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Town Council Report
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- ULCT Legislative Policy Committee zoom call - As of mid-August there were 770 Bill requests made by legislators for 2024 so far. Last year in mid-Oct there were 640. This is going to be a very busy year. There may be a possible new sales tax on prepared food in grocery stores; still talk about decreasing density; push for smaller housing units; modular housing; and much more to come.
- Wireless Master Plan - Jack and I sat in on the first meeting with our staff and the contractor, CityScape, to answer questions about the schedule and project details. They expect to follow the schedule in the proposal which means a plan should be before the Town Council sometime in the Spring.
- UTU City Alliance -
 - I attended the kick off for our partnership with UTU with the Mayor, Tom, Niall and Ryan. The projects will include: Quality of Life and Effects of Tourism on Residents, Housing, Historic Preservation, Climate Change Preparedness, Public Art, and Streetscape planning.
 - I then sat in on the "Quality of Life" zoom call with the students who will be working on this project. One of the outcomes they will be considering is better messaging/communication for our residents.
- RAP tax policy - Jack and I met with Rick a few times on changes to the policy. We expect it will be on next month's agenda for consideration.
- ULCT Annual Conference - I will be attending my final conference and expect to learn more about the upcoming Legislature strategies along with other information from the breakout sessions. Report next month forthcoming.
- Zac Rengstrom Washington County Water Conservancy District – He gave a presentation to the Virgin Town Council last month on the 20 year water supply plan. Next 10 years will be tricky. State says you can't build more than the water supply. 20 year plan could be 10. Much of this does not directly affect Springdale since we have our own direct water supply. However, their asks are in line with some of ours for water conservation.
 - Cities are in control of growth not the State or County. Presently, there are 72k units that have been approved in Washington County and he can only respond until capacity runs out. When the water supply is at its limit, everyone will run out of water at the same time. Reliable water will end in 2023. New water sources will be needed but no definitive sources yet.
 - The Conservancy District is asking for conservation. They cannot require it. So they are doing this thru: reducing water hog landscaping; reuse – conversion of sewer water for outdoor use (not for drinking water), riparian areas and for agriculture to trade for higher quality water.
 - New infrastructure is expected to cost > \$1B partly paid for through new construction impact fees.