

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2019**

The Moab City Council held its regular meeting on the above date in the Council Chambers at the Moab City Center, located at 217 East Center Street.

Executive Closed Session:

At 6:00 PM, Mayor Emily Niehaus convened an Executive Closed Session to Discuss the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property. In attendance were Councilmembers Rani Derasary, Mike Duncan and Kalen Jones. Councilmembers Karen Guzman-Newton and Tawny Knuteson-Boyd recused themselves. Councilmember Jones moved to close the Executive Session. Councilmember Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary and Duncan voting aye. Mayor Niehaus closed the session at 7:00 PM.

Regular Meeting—Call to Order and Attendance: Mayor Niehaus called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Mayor Niehaus and Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan. Also in attendance were City Manager Joel Linares, City Attorney Chris McAnany, Recorder Sommar Johnson, Communications and Outreach Director Lisa Church, City Engineer Chuck Williams, Records Specialist Eve Tallman and Human Resource Manager Danielle Guerrero. Seventeen members of the public and media were present. A video recording of the meeting is archived at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0mSVChvDq8> Due to technical difficulties, a partial audio recording is archived at: <https://www.utah.gov/pmnn/index.html>.

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Duncan moved to approve minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting. Councilmember Karen Guzman-Newton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Mayor and Council Reports:

Mayor Niehaus reported she hosted Utah Office of Tourism Managing Director Vicki Varela in Moab to discuss impacts and unintended consequences of the Mighty Five campaign. She noted the Moab Area Travel Council's new campaign theme is "do it like a local." Mayor Niehaus also reported she hosted United States Congressman John Curtis to discuss clean air. She noted the Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation will host an Outdoor Summit October 22 to 24. Mayor Niehaus also announced a July 20 legislative tax task force meeting in Moab and the Chamber of Commerce effort to recruit business booths for the July 4 celebration.

Councilmember Derasary reported Congressman Curtis announced full \$45 million funding for the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) site cleanup as approved by the United States House of Representatives and the motion is now before the United States Senate. She also announced a recent brush fire near the Canyonlands Care Center which prompted a review of vegetation management and also reported on a recent joint meeting between Grand County and San Juan County councils which she attended. She mentioned a book recommended by County Councilmember Jaylyn Hawks entitled "Balancing Nature and Commerce in Gateway Communities" and brought up topics from the meeting including all-terrain vehicle impacts, legislation regarding Transient Room Tax (TRT) and Grand County's dark skies, water supply, air quality and the proposed truck stop and bypass. She concluded with a note about attendance at the Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST) meetings and participation in the rural and resort communities caucus webcasts.

Councilmember Duncan also reported on the Grand County/San Juan County meeting and

recommended drafting TRT legislation locally and taking it to the State representatives. He also reported on that day's County Planning Commission public hearing on the overnight accommodation moratorium. He touched on his work to reconcile the draft United States Geological Survey (USGS) water study and the water budget prepared for the City by consultants. He concluded with a reminder for the City Engineer to contact the owner of a business impacted by the traffic revision on 100 West.

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd reported on a Realtors Board meeting she attended at which fears regarding the moratorium were expressed.

Councilmember Guzman-Newton reported she attended the sixth grade graduation and noted the sixth-graders' challenge to do four nice things every day. She remarked on an Airport Board meeting she attended where a \$4.7 million taxi way grant was acknowledged. She added there are \$74 flights to Denver leaving Moab three times per day. She concluded with mention of a Change of Government open house and the joint Grand County/San Juan County meeting.

Councilmember Jones reported on his attendance at a Resiliency Hub event where solid waste prospects were discussed.

Administrative Report: City Manager Linares reported on a reception for Police Chief Bret Edge, the hiring process for a new Assistant Police Chief, the results of the recent City Council candidate declarations, the interim legislative session, and a request to Council regarding new locations for speed limit signs. City Engineer Williams reported on a meeting to discuss impacts of a new hotel construction adjacent to City Market and the Middle School.

Citizens To Be Heard:

Marc Horowitz reminded Council of the fire that happened one year ago and urged Council to disallow the sale of fireworks within City limits this year.

Student of the Month: Mayor Niehaus presented the June Student of the Month Award to Ali Goldtooth of Moab Charter School.

Public Hearing Regarding Solicitation of Public Input on Proposed Ordinance #2019-12 An Ordinance Adopting the City of Moab Pay Plan Schedule and Adopting the Exempt and Elected Officials Salaries for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Mayor Niehaus opened the public hearing at 7:40 PM.

Allison Brown asked Council to justify why part-time Councilmembers are more deserving of health insurance than any other part-time City employees and noted that Planning Commission members had not seen an increase in their per diem.

Barbara Hicks stated the council packet did not make clear the final proposal and expressed her support of increasing compensation to catch up for long overdue raises. She stated her confidence that it would be fair and equitable.

Councilmember Jones moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye. Mayor Niehaus closed the public hearing at 7:43 PM.

Old Business:

Pay Plan Schedule and Elected Officials Salaries—Tabled

Discussion: Human Resource Director Guerrero answered questions from Council. Mayor Niehaus stated there was no pressure for Council to vote on the motion at the present time. She gave a brief overview of the history of Council compensation and health benefits and described the current proposal and noted confusing information in the Council packet. Councilmembers

asked questions and offered comments about the health coverage equivalent, the history of Planning Commission per diem, the philosophy of elected official compensation and various options for health savings accounts and reimbursements.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Derasary moved to table Proposed **Ordinance 2019-12:** Adopting the City of Moab Pay Plan Schedule and Adopting the Exempt and Elected Officials Salaries for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Councilmember Guzman-Newton seconded the motion to table. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Emma Boulevard Subdivision Amendment—Tabled

Councilmembers Knuteson-Boyd and Guzman-Newton recused themselves.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Derasary moved to table approval of a Portion of Emma Boulevard and to Amend the UTEX Subdivision, Plat B, Lot 14, Section 26, T25S, R21E, SLBM. Councilmember Duncan seconded the motion to table. The motion passed 3-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary and Duncan voting aye.

Future Land Use Plan—Update and Discussion

Planner Shepard updated Council on progress with the moratorium. She stated she had met with Realtors and outlined next steps with the consultants, and noted she would propose options that were not tied to business licensure.

New Business:

Amendment of 2018-2019 Annual Budget Public Hearing—Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jones moved to approve a Request to Send Proposed **Resolution #34-2019** - Amending FY 2018-2019 Annual Budget to a Public Hearing on June 25, 2019. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Appointing Depositories—Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to approve Proposed **Resolution #35-2019** Designating Depositories for Moab City Funds. Councilmember Guzman-Newton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Bills Against the City of Moab—Approved

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jones moved to approve bills for \$14,160.38. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye.

Executive Closed Session: Councilmember Derasary moved to enter an Executive Closed Session to Discuss the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property and a Strategy Session to Discuss Reasonably Imminent and/or Pending Litigation. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd, Guzman-Newton and Duncan voting aye. Mayor Niehaus convened the Executive Session at 9:09 PM. At 9:45 PM, Councilmembers Knuteson-Boyd and Guzman-Newton recused themselves. Councilmember Derasary moved to close the Executive Session. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary and Duncan voting aye. Mayor Emily Niehaus closed the session at 10:12 PM.

Adjournment: Councilmember Derasary moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0 aye, with Councilmembers Derasary, Jones and Duncan voting aye. Mayor Niehaus adjourned the meeting at 10:13 PM.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____

Emily S. Niehaus, Mayor

Sommar Johnson, City Recorder