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TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE AND AGENDA
THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025,
AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER, 126 LION BOULEVARD, SPRINGDALE, UTAH
THE MEETING STARTS AT 10:00 AM.

A live broadcast of this meeting will be available to the public for viewing/listening only.

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Approval of the Special Meeting agenda

A. Announcements/Information

1. General Announcements

B. Administrative Action Item

1. Local Consent Request for a Restaurant - Limited Service Alcohol License for Vanup LLC, DBA Onyx Pizzeria, located at 1458 Zion Park Boulevard, Springdale, UT 84767. Applicant: Stephen Thomas. Staff Contact: Aren Emerson.

C. Administrative Non-Action Items

1. Budget Work Session to Discuss the FY 2025-26 Budget. Staff Contact: Rick Wixom.

D. Adjourn

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APPROVED

Barbara Bruno

DATE

4-16-25

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**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025,
AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER, 126 LION BOULEVARD, SPRINGDALE, UTAH**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Bruno, Council Members Randy Aton, Jack Burns, Pat Campbell, and Kyla Topham

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Police Chief Garen Brecke, Director of Community Development Thomas Dansie, Human Resources Director and Town Treasurer Dawn Brecke, Director of Parks and Recreation Ryan Gubler, Public Works Superintendent Rob Totten, Streets Supervisor Robert George, Deputy Clerk Robin Romero, and Town Clerk Aren Emerson recording.

The Special Meeting convened at 10:02 AM.

Approval of the Special Meeting Agenda

Kyla Topham made a motion to approve the special meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Pat Campbell.

Vote on the motion:

Burns: Aye

Aton: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Campbell: Aye

Topham: Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

A. Announcements/Information

1. General announcements

Town Clerk Aren Emerson announced the community shred event would be taking place on Friday, April 18, 2025.

B. Administrative Action Item

1. Local Consent Request for a Restaurant – Limited Service Alcohol License for Vanup LLC, DBA Onyx Pizzeria, located at 1458 Zion Park Boulevard, Springdale, UT 84767. Applicant: Stephen Thomas. Staff Contact: Aren Emerson

Town Clerk Aren Emerson presented a request for local consent for a Restaurant Limited Service Alcohol License submitted by Stephen Thomas on behalf of Vanup LLC, dba Onyx Pizzeria, located at 1458 Zion Park Boulevard. Ms. Emerson explained that the request was in compliance with state and local licensing requirements. The applicant was not in attendance. There were no questions raised by the Council.

Pat Campbell moved that the Town Council, as the local business licensing authority, reviewed the request on April 16, 2025, and gives written consent to the Alcohol Beverage Services Commission to consider the issuance of an on-premise retail alcohol license to Onyx Pizzeria under applicable Utah Code, and authorizes the Mayor to sign the document. The motion was seconded by Kyla Topham.

Vote on the motion:

Burns: Aye

Aton: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Campbell: Aye

Topham: Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Administrative Non-Action Item

1. Budget Work Session to Discuss the FY 2025-26 Budget. Staff Contact: Rick Wixom

Town Manager Rick Wixom gave a presentation on the tentative FY 2025-26 budget. The session was for review and feedback. No action would be taken during this meeting on this item. He explained one of the larger changes was to the Government Buildings fund, which was due to the debt service.

In response to a question from Mayor Bruno regarding the Legislative Council account, Mr. Wixom explained that the account appeared low due to pending RAP tax allocations. He noted that once applications were submitted, the balance would likely adjust accordingly.

Mayor Bruno also inquired about the change to the Non-Departmental Fund. Mr. Wixom clarified that the change reflected an appropriation from the fund balance following the bond issuance.

Irrigation Fund

Mr. Wixom clarified a typographical error in the narrative, noting that the projected revenue for the Irrigation Fund was incorrectly listed as \$190,400; the correct amount is \$147,000. Mayor Bruno then inquired why the fund required such a substantial subsidy from the General Fund, approximately \$75,000. Mr. Wixom explained that the irrigation system serves only about 90 users yet incurs nearly \$150,000 in utility costs, which is unsustainable for such a small customer base.

Mr. Burns asked for clarification on the cost structure of the fund and why expenses were being distributed across multiple departments. Mr. Wixom responded that a significant portion of the fund's costs are related to employee salaries and time spent on irrigation operations, which are tracked through timecard entries. He emphasized that the infrastructure requires ongoing maintenance regardless of the limited number of users.

Mr. Burns asked what the financial impact would be if employee salaries were not allocated to the Irrigation Fund. Mr. Wixom responded that allocating personnel time to the fund reflects the actual costs associated with its operation.

