

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an Agreement with Alvarez and Marsal Infrastructure and Capital Projects LLP to provide administrative services for developing and implementing broadband and connectivity solutions for the City of Joplin; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and, amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as adopted by Ordinance 2021-149 on October 18, 2021 and containing an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, in the Smarter Joplin Roadmap expand internet access and improve connectivity was identified as a primary concern in a resident survey; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Gap Analysis Report identified the specific challenges with connectivity in the city of Joplin including issues with availability, capacity and affordability; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has shown that residents need to be connected to be able to work, educate, and receive healthcare from home; and

WHEREAS, for the City of Joplin to remain competitive in the areas of business attraction and retention, transportation, education, health care and other sectors that rely on the exchange of data and information;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows;

Section 1. That the City enter into an Agreement, attached hereto as “MASTER AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL PROJECT ADVISORY SUPPORT SERVICES”, with Alvarez and Marsal Infrastructure and Capital Projects LLP to provide administrative services to assist the City of Joplin in developing solutions and projects that will address the connectivity challenges identified in the Broadband Gap Analysis Report.

Section 2. That Alvarez and Marsal Infrastructure and Capital Projects LLP will render certain technical and professional services as described in and attached hereto as Exhibit 1 – SCOPE OF SERVICES for Administrative Services under the agreement.

Section 3. That the City will engage the services of Alvarez and Marsal Infrastructure and Capital Projects LLP through the execution of work orders.

Section 4. That the first work order be executed as described in Work Authorization No. 1 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 5. That the City Manager, or designee, of the City of Joplin, Missouri, is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement(s), or agreement(s) substantially similar in form, for and on behalf of the City of Joplin.

Section 6. That the fiscal year 2021-2022 budgeted appropriations as adopted by Ordinance 2021-149 be amended by increasing the appropriations by the total of Three Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$352,000).

Section 7. That the Director of Finance is hereby directed to make all necessary entries on the City records to show the increase in appropriations.

Section 8. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency within the meaning of Section 2.2 (6) of the Home Rule Charter in that said ordinance provides for public improvements and is considered an emergency by the Council and as such shall become effective immediately upon this passage as provided by the Home Rule Charter for the City of Joplin.

Section 9. This Ordinance is declared by the City Council to be an emergency within the meaning of Section 2.12 (4), of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, in that said Ordinance requires an appropriation adjustment.

Passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2022, by a vote of _____.

Douglas W. Lawson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney