

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 23, 2023**

Moab City Council held its Regular Meeting on the above date in Council Chambers. Archived audio is at [www.utah.gov/pmn](http://www.utah.gov/pmn) and video is at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=NbFYQvz5Ks8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NbFYQvz5Ks8).

***Regular Meeting Attendance and Call to Order:***

Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and Nick Eason led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Rani Derasary, Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Jason Taylor, Luke Wojciechowski and Kalen Jones attended. Also in attendance were Police Chief Jared Garcia, Police Administrative Sergeant Scott Finlayson, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Director Annie McVay, Communications Director Lisa Church, Sustainability Director Alexi Lamm, City Manager Carly Castle, Finance Director Ben Billingsley, Recorder Sommar Johnson, Engineer Chuck Williams, Assistant Engineer Mark Jolissaint and Attorney Nathan Bracken.

***Citizens To Be Heard:***

Lydia Young brought up oversized tourist vehicle parking on West 400 North. She stated the rigs are often 50 feet long and create a traffic safety issue. She requested signage for resident parking only. She said there is no other place in town where the tourist vehicles line both sides of the street for days at a time and said there once was a similar problem on Williams Way but that had been resolved. She said she witnessed recreational vehicles parked on 400 North with extension cords running to nearby dwellings. She stated it was dangerous for pedestrians, bicycles and children and suggested signage limiting vehicle length or overnight parking and suggested reinstating the bike lane and requested enforcement of parking regulations.

Marian Eason also spoke about oversized vehicles parking on West 400 North. She requested signage for resident parking only and described tourists loading and unloading off-road vehicles at all hours of the day and night. She suggested illegal nightly rentals were partly to blame and cited not enough parking to accommodate guests. She said tourists previously parked in the old hospital lot but that had been fenced. She noted nightly rentals in the Entrada development advertised units to accommodate 12 to 14 persons per unit and said 500 to 600 tourists could be housed in the Entrada units on a busy weekend.

Nick Eason also spoke about oversized vehicles parking on West 400 North. He said that under current conditions the City might not be able to do much. He asked the City to explore creative solutions and acknowledged the problem was one of many the City had to deal with.

Warren Young said congestion on West 400 North created dangerous conditions at the intersection with 500 West. He cited bikes darting out and trailers blocking views. He mentioned hotels have parking lots for oversized vehicles and requested signage.

Mayor Langianese stated Council had received a letter from resident Neal Clark in support of the complete street concept for the Kane Creek Boulevard reconstruction.

***Department Head Updates:***

Communications Director Church discussed the City's website redesign process. She said a new design would freshen and modernize the site while becoming more user-friendly with a goal of having a more efficient, attractive and usable site. Councilmember Derasary mentioned difficulty in finding archived documents on the City website.

Sustainability Director Lamm provided Council with a Dark Skies update, outlining priorities regarding City compliance. Discussion ensued regarding streetlights. Lamm sought direction

regarding brightness and color and planned another demonstration. Councilmember Taylor asked about costs for retrofit or replacement of existing noncompliant streetlight fixtures. Councilmember Jones suggested a certification for utilities to improve participation.

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Director McVay provided Council with a Parks Master Plan update. She reviewed survey results and said there were 833 responses with ballfields and pickleball courts as popular interest areas. She outlined other feedback events including an open house and upcoming public engagement at community events. She said stakeholders had been interviewed and a needs assessment was anticipated, and also spoke about park maintenance issues including irrigation problems. She concluded with mentions of Rotary and Lions Park upkeep, the pond improvement project at Old City Park and branding for the Recreation Arts and Parks (RAP) projects. Councilmember Taylor brought up the new portable stage and Mayor Langianese mentioned determination of additional RAP expenditures tied to the Master Plan. Councilmember Derasary brought up the new split-rail fence at the pond and wondered about compatibility with child safety and off-leash dogs.

