

Regular City Council Meeting - July 22, 2025 [kgqJXD6FHas]

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (0:55 - 1:10)

Welcome, everybody. Glad to see you all here. I'd like to call the Moab City Council meeting to order on July 22nd at 6 o'clock p.m., and we'll start with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Patrick is going to lead us in the Pledge.

[Councilmember Tawny Knutson-Boyd] (1:13 - 1:26)

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:27 - 1:51)

Thank you, Patrick. Public comments is next on our agenda. Do we have anybody here that would like to comment?

All right, then we move right to Bega, who is going to give us a presentation on a new movie that's coming into town, and what that movie is going to do to downtown Main Street next Wednesday.

[Bega Metzner] (1:51 - 5:43)

Hello, everyone. It's really nice to see you all.

It's been too long since I worked for the city, that is, a few years ago, and good evening, and thank you for the opportunity. So it's been a strong season for film in Moab, and we're really seeing some pretty amazing results. Diversification at its finest during a season that is the off-season, when visitation has seemed to be relatively low.

Productions this year have brought in over 3,600 room nights, and more than 1 million in lodging spend thus far. That's translating into millions in local economic activity, with jobs, vendor contracts, and direct businesses for hotels, restaurants, outfitters, and shops. As you might know right now, we are hosting a very large film production called Zeus.

I cannot say what the real name of it is, but the word is out there on the streets. I just cannot confirm or deny that at this point. It is one of the largest rural Utah film productions in years in this area, and Moab is the only U.S. location that they're using. They're filming outside of the United States for pretty much everything else. They began filming yesterday across Grand County and San Juan County, and they will at some point be filming in Moab City, and I'll talk about that in a moment. They're using the Rural Utah Film Incentive Program administered through the state office, the Utah Film Commission.

Some of the impact that we're seeing from just four of the six hotels that have reported to me

about 2,060 room nights, an estimated of \$534,000 in lodging and office spend, and an estimated \$2.5 to \$3.5 million in total impact, and that is growing. They hired 20-plus local crew members, people who are actually from the Moab area. They cast 70-plus Moab extras from specifically 84532 area code, and I love to say this part, they brought on two Grand County high school graduates, 2024 graduates, for their first job on a film set.

That's very exciting for me. The crew has weekends off and will be out spending their money in the community, enjoying the outdoor recreation while they are here, and they're per diem out on the river, in the stores, and that also is great. Moving on to the temporary street closures.

On Wednesday, July 30th, if you haven't read it in the paper or you don't follow the Film Commission on the Facebook page or on my Instagram, Main Street will be closed from 100 North to 100 South, which is a hard closure. Center Street will be partially closed. They'll be parking their working trucks there.

It'll be from 5 a.m. to noon only, we hope, and we hope that they will actually be done a little sooner than that. Traffic will be detoured via 500 West and Cane Creek, and 400 East will be used as a backup as well. Message boards have already been active on either side of town, and UDOT has notified and will continue to notify the truck routes as they come in, so they're aware of this before they even get here.

This has been fully coordinated with the Zeus team, the Moab Police Department, Utah Highway Patrol, UDOT, and the Sheriff's Office, as well as your Moab City manager and staff. That's pretty much all I have to report on that, but I just want to say to the City Council members who are present, and Michael has heard this already, that you should have received an invitation from the Utah Film Commission and me to visit Seth that day just for the Council members. Only if you have not, please let me know and I will make sure that you do, and please respond in the next couple days if you have received it.

I just need to know.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (5:44 - 5:44)

I have not.

[Bega Metzner] (5:44 - 6:17)

You have not. Then I will make sure that you do. Okay.

I haven't either. Okay, so that's just for you guys only. Sorry.

We have a couple legislators coming down too, which is really great to show how the impact of this on rural Utah is. So that's pretty much it. If you have any questions, let me know, and as I said in meeting that I just had at the Chamber and last week at the Commission, my door is always open and my phone is always on, and I'm happy to answer any questions.

Questions for Bega? She did it. You did it.

Yeah, good job.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (6:18 - 6:21)

This is really exciting. Yeah, great work.

[Bega Metzner] (6:21 - 6:22)

Thank you.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (6:22 - 6:49)

Yeah, I just want to say thank you for all your work into this, and I think that doing this stuff like on Main Street, you know, like it is an impact on residents and, you know, truck traffic, you know, and everything like that, but I hope that when that comes out, you know, that it'll be a benefit, you know, to people traveling, you know, and showing people what Moab has to offer just, you know, with our scenery and a little glimpse of downtown Moab, you know, stuff will hopefully draw people here.

[Bega Metzner] (6:50 - 7:49)

A hundred percent. I believe it will, and just so you're aware, they are not changing, they're not changing the signage on Main Street while they do this, so that's very rare for a film to come into the town and not have it be, you know, another place, so if one of the businesses is going to be seen, then it will be seen for what it's called. The town is Moab, right?

The town, I cannot confirm that, that they're hoping that the town is Moab, but that is not a definite. The town is not not Moab, but when the movie opens, I don't know, at this point, they can't tell me definitively that it will say, you know, Moab, Utah, but it will be Utah. I mean, this entire project is actually supposed to be the Grand Canyon, like Thelma and Louise was, so they're shooting, they're doubling this area, so no, but also they're not changing the signage, and maybe yes.

How's that? Very good.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (7:53 - 8:21)

Anybody else, questions? Well, I just want to thank you, Bega, it's a great work that you do. I mean, I think besides tourism, it's just a very wonderful diversification of our economy that we hope continues to grow, and because of your work and your connections and your relationships, that's why we've seen so much here in the last couple years, so thank you for everything you do.

Thank you, Madam Mayor, I really appreciate you saying that.

[Bega Metzner] (8:22 - 8:27)

It's an honor. You know, when you want me back, next for a longer discussion.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (8:28 - 9:29)

The next movie, the next movie. So, as you heard, Michael Black's been working with Biga on the UDOT situation, which has been great. He's been all supportive of that.

We were a little anxious about it when it first was proposed, but his work with UDOT has been, and with Biga also, it's been really good, but he's not here. Danny's here. Our next three updates are from our departments, and so if you have any questions, Danny hopefully can answer for you.

If not, she'll get it taken back to Michael. Shouldn't Danny be up in the huddle? No, no.

I told her she didn't have to, because her name is not Michael Black. See you, Biga. Thanks.

So, anyway, we'll just move right on with Alexi in Savannah with the sustainability update, which will move into what's happening with our energy efficient program. If you didn't notice, there's a new sign out front that talks about all the work that these guys have been doing, so take it away, Alexi.

[Alexi Lamm] (9:31 - 9:54)

All right, we have two objectives for this update. One of them is to give a brief update on the timeline and the energy projects that that banner's a part of, and the other is to introduce a new staff member in the administrative offices, Savannah Thomas-Rigo. So, I'm going to let her introduce herself.

She's been an incredible help, and this is her third week.

[Savannah Thomas-Rigo] (9:55 - 10:27)

Hi. It's nice to meet all of you who I haven't met already. Alexi's been amazing to work with, as has everybody here.

I've had a lot of good guides and good support. I'll be doing grants management and then helping Alexi with everything sustainability. So, right now, I've been diving into the Safe Streets for America grant.

I don't think there's been movement on that since I was not a person to do it, so now that's what I'm working on, and then hopefully, I will be digging deeper into all the different grants. If you have ideas, let me know. I'm very happy to be here, so thank you.

[Alexi Lamm] (10:29 - 14:07)

Yeah, so the conference room that used to be in the admin office is now Savannah's office. If you drop by, come say hi. All right, the second part is also going to be relatively quick.

The idea of going through what we've done so far with our energy projects is to kind of set us up for a couple other things that are going to happen this evening. Patrick's going to give a little bit more of an update about things in the MRAC, and then later on the agenda, we also have a consideration of a change order to this project. So, the last couple times this came to the City Council would have been in October when we had the findings of an energy audit that was conducted on city buildings, and then again in December when the City Council approved an energy savings contract with McKinstry.

Since then, that work has started. They came in and did an emergency leak repair in the MRAC, and also the chlorine generator and pool cover have both been installed and are operational, and then we have a whole string of things that are going to happen over the next couple weeks, starting with things that have happened today and yesterday, getting ready for air handler units, HVAC units, I guess, in the city center and in the animal shelter.

Today, there were cranes at the animal shelter and at city center, helping do some removals and placements on the roof, and then we'll also be considering that solar contract today. Coming up in the following days, there's going to be a lot of weatherization going on in the city buildings, doing film on windows to help with solar heat gain, also envelope improvements going on in a lot of these buildings, and then at the end, evaluating all of those changes. I have a few photos to share of some of the things that have been going on, starting with the things that have been done.

So this is a pool cover, the MRAC, and then next to it, we have the chlorine generator, which has been installed. So both of those are substantially complete, and then in the past couple days, we've seen this crane around doing some big machinery movement. They were at city center this afternoon, and I think that might continue until tomorrow now, and then this is kind of blurry, but the reason I'm showing it is to show you the kinds of things that are going to be going on in buildings in the coming week or two, looking at pipe penetrations, other kinds of holes or gaps that are in our envelope of the building, so trying to manage the heating and cooling that's escaping through the windows and walls. So this is just one example of some of the changes that will be made at the MRAC, but several buildings will be getting some of these treatments to try to help with comfort and also energy savings.

The MRAC is also going to get an air handling unit, but there were some delays in the supply chain, and that's going to be coming probably late summer, maybe August or September. Okay, that's it for the update now, and then we'll come back and talk a little bit more about a change order to this. Thanks.

Thank you. All right. Patrick

[Patrick Trim, Parks & Rec] (14:13 - 16:15)

Thank you. Thank you, Mayor and Council for having me. I just want to give a brief update about the state of the MRAC Aquatic Center and elaborate a little bit on the McKinstry-specific projects that are happening there.

So as Alexi touched on, the chlorine generator is live. We've got it hooked into our chem feeders and controllers, and it is fully operational, and we've seen good results thus far. That unit can produce up to 120 gallons of chlorine a day just using residual salts found in the pool through hydrolysis, so it's really cool technology.

A lot of other municipalities have adopted this. You know, for reference, we had six 500-gallon tanks that we were refilling three to four times annually at a cost of roughly \$15,000 to \$20,000, and so we no longer have the need to do that, and so that's exciting. The pool cover has been great.

It's going to help a lot with evaporation and heat to knock down those costs as well, and as far as Alexi touched on, the rooftop unit will come at the end of August and early September, so things are looking good on that end. As far as the rest of the Aquatic Center, the summer schedule's been running now for a month and a half. It's been well received by the public.

Our hours have been expanded. We were able to bring back swim lessons in a really kind of robust fashion that we haven't seen in a couple years, and they're filling up, so that program is healthy and well. We did hire a new aquatics manager and maintenance tech.

Both of those staff members have been doing a great job. We've been noticing, we've been getting a lot of compliments throughout the community about the water quality and the water temperatures and clarity, so things are going really well on that end, and I pressed the dock on some wood there, but you know, there's always going to be projects and things that come up, but we feel like we're in a really good place, with staffing, equipment, and everything else, so that's kind of what I have there.

Are there any questions?

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (16:16 - 16:17)

Questions for Patrick?

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (16:18 - 16:39)

As you know, because I think a lot of these emails have been forwarded to you, we've been inundated with emails asking about updates about the skate park and where that was. There's a lot of conversation, I guess maybe a year ago, about it, so can you just update us and let know if there is still conversation about there is still movement towards that?

