

MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
June 15, 2022

Moab City Council held a Special Meeting on the above date. Council Members attended in person and via electronic means, with Council Chambers serving as an anchor location. Audio is archived at www.utah.gov/pmn and video is at www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzafOPtdo4k.

Regular Meeting Attendance and Call to Order:

Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and Police Chief Jared Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Luke Wojciechowski, Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Jason Taylor and Kalen Jones attended and Rani Derasary was absent. Also in attendance were City Manager Carly Castle, Attorney Lisa Watts, Finance Director and Acting Deputy City Manager Ben Billingsley, Engineer Chuck Williams, Parks, Recreation and Trails Director Annie McVay, Planner Cory Shurtleff, Recorder Sommar Johnson and two members of the public.

Citizens to Be Heard: There were no Citizens to be Heard.

Forestry, Fire, and State Lands—Presentation

Kara Dohrenwend and Shea Walker made a presentation regarding wildfire mitigation efforts in the City. Dohrenwend touched on the history of fire fuel mitigation in the creek beds. She mentioned multiagency efforts by Team Rubicon, including funds contributed by local and state agencies. She noted the efforts of Duncan Fuchise with the State of Utah. Mayor Langianese asked if the fire fuels mitigation work at Anonymous Park would be eligible for funding from the Recreation, Parks and Trails (RAP) tax proceeds and Finance Director and Acting Deputy City Manager Billingsley stated it was.

Unified Transportation Master Plan Draft Report—Presentation

City Engineer Williams presented a report on the draft unified transportation master plan created by Moab City and Grand County. He highlighted programs to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety, pavement management and preservation, sidewalk and pathway connectivity, local street connections, wayfinding signage and traffic signal improvements. He noted there were 38 projects proposed and 19 involved pedestrian and bicycle elements. Williams described areas of focus, including the 500 West Safe Routes to School, the 100 West corridor, Pack Creek and Mill Creek corridors, 400 East, Spanish Valley Drive, Spanish Trail Road and parking on Highway 191. He described the meeting history, including with the public, technical advisory team and stakeholders. Councilmember Jones thanked staff and stated his hope the projects would be funded. He also mentioned the need for improved shoulders, bike routes and separate bike paths when possible. He also noted an interest in traffic calming installations. A transportation impact fee was briefly discussed.

Consent Agenda—Approved

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows: Pack Creek Trail Bridge grant acceptance, approval of Minutes of the May 24, 2022 Regular Meeting and approval of bills in the amount of \$7,108,412.55. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The Walnut Lane bond repayment was noted as a significant expense in the bills to be paid. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Taylor, Wojciechowski and Knuteson-Boyd voting aye.

Old Business:

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022-3 Budget—Approved

Presentation and Discussion: Finance Director and Acting Deputy Manager Billingsley presented the final budget for approval with specific changes to the capital projects list noted,

along with adjustments to employee wages and fund transfers.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to adopt **Resolution 13-2022**, a Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

Establishment of RAP Tax Advisory Committee—Approved

Presentation and Discussion: Parks, Recreation and Trails Director McVay explained the recommendation for a five-member citizen advisory committee with art and recreation specialties and residency requirements to serve on the Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) Tax Advisory Committee (TAC). She explained the first slate of members would be nominated by the Mayor and approved by Council, with nominations originating from the committee in ensuing years. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd asked for term limits set at three terms, which would be nine years. Councilmember Taylor requested an ex-officio liaison from the Council. Councilmember Jones raised a concern about the composition of the committee and suggested three at-large members, one of whom could be from beyond City limits but within Grand County, and two members with demonstrated expertise, one in arts and one in recreation, having a City residency requirement. Councilmembers Taylor and Knuteson-Boyd concurred with the amendment of Councilmember Jones, and McVay agreed. Councilmember Jones also noted he preferred to upgrade the application process for all City committees and commissions, including more transparency and formality. Attorney Watts confirmed the requested changes to the Ordinance.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Wojciechowski moved to approve **Ordinance 2022-11**, an ordinance enacting Moab City Municipal Code, Section 2.88, Moab Recreation, Arts and Parks Tax Advisory Committee (RAP TAC), to create and establish an advisory committee, its membership, appointment process, terms of office, and responsibilities and meeting schedule, with amendments. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

