RESOLUTION NO. 15-2020, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TERMINATION OF AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE DOWNTOWN PARKING STRUCTURE PROJECT AND DIRECTING COORDINATION WITH GRAND COUNTY TO PURSUE DIFFERENT PROJECTS FOR HOPSPOT FUNDING

WHEREAS the primary need for the Downtown Parking Structure as identified in the 2017 UDOT Region 4 Arches Hotspot Study was to replace on-street parking lost as part of Main Street Improvements, but that those Improvements were rejected by residents and Council who objected to loss of on-street parking; and

WHEREAS the solution to Moab’s congested Main Street can hardly be improved by drawing more vehicles to downtown, the intent of DPS; and

WHEREAS the DPS, according to the Downtown Parking Study, primarily benefits businesses within 600 feet of the structure, that is a limited number of businesses, and thus is a poorer use of public funds than dispersed parking or a regional shuttle which benefits a broader number of businesses; and

WHEREAS DPS design has changed significantly from its original less-intrusive partially buried bottom floor and two additional stories, to an imposing and view-shed blocking four story structure of 42 feet including its roof parapets; and

WHEREAS the DPS, still early in its design phase, has already incurred significant cost overruns forcing the adoption of structural construction techniques that trade lower construction cost for increased maintenance cost during its life; and

WHEREAS the DPS will incur significantly higher maintenance cost than the existing surface lot, with poor prospects for offsetting revenue whether it charges for parking or not, since according to the Downtown Parking Study the lot is often under-utilized; and

WHEREAS the DPS cannot accommodate over-sized vehicles, a critical parking need; and

WHEREAS UDOT is receptive to the redirection of Hotspot funding as long as their goals of reduction of congestion, increased economic development and increased tourism opportunity can reasonably be expected to occur; and

WHEREAS an alternate use of DPS funds has been identified that satisfies the above criteria, namely a regional or valley-wide shuttle system that encourages visitors to leave their cars at their hotel and residents to leave their cars at home;
NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Moab, Utah that:

1) City Council direct the City Manager to issue a “stop work” order to Kimley-Horn in order to cease work on design for the DPS;

2) City Council direct the City Manager to negotiate the termination of the Cooperative Agreement with UDOT, dated 22 July, 2019, in a way that minimizes legal and financial risk to the City;

3) When the termination of the Cooperative Agreement is executed, the City Council direct the City Manager to terminate the City’s consulting services agreement with Kimley-Horn dated 24 October, 2019;

4) City Council coordinate with Grand County Council to form the “Arches Hotspot Region Coordinating Committee,” with council members from each governing body. This committee shall determine staff assistance on an as-needed basis as well as assistance from existing city or county committees. The Committee will serve as the point contact with UDOT for purposes of the Hotspot Funding Program and any subsequent applications for future project funding.

5) Council elect two members from Council membership to serve on the Arches Hotspot Region Coordinating Committee.

MAYOR ATTEST: Emily S. Niehaus ____________________________

CITY RECORDER Sommar Johnson ____________________________