

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

The Moab City Council held a Special City Council Meeting on the above date. Consistent with provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 54-2-207(4), the Moab City Council Chair has issued written determinations supporting the decision to convene electronic meetings of the Council without a physical anchor location. Due to the health and safety risks related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and considering public health orders limiting in-person gatherings, the Moab City Council will continue to hold meetings by electronic means. An audio recording of the meeting is archived at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>. A video recording is archived at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xldaEFmfGeA>.

Special Meeting—Call to Order and Attendance: Mayor Niehaus called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Participating remotely were Councilmembers Karen Guzman-Newton, Kalen Jones, Mike Duncan, Rani Derasary, and Tawny Knuteson-Boyd. City staff participating remotely were City Manager Joel Linares, Assistant City Manager Carly Castle, City Attorney Laurie Simonson, Senior Projects Manager Kaitlin Myers, and City Recorder Sommar Johnson.

Walnut Lane Financing Options

Senior Projects Manager Kaitlin Myers provided an overview of two possible options for developing the Walnut Lane site, timelines for development and phasing, and site development costs. [2:26](#)

Discussion: Councilmembers asked questions about differences between stick-built, and modular construction, phasing and traffic flow, cost per square foot amounts for buildings, and rental income rates and projections. [27:00](#)

Informal Approval: Councilmembers generally agreed to move forward with option “A” to develop the site as well as potentially awarding a bid at the next City Council meeting. [1:18:22](#)

Adjournment: Councilmember Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Niehaus adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Emily S. Niehaus, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sommar Johnson, City Recorder