July 7, 2016
Five o'clock P.M.
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers
300 Main Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

A Special Call meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2016, was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the honorable Mayor JOE A. SMITH.

The roll having been called and the following Aldermen answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, BETH WHITE, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, BRUCE FOUTCH, and MURRY WITCHER (7/0). Alderman CHARLIE HIGHT was absent. City Clerk Diane Whitbey and City Attorney C. Jason Carter were also present.

Mayor Smith announced the Special Call meeting.

July 1, 2016

Special Meeting of the North Little Rock City Council

Honorable Members of the North Little Rock City Council:

The purpose of this e-mail is to advise you that Mayor Smith has called a special meeting of the North Little Rock City Council at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2016, at City Hall Council Chambers, North Little Rock, Arkansas. There is no legislation for consideration at this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss development of the downtown plaza. Please see the attached letter for more details.

As no legislation will be considered, you are not required to respond to this email.

C. Jason Carter
City Attorney

Mayor Smith then introduced the purpose of the meeting and presented a PowerPoint Presentation outlining possible plans for the Argenta Plaza and surrounding area. Long-awaited, single and multi-family development projects on the downtown "Mill property" are imminent and the downtown population is growing. It is time to start coordinating ideas, thoughts and plans regarding a central plaza or square on the corner of Main and 6th Street, next to the North Little Rock Heritage Center. Mayor Smith has visited several cities to tour and learn about different styles, configurations, and amenities they offer in their downtown public spaces. Mayor Smith then invited members of the

public to participate in a tour of the Sundance Square in Dallas, Texas. Participants would see water features, surrounding buildings, coverings, and various other amenities. The tour would take place, Monday, August 1, 2016. Hotel and travel costs cannot be covered by the city, (for anyone except elected council members and a few city employees), but city staff will work to coordinate group hotel packages. The tours of Sundance Square with their president and CEO will be followed by a "working dinner" where ideas about North Little Rock's future plaza/square can be discussed. Mr. Charles Pope has been to the area in Fort Worth and recommended the city look at similar development in Savannah, Georgia.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting which will be held on Monday, July 11, 2016, at six o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 300 Main Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

APPROVED:_____
MAYOR JOE A. SMITH

ATTEST:_____
DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK