



**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020**

**This Council meeting did not have an anchor location and was conducted entirely via electronic means. Council members connected remotely. The meeting was available to the public for live viewing/listening.**

Meeting convened at 5:00pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Stanley J. Smith, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, Adrian Player and Suzanne Elger

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Manager Rick Wixom, Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Town Treasurer Dawn Brecke, Police Chief Garen Brecke, Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Gubler, Public Works Superintendent Robby Totten, Deputy Town Clerk Katy Brown, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording. See attached sheet for attendees signed into the meeting.

**Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the agenda for October 14, 2020. Seconded by Randy Aton.**

**Elger: Aye**

**Zumpft: Aye**

**Aton: Aye**

**Player: Aye**

**Smith: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**A. Discussion and Information**

**1. General announcements:** Mr. Wixom extended his appreciation to those members of the community who participated in the recent Lions Club Community Clean-up event.

**2. Zion National Park update:** Superintendent Bradybaugh reported.

- The Park was conducting an ongoing, fine-scale search for a missing person utilizing ground crews and dog teams.
- Mayor Smith and Mr. Wixom were thanked for writing a letter to the U.S. Department of Transportation to support the Park's grant application for shuttle fleet replacement.
- Processes addressing the coronavirus seemed to be going well and Zion National Park continued to consult with Dr. Blodgett from the Southwest Public Health District.
- Toxic algae water monitoring and testing continued in the Virgin River and major streams. Most canyoneering routes and hiking trails were open with the usual permitting requirements.
- September visitation was the highest ever with nearly 523,000 visitors. This number exceeded the previous record set in 2018 by 10,000. Despite a 4.7% increase in September compared to the previous year, total visitation was still down 32% from 2019.

**3. Council department reports:**

Ms. Elger reported:

- The History Center architects, CRSA, submitted another floor plan layout that better reflected the Town's vision for this space. Next, CRSA would provide information related to buildout costs.

- The Historic Preservation Commission had five members now and could apply for grants.
- There were no issues with the paid parking program, however the Town saw a lot more use due to heavy visitation.
- Our area was still hoping for rain to help clear out the algal bloom issue in the river.
- An exploratory committee has been formed to evaluate potential trail sites on Town property. The committee was comprised of Ms. Elger, Tom Dansie, Ryan Gubler and Robert George.
- Ms. Elger virtually attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns training (ULCT). Many presentations addressed lasting impacts from COVID which included an increase in teleworking, increased bike usage, movement to rural areas, and the need for better internet in rural areas.

Ms. Zumpft reported:

- The Zion Canyon Flu Shot Clinic was scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon. Appointments and walk-ups would be accepted.
- Ms. Zumpft also attended the ULCT conference.
- The Maryland Department of Planning conducted a housing webinar yesterday. One takeaway to consider for the future was a reduction in impact fees to incentivize developers to build smaller units.
- Ms. Zumpft was a member of the Winderland Lane/SR-9 committee to address issues at that intersection. Soon the community would be engaged to determine practical solutions.
- While attending virtual conferences, it was evident better broadband was necessary in rural areas. Ms. Zumpft indicated the Mayor was working on a variety of solutions. It was important to consider broadband as a utility.

Mr. Aton reported:

- The Streets Department was busy with utility-related issues.
- Mr. Aton also participated on the Winderland Lane/SR-9 committee. The initial committee meeting was a brainstorming session and a multitude of options were considered. The next meeting was scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- During the recent Hurricane Valley Fire Board meeting, a new 5-year contract was approved for Chief Tom Kuhlmann. The Board also approved a mutual aid agreement with Zion National Park, an interlocal agreement with Washington County to share the cost of an additional fire inspector, and a new fee schedule.
- Calls for District services had increased however most funding came from property taxes which caused issues with the budget. A 'truth in taxation' response was considered for the November election; however, this effort had been canceled for this year.
- The wildland fire crew had been very busy. Mr. Aton noted the crew was a lucrative source of income for the District as they brought in about \$2,000,000 more than what they cost.