[Patrick Trim, Parks & Rec] (16:40 - 17:26)

Yeah, absolutely. Yeah, so the skate park conversation, you know, obviously it's come to the

forefront, you know, trying to identify that as a priority within the other scope of work and other projects we have within the department. We're aware that there's a lot of community interest.

You know, I personally have been in contact with American Ramp Company about possible designs and what that would cost. There's possible grant funding available as well that we've been exploring, and, you know, we're open to that conversation. We realize that was identified in the park's master plan as being a community priority among some other big projects here, so definitely something that's on our radar and that we would be happy to sit down with any, you know, stakeholders to discuss for sure.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (17:28 - 17:37)

Yeah, and just to follow up, is that, I mean, how can we communicate to people how they can stay engaged with the process? Because that's a lot of the content.

[Patrick Trim, Parks & Rec] (17:39 - 18:29)

Yeah, so they're welcome to reach out to me directly, or if they, you know, contact one of you, they can, you know, feel free to pass them along to me. I've met with a couple people in person, that Southeastern Utah Coalition for Concrete Athletes, that crew, who I think attended, you know, a previous city council member or a meeting a couple months ago. I've sat down and met with them on a couple different occasions just to get their feedback on sort of, you know, what their vision might be, the user groups and different things like that.

So we have a pretty good feel for some of these stakeholders and what the community interest and desire is. And now the next step would be, you know, the prioritization of something like this over what the other projects we have in the hopper and then starting to look at funding sources for plans for design.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (18:31 - 18:37)

Just keep in mind, the priority that you guys set for RAPTACS is the ballpark.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (18:37 - 18:38)

Yeah.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (18:38 - 18:49)

And then the work that's continuing at the pool. So for our next budget, that's kind of the priority now. That can change if you wanted to, but at this point, that's what we focused on.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (18:49 - 18:58)

And my hope was that maybe this could be a separate, this could be a Utah Recreation Grant

funded project or, you know, some separate revenue stream or resource.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (18:59 - 19:09)

Yeah, that's what I was kind of thinking, hoping that we could have made a couple projects through grant funding or try to at least explore getting grants for like skate park and stuff like that.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (19:10 - 19:27)

I just don't want, I know there's a lot of interest. I've seen it all. We've saw it here.

I just don't want people to think that this is going to happen like next year. So there are other priorities and I think this will be one of them, but I just don't want people to think that, you know, next December, there's going to be a new skate park.

[Speaker 16] (19:28 - 19:28)

Right.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (19:28 - 19:30)

But there's a lot of work that needs to go in.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (19:31 - 19:36)

Yeah. Yeah. I do have one more skate park related question.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (19:36 - 19:36)

Sure. Go ahead.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (19:39 - 20:18)

I'm also wondering, and Pat, I know you have a better sense than anybody about the needs for like ball courts and other things in the community. I know that is one of the competing factors at Suwannee. So is the city's investment in pickleball courts, does that, I know that's also a big use of Center Street Gym, you know, of our limited court space.

Does that bring up, does that change the, I guess the prioritization or outlook of Suwannee Park at all or the need in assessment in Europe?

[Patrick Trim, Parks & Rec] (20:19 - 20:22)

As far as the city doing pickleball courts?

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (20:22 - 20:33)

Yeah. Well, I've just, we've removed, hopefully, a huge use of Center Street Gym. They're still going to use Center Street Gym.

[Patrick Trim, Parks & Rec] (20:33 - 20:46)

They are. They need to be indoors. Yeah, I think you do.

Primarily in the summer and the winter because summer's too hot for outdoors. And most of the time that they use in the gym is during the morning.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (20:47 - 20:47)

Right.

[Patrick Trim, Parks & Rec] (20:47 - 21:08)

And so when the kids are in school, so typically there's not a lot of interest outside of that for those gym hours. And so that's kind of why we tend to prioritize youth programming and then adult programming gets the fringe sort of times. And since a lot of the pickleball community are retired folks, then the morning works.

And so that's sort of what we've rolled with.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (21:09 - 21:10)

Pickleball's never going away.

[Patrick Trim, Parks & Rec] (21:11 - 21:11)

No.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (21:11 - 21:15)

We're trying to learn about the new thing.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (21:15 - 21:19)

You're about it. Any other questions for Patrick?

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (21:19 - 21:27)

Yeah. My next question was the new playground. Is it kind of chilled out as far as anyhow?

[Patrick Trim, Parks & Rec] (21:28 - 21:59)

It has, thankfully. We did get a rule sign posted, not that that would necessarily stop things, but that sort of gives us some teeth in the event that there are issues to say that things are posted. I did post the general line with my extension on there for people to call with concerns, and we

just haven't been getting any calls.

And the reports I'm getting from patrons and everything have really died down. So I think the novelty wore off and the kids have moved on to, you know, some of those older kids have moved on to other things. And so now it's definitely settled down, which is great.

Yeah.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (21:59 - 22:07)

It's still used a lot though. Even in the heat of the day, with the shade, there's a lot of people that still use it.

[Patrick Trim, Parks & Rec] (22:07 - 22:11)

A ton of use, just a lot less misuse. And so that's Yeah, that's what I was going to ask.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (22:12 - 22:26)

Anything else? I just have one question on the chlorine at the pool, back to the mark or the MRAC. So the chlorine situation has been excellent.

Is that because of that new chlorine generator?

[Patrick Trim, Parks & Rec] (22:26 - 22:52)

I think so. I think once we got it dialed in with our chem feeders, which are having some issues, our new maintenance guys were able to detect some issues and get those kind of really operating at full capacity and a combination of those things. And I do think that, yeah, I think we've hired someone who's got a lot of experience in aquatics, a CPO, and he's liking the machine.

He's impressed. And so I think it's a combination of everything, but it definitely, the chlorine generator has a lot to do with that.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (22:52 - 22:58)

Good. Great. Good addition then.

Anything else? All right, Patrick. Thank you.

[Mark from City] (22:58 - 22:59)

Thank you. Good work, Pat. Thank you.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (23:00 - 23:10)

Then next up, we have Mark, who is going to give us a brief update on what's happening with

the 100 East and Uranium Roadway improvements, where we're at with that. It looks pretty good.

[Mark from City] (23:11 - 23:14)

Okay. We're happy to have you do the presentation for us.

[Didar Charles] (23:17 - 31:32)

Hi, Mayor and Council Members. Thank you for having us today. So Mark and I, we are here today to give you an update on how there is Uranium Avenue Road construction.

Before I dive in, I'd like to inform or remind our citizens that we have a platform for outreach. So it's on the website. If you go moabcity.gov and if you scroll down, you will see the Engage Moab Community Outreach Portal. And if you check that out, it will take you to engagemoab.com, which you can see our current projects. You can provide feedback and you can access the construction plans. You can get the updates there, so you don't need to wait these moments to hear about what's going on in town.

Moving on. So June 17, we started construction on Uranium Avenue and 100 East. Contractors, first thing they did was traffic control and removing concrete sidewalks and curb and gutters.

And they just dived into the milling the road. And right after the milling the road, they started underground utility construction. So we had six-inch cast iron water line.

It's been built in 1963. So it's being replaced with a 10-inch PVC. Right now, it's being installed.

They passed the pressure test. They're working on the disinfection of the pipe and then they're going to do a bacteria test. If everything moves on smooth, it will be in service soon.

They have been preparing the Uranium Avenue for pavement, so they did their subgrade work. They are hoping that our goal is paved this Friday, if not, beginning of the next week. Right after they pave that section, there will be closure on the 100 East because they're working on the subgrade on the 100 East.

So their goal is pave the Uranium, open up the Uranium and move on on the 100 East. There is already a curb and gutter on the Uranium Avenue. They pour some portion of the shared use path.

Their goal is to finish the shared use path on Uranium Avenue. Instead of just do the pavement and then go back to concrete work, they would like to finish the Uranium Avenue. Traffic control and pedestrian safety is very important.

Thanks for our construction manager, he keeps an eye on this construction site and he cares about the safety of our citizens. So if anybody who drove at the city market, they are aware of the closure of the Uranium Avenue and 100 East. So that closure at the Grand Avenue

sometimes move to the side of the city market's driveway.

So you may sometimes be able to access to 100 East, sometimes not. It's just keep more south to north. But we recommend anybody, please use the Grand Avenue, please use the highway instead of trying to go 100 East.

Anybody who needs to go to school, there's a pedestrian route they have to go to 100 East and go to the parking lot of the school and then that's tied to the Mill Creek pathway. So construction crew didn't remove the sidewalk in that 100 East section, where is a dog park. So just they keep that one for those pedestrians to access.

There is a hotel at the Uranium Avenue, that corner Gravity House. Their access was challenged and they come up with this great idea. They connect the city market and their parking lot.

It's in the middle picture you can see. So they can able to use their driveway and unless they work in immediately in front of their driveway, that's being open. For the pedestrian, contractor build that concrete barriers and that's keep the pedestrians safe from the highway traffic.

And then there's orange ones you see, that's also the separate from the construction. On the third picture, you see the waterway. They poured it and they work on the ramp there.

There's a hog signal there. We were expecting that to be closed at one point because of the way you push the button is middle of the pathway. So we restricted the contractor to maybe a one week maximum, you can close that.

But they have a great electrician who worked with the hogs signals before, so they didn't have to. So it was always been in operation. So that's very great.

Yeah, they temporary button, so that's still working. Challenges. So every projects has challenges for sure.

This is like the road is average like a 40 feet wide. It's not super wide, but we as in other roads, we have water, we have sewer, we have gas, we have telecommunication lines and overhang of power. So the contractor did a blue sticks and a pothole for the utilities prior to excavations.

Unfortunately, July 14, there was a gas break. So within the two hours, thanks for the fire department and gas company for the quick response, we were able to recover from it and everything started back to how it should be. Another challenge, we had it, we were not expecting.

So the communication line, when they use them, when they line their utility line, they instead of prepare the trench as a base course and dirt, they just use a concrete floor. So I have, I'm going to go back two slides and show you the pictures. So third, let's go slowly.

The third picture, you can see two different grades there. So one is like a lower, the east one is lower than the west one. So the west one is a concrete.

So they just pour a concrete there. And for us to prepare the subgrade, we have to shave that to have a smoother and better saddle after we pave. So we work with the telecommunication company for shaving some of those concrete.

So we were not expecting that to happen. So tree root obstructions, when we were here the last time, when we were awarding the LeGrand Johnson, we talked about that there are some trees, there are nature trees. And when we go there and put some concrete for the lighting and installing a new shade, we were worried that we already were seeing some roots being exposed.

So we were worried if you remove those sidewalks, we will see more roots and maybe we had to cut them. Lucky, so it wasn't like how we thought it would be. And we didn't see much roots and we believe they will be okay.

Somehow we were not seeing any roots before we uncovered, removed the sidewalk on the red squares we see on the right picture. Those are younger trees when we compare to the west trees. But they are, roots are exposed.

We just, when we removed the concrete, we've seen the roots being exposed. So we're working on it to not impact those trees. We have arborists who work with us.

So we take their opinion. This is not being, so I just want to inform everybody that this is the situation.

[Mark from City] (31:32 - 31:38)

A lot of them, that's pretty, that's breaking news. We just got down there and some of those was, that was just today.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (31:39 - 31:50)

And that's in the red square? Yeah. So the shade trees, the prime parking spot is safe?

Sort of make sure. So far, right.

[Didar Charles] (31:51 - 32:20)

Thank you, Mark. So lastly, challenges of public safety control, even though how much we put signs out for detour, we see public being driving in. Walking by.

So I just want to mention that. Please try to avoid the construction site for your safety. And if you want this construction to be done early, and that's why there's a lot of closures, they are on time.

