

## **CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

### **ITEM**

Council Bill No. 2023-603 – An Ordinance approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between the City of Joplin and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce for purpose of pursuing the development of a strategic roadmap to advance economic development in Joplin focused on healthcare, health sciences, and associated educational assets.

### **MEETING DATE**

February 21, 2023

### **ORIGINATING DEPT**

Administration

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Memorandum of Understanding  
TEconomy Proposal

### **REVIEWED BY**

Leslie Haase, Finance Director  
Peter Edwards, City Attorney

### **SUMMARY**

The Joplin Regional Alliance for Health Care and Health Science (JRAH) is a group of stakeholders interested in pursuing economic development projects that leverage the area's significant health care and education resources. The alliance has the following members:

1. Bryan Vowels – CEO Vowels Stovern Wealth LLC
2. Jeremy Drinkwitz – President Mercy Hospital
3. Katicia Pierson – President Crowder College
4. Keenan Cortez – City Council
5. Marc Hahn – President/CEO Kansas City University
6. Paula Baker – President Freeman Health System
7. Rudy Farber – Chairman Community Bank & Trust
8. Ryan Stanley – Financial Advisor Edward Jones
9. Stephanie Brady – Executive Director Community Clinic of SWMO
10. Travis Stephens – President JACC
11. Dean Van Galen - President MSSU
12. Nick Edwards – City Manager

### **BACKGROUND**

The JRAH has requested a public/private partnership with the goal of creating a strategic roadmap for economic development in Joplin focused on healthcare, health sciences, and associated educational assets. The JRAH solicited proposals from qualified experts to develop a strategic plan and have selected to engage "TECONOMY Partners LLC" (TEconomy) for services contained in the proposal attached to in a following exhibit. The total cost for services is \$166,160.00. On behalf of the JRAH, the JACC will serve as the coordinating entity to raise funds for the procurement of services and has requested a contribution from the City in the amount of \$80,000.00, with the remaining \$86,160.00 to be raised from private contributions.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget – General Fund (City Manager Department)

**RECOMMENDATION**

City staff recommends adoption of the Council Bill on First Reading.