CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
CB 2021-279-Utility Easement Vacation

MEETING DATE:
September 7, 2021

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:
Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services

REVIEWED BY:
Director of Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services-Troy Bolander, Director of Finance-Leslie Haase, City Attorney- Peter Edwards, City Manager- Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY REQUEST:
Case 038-21: Southeast Corner of S. Anderson Ave. and W. 26th St. – A request to vacate a utility easement – Memorial Hills II, L.P. c/o Kevin Parker

BACKGROUND:
Utilities are not currently in the Right-of-Way. Rerouting of utilities is not required to maintain current services to adjoining properties. No plans for new utilities to be located in the right-of-way. As the platted lots are now under common ownership, the easement providing utility access to those lots is no longer necessary, particularly with a proposed redevelopment of this scale on the site. No existing or future utilities are currently in or planned to be within this easement.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:
Kevin Parker with Parker Development, 1115 Illinois Ave. Ste. 1, Joplin, MO. The easement he is requesting to vacate is a legacy easement which has been vacated on both sides, which was recorded in 1978 and is now on a site that is being held by the Joplin Redevelopment Commission, that he is purchasing for the construction of Memorial Hills II.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

FUNDING SOURCE
These payments are included in the FY 2020-21 budget of the Community Planning Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of Case 038-21.
Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval for Case 038-21 (5 in favor, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.)

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2021- 279, Staff Planning Report, P&Z Commission Minutes