I should mention that. Yeah.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (32:21 - 32:26)

Thank you. That's all I have. Questions for Mark and Didar?

Yes, go ahead.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (32:27 - 32:35)

Are we still on track with some of these hiccups? Are we still on track to have access for, for start of school in three weeks?

[Didar Charles] (32:36 - 33:17)

So yes, there's, this July 31st, they have an event. They have a computer event. So we're expecting them to be, more traffic to be received.

So that's why we're going to open to anyone. We need to make sure that it's going to open for them. And we are on the track on time.

So we're hoping that we will create them a safe route. And then their access to actually, if you're looking for the school drop-offs, they are, comes from Uranium Avenue. School bus goes to the back parking lot and then leave from Uranium Avenue.

So school bus will be paid Uranium Avenue as soon as possible. Least the school bus, there will be no detouring for them. Great.

[Speaker 17] (33:17 - 33:18)

Thank you.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (33:19 - 33:21)

Any other questions? We have a few.

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (33:22 - 33:30)

Also related to access, I know kind of at the beginning, there's a little bit of miscommunication with city market. Can you talk about how that's been going with them?

[Didar Charles] (33:31 - 34:27)

Or they had a drop-off before the deliveries. So yeah, what they do for delivery, if I can share my screen, they used to go through Uranium Avenue. So they used to come through Uranium Avenue and use their driveway back on the 100th and back up.

Right now, when I heard it, first the truck drivers were upset of the change, but they now got used to it. So they use the Grand Avenue and use their access to the Grand Avenue and back up. So right now everything is working.

Yeah. So I think I haven't heard back any negative comment from them. Yeah.

The first maybe a week was harder to, how to navigate. That's the very first time there was a change, but it has been addressed, I believe.

[Mark from City] (34:28 - 34:41)

So okay, great. You have sort of another hurdle when they go to pour that sidewalk there. And that's going to be sort of our next difficult moment for getting those trucks just because it's going to restrict that side.

Are they coming through the parking lot right now?

[Didar Charles] (34:41 - 34:43)

They're coming through from Grand Avenue and then back up.

[Mark from City] (34:44 - 34:48)

So if they're having to come out the street and all, they're basically going to be restricted right there now.

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (34:51 - 34:57)

Okay. And can you remind us when a project's most substantial completion is supposed to be done?

[Didar Charles] (34:57 - 35:14)

So we gave them 90 days for the, I think there was like a road to being completed and then another 90 days, right, for the lights and then some concrete work. Okay. So still August, September?

[Mark from City] (35:15 - 35:21)

I think most of the street is end of September, I think is what it is.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (35:21 - 35:21)

Okay.

[Mark from City] (35:22 - 35:30)

And then, yeah, and then for the rest of it, it was like a hundred days out from the start. So that person said late October. So that's when the lights could be going.

[Speaker 17] (35:31 - 35:33)

Okay. Thank you.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (35:36 - 35:39)

The drinking fountain.

[Speaker 17] (35:42 - 35:42)

What about it?

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (35:47 - 35:58)

No, I'm just, no, it was, what happened with that? Did we do a change order? Did we find something cheaper?

Do you have a hose?

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (35:58 - 36:18)

I think that my understanding, do we have a hose? Yeah, we just put a hose, put it in the creek. Can you just, no, my understanding, you guys correct me, was that it didn't really, it was the bid process kind of made it appear as though it was going to be 18,000, but what it really is, is like five, 5,800 for everything.

[Mark from City] (36:19 - 36:44)

So then, so the bid item for the fountain was the 18,000. That includes some incidental. It's not just the fountain itself.

So far as we understand it, we are still planning on installing that. But it's not \$18,000. Yeah, just the single water fountain is not.

There's some pertinent, you know, improvements that go.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (36:46 - 37:02)

Would there be any way to get like a breakdown of what that is? Because I think I've had a lot of people who, like in the community, I don't know if you guys have had, brought up the \$18,000 breakdown. And it would be great if I could say, hey, it's still going in, but this is the actual cost of it.

[Didar Charles] (37:02 - 37:03)

Did I email that to you guys?

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (37:04 - 37:05)

No.

[Didar Charles] (37:05 - 37:18)

I have, I reached out to a company who they're going to supply. I just asked for the cold, just the material itself. And I got \$5,935 for just the fountain.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (37:20 - 37:28)

Okay. And that was, I think that was in the original bid was like the engineered bid was, was like 5,000 or something. Yeah.

[Didar Charles] (37:29 - 37:30)

I need to call that.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (37:30 - 37:44)

Yeah. So that, that would be more in line. But I think, you know, I think that just for the general public, it's, it's come up a lot.

They think we're, we're putting in a fountain with Zeus, you know, there's, you know, like shooting water out of his nose, you know, into.

[Councilmember Tawny Knutson-Boyd] (37:45 - 37:47)

I don't think it's akin to the Trevi fountain.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (37:47 - 37:48)

What's that?

[Councilmember Tawny Knutson-Boyd] (37:48 - 37:50)

It's not akin to the Trevi fountain.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (37:50 - 38:04)

But, but anyway, it would just be good to have something, you know, that we can be like, no, it's, it's 5,000, you know, not the 18 or whatever it is. Yeah. So I think it's big.

Like that was sort of just a call spread.

[Mark from City] (38:05 - 38:06)

Yeah. Yeah.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (38:06 - 38:12)

Yeah. That'd be great. Yeah.

Just to help us sound educated and help defend it, you know, pretty good.

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (38:15 - 38:38)

Well, that reminds me, I forgot to bring this up. Similarly, for that zone, I had a constituent request for like a port-a-potty or some kind of bathroom consideration for the dog park. I don't know that that's like, it's an immediate request.

But as we're looking at that zone, just wanted to forward that on to you guys for consideration.

[Mark from City] (38:40 - 38:52)

Okay. So for sort of permanent use, we would have some sort of port-a-potty or something out there. Yeah, that would make sense.

The nearest one is you have to go all the way to Gras.

[Didar Charles] (38:52 - 38:58)

Yeah. Yeah, we can look at that one.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (38:59 - 39:01)

Yeah, it wouldn't be part of this project, though.

[Didar Charles] (39:01 - 39:01)

Yeah.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (39:03 - 39:07)

And there is one just across the street by the vet clinic. Yeah, there is.

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (39:09 - 39:31)

Yeah, it was a request from, you know, people will bring their dogs to the park if they have disabilities, if they're elderly, if they're getting out of their cars to go to the park. It's unlikely or difficult, prohibitive for them to walk all the way to, and there are a lot of users of the dog park.

[Didar Charles] (39:31 - 39:48)

Yeah, I'd like to note that that property belongs to school district, so we need to work with them, and we should be aware of that. That's not ours, so our investment may not be coming with us in the future, if that's being changed in the future. Great.

That's good to know. Thanks.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (39:49 - 39:50)

Colin, did you get your hand up?

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (39:52 - 40:30)

I don't believe I did. I would say that, since you called on me, I've been working in that area, so I got to experience Beecham and the work that he does, and it's pretty amazing, and he really does hold the contractors accountable and really makes sure things that are not just moving along efficiently, but, you know, to our highest expectations of them, and it's really neat for me to see just kind of that inner workings of how these big projects happen.

[Didar Charles] (40:30 - 40:33)

Thank you. Thank you for mentioning.

We see that every day, but I'm glad.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (40:34 - 40:57)

It's really neat. Yeah, yeah, and I was really impressed, and I, you know, I learned a lot about the, I guess, the concrete infill on the utility and stuff, and these are things that so many of us just don't think about, and just all the little nuances with a huge project like this, and so it's really important to have somebody like Beecham on the ground and just there all the time.

[Mark from City] (40:58 - 41:00)

We'll let him know that he's appreciated.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (41:00 - 41:35)

Yeah, that'd be great. Thanks. Anything else?

All right, we'll move on. Thank you, guys. Thank you.

Thank you. Very informative. That's great to know.

We've got two items on our consent agenda. One is the approval of the minutes from July 8, 2025, and approval of the bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$3,710,564.05. That is for how many? Five weeks of bills.

So, we didn't have bills last week, because remember, I can't remember why, somebody was out of town.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (41:35 - 41:37)

The bill person was lacking a little bit.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (41:37 - 41:44)

Right, exactly, and so that's why it's so high, and a lot of this is to do with the final concrete project.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (41:45 - 41:55)

And some other exciting ones, also the paying off of the Walnut Lane, and some other biggies that are really, you know, setting up the city well for the future. Great.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (41:56 - 42:09)

Thanks for doing that, Colin. I really appreciate it. All right, do I have a motion to approve the consent agenda?

I will. Go ahead. I'll motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Caitlin. Second?

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (42:09 - 42:10)

I'll second.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (42:10 - 42:12)

Seconded by Tawny. Any discussion, Caitlin?

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (42:12 - 42:14)

You just answered my question, so no.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (42:15 - 42:36)

Tawny? No. All those in favor, say aye.

Aye. Any opposed? Motion passes 5-0.

All right, we have two general business items. One, Alexi had mentioned already, it's a consideration of a change order to reinstall and replace solar panels on the city center, which is on our roof. So, Alexi?

[Alexi Lamm] (42:46 - 42:57)

Okay, we're going to talk about the change order that I teased earlier. I'm here with Jason Grooms from McKinstry, who's going to help give us an overview of the project.

[Jason Grooms from McKinstry] (42:58 - 53:10)

Thank you, Alexi. Good to see you guys again. So, the first question that is going to come up is why are we talking about this now and not at the beginning of the project last fall?

The answer to that is Mother Nature. Big hailstorm earlier, that required a lot of roof replacements citywide. There was a lot of roof damage.

And the single biggest factor we look at with solar is pairing it with age of roofs. So, if you think about it, you don't want a 10-year-old roof putting a brand new array on there that you're going to have to re-roof in 15 years when your solar array still has another 15 years of life after that. It absolutely blows up the economics of solar.

So, what you guys have on there currently, your guys' situation is just a little bit more complicated, more exciting, I think. But you currently are faced with a roof that needs to be replaced, but currently having existing solar on there. What you guys have there right now, there's kind of two separate arrays.

You have the one flat roof array on the west side. That was installed back in 2010, so about 15 years ago. Those panels themselves are right at 250-ish watts per panel.

Total is about 37 kW production. If you look at what you guys have on your pitched roof, which was installed a little bit more recently, 2017, those panels are actually at 350 watts themselves. Just that seven-year period, the amount of production we can get out of panels today is monumentally more.

We'll talk about that more in a minute. But one of the things I wanted to point out on the pitched roof, just to frame this discussion, is that the inverter system is a residential style for a commercial application. The inverters essentially take DC power from the solar panels themselves and convert it to AC usable power for the building, so integral in any solar system.

But what you guys have on there right now in the pitched roof section is a little bit MacGyvered. Essentially, you have three separate inverters, each corresponding to one phase of a three-phase power system. I won't get too nerdy on you, but essentially what is recommended in that application is a single inverter that handles all those three phases simultaneously.

That avoids inverter replacement costs being triplicated, and there's some small safety concerns with that style residential system in this application as well. We'll talk a little bit about correcting that problem on the next slide as well. So together with Michael and Alexei and some of the Moab team, we looked at kind of a smattering of these four options that you guys look at.

So the one known is that you have to replace the roof, and these panels have to come off in order to replace that roof. This is the foundational kind of facts that we're working with. First option, deinstall everything.

Rip it off the roof, throw it away, recycle it, forget it ever happened. The benefits of that is it's not much added cost. You're just paying extra deinstall fees from the roofing contractor, not a huge deal, but you have a ton of sunk costs associated with that from the panels from 2010, as well as the newer panels from 2017 that have a significant amount of life left, and that actually blows up the cash flow from when you guys did this project back in 2010 and 2017.

