

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
October 25, 2022**

Moab City Council held its Regular Meeting on the above date in Council Chambers. Archived audio is at www.utah.gov/pmn and video is at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cov5_kAtXcw.

Attendance and Call to Order:

Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 p.m. Councilmembers Rani Derasary, Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Jason Taylor and Kalen Jones attended in person and Councilmember Luke Wojciechowski attended via electronic means. Also in attendance were City Manager Carly Castle, Parks, Recreation and Trails Director Annie McVay, Police Chief Jared Garcia, Communication Director Lisa Church, Recorder Sommar Johnson, Transit Coordinator Richard Lory, Engineer Chuck Williams, Victim Advocate Nathaniel Clark, City Attorney Lisa Watts Baskin and six members of the public.

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

Department Head Update:

Nathaniel Clark presented an update regarding services provided pursuant to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). He explained the grant-funded program shared between the Sheriff's office, the City Police Department, the County Attorney and the Children's Justice Center. He described the nature of his client caseload and the importance of confidentiality in his work, and addressed Councilmember Wojciechowski's concerns about shortcomings in the system based on feedback from Seekhaven clients. Councilmember Jones asked about services for minors and nonresident visitors.

Presentation—Police Department Strategic Plan

Police Chief Garcia presented the Police Department Draft Strategic Plan through 2025. He began by praising the work of Victim Advocate Clark. He described the mission and vision statements for the police department, along with goals and measures of success. He mentioned staffing, professionalism, community engagement, enforcement, victim services, officer wellness, sustained success, code compliance, animal response and emergency response. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd asked about accreditation standards. Councilmember Derasary asked whether the police department strategic plan is an internal document and she asked about budget implications for police department initiatives. She emphasized the importance of enforcement. Mayor Langianese brought up a concern about dispatch.

Consent Agenda—Approved

Councilmember Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows: appointment of Alexi Lamm as the City of Moab's alternate member of the Community Renewable Energy Act Board; Dog Park Lease Renewal with Grand County Board of Education; approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$342,419.34; and approval of minutes for the October 11, 2022, Regular Meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Councilmember Derasary asked questions about particulars of the Dog Park lease agreement. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

New Business:

Transit Services Vendor—Approved

Presentation and Discussion: Engineer Williams and Transit Coordinator Lory presented details of the turnkey transit services proposal. Councilmember Taylor declared a conflict of interest, recused himself and stepped down from the dais for the duration of the discussion and vote. Williams presented proposed levels of service and associated costs from two vendors. He

described fixed routes and micro transit proposal options along with seasonal changes, and he mentioned additional federal funding availability. Councilmember Jones asked about performance standards in the contract. Councilmember Derasary asked about the breakdown of shared costs with the County and points of contact for interested residents and startup dates. Mayor Langianese brought up interest in electric vehicles.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to approve Downtowner Holdings, LLC to provide turnkey transit services and authorize staff to negotiate details and the Mayor to sign appropriate Contract Documentation as needed. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

Anonymous Bike Park Agreement—Approved

Presentation and Discussion: Arts, Parks and Trails Director McVay presented a proposal and recommended a modified motion. She described the efforts of the Anonymous Bike Park volunteer group to obtain 501(c)(3) status and their dedication to the bike park. Councilmember Derasary asked if the agreement was specific to Anonymous Park or if the scope included other City properties as well.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jones moved to approve the agreement between the City of Moab and the Friends of Anonymous Moab Bike Park and to add Exhibit A, which clarifies the specific site location. Councilmember Derasary seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

Lionsback Resort Project Vesting Period Extension—Approved

Presentation and Discussion: City Attorney Watts Baskin explained the implications of the proposed vesting period extension for the Lionsback Resort. She responded to Council questions by outlining delays caused by litigation and noted the developer was not asking for more time than the length of the litigation period, and was not changing the nature or phasing of the development. She clarified the developer changed the name of the single family dwellings to casitas but the type of buildings remained the same as approved in the pre-annexation agreement. Watts Baskin concluded her presentation by stating non-approval of the extension would be legally difficult to defend.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve an extension of the vesting period for Lionsback Resort Project until October 31, 2029, and to authorize City staff to take such steps as needed to effectuate the extension. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

Administrative Updates:

City Manager Castle reported on water service interruptions due to water main failures and service upgrade tie-in progress. She mentioned a water heater failure at the swimming pool, which has resulted in cooler pool and shower temperatures. She mentioned the initial meeting of the Recreation Arts and Parks (RAP) Tax Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. Castle reported the Team Rubicon assistance with flood cleanup was foreshortened and she discussed resulting delays in cleaning up debris piles. She mentioned an upcoming flood mitigation alternatives workshop.

Council Reports:

Councilmember Wojciechowski reported on a meeting of the homeless council. He said there were lower numbers of children at risk for homelessness than in prior months. He said the Seekhaven shelter has been operating at full capacity for a prolonged period. He also reported on the land trust's new developments in process and noted the housing authority has available vouchers. He concluded by mentioning he attended the recent pow wow.

Councilmember Jones reported on a solid waste district budgeting meeting and a debrief of the Mountain Towns 2030 summit. He stated he met with County personnel to discuss lighting ordinance updates, he met with the Utah Clean Cities organization, and he met with County officials regarding sustainable tourism.

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd attended a museum board meeting to develop new bylaws and a policies and procedures manual. She also reported on meetings of the Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District and with the new Sustainability Director.

Councilmember Derasary reported she attended an October 12 presentation on the Moab Futures visioning process. She mentioned the Mountain Towns 2030 debrief and a meeting with the new Sustainability Director. She noted her attendance at several Science Festival Moab events. Derasary gave a detailed update on the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Moab tailings Site Futures Committee Community Vision. Mayor Langianese also noted the great progress of the tailings cleanup project.

Councilmember Taylor stated he attended the Moab Futures visioning wrap-up and reported on a meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Special Service District and he noted approval of their tentative budget as well as a decline in call volume and revenues.

Mayor Langianese reported she made two Proclamations, one to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month and another to designate Red Ribbon Week at HMK School to promote a drug free environment. She stated she had attended several meetings regarding timed entry at Arches National Park and she had an upcoming meeting with Congressman John Curtis. She noted she met with Lianna Etchberger at Utah State University (USU) regarding the nomination of Councilmember Taylor to serve on the USU-Moab Advisory Board.

Executive (Closed) Session:

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Derasary moved to enter a closed strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to enter a closed session to discuss reasonably imminent and/or pending litigation. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motions passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye. Mayor Langianese convened the closed session at 8:15 p.m. Councilmember Jones moved to end the closed session. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Mayor Langianese ended the executive session at 8:41 p.m.

Adjournment: Councilmember Jones moved to adjourn. Councilmember Derasary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Mayor Langianese adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Joette Langianese, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sommar Johnson, City Recorder