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Press Release

City Commission meetings to be archived on YouTube, website

Lawson: Internet replay of City meetings will be available starting March 1

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (February 26, 2016) — Starting Tuesday, watching City Commission of Arkansas City meetings will become much more accessible to citizens who can't attend them in person.

In addition to the current replays of the meetings on Cox Channel 7 at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. on the Wednesday following each regular meeting, archived videos of each meeting will be available online.

Effective March 1, residents will be able to watch any City Commission meeting after its conclusion by logging on to the City of Arkansas City's YouTube channel at <http://bit.ly/ArkCityYouTube>.

Videos will be recorded on a Personal Video Recorder device, according to Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson. It can upload a video to YouTube shortly after the conclusion of each meeting.

"At this time, we plan to focus exclusively on online archiving," Lawson said. "Eventually, we hope to use this same technology to live-stream commission meetings and other events through YouTube."

The ability to bring up commission meetings on their computers, tablets or phones and skip to any part of the meeting they wish will provide unprecedented access for citizens to view their local government in action or catch up on the decisions made by their elected leaders.

"This is just one step in our continuing mission to provide greater transparency to the citizens through effective use of technology and social media," Lawson said.

Once the City's redesigned website launches in March or April, a link to each meeting video will be provided as part of the coverage of each meeting. Those links also will be promoted through the City's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/arkcity>) and Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/CityofAC>).

For questions or assistance in accessing the videos after Tuesday, contact Lawson by email at alawson@arkansascityks.gov or call him at (620) 441-4415.

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