City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: September 8, 2015

Item: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2015-267
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: 8/10/2015

Recommended Action: Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of "4 in favor, 3 absent"

SUMMARY/REQUEST:
Case 025-15: 185 feet north of the intersection of 23rd Street and Maiden Lane – A request to rezone from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to C-3 (Commercial District) – City of Joplin.

STAFF SUMMARY:
This billboard has been displaced by the City of Joplin's Maiden Lane widening project. The City is relocating the billboard and granting a billboard easement on City property rather than buying out the lease. Lamar Advertising and their associates have met with appropriate City staff before drafting the easement language and constructing the new billboard.

Staff recommends approval of Case 025-15.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:
Mr. Bolander stated that because of the Maiden Lane widening project, a billboard needed to be relocated. He is investigating the relocation to this piece of City-owned property to be in compliance with the City's sign code. This property must be zoned commercial. The commercial zoning meets the requirements of the Comprehensive Plan, which recommends a commercial designation at this location. Staff recommends approval of this request.

Mr. Eastman asked if the billboard will be erected on the north side or the south side of the property, or if it will be centered on the property. Mr. Bolander stated it would be located close to the south property line.

Mr. Eastman asked if this will be declared as excess property, and Mr. Bolander replied that the area containing the billboard will be leased. The property will probably be declared excess in the future. It is the former location of the fire station that was destroyed in the tornado.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.