Mayor's Journal: January 8-12

As promised, in the State of the City Address…I will be writing a weekly journal to keep you abreast of my activities as your mayor.

Last Thursday through Saturday, I attended a leadership meeting of the National League of Cities in Florida, as the recently appointed Chair of the Municipalities in Transition on Public Finance panel. The most significant agenda item for NLC is homeland security. In Little Rock, this translates as Public Safety and I assure you this is a top priority of your City Board and City Administration.

Sunday, I attended the dedication of the new Immanuel Baptist Church. We dislike the loss to downtown, but it appears Children's Hospital will make good use of the property as it continues to grow and remains a wonderful institution in our City.

Today, January 12, I had a policy meeting with City Administration discussing various issues and at noon, I hosted a meeting of pastors and neighborhood leaders from the 12th Street corridor to begin the process of uniting churches along 12th Street to identify problems and needs and work in partnership to address them.

In the afternoon, I also addressed a media event for the American Cancer Society noting the 40th anniversary of the Surgeon General's report about the health impact of smoking held at the State Capitol.

And lastly convened a meeting at Curran Hall with an I-30 Crime Task Force discussing crime issues; nuisance abatement and other topics.