City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: November 7, 2016

Item: Lease Agreement with Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation
Originating Department: Planning & Community Development

Attachments: 1) Council Bill No. 2016-409
2) Lease Agreement and Exhibit A Map – Murphysburg Porter Lots 185 – 187 for the Advanced Training and Technology Center

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City Attorney: Peter Edwards
City Manager: Samuel Anselm

Recommended Action: Approval of Council Bill No. 2016-409

INTRODUCTION:

The following Council Bill is for a lease agreement between the City of Joplin and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation for the entire north 50 feet of city-owned Murphysburg Porter Lots 185-187, highlighted in red in the map below. The land will be used to provide 27 additional parking spaces for students and visitors of the Advanced Training and Technology Center (ATTC) under development. ATTC Phase I was previously approved by City Council on July 20, 2015 for the purchase and renovation of a building to serve as an Advanced Training and Technology Center. City Council previously approved these activities as part of the Capital Plan adopted July 7, 2015, and in the Round 2 Community Development Block Grant Program – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Amendment 16 (Partial Action Plan #7) on May 16, 2016. ATTC Phase II was previously approved by City Council on September 6, 2016 for the purchase and installation of furniture, fixtures, and equipment to be used for the development and execution of the proposed training programs/classes for ATTC Phase I.

DISCUSSION:

The Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, in conjunction with Crowder College, needs additional parking spaces for students and visitors of the Advanced Training and Technology Center. The proposed Advanced Training and Technology Center will help fill gaps in the City of Joplin's workforce by providing better-skilled workers to existing and new companies, and enable local residents, particularly those with low/moderate incomes (LMI) to advance their skills and, consequently, their standard of living.

The lease agreement will provide land on the entire north 50 feet of Murphysburg Porter Lots 185-187, to be used as an additional parking lot for ATTC. This City-owned parcel is currently underutilized and unused. The lease will be for 5 years, with automatic renew for 4 successive terms of 5 years each. The rent will be $1.00 per year.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends the approval of this Council Bill on an emergency basis, meaning of Section 2.12(6) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, in that said ordinance deals with public health and safety issues, so the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation may begin construction to provide the additional parking for ATTC.