Mr. Player reported:

- The Public Works Department was busy and had only six (6) water meters left to install. The remaining meters would require cutting into sidewalks and were more difficult to install.
- Mr. Player had a one-inch (1") irrigation meter installed on his property. This allowed him to monitor his own irrigation water use which was eye-opening. He said it was surprising how much water went through the meter and indicated less could be used. Staff was working with a company to design meters for Town irrigation customers.
- The Mosquito Abatement Board would meet next month.

Mayor Smith reported:

- Progress with the transit system had slowed. It was difficult to get information out of the group.
- The Solid Waste BluCan Recycling Program was in the opt-out period. Ms. Brecke said approximately thirty-five (35) people had chosen to opt-out at this point. Anyone wanting to opt-out needed to do so before the deadline at midnight on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Washington County had a new Tortoise Habitat Conservation Plan. The Council would consider renewing the agreement at their regular meeting in November.

**4. Community questions and comments:** There were no questions or comments.

**B. Administrative Action Items**

**1. Presentation and Proclamation 2020-05, establishing October 2020 as ‘Domestic Violence Awareness Month’ in the Town of Springdale – Tiffany Mower, Eastern Washington County Victim Advocate:**

Ms. Mower was not on the call; however Chief Brecke said Tiffany Mower was Springdale’s victim advocate. The Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation was done every year. Chief Brecke also noted it was Breast Cancer Awareness and the Police Department acknowledged this by wearing special patches and uniforms.

- Ms. Carlson said the October newsletter also included a flyer with important information about the Dove Center.

Mayor Smith said domestic violence, child abuse and suicides had increased this year given the many stresses of 2020.

**Motion made by Suzanne Elger to adopt Proclamation 2020-05, establishing October 2020 as ‘Domestic Violence Awareness Month’ and direct the Mayor to sign said Proclamation. Seconded by Randy Aton.**

**Elger: Aye**

**Zumpft: Aye**

**Aton: Aye**

**Player: Aye**

**Smith: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Continued from September 9, 2020 – Discussion and possible action on a citizen-submitted proposal to remove ruins of the Balanced Rock water tank on Town property – Al Tiley and Luke Wilson:**

The packet material contained letters from two (2) geotechnical firms addressing the safety of removing the water tank. Since it was a tough budget year, Mayor Smith said if the Council decided to move forward in sharing the costs for this project, funds would come out of reserves.

Ms. Zumpft asked who would be responsible for communicating with UDOT about the road closure during pipe removal.

- As the contractor, Mr. Wilson said he would work with UDOT and schedule road closures at night.

Ms. Zumpft questioned safety precautions to reduce liability from a possible rock slide. She also suggested nearby land owners be notified when work would be conducted.

- The water tank was located back from the edge and posed no risk of rock fall. Mr. Wilson had spent a great deal of time inspecting the area and was confident there would not be any issues. His company was heavily insured and ground crews would be present.

Ms. Elger asked if Mr. Wilson was willing to indemnify the Town and bond for the project. The intent was to adequately protect Springdale from liability and financial concerns.

- Mr. Wilson would sign an indemnification agreement but did not feel it necessary to post bond.
- Ms. Elger asked Ms. Brecke if insurance alone would provide adequate coverage. Ms. Brecke was not up-to-speed on the project scope and therefore not comfortable giving an opinion.

Although not as worried about the tank removal, Mr. Player was very worried about dragging the pipes up the hill. He was unimpressed with the two engineering letters and not in favor of supporting this issue.

- Mr. Wilson explained the process he would use to remove the pipes. A track hoe would lift the pipes; they would not be dragged.

Ms. Elger asked why this project was being considered now. It had been this way since 1992. If it was a public safety hazard, she contended there were other hazards on Balanced Rock beyond this issue.

- Mr. Aton said it was a good time since there were two partners willing to pay for half the cost.
- Mr. Wilson said he previously approached the Town about removal a year or two ago. The tank and pipes were ugly and normally Springdale did not have this type of eyesore around. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Tiley decided to bring the proposal to the Council.
- Mr. Wilson commented the Town did not have a driving access easement through his property onto the water tank parcel; therefore, he was likely the best resource to get this project done.

The tank had been there a long time and Mr. Wixom did not have an opinion one way or the other; however, he felt removal could be done safely. Normally a bond was issued in construction for performance not liability. Since this project was not budgeted, money would come from fund balance via a budget amendment.

