

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 24, 2022**

Moab City Council held its Regular Meeting on the above date in Council Chambers. Audio is archived at [www.utah.gov/pmn](http://www.utah.gov/pmn).

***Pre-Council Workshop:***

Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Councilmembers Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Rani Derasary, Kalen Jones and Luke Wojciechowski attended. Councilmember Jason Taylor was not in attendance. Staff included Parks, Recreation and Trails Director Annie McVay, Engineer Chuck Williams, City Manager Carly Castle, Finance Director and Acting Deputy Manager Ben Billingsley, Code Compliance Specialist Mona Pompili, Attorney Nathan Bracken and Recorder Sommar Johnson.

***Dispersed Parking—Discussion***

Mayor Langianese opened the workshop on Dispersed Parking. Engineer Williams described the history of public engagement in the process and mentioned feedback and adjustments to the downtown dispersed parking plan. He mentioned an upcoming public meeting. Together with consultants, Williams described newly-proposed parking expansion on 200 South. Freight delivery, safety, sight distance and driveway access were all discussed. Councilmember Jones asked about stall size, noted he liked the bulb-out element involving curbing at intersections, and brought up right turn lanes at Main Street. He stated he supports shade trees and regionally native plantings in the design. Councilmember Derasary brought up confusion regarding recent changes in the overlay and mentioned safety of left turns from Main Street at 200 South. She concurred with Jones regarding the desire for shade and added her support for green infrastructure, bicycle and pedestrian safety and public art. She asked about jaywalking concerns with median parking. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd asked about lane widths on 200 South. Councilmember Wojciechowski spoke in support of bulb-outs to control speed in neighborhoods. He also supported trees and shade, as well as local vegetation. He mentioned the need for more bicycle accommodations including bike storage options. Councilmember Jones brought up the previously-approved 100 South infrastructure project. Councilmember Derasary added her support for bulb-outs.

***Regular Meeting Attendance and Call to Order:***

Mayor Langianese called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. and asked Mr. Billingsley to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Knuteson-Boyd, Wojciechowski, Derasary and Jones were in attendance. Also in attendance were Police Chief Jared Garcia, Engineer Williams, City Manager Castle, Finance Director and Acting Deputy Manager Billingsley, Arts, Recreation and Trails Director McVay, Attorney Bracken, Recorder Johnson, Code Enforcement Specialist Pompili and six members of the public.

***Citizens to Be Heard:***

Charlotte Mates spoke about pedestrian safety and brought up crossing flags. She expressed appreciation for the City's public works department staff. She proposed a new City slogan: "Ask not what your City does for you but what can you do for your City."

Joe Downard brought up a workforce housing process and stated he had not received feedback.

***Department Head Update:***

Police Chief Garcia reported his first weeks on the job were going great. He expressed gratitude for his staff and noted the sergeants had displayed great loyalty and persistence. Garcia said hiring is a top priority and brought up retention, training, the need for a school resource officer

and development of a domestic violence response policy. Councilmember Jones asked about budget concerns for the department and voiced support for a social worker on the staff. Councilmember Derasary also mentioned budgetary needs and brought up traffic enforcement and asked about increased signage in addition to more staff. She also asked about the department's software and equipment needs. Councilmember Wojciechowski expressed his appreciation for the focus on victims and brought up interest in collaboration with Seekhaven. Mayor Langianese brought up area-wide emergency management.

***Consent Agenda—Approved***

Councilmember Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows: approval of minutes for the May 10, 2022, Regular Meeting and approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$308,814.78. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Wojciechowski and Knuteson-Boyd voting aye.

