

MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2022

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

Regular Meeting Attendance and Call to Order:

Due to the planned absence of Mayor Joette Langianese, Mayor Pro-Tem Tawny Knuteson-Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Luke Wojciechowski, Jason Taylor, Rani Derasary and Kalen Jones attended. Also in attendance were Police Chief Jared Garcia, Communications and Public Engagement Manager Lisa Church, Public Works Director Levi Jones, City Manager Carly Castle, Arts, Recreation and Trails Director Annie McVay, Attorney Nathan Bracken, Finance Director and Acting Deputy City Manager Ben Billingsley, Recorder Sommar Johnson and five members of the public.

Police Chief Oath of Office:

Recorder Johnson administered the Oath of Office for incoming Police Chief Jared Garcia.

Citizens to Be Heard:

Theresa King invited Council and members of the public to the upcoming Moab Arts Festival.

Christy Williams spoke about the Moab Arts Festival and the new Moab Art Trails exhibit and thanked Council for their support of the arts.

Sara Melnicoff welcomed Chief Garcia and explained the mission of her nonprofit, Moab Solutions, including environmental stewardship, zero waste advocacy and recycling, street level outreach to the homeless and assistance for those in need across the community. She explained the ten-year history of her group working with local law enforcement agencies. She stated she was sad to see Evan Tyrrell depart, who had been the Executive Director of Canyonlands Solid Waste Authority. She lauded his work and said it would have been beneficial to see more collaboration between the various entities, and hoped to see that moving forward.

Joe Downard referred to a letter he had previously sent to the City regarding zoning and Active Employment Households and for which he had received no reply to date. He said deed restrictions were not the answer to the workforce-housing crisis and stated his frustration that no one had replied to his inquiry.

Presentations:

Water Quality Report:

Public Works Director Jones presented the annual water quality report and stated the City's water quality has not changed over the year. He gave details regarding E. coli, lead and copper in the drinking water supply.

Moab - Tomorrow Together Visioning Process

David Beurle of Future IQ updated Council on the City's visioning process. He said there were 793 responses to the community survey and 66 persons participated in the in-depth think tank workshops. He summarized top resident concerns as all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), an overabundance of tourists and lack of housing options. He reported on demographic differences with regard to perceived quality of life, the speed of change within the community, and expected versus preferred visions of the future.

Consent Agenda—Approved

Councilmember Derasary asked about including the City's full nondiscrimination policy in the proposed Art Trails Art Display Agreement and Manager Castle stated she would work to make all policies consistent. Councilmember Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows: approval of the Art Trails Art Display Agreement; Proposed **Ordinance 2022-08**: an ordinance amending Moab City Municipal Code, Section 1.04.020, Definitions and Rules of Construction, and Section 4.11.040, Appeal Procedure, to specify appeal authority means the Hearing Officer; Community Renewable Energy Act Board Member Appointments; Approval of Bills Against the City of Moab in the Amount of \$231,298.43; and Approval of Minutes for the April 26, 2022 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Wojciechowski and Knuteson-Boyd voting aye.

New Business:

Adoption of Tentative Budget—Approved

Presentation and Discussion: Finance Director and Acting Deputy Manager Billingsley presented the draft budget. He described his proposed budget book, which includes a narrative description of the City's revenues and expenditures. He gave an overview of the budget process and discussed the City's revenues and the outlook regarding inflation. He noted that the lower overnight accommodation occupancy rate should signal to Council to proceed with revenue projections with caution. Billingsley described the expenditure categories and noted the fund balance is rebounding after shortfalls resulting from the pandemic.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jones moved to approve Proposed **Resolution 12-2022**: a resolution to adopt the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and set a date for the public hearing on May 24, 2022. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

Social Media and Website Policy—Approved

Presentation and Discussion: Communications and Public Engagement Manager Church gave an overview and explained the need for the policy. Councilmember Jones asked if other municipal policies had been studied and Church stated Attorney Bracken had drafted the policy.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Derasary moved to approve Proposed **Resolution 15-2022**: a resolution of the City Council adopting the City of Moab Social Media Policy. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Taylor, Knuteson-Boyd and Wojciechowski voting aye.

Administrative Report: City Manager Castle reported on meetings with the Utah Department of Transportation, and noted upcoming events highlighting the Public Works department. She announced the hiring of the new Planning and Zoning administrator.

Mayor and Council Reports:

Councilmember Taylor reported the airport board meeting was cancelled. He said he attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting at which transient room tax expenditures were discussed. He announced an upcoming golf tournament that will raise money for scholarships and mentioned a Travel Council meeting.

Councilmember Derasary reported on a meeting in Grand Junction with Department of Energy personnel along with Mayor Langianese and Grand County Commissioner Mary McGann. She said she attended a Safe Routes to School event and brought up concerns about a crosswalk on Mi Vida Drive, sidewalks at Swanny Park, and the proposed roundabout adjacent to the elementary school. She also mentioned a request by the golf course management to purchase water and concluded with gratitude for the community response after a traffic accident on

highway 191.

Councilmember Wojciechowski stated he participated in a panel discussion coinciding with the opening of the Moab Regional Recovery Center. He said he attended meetings with the strategic planning consultants, Seekhaven staff and met with constituents regarding the dispersed parking plan. He reported he attended a special Planning Commission meeting and he said he missed a Trail Mix meeting at which a controversial new trail was discussed. He said the trail would connect Stairmaster, Hidden Valley and the Doc Allen neighborhood and noted there was a potential conflict with a wilderness study area.

Councilmember Jones reported on meetings of the Community Renewable Energy Agency, the Housing Task Force, the Solid Waste District and the Travel Council. He summarized data regarding the timed entry program at Arches National Park. He said that more than 1,500 reviews by visitors resulted in an average rating of 4.5 out of five stars. Jones also reported on an economic development meeting with Grand County and noted lower overnight accommodation occupancy rates.

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd reported on a meeting of the housing authority regarding Arroyo Crossing. She said a home had been pledged to the housing authority in a will.

Executive (Closed) Session:

Councilmember Jones moved to enter an Executive Strategy Session to Discuss Reasonably Imminent and/or Pending Litigation. Councilmember Wojciechowski 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 Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Councilmember Jones moved to end the Executive Session. Councilmember Wojciechowski 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 ended the Executive Session at 8:43 p.m.

Adjournment: Councilmember Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Taylor 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 adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: _____
Sommar Johnson, City Recorder