Ms. Zumpft questioned if Mr. Wilson would need to pull a permit. She also asked if there would be agreed upon standards for completion.

- Mr. Dansie said a UDOT permit would be needed to close the road or conduct work from the road. A Town permit would not be required to remove the tank. Staff would develop an agreement with the contractor to ensure satisfactory completion based on expectations.

Ms. Zumpft asked what happened if other problems were discovered while this work was being conducted.

- Mr. Dansie said the agreement could include some language to address unforeseen circumstances.

Mr. Wilson indicated the project would take about a week to complete. If the project cost less than anticipated, he would pass along the savings to the Town.

Although there was more work to be done on Balanced Rock, this proposal provided an opportunity to do some clean-up with partners. Ms. Zumpft said this project was more about public safety and less about Mr. Tiley's view.

- Mr. Wilson clarified the water tank and pipes affected the view from many locations in Town.

Mr. Player said he advocated the Town do something about the Balanced Rock property for several years. He too had safety concerns for this area but favored the tank be filled in and the pipes left alone.

- Ms. Elger said the water tank was the least of the problems. There was an open pit, metal debris and a collapsed house. Additionally, she said it was difficult to tell residents the Council decided to spend \$11,000 during a tough budget year.

In order to better control the load, Mr. Aton suggested the pipes be taken out in sections. He agreed there were a number of concerns on that hill, but correcting these issues would likely be piecemeal. This proposal provided the Town an opportunity to share the cost and get the first piece done.

**Motion made by Randy Aton to approve the proposal to remove the ruins from the Balanced Rock water tank and pipes located on Town property. Direct staff to draft an agreement so financial liability is no more than \$11,000. Staff is authorized to approve the agreement and Town Manager Rick Wixom is authorized to sign. The expenditure will be brought back to Council in a budget amendment. Seconded by Lisa Zumpft. Elger: No.**

Ms. Elger clarified her vote and said now is not the time, and the contractor was unwilling to bond.

**Zumpft: Aye**

**Aton: Aye**

**Player: No**

**Smith: Aye**

**Motion passed 3-2.**

**3. Review and possible approval of an independent contractor agreement to fund a full-time coordinator position for the Zion Regional Collaborative:** The Zion Regional Collaborative (ZRC) organization did regional planning work for the area. Over the past year, Emily Friedman an AmeriCorps Vista intern, took on the coordinator position and achieved a number of goals and objectives. As the ZRC became more formalized, the organization intended to hire a full-time independent contractor.

- The position would be funded by six (6) ZRC entities. Springdale's contribution was \$10,000 which had been allocated in this year's budget.

Ms. Elger asked if Councils from the other entities had approved the agreement.

- Although all the entities had not yet approved the form of the agreement, all had committed to funding the position.

Ms. Zumpft was on the guiding committee and said this was the final outcome of lots of discussion. Although the committee hoped Ms. Friedman would fill the position, they intended to go through the proper protocols in the hiring process.

Mayor Smith said the ZRC had done a lot of good. The money would be well spent and he supported this action.

**Motion made by Adrian Player to approve the independent contractor agreement to fund a full-time coordinator position for the Zion Regional Collaborative for which Springdale contributes \$10,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Suzanne Elger.**

**Elger: Aye**

**Zumpft: Aye**

**Aton: Aye**

**Player: Aye**

**Smith: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Bid award and contract approval for the SR-9 Sidewalk Design and Engineering Project (aka Tiley Hill sidewalk):** Springdale intended to install the missing section of sidewalk between Hoodoos and the Best Western Hotel. Due to complexities from adjacent steep slopes, the Town needed detailed engineering and design plans.

Through the RFP process, five (5) proposals were received. After review, the selection committee, recommended Alpha Engineering with a bid of \$23,030. The proposed contract included costs for bidding and construction management which the Town could elect to incur in the future or not.

Brett Gardner from Alpha Engineering was on the call to answer Council questions.

Mr. Player asked about parking on that side of the street and whether the transformer would be moved.

- Mr. Dansie indicated the parking would stay. The power transformer would not be moved due to the expense. The sidewalk would likely bend around the transformer.

Mr. Player asked if the historic irrigation ditch in this area would be impacted.

