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**Requested Council Meeting Date: July 5, 2016**

**Item: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2016-268**

**Originating Department: PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Attachments: 1) Copy of Council Bill  
2) Planning Report  
3) Commission Minutes

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Planning/Community Development Manager: Troy Bolander

City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards

City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm

Board or Commission: Planning and Zoning Commission

Date: 6/13/2016

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Recommended Action: Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of “6 in favor, 1 absent”

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**SUMMARY/REQUEST:**

**Case 020-16:** 2030 Connecticut Avenue – A request for the vacation of a twenty (20) foot wide utility easement – Redwood Development, Inc.

**STAFF SUMMARY:**

This is the second of two utility easement vacation requests for the property located at 2030 Connecticut Avenue. Prior to the tornado, these easements were for sewer lines servicing the apartments at this location. After the apartments were destroyed by a tornado, this property was acquired by a new developer and the sewer lines were relocated. The property was then sold to a new developer without vacating the old easements and dedicating a new easement for the new sewer line.

These two easements are city easements and are not publicly platted utility easements. A new easement that matches the new sewer line will be dedicated to the City of Joplin.

Staff recommends approval of Case 020-16.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:**

Mr. Greg Bowers, Anderson Engineering, appeared representing Redwood Development and stated this is the second part of the same non-existent sewer.

Mr. Dermott asked if there is a vacation and a new easement, or if it is strictly a vacation on this site. Ms. Cunningham stated there are two vacations, with the developer working with the City staff to dedicate a new easement over the new sewer line. The requests are just for the vacations.

Mr. Smith asked if the new easement must come before this commission, and Ms. Cunningham replied it will be handled through the planning department.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.