### ***Presentation: Draft Strategic Plan***

Finance Director Billingsley provided a brief overview of the strategic plan drafted at the Council retreat. He described pillars defined during the visioning process and related goals, objectives and tasks. He mentioned pillars concerned affordability, equity, tourism, housing, community fabric and infrastructure. He explained the timeline and demonstrated related software.

### ***Consent Agenda—Approved***

**Motion:** Councilmember Jones moved to approve the consent agenda as follows: approval of minutes for the May 9, 2023, Regular Meeting and approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$537,760.88. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion.

**Discussion and Vote:** Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd abstained from the vote due to her absence from the May 9 meeting. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor and Wojciechowski voting aye.

### ***General Business:***

#### ***Kane Creek Blvd Reconstruction Project—Presentation and Discussion***

Engineer Williams reviewed the project plans. Mayor Langianese pointed out that funds were only to be used for the Kane Creek project, in response to feedback from residents. Williams exhibited the complete streets approach with green infrastructure, medians, non-motorized compatible bike lanes and multi-use paths. Discussion ensued regarding the water fill station and crosswalks with beacons. Councilmember Derasary mentioned the speed limit. Councilmember Wojciechowski stated his support of the complete streets approach and Councilmember Jones concurred. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd thanked the Mayor for her efforts to secure funding for the project and said it was a long time coming.

#### ***Motorola Solutions Contract—Approved***

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Jones moved to approve a (5) year contract with Motorola Solutions for Body Camera/Dash Camera and Command Central Software. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ***Audit Committee—Approved***

**Presentation and Discussion:** Finance Director Billingsley introduced the ordinance and thanked Councilmember Derasary for pointing out the ordinance needs to be edited to specify that one member of the audit committee shall have no affiliation to the City as an employee or elected official.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Derasary moved to adopt **Ordinance 2023-09**, an ordinance enacting Moab Municipal Code 2.94 to create and establish an audit committee with

an edit to reflect one member of the committee shall have no affiliation to the City as an employee or elected official. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

***City Manager Updates:***

City Manager Castle brought up new Council laptops and mentioned an upcoming barbecue to honor Public Works employees. She mentioned the Arts Festival and an upcoming open house for the Water Utility Resource Master Plan (WURMP).

***Mayor and Council Reports:***

Councilmember Jones mentioned the WURMP meeting he attended and noted the solid waste district had obtained a new waste hauling truck.

Councilmember Derasary mentioned a river history talk at the library. She said she attended a training for public officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. She reported on a board meeting of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and mentioned free first aid classes. She noted a barbecue for first responders and museum programs. She mentioned the WURMP meeting and requested future discussions regarding parking in neighborhoods.

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd stated she attended a board meeting of the Canyonlands Health Care Special Services District. She mentioned the Housing Authority has dozens of families on wait lists and highlighted progress on Arroyo Crossing Phase II. She mentioned a meeting of the museum board.

Councilmember Wojciechowski reported on a meeting of the homeless council and mentioned Veterans Administration vouchers. He said he attended a meeting of the Moab Area Watershed Partnership and that he was a member of a WURMP working group.

Councilmember Taylor mentioned meetings of the airport board and EMS. He reported on call volume for EMS and an upcoming junior EMS academy for children. He said he met with Senator Hinkins and the Lieutenant Governor.

Mayor Langianese reported she had met with Governor Cox, the Lieutenant Governor, Senator Hinkins and others. She said fractional ownership legislation was discussed. She mentioned an upcoming visit by Congressman John Curtis and mentioned a meeting with the boundary commission regarding protests to the Shamrock property annexation request. She mentioned upcoming meetings regarding the future home of the film commission as well as the Southeast Utah Association of Local Governments.

***Executive (Closed) Session:***

***Motion and Vote:*** Councilmember Jones moved to convene a closed session to discuss reasonably imminent and/or pending litigation. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Langianese convened the closed session at 8:23 p.m. Councilmember Jones moved to end the closed session. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Mayor Langianese ended the closed session at 9:19 p.m.

***Adjournment:*** Councilmember Derasary moved to adjourn. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Langianese adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Joette Langianese, Mayor

Sommar Johnson, City Recorder