



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY MARCH 23**

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Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, City Council meetings may be conducted by telephone, video conferencing, or other electronic means. The City Council meeting on Monday, March 23, will be modified to accommodate social distancing to help reduce the spread of virus. While the meeting is still open to the public, access to the Council Chamber will be limited. There will be a viewing area in the lobby of City Hall and, if necessary, other locations in the building. Residents are encouraged to view the meeting from their homes. The meeting, as always, will be broadcast live on cable channel 19 or live streamed on the city's website at [stjoemo.org](http://stjoemo.org). Additionally, residents can view the meeting via Facebook live on the city's page City of St. Joseph, MO Government.

Comments to be shared by members of the public may be provided in written form to the City Clerk's office by 3pm on the day of the City Council meeting. Those comments will be read publicly during the Public Comment portion of the City Council meeting or during discussion of the topic addressed. Residents can access the agenda at [March 23 Council Agenda](#).

While these measures may be inconvenient to the public and ongoing for the foreseeable future, they are necessary to have in place. "It is very important for the safety and protection of everyone while still allowing the City Council to conduct business on behalf of the community," according to Mary Robertson, Communications and Public Relations Manager. Robertson states, "We all need to be doing our part to flatten the curve and help reduce the spread of the virus. As individuals and as a community, the more we can be proactive about, the greater the chance of reducing the spread of COVID-19 in St. Joseph. We are all in this together."

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