It negates the financial gains of that project. Lose out on utility savings, obviously. Lose out on

the emission savings, obviously.

Second option, take the panel off, re-roof it, and then reinstall everything. Slightly higher added cost, but still pretty low. Sunk cost is minimal because you're reusing the panels that you have, but it also blows up the cash flow.

If you looked at reinstalling that 2010 panel section on the flat roof, essentially that panel array only has probably another 10 at maximum years of life left, so you're going to be faced in this negative cycle of having your roof age replacements overlap with your solar array replacements every 20-year cycle, and every single cycle of that, it just destroys the cash flow as well, so not optimal from a reinstallation standpoint. I'm going to jump over to number four.

That option, completely replace everything on there with new solar arrays. Obviously, that's the highest cost. That is also high sunk cost because you are sacrificing some of the remaining life in the 2017 array.

It does have positive life cycle cash flow for those arrays. You get the greatest utility savings. You get the greatest emission savings.

However, if you look at number three, we feel like this very much skirts the level of being financially responsible, minimizing sunk cost, and doing what's best for the situation at hand right now. For a moderate added cost, we're looking at minimizing the sunk costs, keeping that 2017 pitched array, removing and replacing with a higher production array on the flat roof, positive life cycle cash flow, pretty dang good utility savings, pretty dang good emission savings. If you want to go to the next slide, Alexi, we actually – Michael and Alexi asked us to produce kind of a cost-benefit analysis for that case, and our engineers ran the life cycle data, ran all the replacement costs, ran all the budgetary costs, and confirmed that reinstalling that pitched roof and milking the rest of the life out of that array would be more responsible than replacing with an entirely new array or not doing anything and not having an array on there. So, it was kind of a data-backed decision on that hybrid model.

Go to the next one. This has kind of some highlights of the project that we're talking about. So, like I said, new flat roof array.

If you remember, what you have on there right now is 245 watts. These new modern panels are 570 watts, so more than double the production. So, that's more than double on that 77 kW from 36 or whatever it was.

We would recommend, based off of that CBA, reinstalling that pitched roof, and we would recommend correcting and combining the inverter system. So, not only here would we redo that pitched roof array inverter system to be a single inverter, we would also tie it into the inverter system on the new flat roof array so that you guys only have that one inverter system. You reduce that redundant maintenance cost.

It improves visibility for the array in total, and it's a much safer, more efficient system overall.

Financially, we would guarantee those annual energy savings at \$14,270 a year. The next point here is very, very big.

The cost that you guys see does not include this projected funding of \$170,000. That reflects roughly 30% of the project's totals, and that is through the Inflation Reduction Act, ITC. So, we know there's a new federal administration.

The one big, beautiful bill that was passed does affect the IRA and the ITC tax credit. The good news is it does not affect this project based on the schedule that we're projecting right now. So, right now, we're planning, with approval today, we would plan on starting construction roughly October.

That's about the time frame for lead time on materials. We would plan to place it in service prior to the end of the year, so by December 31st. This is subject to Rocky Mountain Power's permission to operate and all the intricacies there, but the fact that you have solar on there right now, it should be a pretty streamlined process.

But given the fact that we would plan to fully install, place in service, and make this thing operational prior to the end of the year secures these tax credits that you would apply for next year. Super high-level Inflation Reduction Act, the investment tax credit incentivizes clean energy projects like this. The base level is a 30% cost in the form of direct pay.

Essentially, you guys are probably wondering, investment tax credit, we're a non-taxable entity, how do we take advantage of the tax credit? That's the direct pay mechanism through the IRS, which enables non-taxable entities to essentially get a check from the federal government. We are not financial advisors, so we cannot give recommendations there.

I know Alexi and the city have explored working with a few different financial advisors for tax services to help you guys file and maximize what that number is, because I will say there are options for bonus credits and the like that we would like to discuss with the Moab team, as well as their tax advisor, to make sure you guys are getting as much dollars as you can out of this opportunity. I'm happy to take questions on that later. The original project payback from the scope of work that Alexi was mentioning in the project in total right now was around that 13 and a half years.

This project would extend that by a year, which is still a pretty favorable payback on the project to about that 14 and a half years. Sustainability-wise, it does advance the Sustainability Action Plan that the city has adopted, and we would be looking at a 30% reduction on the city's annual city center annual energy consumption. You guys are an all-electric building, no natural gas, so it's a pretty sizable chunk offset from the city operations here in this building.

Last slide, I think. Yeah. Oh, I forgot to bring it up.

Mayor mentioned this as well, but we do have a banner outside city center. We have a banner outside the MRAC, and we have a couple of these posters hanging up on various bulletin

boards around town. This is all related to the original project and just has these high-level facts and figures that we worked on with your guys' communications department as well to get a little bit more community engagement and awareness of what's going on.

And on that note, too, you guys have been incredibly good to work with. The city staff has been super supportive, engaged, asking really good questions, and just being incredibly helpful, and we are extremely appreciative of that because it doesn't always end up that way.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (53:13 - 53:13)

Questions.

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (53:17 - 53:35)

I've got a few. I'm wondering, so the 37%, is that based on right now including solar panels that exist on this building? What is that in comparison to in the original projections?

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (53:36 - 54:15)

Yeah, so in the initial project and initial energy audit, we did a utility data analysis of annual bills inclusive of everything from Rocky Mountain Power in addition to what you guys currently offset from solar. Because if you just look at the bills right now, it doesn't include the production that you guys have from solar, so we have to kind of back calculate what that total actual electricity use would be. And essentially that 37% is what that reduction would be with this new array.

So I think currently the panels on top are somewhere between like a 10 and 20 percent reduction, and this would increase that to almost 40.

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (54:16 - 54:47)

Okay, great. Thanks. And then more specifically, trying to understand the change order, so looking through it, it looks like it's adding almost 17,000 from the original contract of 548 in the client contingency.

I'm wondering, yeah, can you explain more about why this is a change order? I mean obviously it's a change order to the larger contract, but yeah, what exactly are we changing?

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (54:48 - 54:58)

So let me clarify a question on just the change order process in general and then a question on contingency. Am I understanding you right?

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (54:59 - 55:17)

Kind of. I think my understanding is this is a change order in part because it's adding about \$17,000 in cost from original what was in the contract. I'm wondering, are there other things

other than that cost change that are specifically changing, or like what's the full scope of this change order?

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (55:18 - 56:14)

The \$500,000 number is the extent of the change order for the entire solar system. That is the change order based off of, in addition to the original, it was roughly 1.9 on the original contract, so that's the change order that is in addition to the initial scope of work that's in construction right now. The \$17,000 is the contingency allowance, so essentially that is, I believe it's a 3% is what we did.

Moab City controlled contingency, so anything up there that we find that we need to put more dollars to to correct any unknowns or any discoveries during the process, essentially the city has control over that budget. In a city approves within that \$17,000 amount remaining of work to correct whatever discoveries that we find. If that is not used at the end of the project and everything is hunky-dory, then that money goes back to the city or it's un-invoiced.

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (56:15 - 56:28)

Okay, so to make sure I'm understanding, so this is, is this an increase from \$1.9 million total to like \$2.4 million? Correct. Okay, thank you.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (56:30 - 56:37)

But I would add to that, only adding roughly a year of payoff time.

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (56:38 - 56:38)

Correct.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (56:38 - 56:42)

Which I was, had some confusion of that you answered that question. Yeah, thank you.

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (56:42 - 56:46)

Yeah, yeah, it only extends the life cycle of the comprehensive project by roughly a year.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (56:49 - 57:01)

So, I got a couple questions for you, so do we know like what the original cost was for the solar panels of what we put in that when the MRAC was built or whatever?

[Alexi Lamm] (57:03 - 57:25)

I'm gonna have to go look in some files for the original cost. Some of our solar panels were partly Rocky Mountain Blue Sky grants, so I don't have a total for the original cost for the, you

know, different solar panel projects around town and specifically the two that are on this building. I could find it or I can try to find it, I will say.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (57:26 - 57:51)

No, I was just wondering, and then, so that whole array that's up there now, we either got 15 years out of one part of it and then we got, you know, roughly eight years out of the other project of it. But the one that's kind of failing or whatever is the one that is only 15 years old, you know, is that just because it's old technology that was put on there?

[Alexi Lamm] (57:51 - 58:23)

Well, we could reinstall the 15-year-old one and the reason we wouldn't is because we're putting old panels on a new roof and then we would end up in that leapfrog position. So, we have had damage that required repairs to our solar panels before or other maintenance costs, but it would be possible to keep the old panels if we wanted to. It's just that installing old panels on a new roof, they will need to be replaced in near term, so that was the decision to go with this hybrid solution.

Do you want to add to that?

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (58:24 - 59:12)

No, no, you said it well. Essentially, it's getting you out of this negative feedback loop of a lifecycle payback. We are going to recapture the remaining life on that 2017 array because typically these panel arrays last roughly 25-30 years.

Typically, the power warranty on them starts at like 25 years, saying it's going to be 100% production, and then after that, they linearly degrade roughly like 1% a year. To Alexi's point, that 2010 vintage one, they would degrade to the point that you would want to replace them midway through the life of roof that you're putting on this year, which would then kill the financials of the project if you were to reinstall the solar or replace the solar at the end of life.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (59:13 - 59:29)

Do solar panels, you're not replacing the frames that hold them, you're just replacing the panels themselves, right? So, a panel goes bad, can't you just take that panel off, leave the frame there, put a new panel on top of that?

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (59:29 - 1:00:21)

Good question. When you replace arrays in total, you are typically replacing the racking systems. Typically, they're manufacturer-specific for the panels that you get, and solar manufacturers, as you can guess, change rapidly.

So, the racking systems are typically replaced with the solar arrays. Typically, yes, you can

modularly replace solar cells, modules themselves. Typically, that happens due to hail damage.

Panels go bad just randomly and they're warrantied, but you wouldn't really do that in the case that the power is degrading over time. At that point, if you have one or two panels that are severely degraded, more than likely the entire array is degraded to that same point. So, only in the event of extreme damage or warranty issues would you replace them on kind of a panel-by-panel basis.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:00:22 - 1:00:37)

Then, was there at some point, I could be totally off base, wasn't there a discussion about taking the 2017 panels and putting them on the city center building? On the MRAC? On this building here.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:00:38 - 1:00:39)

They're on this building.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:00:40 - 1:01:01)

We haven't discussed the MRAC at all. I know, but I thought that there was discussion that those ones, we had this discussion about having to replace solar panels and the cost of it and stuff like that. The ones here were failing or were needed to be replaced as well.

So, there was thought of maybe taking the ones off of the pool and moving them up here. Is that my totally?

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (1:01:02 - 1:01:23)

We definitely had some discussions of that. I think that we were operating on some misinformation about the age of some of the panels and still the efficiency of them. And those, the ones at the MRAC, did they, with that roof work, did they just get pulled?

Are they still in operation?

[Alexi Lamm] (1:01:24 - 1:01:46)

Yeah, under this one, when we re-roof, we would not. This proposal does not include reinstalling any solar panels in the MRAC, yeah. We did look at doing that.

The payback period was longer and I believe we briefly discussed it also at council and we kind of got direction in the budgetary cycle to focus on city center and not the more expensive MRAC project.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:01:47 - 1:02:37)

Yeah, I thought we kind of said that we were gonna not do this with the MRAC at one time or

not replace the solar panels because of the high cost and because it was also, you know, we have \$565,000 that this project is. And then we didn't know what we were going to be getting into with the pool sinking, you know, with the replacement of equipment and everything that it might be best to put this off, you know, and stuff. And the thing that concerns me too is that, you know, I kind of, I understand the whole, oh, it puts the payoff, you know, because we're saving the \$107,000, you know, of the \$565,000, we're going to get 37% back or 30% back?

