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Honorable Members of the North Little Rock City Council
VIA E-MAIL

Re: City Council Meeting for March 23, 2020

Dear Council Members:

Due to the public health crisis that we are facing as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, I have decided to cancel Monday night's City Council meeting. All items on the agenda will be addressed at the next regular City Council meeting. New notices will be issued for items on the agenda that are scheduled for a public hearing.

I did not make this decision lightly. I have previously strongly encouraged citizens not to attend the City Council meeting unless they have business related to an agenda item. However, our City Council meetings are open to the public and we are not able to control the number of people who attend. The federal government has recommended avoiding gathering in groups of more than ten people in order to help stop the spread of the virus. In accordance with this recommendation, I have directed City employees not to participate in meetings of more than ten people unless it is critical to the emergency response. In reviewing the agenda for Monday night's City Council meeting, I have determined that it is in the best interest of the public to delay consideration of those items at this time based on the public health crisis we currently face.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joe A. Smith'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joe A. Smith
Mayor

JAS:jf