- That dirt ditch would largely be obliterated with construction. The intent was to install an eight-foot (8') sidewalk which would likely require a retaining wall. Also, many trees toward the southern end of the project would also be impacted.

Ms. Zumpft asked if there had been any historical evaluation of the ditch.

- The ditch was evaluated as part of the cultural resources survey before the SR-9 project. It was listed as a historic asset, but not as significant as the rock-lined ditches.

Ms. Zumpft expressed concerned about high retaining walls in Town. She asked if they could be stepped instead of one solid face.

- Mr. Gardner answered stepping pushed the wall farther back into the hill which may cause other issues. There was also limited right-of-way.

Funds for engineering and design of this project were already in the current budget. As far as construction was concerned, the Town was hopeful UDOT would fund a majority of the costs. Springdale would have to provide a local match; however, this money had also been budgeted.

Construction management could be handled in-house or the Town could hire a consultant. This would be determined in the future.

**Motion made by Adrian Player to approve the design contract with Alpha Engineering for the sidewalk design only and authorize the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Randy Aton.**

**Zumpft: Aye**

**Aton: Aye**

**Player: Aye**

**Elger: Aye**

**Smith: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**5. Discussion and possible action concerning the required use of face coverings in Springdale:**

Given Governor Herbert's recent public health order, Mayor Smith confirmed with Dr. Blodgett from the Southwest Utah Public Health District that Springdale's mask mandate would be unaffected.

The Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) planned to conduct a webinar tomorrow to clarify the Governor's actions. Our local hospital ICU was maxed out and they were looking at ways to expand. Doctors and nurses were also being stressed. COVID was spiking again in part due to assisted-living center outbreaks.

Dixie Medical Center was a regional hospital, including such areas as Page, AZ and Mesquite, NV, which affected the numbers. The school district was still doing well and positive cases were spread over several schools. The quarantined period was reduced to seven (7) days from (14) days.

Ms. Zumpft was confused about our allowance to continue the mask mandate.

- Mayor Smith reiterated continuation of Springdale's mandate was under our control. Wearing masks was a simple response to help control the situation. Mayor Smith reminded everyone to wear their mask correctly.

Ms. Elger said there was undoubtedly fatigue but the Town needed to continue to encourage people to wear masks. She noted some businesses made masks part of their uniform.

- From experience, Mayor Smith knew there was enough sensitivity to masks that businesses could lose business if their employees didn't wear them.

Ms. Zumpft thanked staff for their efforts in arranging technology solutions that would accommodate in-person meetings.

No action was required.

**C. Administrative Non-Action Items**

**General Council Discussion:** As people moved indoors due to cooler weather, the Council discussed how to keep people safe. Mayor Smith indicated he would issue a proclamation (Attachment #1) to relax certain land use codes for businesses.

- Mr. Dansie explained the intent was to allow businesses temporary flexibility to employ social distancing standards and utilize tents, heaters, or signage.

Mr. Aton mentioned Louise Excell sent an email regarding the Utah Climate and Clean Air Compact (Attachment #2). A number of state and local community leaders had already supported this initiative and Mayor Smith was encouraged to sign it on behalf of Springdale.

