CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2026-610 authorizing and approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, and Place Foundry PLLC to provide for the evaluation, planning and implementation services for the commercial and residential development and re-development of applicable land and facilities on and surrounding Missouri Southern State University, the Northpark Mall, and generally the Newman Road, Duquesne Road, and North Range Line commercial area.

MEETING DATE
June 1, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
City Manager Office

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill No. 2026-610; RFP, RFP Response. Evaluation Scoring; Consulting Agreement

REVIEWED BY
Director of Planning Development and Neighborhood Services – Troy Bolander; Director of Finance - Leslie Haase; City Attorney - Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager - Tony Robyn; City Manager - Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the City Manager or his designee to enter into a consultant contract with Place Foundry PLLC. in the not to exceed amount of Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($217,500.00) to provide evaluation, planning and implementation services for the commercial and residential development and re-development of applicable land and facilities on and surrounding the Missouri Southern State University, the Northpark Mall, and generally the Newman Road, Duquesne Road, and North Range Line commercial area.

BACKGROUND
The City of Joplin in collaboration with the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce and Missouri Southern State University seek to identify opportunities to develop or redevelop areas as described for the general improvement and growth of recreational, business, and residential opportunities for students, citizens, and the overall Joplin community. On February 20, 2026, the City of Joplin issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultants to provide professional planning and implementation services for the City of Joplin Economic Development Program. Six proposals were received and assessed by a team of seven members. Three interviews were held and Place Foundry was selected as the lowest and best overall comprehensive analysis and response.

ITEM DESCRIPTION	ANTICIPATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	ESTIMATED TIMELINE
Planning Assessment	$139,500	General Fund (CM Office Budget)	June 2027
Implementation	$78,000	General Fund (CM Office Budget)	June 2028
Grand Total	$217,500		

FUNDING SOURCE

The 2026 fiscal year budget includes $150,000.00 in the General Fund Budget of the City Manager's Office. This Council Bill also includes a budget amendment in the amount of $67,500.00 to include the implementation portion of this contract.

RECOMMENDATION

City Staff recommends adoption of this council bill at First Reading.

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