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SPRINGDALE / ROCKVILLE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

**THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL ALONG WITH THE ROCKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL WILL HOLD A
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019
AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER, 126 LION BOULEVARD, SPRINGDALE, UTAH
THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 1:00PM**

Attending Clerk: Katy Brown

Approval of the special meeting agenda

A. Action Items - Administrative

1. Consideration of a Resolution that would oppose the allowance of OHV (Off-Highway Vehicles) in Utah National Parks

B. Adjourn

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RESOLUTION 2019-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL, OPPOSING THE NPS DIRECTIVE DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 THAT ALLOWS OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES IN UTAH NATIONAL PARKS

Whereas, the Town of Springdale (Town) is the gateway community to Zion National Park (Park), and is located immediately adjacent to the Park's south entrance;

Whereas, on September 24, 2019, without study, public comment, or consultation with local Park administration, the National Park Service Intermountain Regional Director directed Superintendents of Utah National Parks to adjust their Superintendent Compendium to allow off-highway vehicles to travel on designated vehicular routes in all Utah National Parks, including Zion National Park, by November 1, 2019;

Whereas, due to the close proximity between the Town and the Park, regulations impacting vehicle traffic in the Park have a direct impact on traffic and vehicle flow in the Town;

Whereas, the Town Council is concerned that the directive to allow off-highway vehicles in the Park will result in more vehicles pulling trailers with off-highway vehicles in the Town, causing traffic congestion and occupying valuable and limited oversized vehicle parking in Springdale;

Whereas, because of the close proximity between the Town and the Park, there is a vital connection between the Town's tourism economy and the quality of the visitor's experience in the Park, therefore the Town has a vested fiscal interest in helping protect the Park's natural and scenic attributes;

Whereas, the Town Council is concerned that the directive to allow off-highway vehicles in the Park will detract from the Park's natural quiet, increase the potential to spread non-native and invasive seeds in the Park, and result in increased likelihood of off-highway vehicular travel in sensitive and scenic natural areas—all of which will detract from the Park's natural and scenic qualities and will degrade the visitor's experience in the Park;

Whereas, the Town and the Park have a history of collaborating and partnering with one another to make local management decisions that are mutually beneficial, publicly vetted, and thoroughly studied;

Whereas, the Town Council is concerned that the directive to allow off-highway vehicles in the Park was done without collaboration, local input, public participation, or thorough study, in direct contrast with the historic pattern of partnership that has been a hallmark of past Park management decision making processes;

Now therefore, it is RESOLVED

- 1- That the Town of Springdale opposes the September 24, 2019 directive to allow off-highway vehicles on designated vehicular routes in Utah National Parks, specifically including Zion National Park;
- 2- That the Town of Springdale calls on the National Park Service Director to:
 - a. Rescind the September 24, 2019 directive,
 - b. Allow each Utah National Park Unit to assess the potential impact of allowing off-highway vehicles on Park roads on a Park-by-Park basis, based on consultation with local communities, residents, the general public, and impacted user groups.
 - c. Based on the assessment described above, allow each Utah National Park Unit to develop its own policy regulating off-highway vehicle use.

Passed and adopted by the Springdale Town Council this 28th day of October 2019.

Mike Alltucker, Mayor Pro Tempore

Attest:

Darci Carlson, Town Clerk