City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

**Requested Council Meeting Date: May 2, 2016**

**Item: RESOLUTION NO. 2016-005**
**Originating Department: FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Attachments: 1) Resolution No. 2016-005

Finance Department: Leslie Haase
City Attorney: Peter Edwards
City Manager: Sam Anselm
Planning Director: Troy Bolander

Recommended Action: Appoint new members to the Northpark Mall Community Improvement District (CID) Board

**SUMMARY/REQUEST:**
In June of 2014, the Northpark Mall owners submitted a petition to the City to form a community improvement district (CID) in order to make $10 million in improvements to the mall property. The petition proposed to add a 1% sales tax within the district to fund improvements such as new parking lot lighting, demolition and construction of the existing parking lot, construction of a portion of a walking trail which will connect with the trail from MSSU to the mall, and landscaping enhancements. Council approved the petition and cooperative agreement with Northpark Mall to form the CID. However, to date, the additional sales tax has not been implemented, but some improvements have been made by the mall.

The Mayor and Council originally appointed Delonte Colbert, Barry Smith, and Lauren Spellmeyer as directors to the board. The City was recently contacted by Husch Blackwell as legal representatives for the mall owners. They indicated that the mall would now like to have board meetings to discuss implementing the sales tax, issuing debt and completing the approved projects. However, the current board directors are no longer eligible to serve. Therefore, the mall is requesting the Mayor and Council appoint Joan Ghani, Kim King, and Sean Phillips as new board directors for a four-year term effective immediately. The Finance Director of the City still serves as the ex-officio representative of the board.

As outlined in the approved CID petition, the owner submits a slate of nominees for the director positions for Mayor and Council approval. As such, this resolution appoints the three new members to the District board.

**RECOMMENDATION:**
Staff recommends this Resolution be approved.