

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 11, 2022**

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=IqT8SaCJPNQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IqT8SaCJPNQ).

***Attendance and Call to Order:***

Mayor Pro-Tem Tawny Knuteson-Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Luke Wojciechowski, Rani Derasary, Jason Taylor and Kalen Jones attended and Mayor Joette Langianese had a planned absence. Also in attendance were City Manager Carly Castle, Planner Cory Shurtleff, Finance Director and Acting Deputy Manager Ben Billingsley, Planning Administrator Anna Anglin, Communication Director Lisa Church, Recorder Sommar Johnson, City Attorney Nathan Bracken and three members of the public.

***Citizens to Be Heard:*** Wendell Williams spoke about a free movie night that was co-hosted by the City's arts program and the Rural Utah Project (RUP). Williams stated RUP is a partisan group and it was inappropriate for the City to associate with the group. He pointed out City staff gave him conflicting information about whether RUP's use of the City logo on publicity pieces was authorized. He stated RUP personnel inappropriately distributed partisan literature at the event.

***Proclamation:*** Mayor Pro-Tem Knuteson-Boyd proclaimed the Second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day 2022.

***Consent Agenda—Approved***

Councilmember Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows: approval of minutes for the August 23 and September 27, 2022 Regular Meetings, and approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$367,311.80. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

***Presentations:***

***Walnut Lane Survey and Update on Public-Private Partnership***

Finance Director and Acting Deputy City Manager Ben Billingsley presented results from a survey of residents of the City-owned Walnut Lane property that was compiled with assistance from Rhiana Medina, Executive Director of the Moab Valley Multicultural Center. Billingsley explained the majority of residents are not interested in assistance to relocate and aspire to be rehoused on site. He also explained the role of the Utah Division of Purchasing and an upcoming Request for Proposals regarding the Walnut Lane development.

***Moab - Tomorrow Together Draft Vision and Strategic Action Plan***

Consultant David Buerle presented a wrap-up of the civic visioning process. He recapped the community survey, think tanks, workshops, focus groups and the culminating summit. He described the major areas of interest for local participants, which included the speed of change in the community, the tourism industry trajectory, affordability and equity, leadership and decision-making, environmental stewardship, workforce and housing, and community fabric and well-being. Councilmember Taylor noted the overlap between City issues and County issues. Councilmember Derasary asked about how to engage the community going forward and asked about an example community that went through a similar process, and Buerle suggested Hilton Head Island. Councilmember Jones brought up vehicular noise as a major concern expressed.

### ***New Business:***

#### ***Zoning Map Amendment—Approved***

**Presentation and Discussion:** Planning Administrator Anglin introduced Proposed **Ordinance 2022-14**: an ordinance approving the zoning map amendment for 1.5 Acres of a parcel located at 1492 S (Aggie Blvd.) and Highway 191, Moab, UT 84532 (Parcel #01-0018-0002), From C-4 General Commercial Zone to R-4 Manufactured Housing Residential Zone. **Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Taylor moved to approve **Ordinance 2022-14**, to rezone 1.5 acres of a parcel located at 1492 S Highway 191 (Aggie Blvd) Moab, Utah (parcel# 01-0018-0002) from General Commercial (C-4) to Manufactured Housing Residential (R-4). Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

Citizen Joe Kingsley spoke about the positive step the City has taken toward the Aggie Boulevard residential project and the benefit Utah State University brings to the community.

### ***City Manager Updates:***

City Manager Castle reported on the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) conference, and announced the upcoming final visioning event. She reported Assistant Planner Jessica Thacker was leaving the City planning department to work for the solid waste district recycling program.

### ***Council Reports:***

Councilmember Wojciechowski reported he attended the ULCT conference and updated Council on TrailMix events, trail ambassadors and initiatives. He said County Commissioner Jacques Hadler announced the County's budget process and indicated Transient Room Tax (TRT) revenues are down.

Councilmember Jones reported he attended a flood grant committee meeting for businesses on behalf of City Manager Castle. He mentioned meetings of the Community Renewable Energy group, and the housing task force, which is preparing a five-year affordable housing plan.

Councilmember Derasary reported she attended a meeting to discuss upcoming lobbying efforts on behalf of the Uranium Mill Tailings Remediation Act (UMTRA) project and next steps. She reported on the Grand Water and Sewer Services Agency barbecue and the recent candlelight vigil to raise awareness about missing and murdered indigenous women. She mentioned candidate debates for local offices that are broadcast on kzmu.org. She said she was working on notes from the Mountain Towns 2030 summit she attended, and mentioned possible funding for climate action from recent federal economic recovery Acts.

Councilmember Taylor reported on a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting, the ULCT conference, and an upcoming Chamber luncheon for candidates for local office. He mentioned upcoming meetings involving the Chamber, national park personnel and the Utah Department of Tourism regarding the Arches Timed Entry pilot. Taylor concluded with a report on the airport board meeting and increased fuel sales and private jet traffic due to ongoing film production in the area.

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd report the ULCT conference was time well spent.

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

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Derasary moved to enter 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, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye. Mayor Pro Tem Knuteson-Boyd convened the closed session at 7:38 p.m. Mayor Langianese joined the closed session. Councilmember Jones moved to end the

closed session. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Mayor Pro Tem Knuteson-Boyd ended the executive session at 8:18 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Councilmember Derasary moved to adjourn. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Mayor Pro Tem Knuteson-Boyd adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joette Langianese, Mayor

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