City of **JOPLIN** **City Council Agenda Item**

Requested Council Meeting Date: March 20, 2017
Council Bill No. 2017-122

Item: **Acquisition by Condemnation Proceedings for 29th and Arizona Storm Water Detention Basin Project**

Originating Department: PUBLIC WORKS – ENGINEERING

Attachments: 1) Location Map
2) Council Bill No. 2017-122

Department Head: Nicholas A. Heatherly	Date:
Finance Department: Leslie Haase	Date:
City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards	Date:
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm	Date:

Recommended Action: Approval of an ordinance declaring a public necessity for the acquisition of real property and easements from Arizona Property LLC, by condemnation proceedings, for the 29th and Arizona Storm Water Detention Basin Project.

Background: In November 2013 the council approved a consulting agreement with Olsson Associates for design services for the 29th and Arizona Regional Detention Basin. The project is part of the 2012 to 2022 storm water sales tax project program. The project was included in the State of Missouri's Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure program, but has since been deleted due to extensive negotiations with one property owner. The improvements will need to be completed under the storm water sales tax program.

At this time the City has been unable to reach an agreement with Arizona Property LLC for the purchase of property and easements at 2902 Arizona Avenue.

Discussion:
Staff has presented a written offer to the listed property owner based on a professional appraisal prepared for the City of Joplin. At this time the offer of compensation has not been accepted. In order to complete the project, staff would like authorization to initiate condemnation proceedings.

Recommendation: Staff recommends this Council Bill be passed on an Emergency basis per Section 2.12 (6) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin.