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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY MARCH 23

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

UPDATED: The Council Chamber will be closed to public access for the meeting on Monday night. The lobby of City Hall will be a viewing area in the event anyone from the public wishes to view the meeting live in the building. Due to social distancing, there will be limited access in the lobby. Residents are encouraged to view the meeting in their homes via cable channel 19 or stream the meeting live on the city's website at stjoemo.org. To reduce the number of staff in the Council Chamber, the meeting will not be on Facebook.

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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