



**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026,
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

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Thomas Dansie, Community Development Director Niall Connolly, Public Works Director Joe Barker, Town Clerk Kyndal Sagers, recording.

The Regular Meeting convened at 5:00 PM.

Mayor Bruno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda

Randy Aton made a motion to approve the Regular 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/Community Questions

1. General Announcements

Town Manager Thomas Dansie announced that July is National Parks and Recreation Month, and all fitness classes at the Community Center will be free of charge for the whole month. There is a recreation scavenger hunt to encourage people to get out and recreate.

He announced a Baby Boomers and Beyond Bingo from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday, July 31st, at the Community Center.

Thursday, July 30th, at the Community Center, there will be a “Two-Cent Event” regarding the Town’s 2-acre parcel adjacent to Town Hall.

2. Zion National Park update – Superintendent Bradybaugh

Superintendent Bradybaugh provided visitation statistics for Zion National Park, stating that the park's year-to-date visitation through June is up by under 1%. June visitation is down 6.7% compared to June 2025. The Independence Day Weekend had 93,700 visitors within the 5-day period, down 4.9% compared to last year.

Mr. Bradybaugh provided an update regarding the UDOT fiber project, that progress remained ongoing and that work would resume through the Mount Carmel Tunnel. He indicated that UDOT would schedule subsequent work during a lower-traffic period. Furthermore, he noted that a small section on the east side of the tunnel was temporarily bypassed due to an owl nesting site, and he clarified the positioning of the conduit along the concrete lip of the tunnel.

Mr. Bradybaugh thanked emergency agencies, including the Springdale PD, for their support during the Red Rocks Blue Skies concert on July 4th. He added that Canyon Overlook is now open.

Mr. Aton asked if Zion National Park is receiving feedback for the oversized vehicle restriction. Mr. Bradybaugh answered that they have not heard of too many problems and that Kolob is seeing an increase in tour buses.

3. Council Department Reports, Questions, and Comments

There were no questions.

4. Community Comments

There were no comments.

B. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

1. Review of Monthly Purchasing Report
2. Minutes: May 13, May 29, and June 24, 2026

Kyla Topham made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Jack Burns.

Vote on the motion:

Burns: Aye

Aton: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Campbell: Aye

Topham: Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Administrative Action Items

1. **Review and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Hurricane Valley Fire Special Services District regarding the Town and District's participation in the Cooperative Wildfire System. Staff Contact: Thomas Dansie. HVFSSD Contact: Chief Joe Decker.**

Staff Introduction:

Mr. Dansie summarized the Cooperative Agreement with Forestry, Fire, and State lands that the Town entered into in June 2026. He added that the Town's responsibilities include providing initial attack for wildfires, firefighting, preparedness, and mitigation. The Interlocal Agreement with Hurricane Valley Fire Special Services District will formalize the relationship between the Town and Hurricane Valley Fire to continue providing the services required under the CWS Agreement to the Town. He noted that the town will provide services and action that support Hurricane Valley in fulfilling those responsibilities.

Council Questions:

Mayor Bruno asked if other municipalities have entered into similar agreements with the district. **Tyler Ames with Hurricane Valley Fire District** answered that other municipalities have been entering into similar agreements. He added that each municipality is responsible for in-kind hours, which the district does through training preparation and firewise assessments on homes.

Mr. Dansie added that the Town's participation commitment is approximately \$10,000.00 or less. The Hurricane Valley Fire District's in-kind services typically meet or exceed the commitment. He added that additional work by the Town or residents can count toward the participation commitment.

Mr. Campbell inquired regarding the entity responsible for emergency and evacuation planning. Mr. Dansie explained that it was a collaborative effort and that the Town would coordinate with the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District. Additionally, Mr. Dansie cited State Code Title 65A, which established the framework for the cooperative wildfire system.

Randy Aton moved to adopt the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Springdale and the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District for municipal fire protection and authorizes the Mayor to sign. 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.