[Alexi Lamm] (1:02:37 - 1:02:54)

About 30%. So the total cost of the project, I think would if we receive that come to like 395. Yeah.

And then there's some other things that we can work out about whether it'll be 30% or higher or lower, but that's the general assumption that we're making.

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (1:02:54 - 1:03:25)

Can I add one thing to that too? There is an opportunity for roofing costs to be included in that tax credit. That's a subject to the tax advisor being more encouraged and aggressive in approaching that with the IRS.

So there is opportunities for that to not only include our scope of work, but the current roof or scope of work too. So that could be even more than that 30%, even more than the bonus stackable credits, which we can get into. So there's good opportunity for that too with their tax advisor.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:03:26 - 1:03:31)

And I think we have to remember too, that those tax credits will most likely go away at the end of this year.

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (1:03:32 - 1:03:47)

Correct. So they will sunset for sure, July of 2026. And there's additional foreign, it's called FIOC, foreign entity of concern requirements that are added in the spring, but it completely sunsets July of 2026.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:03:47 - 1:03:54)

To the point of doing it now. Thank you. Any other questions?

Yeah.

[Councilmember Luke Wojciechowski] (1:03:56 - 1:04:10)

I just had a question. So for the hybrid model, it says that there'll be a positive life cycle cashflow, but that's really just talking about the 2017 panels and these new panels, right?

There's a sunk cost associated with the 2010 panels.

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (1:04:10 - 1:04:25)

Correct. Yes. There's still going to be an inevitable sunk cost of the 2010 install, but we will be recouping the 2017 and then the cashflow of the new flat panel array would have positive implications as well.

But yes, that 2010 panel would be essentially sunk cost.

[Councilmember Luke Wojciechowski] (1:04:25 - 1:04:29)

And do we know like what the sunk cost total amount of that would be?

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (1:04:29 - 1:04:35)

It would depend on what you guys pick for it in the beginning, which I think part of it, like you said, was blue sky funded, but I'll let you speak towards that.

[Alexi Lamm] (1:04:36 - 1:04:47)

Yeah. I think we would have to look up the financials of which panels were funded by grants and how much the city put towards panels. So I don't have the numbers.

I can find them. Yeah.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:04:47 - 1:05:02)

And then there's an M and D year one that's for \$5,232. Is that a maintenance fee for the life of this or is it just year one?

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (1:05:03 - 1:05:25)

That is the year one, what's called measurement and verification, which were required by the state since this is the state program to include. And that's essentially the measurement verification. Use the definition for definition.

This is essentially the assurance of the guarantee and essentially audit to make sure those guaranteed numbers are hit.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:05:26 - 1:05:41)

So it's M and D maintenance and service agreement compensation. This is M and D year one annual amount \$5,232. It's on document 7609 on page 13.

[Mark from City] (1:05:49 - 1:05:52)

It should go all the way to the end. It's in the profile.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:05:56 - 1:06:01)

It says that it says M and D concepts below that.

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (1:06:04 - 1:06:06)

Are you looking at the tier one and tier two?

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:06:07 - 1:06:17)

I'm looking at maintenance energy management and guarantee services.

[Speaker 16] (1:06:18 - 1:06:23)

These are different. Okay. Yeah.

And where are you looking in that? Sorry.

[Councilmember Luke Wojciechowski] (1:06:30 - 1:06:34)

Is it page 13 of the PDF?

[Speaker 16] (1:06:34 - 1:06:35)

Yeah. Yeah. The PDF.

[Councilmember Luke Wojciechowski] (1:06:36 - 1:06:38)

I'm sorry. So it'd be page 12.

[Speaker 16] (1:06:39 - 1:06:47)

So page 12 of, okay. Oh, sorry. I'm just on the agenda.

Oh, thank you. Yes.

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (1:06:49 - 1:07:51)

The city center. So that, I believe that actually might be a typo. So M and D is measurement and verification.

And what you see there under it, city has increased payment can show the additional sum of 5,232 for the measurement verification program as described therein. And then the entirety of the next following pages describe what that program is. The IP and VP protocol, which is the international performance measurement verification protocol.

How it follows that the maintenance and service agreement compensation should actually be a typo on that. It shouldn't be included. That M and D sum is just the verification of the guarantee verification of production data and everything else.

And that's just the one time. Yes, sir. Yeah.

Okay. And that is something that can be waived by the city if you guys so choose. We're required by the state to offer it though.

But that can be a discussion after the first year.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:07:54 - 1:07:58)

Okay. Definitely doesn't hand down \$5,000. It's not like the water fountain.

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (1:08:01 - 1:08:15)

Questions. Yeah, another question. In addition to this, what is the estimated budget for roof replacement?

I'm assuming that's in addition to and I'm.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:08:16 - 1:08:21)

Yeah, but I mean, it's a lot of the roof. You have that paid by insurance, though, isn't it?

[Alexi Lamm] (1:08:23 - 1:08:25)

Some of it is paid by insurance.

[Speaker 17] (1:08:25 - 1:08:30)

Yeah, there's definitely depreciation. So a lot of it is paid by insurance, but it will cost the city.

[Alexi Lamm] (1:08:31 - 1:08:43)

And that has also been going through. We've been working with Barry and Levi on that part of it. So I can pull up some things that they've sent me.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:08:45 - 1:08:48)

And Danny, that's in the budget. The roofing is in the budget.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:08:54 - 1:09:52)

For me, I'm kind of curious, and I apologize that I didn't catch this before you guys presentation is that I'm curious what the sunk costs are from the original solar panels, like how much the city's into that and of that, like what the original lifespan of that was supposed to be, you know, and if we came close to that lifespan and what was, you know, because I sunk costs are a concern, you know, if we're just going farther in the hole, you know, or farther down this rabbit hole, you know, I call it a financial rabbit hole of trying to make this happen, you know, solar panels. So that's concerning to me, or that's something I'd be interested to kind of know if

possible before.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (1:09:54 - 1:10:17)

I don't think, Jason, that would show. I mean, just knowing the sunk costs of the solar panels and the installation wouldn't paint the entire picture, because then there's also our savings. You know, we ran those solar panels for 15 years, and I think that that's about the average for, you know, paying off something like that, an array like that, and I don't know exactly the...

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (1:10:17 - 1:10:54)

That's exactly what I was going to say, Colin. That 15-year period, it should very much reduce the sunk cost in the 2010 array. The 2017 array was the one of particular concern, and the fact that we can recapture the remaining life of that is positive, because that eliminates the sunk cost of that system, aside from deinstalling and reinstalling.

The 2010 array, I would say that probably cash flowed somewhere around that 15- to 20-year mark, depending on what you guys paid and what the Blue Sky grant included, and I would say you guys milked a significant portion of that out, which is positive. So I would...

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:10:54 - 1:12:07)

Yeah, I get that part of it and stuff, but it's, you know, but for me, you know, I'd kind of be interested into, you know, like this says annual energy savings of \$14,000 per year, you know, and if you look at it as a standalone, you know, of energy costs, not including, you know, the pool covers and the HVAC systems, you know, and everything like that, you look at it as a standalone system at \$14,000 per year of fuel energy costs, you know, savings, this has a payoff, and this isn't including the tax, the IRAs, you know, and stuff like that. It's about a 40-year payoff period, you know, 30, probably 38 years, you know, or something like that, you know, and stuff. And so it's like, and so like rewinding and looking back to the past, it's like, oh, this one, we only got 15 years off of it before it had, you know, positive cash flow, you know, where are we at in this, we're at that 40-year period, you know, as a standalone, not including the other things, but it is a standalone energy savings module, if you will.

Does that make sense?

[Councilmember Luke Wojciechowski] (1:12:07 - 1:12:38)

And if I understand correctly, too, like one of the things that we need to do, my info of moving forward is avoiding the increase or like associated costs with that leapfrogging that you're talking about, right? So potentially, if we stick with these, then they are out of phase with roof replacement. And so, like, we run the risk of killing the future life cycle of future, of like future solar panels. If I got that correct?

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (1:12:39 - 1:13:07)

Yeah, and I don't want to discount your point at all, because that is extremely valid. But with the Inflation Reduction Act, we would be somewhere, I think, within that 20-year time frame.

The panels for power production is 25 years. You guys won't replace your roof in that 25-year period, aside from a hailstorm, which insurance would really cover the panels as well. And then, yeah, to Luke's point, it does get out of that leapfrogging kind of cycle that you can fall into.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:13:09 - 1:13:13)

Okay, I'm going to call for a question. Do we have a motion?

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (1:13:20 - 1:13:39)

I move to approve the change order to the contract with McKinstry-Edsonton LLC, dated January 16, 2025, to include solar photovoltaics on City Center in the amount of \$565,234.96 and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:13:40 - 1:13:41)

Motion by Caitlin. Second?

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (1:13:41 - 1:13:42)

I can second that.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:13:42 - 1:13:44)

Second by Colin. Caitlin, further discussion?

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (1:13:46 - 1:14:10)

I think, in general, I mean, this is a big change order cost. I think we're all asking questions because, I mean, there's real impacts to it. I think long-term, it is the right decision, both for our roof and energy systems and cost savings.

So, yeah, thank you for running along with all of our questions and for all your work on this. Colin?

[Councilmember Luke Wojciechowski] (1:14:11 - 1:14:12)

Just thank you.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:14:13 - 1:14:14)

Anybody else?

[Councilmember Luke Wojciechowski] (1:14:15 - 1:14:25)

Yeah, just to request, if it's not too much trouble or if we could kind of try to quantify some of those sunk costs because just to have kind of a more complete picture.

[Alexi Lamm] (1:14:26 - 1:14:41)

Yeah, I can start going through older files. Both of these were installed before I was here, but we can go through city files and look for the costs and the grants that funded the originals. And then we can also get you the roof costs as well.

[Jason Grooms from McKinistry] (1:14:42 - 1:14:50)

And we can help on kind of a quick analysis on what you guys paid in the beginning versus the life that you got out to give a more clear picture on. Thank you.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:14:51 - 1:14:52)

Anybody else?

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:14:53 - 1:16:48)

Yeah, you know, I'm just, I'm not in favor of this at this time. I'm not, you know, I'm in favor of what this project is. You know, I don't, I want to come across as I'm, I think solar panels are great.

I think this is a great project. I think just right now, just not knowing kind of those questions that Luke just asked for confirmation on that and looking at the pool in general, you know, looking at the pool, we don't know what's going to happen with that pool in, after we do this study about what the pool needs, you know, and stuff. And so I think that, you know, \$565,000, half a million dollars is half a million dollars, you know?

And while I think that things are, you know, kind of ending with this administration, you know, that we don't know what's going to come about in another administration or an alternate, something that could come out. So in a way we are kind of chasing what we think is good right now and stuff, which I agree with, or to some extent, like we know what we know, you know, and, but we don't know what we don't know and stuff, but I just worry that, you know, I think the last time we did this with all those energy saving things, they were energy savings that, you know, that we were going to see a return on fairly quickly, and we will see a return on this. This is kicking it way up on the road and there's just too many, there's too many question marks for me, you know, and kind of looking at, you know, like, hey, this does pay off if you count this other stuff. You know, to me, I want to see this stand alone, you know, as energy savings.

So I think it's just not a good use of that money right now today. And so that's, I'm going to leave it at that.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:16:49 - 1:17:00)

Tony, do you have any comments? No. All right, all those in favor of the motion to approve the change order to reinstall and replace solar panels in the city's center say aye.

