Requested Council Meeting Date: September 19, 2016
Council Bill No. 2016-141

Item: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Wildwood Ranch LLC for the reimbursement of city expenses for environmental assessments.

Originating Department: Planning/Public Works

Attachments: 1) Council Bill No. 2016-141
2) Exhibit A - MOU

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Recommended Action: Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Wildwood Ranch LLC for the reimbursement of environmental assessment costs the city will incur for the Wildwood Infrastructure.

Background: Wildwood Ranch LLC and City entered into an agreement executed on January 15, 2009 for Sanitary Sewer Construction and Treatment Services and Annexation. The City has been awarded Federal Economic Development Administration (herein called the "EDA") funds for library and infrastructure improvements through EDA Award #05.79.05345.

The City wishes to engage Wildwood Ranch LLC to assist the City in utilizing such funds for economic development activities to include improvements to 32nd Street, Sanitary Sewer services, and Emergency Air Siren infrastructure at Wildwood Business and Industrial Park. The EDA grant does not pay for the Environmental Assessments, considered predevelopment costs, for the project. Wildwood Ranch LLC has agreed to pay for those costs.

Discussion: Council has previously approved both design contracts for the 32nd Street improvements and the sanitary sewer line installation and upgrades to two lift stations. EDA requires the environmental assessments completed prior to construction. Bids will be let this fall for the construction of the improvements.

Recommendation: City staff recommends that this MOU be approved on an emergency basis in accordance with Section 2.12(6) of the Joplin City Charter.