**E. Consent Agenda**

Invoice Date	Invoice No.	Vendor	Amount	Budgeted	Description
10/1/2020	10/01/20	Animal Shelter Contract			
		City of Laverkin	\$ 1,500.00	Y	Animal Shelter Contract
8/31/2020	20-033-1	CRSA	\$ 4,625.00	Y	Architectural Services: History Center
9/15/2020	1605-15092020-0366-3214	Dolan Consulting Group	\$ 1,755.00	Y	De-escalation Training - All Police Officers
9/2/2020	10/17/2556	Fairbank, Maslin, Mailing, Metz & Associates	\$ 7,500.00	Y	Public polling for open space
9/17/2020	09/17/20	Lowery, Karla	\$ 1,000.00	N	Reward for Police Case
8/19/2020	50751	Mega Pro International	\$ 808.00	Y	Police Uniform Polo's
8/27/2020	51955	Morley & McConkie	\$ 1,500.00	Y	Property Appraisal
8/27/2020	51947	Morley & McConkie	\$ 1,500.00	Y	Property Appraisal
8/27/2020	IV118301	Parkeon Services	\$ 2,256.00	Y	Monthly Kiosk Dues
8/2/2020	9/1/2020	Purchase Power	\$ 550.98	Y	Postage
8/31/2020	233-000671015	Republic Services	\$ 1,386.71	Y	Monthly Dumpster Service
8/27/2020	08/27/20	WTP	\$ 1,199.66	Y	Monthly Electric Service
7/29/2020	6493330-00	Scholzen Products	\$ 3,450.00	Y	Digital Line Tracer
9/21/2020	6506840-00	Scholzen Products	\$ 553.62	Y	PVC Glue/ Metal Pipe/ Supplies
8/31/2020	6260012313	Southern Tire Mart	\$ 622.44	Y	2013 GMC - Tires
9/11/2020	112501	Sunrise Engineering	\$ 669.75	Y	Engineering Services
9/10/2020	112445	Sunrise Engineering	\$ 1,560.00	Y	Irrigation Master Plan Billing - August
9/10/2020	112446	Sunrise Engineering	\$ 5,330.00	Y	Wastewater Master Plan Billing - August
8/27/2020	356497-IN	Symbol Arts	\$ 743.75	Y	Police Supplies
9/11/2020	2133	The Tree Guy	\$ 1,900.00	Y	Tree Pruning @ Town Park
9/16/2020	9863005680	Verizon Wireless	\$ 2,353.00	Y	Monthly Cell Phone Billing
8/31/2020	94774	Washington County Solid Waste	\$ 4,029.74	Y	Monthly Garbage Billing
10/1/2020	10/1/2020	Zac Weiland	\$ 1,200.00	Y	Monthly Prosecution Retainer
			\$ 47,993.65		

**Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Suzanne Elger.**

**Zumpft: Aye**

**Aton: Aye**

**Player: Aye**

**Elger: Aye**

**Smith: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn at 6:52pm made by Lisa Zumpft. Seconded by Randy Aton.**

**Zumpft: Aye**

**Aton: Aye**

**Player: Aye**

**Elger: Aye**

**Smith: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**A recording of the public meeting is available by contacting the Town Clerk's Office. Please call 435-772-3434 or email [springdale@infowest.com](mailto:springdale@infowest.com) for more information.**

Pending Approval



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## REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

### Meeting: Town Council Regular Meeting 10/14/2020

Jeff Bradybaugh

Janet Mika

Chuck Passek

Ric Rioux

Tom Kenaston

Pat Campbell

Brent Gardner

Emily Friedman

Tiffany Mower

Regina Pagles

Luke Wilson

"Donna"



**PROCLAMATION 2020-06**

**AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING LAND USE AND  
CODE ENFORCEMENT FLEXIBILITY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**Whereas**, on March 6, 2020, Governor Gary R. Herbert issued Executive Order 2020-1, declaring a state of emergency in the state of Utah due to novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

**Whereas**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

**Whereas**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national state of emergency based on the continuing spread of COVID-19; and

**Whereas**, on August 20, 2020, following the expiration of Executive Order 2020-1, Governor Gary R. Herbert issued Executive Order 2020-51, declaring a new state of emergency in the state of Utah to facilitate the State's response to the ongoing and evolving effects of COVID-19 in Utah; and

**Whereas**, on September 19, 2020, following the expiration of executive order 2020-51, Governor Herbert issued Executive Order 2020-63, declaring a state of emergency due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

**Whereas**, on October 14, 2020, Richard Saunders, Interim Executive Director of the Utah Department of Health, issued State Public Health Order 2020-17 declaring a statewide public health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Whereas**, the Town of Springdale's economy is dependent on local businesses that serve tourists, including hotels, gift shops, restaurants, guiding and touring companies, among others; and

**Whereas**, the economic effects to the local economy caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have been severe, causing Springdale businesses to experience extreme financial strain and hardship; and

**Whereas**, the Town desires to enforce the spirit of its zoning ordinance; to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to ensure the viability of local businesses; and

**Whereas**, the Mayor seeks to provide temporary land use and code enforcement relief to local businesses due to the unusual conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**Whereas**, Utah Code Ann. § 53-2a-205(1)(a)(ii) gives the Mayor, as Chief Executive Officer of the municipality, the authority to take any additional measures he may consider necessary to mitigate the local effects of a declared state emergency, subject to the limitations and provisions of this part of the Utah Code.