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (1:17:01 - 1:17:01)

Aye.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:17:01 - 1:17:04)

Any opposed? Aye. Roll call.

Caitlin?

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (1:17:04 - 1:17:04)

Aye.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:17:05 - 1:17:09)

Colin? Aye. Tony?

Aye. Luke? Aye.

Jason?

[Speaker 17] (1:17:09 - 1:17:09)

Nay.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:17:09 - 1:17:14)

Motion passes 4 to 1 with Jason in opposition. Thank you. Thank you.

[Speaker 16] (1:17:14 - 1:17:14)

Thank you all.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:17:14 - 1:17:32)

Nice, thanks. All right, our last item of general business is consideration of a contract or lobbyist services with the Bennett Group D.C. We've got Tim Stewart and Ryan Levitt on, and I believe Nathan is also with us.

[Councilmember Tawny Knutson-Boyd] (1:17:48 - 1:18:05)

Let's see if we can move them up so we can see them. My mouse beats me today. I'm sorry.

Here, so Tim is sharing the screen. I kind of moved this so they're out of the way.

[Speaker 17] (1:18:20 - 1:18:21)

We're going to leave it there.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:18:21 - 1:18:26)

All right, so we can't see Tim and Ryan? We shouldn't.

[Councilmember Tawny Knutson-Boyd] (1:18:28 - 1:18:47)

We don't have that. Let's see. I'm sorry.

Okay, there's Nathan. Hi, Nathan. I'm going to keep them kind of minimized there.

That's fine. So I want you guys to be able to see that Tim and Ryan should be on the call.

[Tim?] (1:18:48 - 1:18:51)

We are here. Can you hear us? I can.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:18:51 - 1:18:52)

There you are. Hi, Tim.

[Tim?] (1:18:52 - 1:18:53)

How are you?

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:18:53 - 1:18:55)

We're good. How are you?

[Tim?] (1:18:55 - 1:18:57)

We're doing great. We're doing great.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:18:58 - 1:19:14)

Yeah, let me just kind of frame this a little bit. You all got a chance to meet with Tim when he was here a couple of weeks or a month ago or so. The majority of you guys got to meet with Tim.

Jason and I have met him back in Washington. Ryan, who I believe is with you.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (1:19:14 - 1:19:15)

I'm on the call, yes.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:19:16 - 1:19:53)

Hi, Ryan. And he's also with the Bennett group and working with us. And as you're aware, we did sign a short contract with them for, I believe, three or four months just to get our appropriation requests in during the proper time frame to get them in.

I think we were successful on that. At least I know with the UMTRA site we were. So I'm just going to turn it over to these guys to tell you what you do, what they do for us.

And then any questions you can have. Nathan's on the call. He's familiar with this whole process, so he can help with questions in that regard as well.

[Tim?] (1:19:53 - 1:21:32)

Great. Well, it's great to be with you. And thanks for squeezing us in tonight.

We appreciate it. We know we're kind of coming to the tail end of the meeting, and we can go as long as you want or as short as you want. But we'll do a quick intro.

It was great to meet with most of you. I'm Tim Stewart. I'm a founding partner of the Bennett group, and I'm pleased to be joined by Ryan Levitt, who is the founding partner of Barker-Levitt.

We also have teamed together under the umbrella of the Bennett group to be able to pool our resources and pool our experience. My 32nd background is in 1993, I'd been married two months. I was at Utah State University when Senator Bob Bennett was elected to the Senate, and he moved me back to Washington where I worked with him for about 10 years.

When I worked for him, my primary portfolio was energy and natural resources and appropriations. I then worked with Congressman Hanson when he was chairman on the House Natural Resources Committee. I was the staff director of the committee.

When he retired, I retired, and I started a lobbying firm and a consulting firm. And when Senator Bennett was retired from the Senate, he called and said, let's start the Bennett group together. And so we worked together for years until he passed away.

We continued to work under his name. And so I've got about a total of 30 years, I can't believe it, but 30 years experience in Washington. I live in Logan.

I commute to DC each week. I'm in DC right now. And it's great to be able to work in the short term and hopefully work longer term for you.

So Ryan, I'll kick it over to you real quick.

[Ryan?] (1:21:33 - 1:22:40)

Terrific. Thanks, Tim. As was mentioned, I'm Ryan Levitt.

I teamed up about six years ago with Jim Barker. Some of you may know Jim Barker. He was a former chief of staff to Senator Bennett and former staff director on the House Natural

Resources Committee as well.

Prior to being here in the private sector, I worked on Capitol Hill for about 10 years, largely with the Utah Congressional Delegation. I worked for Senator Orrin Hatch. I worked for then Congressman John Curtis, who's now joined the Senate and did about 10 years on the Hill doing a variety of public policy issues.

I'm an attorney licensed and barred in Washington, DC. And for the last couple of years, I've had a teaming agreement and I'm working with the Bennett Group. And I'm honored to be working alongside Tim with the Bennett Group on representation for Move City here in Washington, DC.

And with that, Tim, I'll hand it back over to you.

[Tim?] (1:22:41 - 1:24:26)

Appreciate it. And to be honest with you folks, having Ryan with us has been a phenomenal impact on our ability and our reach. I do think you've got a great team in the Bennett Group itself.

We are Utah centric, but not strictly Utah. There are about 12 of us who operate as partners in the Bennett Group right now. And we work with a wide variety of clients.

We are bicameral and bipartisan in terms of the groups that we work for, in terms of the members of Congress that we work with, both Republicans and Democrats, but we are a bipartisan firm as well. So I think the whole purpose of us putting this together was to be able to demonstrate to clients that this is probably one of the, for a city like Moab, probably the broadest and the deepest you can get of any Washington firm. We're not a churn and burn firm.

When you hire us, you get Ryan and you get Tim. We don't actually have junior staffers. And a lot of times the folks will be hired by big DC firms and they'll be carried.

You'll sign an agreement and then you'll be dumped off to a junior level associate whom you've never met and you have to work with that person. Unfortunately or fortunately, depending on your perspective, what you see is what you get. And so you get Tim and Ryan and the rest of the firm in all of this.

And so that's a quick overview of where we're at. We can give you, if you want, an overview of the relationships we have, the priorities, the reputation, brand management. I don't know how much depth you want us to go in.

Or we could just give you a quick update on Washington and then answer questions. Mayor, what's your preference there?

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:24:27 - 1:24:29)

What do you guys want? I'd love all of it. All of it.

[Tim?] (1:24:30 - 1:24:31)

All of it. Okay.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:24:31 - 1:24:33)

Remember now, it's like nine o'clock.

[Tim?] (1:24:34 - 1:24:43)

Oh, it's fine. It's fine. We still can be concise.

So we'll be real quick. Ryan, do you want to talk a little bit about our relationships and I'll talk about administration?

[Ryan?] (1:24:43 - 1:27:55)

Sure. Well, just speaking with the Utah delegation first, we've shared a little bit about our professional background working in the Utah Congressional Delegation. But beyond that, I can say confidently, there isn't a firm in Washington, D.C. that has a better and closer relationship with the Utah Congressional Delegation than we do at the Bennett Group. Having worked a long time on the Hill, Tim and I have hired many of the people who are now serving in those staff positions and working on those things. And so we have close personal relationships with the members of Congress themselves, but also their senior and key staff. And so you're in great hands in terms of navigating and understanding how to best work with the Utah Congressional Delegation.

But as Tim mentioned, beyond Utah, we're a firm with clients all over the country. We work with public and private sector organizations all across the country. And we have strong relationships not only with our Utah Congressional Delegation, but with key committee staff and other congressional offices who are serving on key committees in the House and the Senate that have an impact on issues that are important to MoAB, whether it be on the appropriation side or the authorization side.

We've been in D.C. a long time, and my practice is very heavily focused on working with public sector folks, state, county, local governments, public universities, transportation districts, water districts, folks who are engaging with the federal government, really seeking federal assistance or federal investment in public infrastructure projects. And I know these are things that MoAB is seeking some representation in Washington, D.C. These are some of the things you're interested in is trying to unlock as much federal funding and federal investment in some pretty important public infrastructure projects for the city. And that's really our bread and butter.

That's what we do the best at pairing your infrastructure needs with available federal funding, whether it be through discretionary grant programs, through direct appropriations from

Congress, earmarks, you name it. If there's public federal funding available, we want to help you maximize opportunities. And this is a very challenging environment for federal spending.

I would say if you had met with us a year or two ago, the landscape looked a lot different and now having some federal consultants like Tim and myself in your corner is more important than ever so that we can help you navigate a new administration, new Congress that's working hard to cut spending and to pair things back. So that's how I'd respond there, Tim, and I'll kick it back to you.

[Tim?] (1:27:55 - 1:30:06)

Yeah, I appreciate that. And so for the group, the other advantage we have, it's a particular snapshot in time. You know, 80% of life has been in the right place at the right time.

It just so happens that with the second Trump administration, it's very different than the first one, primarily in the people who now have gone into the administration to work on various programs, which will be of great benefit to the city over the next three and a half years. We have people who have worked closely with us. We have people who have left our firm to go work into the administration.

And the advantage is that if there are priorities coming out of the Department of Transportation, out of Interior, out of Energy, out of EPA, out of Army Corps of Engineers, we have people who we have worked very closely with who are now in positions of making key decisions that will benefit the city. So that's a good thing. We will use those relationships judiciously.

This takes us to this third part, which is the advantage that we have in working with the city is you have your own reputation and your own brand, and it's our job to help you manage that to maximize that and to the best we possibly can. You're very unique, to be honest with you, among other clients we've worked with right now. You're a gateway community.

Everybody is familiar with Moab, and that is a great brand to have, which means that their willingness to engage with you extends far beyond what they might with another run-of-the-mill municipality. So I think between what you have and what your brand is and what our ability is in D.C., I think we can do some really good things together, so we're excited about that. Real quick, we can give you just a quick overview on where we're up to date right now, coming into the end of July, and then a little bit what we expect through the end of the year.

We've spent, actually any questions before we, any questions on that previous slide that we can answer for you?

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:30:08 - 1:30:10)

I think let's just keep moving, Tim.

[Tim?] (1:30:10 - 1:31:26)

Okay, we're moving. We're moving. It has been a very, very chaotic year to date.

We have spent an incredible amount of time on reconciliation and rescission and appropriations activities. It is a unique year, particularly on the appropriations cycle, because you did not have ultimately an end product from last year, which means there is a one-year backup, a one-year backlog on appropriations requests. Some entities decided not to resubmit their requests, which opened up a little bit of carrying capacity.

We were able to get the city's request in in time, and the feedback we've had from particularly Senator Curtis' office, who is the one who is taking the lead on the bridge project. The staff indicated that we, for whatever reason, the account that we asked for, they did not have any other entities asking for that account, so we find that encouraging. The question is just really, can the Senate get its work done, given the fact that there's a backlog?

And I'm sure legislation, as you know, Ryan, real quick, not on the legislation, but on the earmark. We've got some early success there, at least I'm protecting that earmark in the rescission environment, but go ahead, if you want to just, the figure.

[Ryan?] (1:31:27 - 1:33:47)

Yeah, absolutely. So the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, the House of Representatives released their bill, and we shared this with city staff, that the UMTRA line item was funded in the House at just a little over \$74 million for fiscal year 26. This is significant, considering most accounts across the federal government were seeing cuts, and so we were sort of bracing for impact on how this might impact the UMTRA project this year.