Streets Department

Streets Supervisor Robert George presented the Streets Department budget, highlighting a major curb, gutter, and sidewalk project scheduled from Church Street to Montclair. He noted the department had requested an additional employee to improve workflow and project delivery, but the request was not included in the tentative budget. No additional questions were asked by the Council.

Parks and Recreation

Director Ryan Gubler presented the Parks and Recreation budget, which included increased costs for maintenance and program support. He highlighted three areas: the construction of public plaza restrooms, upgrades and fencing in the dog area (\$17–18k), which would be a request through RAP tax funds, and expanded funding for the Zion Chalk and EarthFest (\$25k).

Mayor Bruno noted that a part-time position had been requested to assist with park maintenance in previous years. She asked whether, with the addition of the new plaza, Mr. Gubler believed existing staff would be able to keep up with the increased maintenance demands.

Mr. Burns asked why a two-day event, estimated at nearly \$100,000 including personnel and volunteer time, was prioritized over funding a seasonal staff position to support town needs. He also inquired about the long-term sustainability of continued event-related expenditures.

Mr. Burns cited the Butch Cassidy event as an example, noting that it generates sufficient revenue through registration fees, donations, and sponsorships to cover its costs.

Mayor Bruno acknowledged that the Chalk and Earth Fest was a successful event and expressed agreement with Mr. Burns' comments.

Mr. Gubler stated that if the Council considered the event a priority, an analysis would be necessary to determine how it could be made sustainable.

Ms. Topham asked whether there was a way to track the revenue trend for local businesses during these events.

Mr. Gubler responded that, based on conversations with Nate Wells and Cade Campbell of the Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau, they had not observed a significant increase in revenue during these events.

Mr. Burns suggested consideration of a Landscape Architect Service as it related to the design of the cemetery and ballfield. He suggested utilizing students at a university to provide these services to the town. Council members agreed to include a placeholder in the budget, and Mr. Burns will follow up to gather additional information.

Community Development

Director Thomas Dansie reported that all special project funding had been removed due to budget constraints. These projects included a sidewash erosion hazard study, the Sustainable Destination Stewardship Plan, short-term rental compliance software (\$6,500), and a contingency fund for ordinance consulting. Councilmembers expressed concern about the removal of the Stewardship Plan, with Ms. Topham requesting a future presentation on its purpose and alignment with the general plan. It was asked whether the Town could apply for TRT funding from Washington County for planning projects. Town Manager Wixom clarified that the county does not allow TRT funds to be used for planning.

Mr. Dansie noted that one of the accounts in his department was related to the Historic Preservation Commission, which was requesting approximately \$10,000 for a wall at the Pioneer Cemetery project. The wall would be located near the new parking area, helping to prevent use of the unauthorized trail and offering a space for engraving names to identify new graves, rather than installing additional headstones.

In response to a question from Mr. Aton, Mr. Dansie explained the intention and purpose of the erosion hazard study.

At Mr. Aton's request, Mr. Dansie provided an overview of the short-term rental software that had been initially budgeted but later removed. The software would regularly scan online platforms for short-term rental listings. While it would be a useful tool, it was not considered essential for continuing current operations. Mr. Dansie explained that the county was able to run a similar report at the municipality's request.

Public Works

Superintendent Rob Totten outlined critical infrastructure concerns, including the emergency backup water line from Balance Rock to the 500 storage tank, which was a backup supply, and the replacement of pumps

at Big Springs, which are currently nonfunctional. He was currently awaiting cost estimates for these items, but emphasized that addressing these issues was a priority. The Council did not raise specific questions but acknowledged the urgency.

Law Enforcement

Chief Garen Brecke presented the Law Enforcement budget, highlighting that Washington County dispatch fees will increase due to a change in the fee structure, from population-based to dispatch-action-based billing. Mr. Brecke also noted the removal of a proposed drone program due to budget restraints. He explained that there were training costs and FAA certification requirements, and he explained the potential scenarios where the drones would have been helpful within the Police Department. Mr. Campbell expressed disappointment in losing the drone program, noting it would be beneficial for operations. Mr. Brecke said they may revisit the idea if grant funding becomes available.

Mr. Brecke also noted that a substantial portion of the increase was due to rising vehicle costs.

Ms. Topham wondered whether TRT funds could be used for the Police Department, which might potentially free up resources to support the drone program.

The Council discussed the tentative budget items, and Mr. Burns suggested having staff provide a more user-friendly budget format for Council use, such as interactive spreadsheets or more precise separation of departmental budgets.

D. Adjourn

Randy Aton made a motion to adjourn at 11:27 a.m. The motion was seconded by Kyla Topham.

Vote on the motion:

Burns: Aye

Aton: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Campbell: Aye

Topham: Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

Aren Emerson, Town Clerk

APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

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