**Therefore**, under his authority as Chief Executive Officer, Mayor Stanley J. Smith hereby proclaims and directs the following in relation to land use and code enforcement within the Town of Springdale:

- 1) The Town encourages local businesses to implement social distancing and other COVID-19 mitigation protocols that will allow the business to remain viable and in operation while also promoting public health.

- 2) In the event the actions described in paragraph 1 create issues of non-compliance with the Town's Land Use ordinance, the Town is not obligated to enforce the provisions of the Land Use Ordinance that are being violated. Specific actions that will be allowed without Land Use Code Enforcement include:
  - a. Installation of temporary outdoor dining facilities at restaurants that facilitate social distancing (including the use of temporary tents for outdoor dining shelter), provided the number of outdoor seats provided does not exceed the number of indoor seats that existed in the restaurant prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - b. Increasing dining area at restaurants without the need to supply additional parking, provided the number of outdoor seats provided does not exceed the number of indoor seats that existed in the restaurant prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - c. The temporary use of parking areas for outdoor seating at a restaurant, provided the number of outdoor seats provided does not exceed the number of indoor seats that existed in the restaurant prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - d. Signage necessary to alert customers of new COVID-19 protocols and services, provided such signage complies with the color and material standards for signage in the Town Code.
  - e. Other actions that enhance social distancing or promote public health, and increase the viability of local business, as determined on a case by case basis by the Town Manager.
- 3) Any structures, alterations, or improvements to property made under the authorization of this Emergency Proclamation must be temporary in nature and must be completely removed from the property or discontinued within 15 days of the expiration of the Proclamation.
- 4) This Emergency Proclamation does not authorize any violation of the Town's Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.
- 5) This Emergency Proclamation shall remain in effect as long as the state of emergency declared by Governor Herbert remains in effect, or a subsequent emergency declaration or public health emergency related to COVID-19 remains in effect.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020



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Stanley J. Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Town Seal



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Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

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# UTAH CLIMATE & CLEAN AIR COMPACT

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We, as leaders from business, government, faith, and civic institutions, care deeply about Utah's future and the future of children here and around the globe. We join this Compact as responsible stewards. Climate change and air quality represent urgent challenges for our health, families, and economy. We call upon state and community leaders, members of Congress, businesses, and all Utahns to adopt the mileposts of the *Utah Roadmap: Positive Solutions to Climate and Air Quality* and these six principles:

**HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:** Poor air quality has an immediate impact on the health of Utah families, especially our most vulnerable communities. Climate change poses a large and growing threat to the health and prosperity of Utah communities and beyond. We ask Utahns to take urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and criteria pollutants in a manner that lifts all communities. The next ten years are critical.

**CLIMATE AND AIR QUALITY:** Many strategies – such as improving energy efficiency, reducing auto emissions, developing transit and active transportation systems, and advancing innovative energy solutions – benefit both air quality and our climate. This clean air-climate connection provides common ground for action. We affirm we can make progress by addressing both.

**ECONOMY:** Important industries such as agriculture, tourism/winter recreation, technology, and energy will benefit from Utah's climate and clean air leadership. Salt Lake City's selection as the U.S. bid city for a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games provides an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment by taking decisive action to reduce emissions.

**RE-ENERGIZE UTAH:** Efforts to address climate change and air quality are leading to rapid advancements in technology and a global economic and energy revolution. This revolution will touch every aspect of our lives and economy and create new opportunities for innovation as we achieve a resilient, clean, and affordable energy future. Utah is in a unique position to seize these opportunities through our robust solar energy industry and our abundant clean energy resources.

**RURAL UTAH:** The energy transition poses challenges for rural Utah communities. We urge the state to prioritize economic development and investment in rural areas impacted by changing energy markets.

**LEADERSHIP AND THE UTAH WAY:** Utahns have a proud history of leading on and investing in challenging issues with collaborative solutions. Whether it is refugee resettlement, immigration reform, anti-discrimination, quality growth, fiscal responsibility, or religious freedom, Utah leads. We enthusiastically support applying "The Utah Way" to make our climate and air quality leadership another Utah success story.