But that's a really good funding number that was included in the House, and typically the House in this environment would have a lower number than the Senate would. So, you know, the fact that the House was generous towards this project, I think, bodes very well for moving forward. I think if we could sort of forecast challenges that may arise, because of the partisan nature of the reconciliation and the rescissions package that the Republicans in Congress just passed, there's a lot of distrust right now between the Democrats and the Republicans on spending, and we're hearing some buzz now that there may be some trouble wrapping up the fiscal year 26 Appropriations Bill and getting it done in time, and potentially even seeing some sort of a shutdown, a government shutdown. I don't know how long that lasts.

Typically, when we've seen shutdowns, they last a couple of weeks, and then some sort of an agreement is reached to move forward. So I do want to forecast that it's not smooth sailing, necessarily, to get to an agreement on spending for fiscal year 26, but what we do know is that the UMTRA project received really good funding numbers in the House. We anticipate the Senate will be the same once they release their bill.

And then once, you know, there are sort of bigger forces at play as to getting an agreement on

spending for next year. But once that happens, we feel confident that UMTRA should be in pretty good shape. And we were really pleased with the outcome in the House bill.

[Tim?] (1:33:48 - 1:36:27)

Yeah, we, at best, we got a slight shave and, you know, a trim around the ears compared to some other projects. So we're pretty lucky that. But that also demonstrates that this is definitely a priority for the administration and for DOE.

What that leads to then is into the other legislation. Obviously, this sits in Senator Lee's, in his corral, so to speak, to round this up and get it out. We've spoken with the staff again recently.

They are in the process of clearing out the fall calendar. We hope to be able to have a hearing and some activity there in the fall. We also have talked to them about, this is actually one of those high profile projects that come in under the administration's priorities of making America beautiful again.

This is a, frankly, it's a keystone project to be able to waive. So they will work with the administration to try and line up the priority list there. And we should have, hopefully, have a high profile event come next year at this time.

Again, legislation, infrastructure. We've got some really good opportunities to get this legislation passed. We'll come back in when things settle down a little bit and take a broader look at the overall infrastructure that we need, the priorities that you're going to want us to work on, particularly with the bridge project as well.

We're working on having the Army Corps come down and spend some time with us in the fall. Still waiting to hear back from them. But if there are new opportunities and everything from what that afternoon I spent down a couple weeks ago was really helpful to me.

Open up everything from the opportunities with transit to recycling, for example, recycling pilot programs. There's some opportunities out there, some considerations we're looking forward to making. I also look forward to helping you guys build relationships that you think you need.

And I just, I go back to, I mentioned this earlier, but you're in a really unique position to be some thought leadership on public lands and what it means to be a gateway community and how to maintain that balance. We look forward to being able to put you out in front and be able to help other people realize what a unique community you are and how good you are at what you do. So that's us.

That's the road ahead. We'll try to be brief there, but we'll stop and we'll just answer questions. But thanks for letting us visit with Thanks, Tim and Ryan.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:36:27 - 1:36:28)

Questions for these guys.

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (1:36:32 - 1:36:49)

Yeah, I'm wondering, can you give us a more specific answer on where we're at? Are we going to get bridge funding? Like where are we at in that process?

How much would we be anticipating getting? Can you tell us more specifically about what's happening with that?

[Tim?] (1:36:50 - 1:39:21)

We can be specific as to where we're at, but to be able to be specific as to whether we're going to get it, that's nobody knows that right now because the Senate committee hasn't started to meet yet. But that's a great question. And so I don't know how familiar with the appropriations process.

Ryan, you can jump in here as well. But it's interesting. It's this hurry up and wait, hurry up and wait, hurry up, wait process.

Typically, the fiscal year runs from October 1st to September 30th. Typically and theoretically, according to the law, the Congress has to run on that fiscal year. But Congress has had this tendency over the last 15 years to not follow its own fiscal rules.

And then you see the bleed over further and further and further. That's why you have a continuing resolution. Then you end up in an omnibus spending bill where everything's jammed together and passed in January, February, March, when it should have been passed back in October.

We've gone through the regular order process. We came on right as that process was starting to close out. And so we submitted the appropriations request through Senator Curtis's office because the Senate rules were different than the House rules.

We worked with Congressman Kennedy's office and on that request, but the rules coming out of the House Appropriations Committee, we couldn't pound that square peg into the round hole. There were too many requirements that we either didn't have time to meet or we hadn't, we just weren't going to make it fit. So we took it to the Senate and Senator Curtis took that.

He's very good at this process. Senator Lee's office is not as engaged in the appropriations process as Senator Curtis is. So we wrote it, we submitted it, we submitted letters of support.

The staff came back and asked questions. And when we did the final submission, they came back and as I mentioned, they said, this is good. I think we can fit this into at least our priority list in terms of where it is a priority for Senator Curtis submitting it forward.

Which is a great one, that's a first hurdle to overcome because it means that we're not number four or five, six or seven of the same priority list coming out of the same account. The indication they had was that we were, we had a straight shot at least in terms of their priority for this

particular account. Now where we're at right now is the Senate still needs to actually begin its appropriations process.

The House is halfway through theirs. The Senate hasn't yet started. Ryan, I don't know if you've got any news on that.

[Ryan?] (1:39:21 - 1:41:12)

Yeah, so I had a conversation today with Senator Curtis's legislative director who's quarterbacking the appropriations process for the Senator this go-around. I spoke with him earlier today. In fact, today they released the first three appropriations bills lists of earmarks.

And so it's not this account, but what we are seeing is that the appropriations process is starting to move forward. The military VA construction bill is set to be on the floor of the Senate this week. So there is some progress that the Senate is starting to move.

I anticipate that we will have a better picture on the bridge funding in the next week or two, potentially, as soon as that. If not, it will be in September, early September. But I think they're trying to move these report language out so we can see what's in the bill.

And as Tim mentioned, you know, getting the project submitted is the first hurdle. And the second hurdle is seeing the, actually the funding listed in the bill itself, which hopefully we'll have that in the next, you know, week or two. And then, you know, once that's listed in the base text, we're almost 80% there.

And then it's just a matter of Congress reaching a broader agreement on spending moving forward. But I think we'll have a sense pretty soon on how things sit with that funding and what the funding level is anticipated in the Senate. Another sort of nuance, we're seeing generally in the appropriations bills that have come out in the Senate, the numbers that they're giving for earmarks in the Senate are higher than what they put, they contemplated in the House.

So, you know, if we had to be put into one bill, one or the other, being in the Senate bill is a better place to be in terms of funding. So that's a positive as well.

[Tim?] (1:41:12 - 1:41:43)

I think the one advantage we have is then Congressman Curtis was so closely tied to the problem. He came down, he saw where it was within hour, I guess a day of the flooding. He's very familiar with this.

He knows that it is a priority. And I think the indication that we've got is because it's a priority for us, it's one of his priorities as well. So that's kind of where we're at right now.

We don't know much more. Theoretically, like Ryan said, though, this will be either by the end of July or sometime in September, we'll know where we're at.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:41:45 - 1:41:49)

Thank you. Any other questions?

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:41:52 - 1:41:53)

I'd like to make a motion.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:41:54 - 1:41:54)

Okay.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:41:55 - 1:41:59)

I'm going to approve the proposed contract for lobbyist services with the Bennett group.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:42:00 - 1:42:05)

Motion by Jason. Do I have a second? I'll second.

Second by Luke. Discussion, Jason.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:42:06 - 1:44:01)

No, I just like to say that, you know, I've had the opportunity to meet him and work with him, you know, a little bit this spring and stuff. And I have a huge amount of confidence and adoration for what these guys do, not just because, you know, they're really smart about what's going on in Washington, you know, and stuff. And I look to like, you know, they know, plus these guys know our area, you know, really well.

And I loved how, like, when we, when Tim came down here, and we were talking to him about the mat, you know, and how we don't know what we're going to do, you know, and Tim, like, perks up and he's like, Hey, we could do this, this, this, if you looked at this, look at this, look at this. And I think that, for me, it was like, wow, you know, it's getting outside help to help us within our community, you know, and, and it's really is taking up the level of service we're providing to our residents, you know, by, by working with, with people who, who know more than we do, and they know how to make things happen more than, than, than we do here and stuff. And so I think just that knowledge and, and who they know and how to get through the process and helping us work through the process, you know, is, is the same benefit as us having legal representation, you know, an accounting firm representing us, you know, and, or, you know, hiring an engineering firm to, to see what we need, you know, these guys, you know, are that are someone for us to rely on, to help us to, you know, make, get things across the finish line for our residents that we need, you know, that we may not be able to see within the scope of what we do.

So I'm excited about this and I hope that, you know, that you guys can see the benefit of it as

well.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (1:44:02 - 1:44:03)

Luke.

[Councilmember Luke Wojciechowski] (1:44:04 - 1:44:57)

Yeah, no, I echo a lot of what Jason had stated there. I do think I just developing this relationship with the Bennett Group really does open up a whole new field to play in that we weren't even like necessarily aware existed. And it's a field that's a lot greener in terms of potential money that we might be able to bring into the community.

So I do feel like this is kind of like a sound move to make on the city's behalf. And like, ideally, we'll have like a pretty significant ROI for this community. And yeah, I had a really great time meeting Tim.

And was just overall very impressed, like, throughout our interaction. And yeah, in support of this.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:44:58 - 1:44:59)

Thanks, Luke. Anybody else?

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (1:45:01 - 1:46:59)

I can comment. I wish I could have met you, Tim, when you were in town. Apologies for missing that.

I won't be supporting this tonight. It's nothing against you guys. I think it's, we've had enough conversations about it.

I think the way that some of this process has unfolded and, you know, when I'm thinking about wants versus needs of the city, understanding the decision we just made spending half a million dollars, this is only \$70,000. This feels to me like a want at this point. I think that when, you know, I hear that, I think there's potential for ROI.

I think it's too soon for me to feel convinced that this is a road that the city should go down in a really strong way to have an ongoing federal lobbyist. I think that there are issues that are important to the city. But the issues that I care about are, you know, things that happen directly here.

And I think that a lot when we're thinking about when the community hears that we're considering hiring a federal lobbyist, I think that we as a city, as a council, are not in a place yet where we can take full advantage of having a federal lobbyist and be able to make statements on things other than flooding mitigation and UMTRA. And I think that until we're ready to have

a full scope of how the city plays in federal sandbox in a really big way, I'm not going to be ready to support just having a federal lobbyist. It's nothing against you guys.

I think, you know, as far as firms go that we could select, you'd be a great option. I think it's just the general concept of where the city's at right now and how comfortable I feel with us hiring a federal lobbyist and really starting to dive into that in a longer term way.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:47:00 - 1:48:12)

Anybody else? Before I call for the question, I just like to disagree with you, Caitlin. I think that this is a need.

We've got a huge project at the gateway of our town, the UMTRA site. And from my experience working with the federal government over many years, having a lobbyist on our side in Washington on a consistent, constant basis, we would never ever be able to do what these guys are doing for us. And, you know, once we started talking, more and more things came up that Tim could help us with, like the MOAB, the MAT.

I mean, the transit service that we have. In three years, we need to come up with a million dollars a year to sustain that program. When, you know, just in conversation with Tim, he's like, oh, well, I have a connection up in Logan.

Logan had the same exact issue. And now they have 40 buses and they have good funding from the federal level. So I just feel like this is a need.

I think it's a very important need, you know, but money is going to be a tight. And I think being able to access some federal dollars is hugely, hugely important for our community. So with that being said, I'm just going to go ahead and call for the, go ahead.

[Councilmember Luke Wojciechowski] (1:48:12 - 1:49:24)

I just want to add one thing. I did have my consternation about like the money associated with this, because it was really great meeting with Tim and him outlining a lot more work that they could potentially do. But having gone into this, we did only have a couple of like big ticket items on our list.

