City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: April 6, 2015

Item: Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri and Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust, A Delaware statutory Trust.

Originating Department: Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services

Attachments: 1) Development Agreement
2) Council Bill No. 2015-352

Department Head: Troy Bolander	Date:
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City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards	Date:
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm	Date:

Recommended Action: Approval of Council Bill No. 2015-352

INTRODUCTION:

Request to enter into a development agreement with Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust (Wal-Mart) to allow them to re-locate the Maiden Lane entrance into Cunningham Park/Swimming Pool.

DISCUSSION:

In September of 2014, the City Council approved the rezoning for a new Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market located along Maiden Lane north of 26th St. across from the Cunningham Park/ Swimming Pool parking lot. At the city's request, the site plan presented to Council showed the relocation of the Cunningham Park/Swimming Pool entrance to better align it with the proposed Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market entrance. This was done from a safety perspective to encourage a safer cross street ingress/egress between both the Neighborhood Market and Cunningham Park/Swimming Pool. Wal-Mart has agreed to pay for the cost associated with the relocation of the park/swimming pool entrance. Other improvements Wal-Mart will be doing as a result of the entrance relocation includes constructing new sidewalks, relocating trees, catch basin improvements and constructing three new parking spaces on the east side of the existing parking lot due to three parking spaces being taken by the new entrance. The attached development agreement formalizes the responsibilities of Wal-Mart concerning the relocation of the entrance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this Ordinance dealing with a public improvement, is an emergency within the meaning of Section 2.12(6) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and, the same shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption and approval.

Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on an emergency basis.