RAP Tax Internal/External Funding Allocations—Discussion

Parks, Recreation and Trails Director McVay presented a proposal to allocate 75 percent of RAP tax funding for the year to internal (City) projects and 25 percent for external grants. Discussion ensued regarding the stated intention of catching up on deferred maintenance of City ballfields, playgrounds and more. Annual assignment of percentages, allocation committee transparency, and offsets from the general fund for arts and recreation were discussed.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve an allocation of 80 percent for internal City projects and 20 percent for external grants for the 2022-23 budget year. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

New Business:

Open and Public Meetings and Hearings Rule Changes—Approved

Presentation and Discussion: Planner Shurtleff explained the proposed ordinance comprised code amendments intended to update public meeting and public hearing rules.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Wojciechowski moved to approve **Ordinance 2022-09**, an ordinance amending the Moab Municipal Code, Section 17.72.150, Conduct of Hearings, to repeal notice requirements as applicable to Open and Public Meetings and to make necessary changes. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

Relinquishment of Abandoned Sewer Main Easement—Approved

Presentation and Discussion: Planner Shurtleff explained the relinquishment of an abandoned sewer main easement that crosses private property located at 315 N Main Street. He

clarified there is no active sewer main on the property.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to approve **Ordinance 2022-10**, An Ordinance Approving Relinquishment of the Abandoned Sewer Main easement on property located at 315 North Main Street, Moab UT. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

Irvine Minor Subdivision—Approved

Presentation and Discussion: Planner Shurtleff presented a minor subdivision that involved certain conditions subject to City approval before final authorization.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Wojciechowski moved to conditionally approve Moab City **Resolution 17-2022**, a resolution approving the Irvine Minor Subdivision of property located at 681 Bittle Lane, Moab, UT, 84532 with the following condition: all comments shall be addressed to the satisfaction of the City Planning Director prior to Final Recording of the Approved Plat, including all existing structures that cross the proposed property line shall be removed as necessary for the creation of conforming zoning lots. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

City Manager Updates:

City Manager Castle described the recent fire at the City public works warehouse. She explained a fire started on neighboring property and ignited the City's building. She said the Moab Valley Fire Department quickly controlled the fire. Castle also announced the downtown dispersed parking workshop, the arts and agriculture market, and an upcoming active shooter training.

Mayor and Council Reports:

Councilmember Wojciechowski reported on a Planning Commission meeting and noted the desire to reduce the roster from seven members to five. He mentioned a TrailMix meeting at which e-bikes were discussed, and he brought up a recent accident on the parkway. He announced significant expansion of the Klondike Trails and replacement of a cattle guard on the Rusty Spur trail.

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd reported on a strategic planning workshop with Future iQ and stated she attended a luncheon to welcome the new police chief.

Councilmember Taylor reported on a meeting of the airport board and noted applications for a new airport manager were under review. He said enplanements were down and jet fuel was hard to obtain. He reported on a meeting of the Travel Council and noted upcoming economic development grants for local businesses. He reported that tourism growth has slowed and Arches National Park visitation is lower than 2015; he added the correlation between timed entry and tourism numbers has not been established. He said visitation at Bryce and nearby parks was on a par with 2021 and added the local tourism tax revenues was the same as 2021. He explained a marketing firm surveyed 4,000 consumers and noted 30 percent cancelled trips to Moab due to costs and the state of the economy.

Councilmember Jones stated he attended the reception for the police chief as well as a meeting of the housing task force. He noted progress on Arroyo Crossing. He also reported on a meeting of the Community Renewable Energy group and said it was being branded as the Utah 100 and program design was discussed.

Mayor Langianese stated the City offices would be closed for Juneteenth. She said she would be interviewed by KZMU about the City's art programs. She mentioned meetings with State Senator Bramble, Governor Cox and Senator Lee. She said she attended Memorial Day

observations and attended a long range planning meeting of the Utah Department of Transportation. She concluded by announcing the National Park Service had surveyed visitors to the parks and she planned to invite park service personnel to present their findings to Council.

Executive (Closed) Session:

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to enter an Executive Strategy Session to Discuss the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye. Mayor Langianese convened the Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to end the Executive Session. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye. Mayor Langianese ended the Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

Adjournment: Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye. Mayor Langianese adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Joette Langianese, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sommar Johnson, City Recorder