What I did find kind of comforting within the contract itself was that from my reading of it is it's not like a flat \$6,000 a month fee. It's just a cap of shall not exceed \$6,000 per month. So if we potentially aren't in a position to fully take advantage of their services, I don't think it's going to cost us like the full \$72,000.

And so really it's like we get what we want out of it type of deal. And that really kind of like eased a lot of heartburn that I had about that because yeah, that kind of combined with just really the tremendous insight that Tim had in just a lot of different like angles that kind of the situations that we're dealing with in our community can be approached that from a federal

level.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:49:25 - 1:49:34)

Right. All right. I'll call for the vote.

All those in favor in approving the contract for lobbyist service with the Bennett group. Say aye.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (1:49:35 - 1:49:35)

Aye.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:49:35 - 1:50:04)

All those opposed. Nay. Roll call.

Caitlin. Nay. Aye.

Connie. Aye. Luke.

Aye. Jason. Aye.

Motion passes four to one. Thank you guys. We will be in touch for our Thursday meeting very soon.

Probably next week, Tim, we'll do a zoom with you. All right. Great.

All right. We need to figure out because the time that we had didn't work. So when Michael's back on Monday, we'll figure out another time and get with you.

Okay.

[Tim?] (1:50:05 - 1:50:07)

Awesome. Thanks. Have a great.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:50:07 - 1:50:17)

All right. All right. That's it for a general business.

We will move on to mayor council reports and we'll start with you, Jason.

[Councilmember Jason Taylor] (1:50:17 - 1:50:29)

I have nothing. I have had no meetings the last two weeks. I got a bunch next starting next week.

But this was kind of a quiet two weeks for me.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:50:29 - 1:50:31)

Good. Summer. Luke.

[Councilmember Luke Wojciechowski] (1:50:32 - 1:56:02)

So I attended the planning commission two days after our last council meeting. Still super impressed by the commission members that we have on there. Excited to hear that we filled the final vacancy.

I think there was a really thoughtful and insightful discussion about the readiness ordinance. And then there is a request for a landscaping exception that once again was really well thought out. I think the discussion on that topic took like an hour or so.

But it really shows just how much care the planning commission members put into their decision making process. So just want to give them a shout out in the city staff who kind of helped facilitate and participated in that conversation as well. I attended the local homeless council.

We unfortunately got a warning from Jerry Pruitt at Department of Workforce Services where there is currently an ongoing issue of people's SNAP benefits getting stolen. And in a way that they have not figured out how to address. But in a lot of situations, as soon as somebody's card goes live, it gets stolen.

There is no way of returning that money or anything like that. The best advice they have right now is basically don't activate the card until you are literally about to use it. And then immediately try to deactivate it afterwards.

From what I was reading online, it looks like the Secret Service is beginning to look into this because it is a nationwide issue that is kind of developing. In terms of updates from the free health clinic, they are reporting that showers for homeless are going to be available on Fridays. Their outreach, often in collaboration with Mob Solutions, occurs on Thursdays.

And they have a community luncheon. There was some concern expressed about the potential Medicaid cuts and what that might or how that might impact the free health clinic. Mayor McGann said that their county commission is exploring the possibility of establishing a homeless cooling center at the library.

It likely won't be feasible this year due to budget constraints, but they're hoping that they can make it a reality for next year. I attended the Mott meeting last week, where Arnie Holquist retired. That was his last day.

He's definitely going to be missed. He was a very integral part of that community. But he is being replaced by Daniel Lake, who I'm not too familiar with, but I've heard really great things about.

We had a presentation about injection wells as potential water retention slash detention pond alternatives and for flood mitigation. We got a presentation from the USU grad student who is going to be doing the 3D modeling of water resources in Spanish Valley. Really excited about that.

A lot of the organizations there at the end of her presentations volunteered to connect with her to give her more data. And I think the thing that I'm most excited about is that at the end of her project, she's actually going to upload her model to a public website so that it can be used moving forward. And so from my understanding, the more data that we're able to feed into these models, the more accurate that they can be.

So this will be a very significant resource for the city and really just its general areas at future water planning. Really excited about that. And then attended the GLSSA meeting last week, where we just went over other findings.

Everything looked great in that regard. Unfortunately, Ken's Lake levels aren't looking great. If usage trends continue, they will be short over 300 acre feet this year, which to quantify that in gallons is just shy of 100 million gallons.

GWES has already started pumping from one of their wells and will likely begin pumping from their other one. And in response to this entire situation, they have their water down to 70% of typical levels. Users who go above that will incur pumping fees.

And then we had a couple of representatives from Thompson Special Service District coming in requesting help from GWES in terms of getting their SCADA system up and running. They currently have a moratorium on hookups that was imposed by the Division of Drinking Water. They need to be able to prove they have enough water to be able to supply the needs.

So GWES is going to kind of be going over some of the financial structures that they have as the way that things are set up right now. They're having negative cash flow. And then Thompson has also requested to ultimately be taken over by GWES.

That's something that's still in its very early preliminary conversation, but they just don't have the resources there. They consistently can't get a quorum at meetings, and so things get delayed and delayed and delayed. But yeah, we're not sure how that, like what direction that's going to head in, but that is it in terms of my meetings.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (1:56:03 - 1:56:04)

Thanks, Luke. Tawny?

[Councilmember Tawny Knutson-Boyd] (1:56:04 - 2:00:04)

Yeah.

Actually, the only meeting I attended was the USU Advisory Board meeting, and there's a lot

going on at the university. Mayor mentioned last week or last meeting about the ESL course completion. This is the third completion, and 102 students have graduated from that program.

It's not a degree program or it's not a credit program, but 102 students over the past three sessions have graduated. Some of the students had some hesitations for a gathering after the graduation, but they decided that this was a milestone that they had reached, and they were happy to have their little get-together, and they were really, really pleased with that the mayor was there. And there were students in this group from Turkey, France, Latin America, and I believe that he said one from Russia.

And let's see, a couple of the students that graduated were interested in becoming EMTs, and another wanted to get their GED so they could go into nursing, which is great. I'm having a hard time with the glasses and the print that is minuscule. I can't help you.

I need a magnifying glass. The university would like to start a concurrent enrollment program for the EMTs, this program is working in Blanding and Price. The thing that is holding them up is looking for an instructor for the class, so it likely won't start until next spring or fall.

It's 160 hours for concurrent enrollment, and there will be positions held for adults if it doesn't fill up with high school kids. And let's see, the search for a new president for the university has begun, and those, the applications are online, and they're due by September 12th, so if you want to be the president of the UHU, get your application in there. And they have made that a more private process.

They thought that it would, being so public, it didn't attract as many people as it could. And they installed a cactus garden that was done by the extension service, and all of the plants were donated. Not everything is native to the area, but they are plants that work well, and it is really pretty if you want to go out and see it.

And there are scholarships that are open until August 25th for people that want to go into elementary education. There are four available scholarships of 50% or \$2,000 off tuition per semester for those who would want to work in the Grand County School District. And I think that's pretty much it.

And just a reminder that the museum is going to have their ice cream social on Thursday, and they will have an Aggie ice cream, and they will also have pies to taste and to, I can't remember if they're going to be sold or auctioned. So if you want to make a pie in your free time, you can take it to the museum on Thursday. And that's from 6 until 8.

And that's it. Thanks Connie. Colin.

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (2:00:05 - 2:02:19)

On the 15th, I met with Alexi and Michael and UDOT, Jared Beard, to talk about pedestrian safety enhancements to the Main Street area of Moab, and also to share with them our new

policy on high visibility crosswalks. It's really great and informative discussion. One of the things that is happening soon is we did learn that in the next two weeks, I think the first week of August, I believe, the bump outs on Main Street are going to go in for that temporary pilot program.

Okay. So look forward to that. And then that evening, I attended a commission meeting.

And then on the 16th, there was a solid waste meeting. The solid waste just submitted a grant to help improve access to glass recycling in our small and remote community. And then also really excited that the compost program is about to kick off.

The composter should be here sooner than later, commercial composting program. And that program is going to be very well received in this community and really look forward to that. On the 21st, the non-motorized travel management plan had its business stakeholder meeting.

I guess that was just last night or the night before. In preparation for this meeting and Pat's presentation, I did go through the parks master plan. And the thing that stood out to me relative to this non-motorized travel management plan is that one of the highest priorities in that plan is 60% of respondents in one survey said that the greatest majority of respondents said that they were interested in more walking and biking trails in Moab.

And so that's almost exactly what this master plan is looking at and how to really connect things and enhance the walkability and rollability of Moab. And so it is a really timely planning process to be going through. That's it for me.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (2:02:20 - 2:02:21)

Thank you. Caitlin?

[Councilmember Kaitlin Myers] (2:02:22 - 2:03:42)

I don't have much.

Unfortunately, I missed LPC meeting last week. I was traveling. Do want to push though the housing task force is having a housing town hall next Wednesday, the 30th at 630 at the mark.

We will be talking a little bit about the housing survey we've been running, but mostly it's a town hall conversation with city, county staff, and kind of affordable housing and market representatives in the housing and development world all coming together, having some conversations about where the market is at, where we're going, what the priorities are, what's working, what's not. And then intention is for at least half of that time to be more of a town hall Q&A structure, inviting the public to come and ask housing experts about kind of what's going on. This is part of the task force larger initiative to just interface more with the community about housing.

There's a lot that's going on. There's a lot that isn't going on. And so we're trying to do more on

a more regular basis to get that information out there.

So 630 next Wednesday. Yeah, really excited about that. So that's it for me.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (2:03:43 - 2:03:48)

Thank you. Had an interim meeting today. Did you mention that, Colin, in your report?

[Councilmember Colin Topper] (2:03:49 - 2:03:49)

I did not.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (2:03:50 - 2:06:07)

Colin and I were at the Moab Steering Committee meeting today. It was very well attended. We got a lot of updates.

And interestingly enough, Senator Lee's staff, Joel Brown, and Congressman Kennedy's staff, Ron Dunn, were there, and they didn't even know about this appropriation request for UMPDRA at \$74 million. So we got to share that with them. They were very, they were surprised as well, being how the conditions are in Congress that we were able to get that amount of appropriation in the bill.

Hopefully it'll stay. They do plan on being done, have all the contaminated dirt and whatever's left over. I guess they have a name for it.

I can't remember what the name for by April of 27. So with that infusion of money, hopefully they'll get that project completed sooner. Connie and I have a special health care, special service meeting tomorrow to talk about a few things.

And then Jason and I also, we attended the chamber meeting tonight. It was a business, social, very well attended, also being made a presentation. I gave a little quick two second talk because we were late and we needed to get here.

So that was good. And also from Michael, I mean, he doesn't know I'm telling you this, but I'm telling you this. He did sign a notice of intent to begin the feasibility study scoping project for connecting water and sewer to Arches National Park.

They are paying for it 100%. We just wanted to make sure that we were the lead in that study. And so he did sign that agreement.

I'm pretty sure that that's gone in effect. It's non-binding. It doesn't cost us anything.

That's why it didn't come before you guys. If we move forward, there'll be a lot more discussion about that. And then last August 12th is our next scheduled meeting and it is canceled.

So we will be not meeting again until August, I believe 28th. Yeah, the end of August. So that'll

give you guys a lot of time to go to a bunch of meetings and come back and have really long reports.

So anyway, that's it. Motion to adjourn.

[Speaker 16] (2:06:07 - 2:06:09)

So moved. Second.

[Mayor Joette Langianese] (2:06:10 - 2:06:12)

Great. We're adjourned. Thank you.

Thank you.