- 2. Review and possible action regarding a RAP Tax funding request for the Zion Canyon Art Festival. Staff Contact: Thomas Dansie. Applicant: Adrienne Gates**

Staff Introduction:

Mr. Dansie summarized the May 2026 Town Council meeting regarding two RAP Tax funding requests, including the Zion Canyon Art Festival. The Council continued discussion on the Zion Canyon Art Festival request until this meeting to allow the applicant to be present in person to present the request.

Applicant Presentation:

The applicant, **Adrienne Gates**, provided background regarding her upbringing in Springdale. She highlighted the town's evolution, specifically noting advancements in walkability, accessibility, landscaping, dark sky initiatives, and art projects. Ms. Gates remarked that the community was recognized as an oasis for creativity and proposed that the local landscape would naturally inspire an art walk. She detailed a community-centered concept.

Council Questions:

Mayor Bruno commended Ms. Gates on the design of her website and acknowledged the secured partnerships with four local galleries. Mr. Campbell inquired regarding the methodology for calculating the portion of festival proceeds to be allocated to the Town of Springdale. Ms. Gates explained that the implementation of the RAP Tax would dictate the allocation process. She further stated that, contingent

upon the event's profitability, they intended to contribute to the Town and other various entities. Mr. Aton commented that the festival provided economic benefits to the Town by highlighting local businesses and encouraging pedestrian activity.

Ms. Gates commented on the poster program's potential to generate revenue. She noted that the inaugural poster would be created by artist Jeremy Collins. Ms. Gates elaborated on the interworkings of the poster program and how local businesses can participate.

Mr. Burns inquired whether Ms. Gates had obtained formal letters of commitment from local business owners. Ms. Gates indicated that she could secure these commitments contingent upon the outcome of the RAP Tax application. Ms. Gates expressed her intention to coordinate closely with the Town regarding parking, security, infrastructure, and permitting procedures. Mayor Bruno recommended that Ms. Gates encourage event attendees to lodge within the Town.

Mr. Burns expressed concern regarding potential risk to the Town associated with the application. He recommended that Ms. Gates secure formal commitments from local business owners. Mayor Bruno offered a positive assessment, noting that the event presented minimal risk and represented a worthwhile opportunity to support local businesses while requiring little infrastructure. Mr. Campbell, Ms. Topham, and Mr. Aton added their support for the application.

Randy Aton made a motion that the Town Council approves the Rap Tax funding for the Zion Canyon Art Festival in the amount of \$5,000.00. 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.

D. Administrative Non-Action Items

1. General Council Discussion

Mr. Burns initiated a discussion regarding transient lodging, inquiring whether the Council should review current regulations to ensure they remain aligned with the town's long-term goals. Mr. Burns recommended creating a community survey. Mr. Aton agreed on the need to review transient lodging. He expressed that transient lodging has replaced long-term housing and retail, resulting in a decrease in the town's diversity.

Mr. Campbell concurred with the proposal for a survey and recommended an academic analysis regarding the current and future capacity of transient lodging units within the town. Mayor Bruno advised researching recent legislative developments concerning municipal authority to regulate transient lodging prior to initiating further action. Mr. Burns revisited the discussion on transient lodging to determine the most suitable lodging and to gauge resident sentiment on the matter. Ms. Topham echoed support for evaluating the town code, the applications received, and the ordinance's intent.

Mr. Connolly remarked on the value of evaluation. He suggested ways to gather information, including joint working sessions, surveys, two-cent events, and other data collection. Mayor Bruno recommended examining the approaches adopted by other municipalities. Mr. Dansie added the near-future update to the General Plan, which can also identify main themes to address, which could include transient lodging.

Public Works Director Joe Barker provided an update regarding a recent culinary water leak. He detailed the department's efforts to minimize community impact, outlined the affected zone and scheduled service interruptions, and presented the Public Works' remediation strategy.

E. Adjourn

Randy Aton made a motion to adjourn at 5:54 p.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.

Kyndal Sagers, Town Clerk

APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

A recording of the public meeting is available by accessing the Town's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@SpringdaleTownPublicMeetings>.