***Public Hearing, Presentation and Discussion—Proposed 2022-2023 Budget***

Mayor Langianese opened a public hearing on Proposed **Resolution 13-2022**: a resolution adopting the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget at 6:35 p.m. There were no citizens to be heard. Finance Director and Acting Deputy Manager Billingsley described changes to the budget since the tentative budget was approved and noted the strategic plan was in draft form on the City website. Billingsley outlined specific proposed changes to the budget, including an additional \$20,000 for staff training, reallocation of wages, streambank stabilization design costs for \$70,000, the Kane Creek Boulevard project for \$5 million, municipal code revisions for \$100,000, the Pack Creek footbridge project using \$100,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the Sustainability Plan consulting fee of \$50,000, and police department adjustments with an open-ended amount. Councilmembers asked about the sustainability plan, staff training, the Kane Creek Boulevard scope of work, capital improvements projects, contributions to social service agencies, recreation and arts funding, and additional staffing. Mayor Langianese noted a thorough discussion of the budget townhall meeting was recorded. Mayor Langianese closed the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

***New Business:***

***Capital Improvement Projects List—Approved***

***Presentation and Discussion:*** Engineer Williams described the need for improved road conditions and water and sewer rate studies. Councilmember Derasary brought up the 100 South green infrastructure project. Councilmember Jones brought up the water reclamation facility outfall pipe.

***Motion and Vote:*** Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to approve **Resolution 16-2022** adopting the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Projects List. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Wojciechowski and Knuteson-Boyd voting aye.

***Well 12 Equipping Project Construction Contract Award—Approved***

***Motion and Vote:*** Councilmember Derasary moved to award the Construction Contract for the Well #12 Equipping Project to Jackson Excavation Inc. in the amount of \$794,004 and authorize the Mayor to sign it and the Notice of Award. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Wojciechowski and Knuteson-Boyd voting aye.

***Well 12 Equipping Project Construction Oversight Support—Approved***

***Motion and Vote:*** Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to approve J-U-B Engineers to provide Construction Oversight Support services for the Well #12 Equipping Project in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Task Order in that amount.

Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Wojciechowski and Knuteson-Boyd voting aye.

***Special Event Criteria—Postponed***

***Administrative Report:*** City Manager Castle reported on the Future iQ strategic planning process, noted the dispersed parking open house, mentioned new staff, and announced the outdoor pool was open for the season. She mentioned a damaged water line on Kane Creek Boulevard and concluded with a mention of forthcoming road construction on highway 191 both north and south of Moab.

***Mayor and Council Reports:***

Councilmember Derasary mentioned an upcoming reception for the new police chief and noted she attended budget meetings with staff. She reported on the Emergency Medical Services special service district meeting and meetings of the Moab Area Watershed Partnership and Systems of Care. She mentioned she had met with the City Manager regarding animal control.

Councilmember Wojciechowski reported on budget meetings and the Planning Commission (PC) meeting, and noted PC requested Council to revisit the internal accessory dwelling unit regulations. He also mentioned PC quorum issues and a desire to return to a five-member commission rather than a seven-member board. Wojciechowski also mentioned the opening of the recovery center and acknowledged Governor Cox’s award to the Moab Valley Multicultural Center.

Councilmember Jones reported he attended a joint City-County meeting and noted Curtis Wells had been appointed to chair the local Permanent Community Impact Board (CIB). He stated he attended an economic development meeting, a solid waste district meeting and the mechanical advisory committee meeting for the State building code revision process.

Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd reported the Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District obtained a new van. She reported she attended budget meetings as well as the budget townhall meeting. She attended the opening of the recovery center and brought up Narcan training. She expressed appreciation for new modular homes installed in Grand Oasis to accommodate recently displaced families.

Mayor Langianese announced Senator Bramble would be visiting Moab. She mentioned Governor Cox’s award to the multicultural center and noted she attended the joint City-County meeting. She announced a regional mayor’s meeting and a meeting with the Director of the National Parks.

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

Councilmember Jones moved to enter an Executive Session to discuss reasonably imminent and/or pending litigation. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 aye with Councilmembers Jones, Derasary, Wojciechowski and Knuteson-Boyd voting aye. Mayor Langianese opened the Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. Councilmember Jones left the executive session at 8:57 p.m. Councilmember Knuteson-Boyd moved to end the Executive Session. Councilmember Wojciechowski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and Mayor Langianese ended the Executive Session at 9:06 p.m.

***Adjournment:*** Mayor Langianese adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

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

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