previously engaged sound expert to train police officers for noise ordinance violation tests. He cited statistics about vehicle noise and effective testing techniques for drive-by and tailpipe noise levels.

Presentation: Rotary Car Show

Rotary President Steve Getz and Rotarian Joe Kingsley thanked the City for their help with the recent car show. They spoke about the event's success and benefits to the community.

Proclamation: National Public Works Week

Mayor Langianese read a proclamation appreciating the City's Public Works department staff.

Department Head Update: Code Compliance

Code Compliance Specialist Pompili and Police Department Administrative Sergeant Finlayson presented process, examples and statistics for citizen code compliance complaints and resolution. Councilmember Taylor asked about notification to complainants and anonymity for callers and Councilmember Wojciechowski reiterated support for anonymous tips due to the potential for retaliation. City Manager Castle explained drawbacks of the anonymous option as it resulted in frivolous or untrue claims. Discussion ensued regarding proactive enforcement of code to reduce the potential for retaliation. Councilmember Derasary asked if there were code violations that were such low priority that citizens should refrain from filing complaints. Finlayson explained that officers are dispatched to determine if complaints are valid. Derasary asked if the current nuisance ordinance was strong enough and Finlayson said the code revisions in process could improve it. Mayor Langianese said Dark Sky updates would be presented in coming months. Taylor asked about a noise offender who reportedly was not planning to comply. Finlayson explained that noise was a law enforcement matter and explained steps up to and including fines and revocation of vehicle registration. Pompili reported on common code violations from the last 18 months and cited grease traps, prohibited sign types, illegal camping on private property, illegal short-term rentals, outdoor lighting, dangerous buildings, and permit violations. She said illegal camping on public land was enforced by police department law enforcement.

Consent Agenda—Approved

Motion: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the consent agenda as follows: concessionaire contracts supporting recreation programs, minutes for the April 25, 2023, Regular Meeting and bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$711,595.00. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

Discussion and Vote: Councilmember Derasary said she sent edits to the Recorder. The motion passed 4-0 with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor and Wojciechowski voting aye.

General Business:

Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

Presentation and Discussion: Finance Director Billingsley briefly outlined projected growth in revenues and outlined expenditure considerations. He said legal fees, general liability, wages, recreation initiatives, capital projects, staffing and the housing fund were major areas of interest. Councilmember Jones requested funding for the housing task force and Councilmember Derasary requested the cost of hiring a noise consultant to train the police department staff. Jones also asked about funding tree work at Rotary Park. Mayor Langianese opened the public hearing regarding **Resolution 16-2023:** a resolution adopting the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget at 7:04 p.m.

Kaitlin Myers spoke about the housing task force and a combined request from the City and County for \$7,500.

Abigail Taylor spoke about \$10,000 designated for Seekhaven and expressed hope that it would remain in the budget.

Mayor Langianese closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Fourth of July Parade Special Event Permit—Approved

Presentation and Discussion: Arts & Special Events Director McInerney described the County's parade route and pointed out the special event application on the City's website. She explained it included a fee schedule and checklist for applicants. Mayor Langianese said the Utah Department of Highways (UDOT) would not allow the parade route to cross Main Street. Councilmember Taylor asked about City contributions to the July 4th festivities and it was explained the City will provide staffing and funds for fireworks. Discussion followed about the history of fee waivers for community applicants and the City's aspiration to be consistent, avoid ad hoc funding decisions and account for the true costs of staff time and other expenses. The Community Contributions grant program was mentioned as the City's avenue for funding annual or foreseeable expenses for community groups and events.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Derasary moved to approve the special event permit for the 2023 Grand County Fourth of July Parade Event. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor and Wojciechowski voting aye. Mayor Langianese acknowledged County Fair volunteers and rodeo royalty in attendance.

Final Plat for Nichols Minor Subdivision—Approved

Presentation and Discussion: Planning Director Shurtleff presented the proposed final plat for property located on Nichols Lane. Councilmember Derasary asked if the lot layout reflected Planning staff suggestions and Councilmember Taylor mentioned the narrow street.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jones moved to approve **Resolution 15-2023,** a resolution approving the final plat for the Nichols Minor Subdivision of property located at 612 & 616 Nichols Lane, Moab, Utah 84532, with the following conditions: all comments shall be addressed to the satisfaction of the Moab City Engineer and Planning Director, prior to final recording, including: a) proposed access and utility easement area shall be cleared of obstructions or fences, and hard surfaces to meet the City Engineer's specified requirements; b) completion of driveway agreement between 616 Nichols (01-OMNI-0025) and the newly created parcel, including Conditions and Maintenance statements. Councilmember Derasary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Preserve Subdivision Tract Amendment—Approved

Presentation: Planning Director Shurtleff proposed a Byrd Avenue tract amendment.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jones moved to approve **Resolution 17-2023** approving the Preserve Subdivision Tract Amendment for property located at 850 W Byrd Ave, Moab, Utah 84532. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Election Services Interlocal Agreement—Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jones moved to adopt **Resolution 13-2023** approving an Interlocal agreement between the City of Moab and Grand County for election services. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Updates:

City Manager Castle mentioned upcoming events, including Art Walk, the “Arts and Ag” market at Swanny Park, and a virtual meeting and open house for the Water Utility Resource Management Plan. She said the City had obtained a grant to improve and renovate the pond at Old City Park.

Mayor and Council Reports:

Councilmember Derasary commented on a presentation at the library regarding stream gauges and said a recording was available on the library’s website. She said she attended the open house for the Kane Creek Boulevard reconstruction as well as a meeting of the Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency. She mentioned her attendance at a County Planning Commission meeting regarding the ratification of the tailings site plan.

Councilmember Wojciechowski mentioned a recent effort to mine lithium in the area and the pause on development pending an environmental review. He praised the trails “Facelift” event.

Councilmember Taylor said he attended the Kane Creek Boulevard reconstruction open house.

Councilmember Jones reported on a board meeting of the Community Renewable Energy Agency. He said a communications director had been hired, and the Rocky Mountain Power integrated resource plan called for the closure of two coal-fired power plants in the coming years. He reported the housing task force seeks funding from the City and would soon offer a workshop on accessory dwelling units. He gave an update on progress on seven self-build units under construction. He reported on a meeting of the Travel Council at which air service to Canyonlands Field was discussed and said, starting in October, Contour would offer service to Phoenix and until then the existing air service may be unreliable. Jones also mentioned Travel Council plans for a summer advertising campaign to promote water activities and stargazing. He said tourism revenues would be spent training frontline service workers on sustainable tourism messaging. Councilmember Derasary brought up a concern about existing air tickets being honored with the change in service. Councilmember Taylor stated SkyWest had dropped 42 markets. Mayor Langianese stated essential air service would be pursued as a legislative priority for the Utah delegation in Washington, DC. Taylor suggested requiring a longer contract than the current three-year term.

Adjournment: Councilmember Jones moved to adjourn. Councilmember Derasary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Langianese adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Joette Langianese, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sommar Johnson, City Recorder