CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2023-117 Acquisition by Condemnation Proceedings for the Zora Street Improvement Project Rangeline to MO-249

MEETING DATE
March 6, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works-Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2023-117
Exhibit Drawing

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works: Daniel Johnson; Finance Director: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; Asst. City Manager: Tony Robyn; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves an ordinance declaring a public necessity for the acquisition of real property and easements from Lawver Investments, LLC, by condemnation proceedings for the Zora Street Improvement Project Rangeline to MO-249.

BACKGROUND
In August 2014, the voters passed the Renewal of the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Program for an additional ten years. One of the projects included in the program was the widening of Zora Street from Rangeline Road to MO-249. Phase I of the project is the construction of a new intersection at Zora Street and Duquesne Road.

Currently the City has been unable to reach an agreement with Lawver Investments, LLC, for the purchase of 14,415 Sq. Ft. of right of way, 462 Sq. Ft. of drainage easement, 10,159 Sq. Ft. of temporary construction easement, and 100 Sq. Ft. of communications easement. The property owner was offered $148,170.00, the fair market value as determined by professional appraisal.

FUNDING SOURCE
Capital Improvement Sales Tax

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2023-117 Acquisition by Condemnation Proceedings for the Zora Street Improvement Project Rangeline to MO-249 be approved on an emergency basis, in that said ordinance provides for public improvements and is considered to be an emergency per section 2.12(6) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Furthermore, approval of this council bill will allow right of way acquisition to be finalized, allowing construction to begin as scheduled, avoiding any unnecessary delays to the construction schedule, and is therefore an emergency.