

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
September 28, 2021**

Moab City Council held a Special Meeting on the above date. An audio recording is archived at [utah.gov/pmn/index.html](http://utah.gov/pmn/index.html) and a video recording is archived at [youtube.com/watch?v=17YjtbWuY9A](https://youtube.com/watch?v=17YjtbWuY9A).

Mayor Emily Niehaus called the Special Meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Participating were Councilmembers Rani Derasary, Karen Guzman-Newton, Mike Duncan and Kalen Jones. Councilmember Tawny Knuteson-Boyd was not in attendance. City staff participating were Acting City Manager Carly Castle, Sustainability Director Mila Dunbar-Irwin and Recorder Sommar Johnson. Two members of the press attended.

***Market-based Solutions for Sustainable Cities—Presentation and Discussion***

Drawdown Fund Chief Executive Officer Erik Snyder led a discussion with Council and staff regarding strategies for improving the City’s carbon footprint and sustainability. Several ideas were deliberated including community composting, carbon offsets, regenerative agriculture, reusable cups, tourism surcharges and promoting tap water for drinking, as well as issues of political will.

***Electric-Ready Building Code Letter of Support—Approved***

***Presentation and Discussion:*** Sustainability Director Dunbar-Irwin led a discussion regarding amendments to the building code to encourage all-electric construction, due to the environmental and health impacts of natural gas. Gray water amendments to the building code were also discussed.

***Motion and Vote:*** Councilmember Jones moved to approve the letter of support for electric ready amendments to the Building Code. Councilmember Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye, with Councilmembers Derasary, Duncan, Guzman-Newton and Jones voting in favor.

***Rocky Mountain Power Streetlight Conversion Project—Approved***

***Presentation and Discussion:*** Sustainability Director Dunbar-Irwin led a discussion regarding streetlight conversions to provide safe lighting, including at several critical intersections, while addressing compliance with the Dark Sky Ordinance. Dunbar-Irwin explained the funding match by Rocky Mountain Power. The estimated cost to the City totals \$92,701.49.

***Motion and Vote:*** Councilmember Duncan moved to approve the Rocky Mountain Power streetlight conversion project for the attached estimate for replacing 419 streetlight heads with Dark Sky compliant LED lights. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye, with Councilmembers Derasary, Duncan, Guzman-Newton and Jones voting in favor.

***Adjournment:*** Councilmember Derasary moved to adjourn. Councilmember Guzman-Newton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and Mayor Niehaus adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

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