

**Requested Council Meeting Date: October 2, 2017  
Council Bill No. 2017-157**

**Item: Work Authorization with Olsson Associates dba Joplin Joint Engineering Team for design, right of way acquisition, and construction management for a street extension at 26<sup>th</sup> Street and McCoy Avenue.  
Originating Department: Public Works – Engineering**

Attachments: 1) Location Map  
2) Work Authorization  
3) Council Bill No. 2017-157

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**Recommended Action:** Approval of a work authorization with Olsson Associates dba Joplin Joint Engineering Team in the not to exceed amount of Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$50,846.00) for design, right of way acquisition, and construction management for a street extension at 26<sup>th</sup> Street and McCoy Avenue funded through Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR).

**Background:** In 2015 the City of Joplin Council approved a Capital Plan for the expenditure of CDBG-DR funds. One of the projects included in the approved list was the provision for affordable senior housing in the 26<sup>th</sup> & McCoy Avenue area. Re-connecting McCoy Avenue with 26<sup>th</sup> Street is needed provide access to projects in this location. When 26<sup>th</sup> Street was widened the plans eliminated the connection to McCoy Avenue based on the proposed development layouts provided at that time by the City's former master developer. The new Affordable Senior Housing Project is currently being developed for City Council consideration to the east of McCoy. An affordable rental housing project is currently under development on the west side of McCoy as a Low Income Housing Tax Credit project. These projects would rely on access to 26<sup>th</sup> Street through McCoy Avenue.

**Discussion:** In accordance with the City of Joplin's Procurement policies, a Request for Qualifications for engineering and oversight services for CDBG-DR infrastructure projects was advertised in the Joplin Globe. The request was also posted on the City of Joplin's website. Eleven submittals were received and ranked by a team of appropriate staff. Four firms were selected to provide the service. City staff negotiated with the qualified firm providing services in this area of the recovery zone and were unable to agree on a fee that was within the industry standards. Per Missouri State Law, the City staff approached Olsson Associates dba Joplin Joint

Engineering Team, also a qualified firm, and negotiated a fee for the services required for completion of the McCoy Avenue Street Extension project. The fee is within industry standards.

**Recommendation:** City staff recommends approval of a work authorization with Olsson Associates DBA: Joplin Joint Engineering Team in the not to exceed amount of Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$50,846.00) for design, right of way acquisition, and construction management for a street extension at 26<sup>th</sup> Street and McCoy Avenue funded through CDBG-DR be approved on an emergency basis per Section 2.12 (6) of the Joplin City Charter.