City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: August 15, 2016

Item: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2016-272
Originating Department: PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Attachments: 1) Copy of Council Bill
2) Planning Report
3) Commission Minutes

Planning/Community Development Manager: Troy Bolander
City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm
Board or Commission: Planning and Zoning Commission Date: 8/1/2016

Recommended Action: Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of "5 in favor, 2 absent"

SUMMARY/REQUEST:
Case 026-16: Northwest corner of 26th Street and Main Street – A request to vacate a twenty (20) foot utility easement described as follows – Joplin Redevelopment Corporation.

STAFF SUMMARY:
The Joplin Redevelopment Corporation is requesting the vacation of a utility easement at the northwest corner of 26th Street and Main Street. Pending rezoning and site plan approval, this site will be developed by Braum's. The utilities that are currently in this easement will be relocated, with the sanitary sewer line running along Joplin Avenue.

Staff recommends approval of Case 026-16.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:
Ms. Taylor Cunningham appeared representing the City of Joplin and the Joplin Redevelopment Corporation (JRC) to request the vacation of the utility easement so the developer will be able to relocate utilities on the west side of the property. The building will be constructed on the edge of the current easement, but through traffic will still be allowed in the alley. Once all the utilities are relocated, a new easement will be dedicated to the City of Joplin.

Mr. Duncan asked if the existing alley lines up with the north and south entrances for Braum's, and Ms. Cunningham replied the entrances will still align with the alley.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.