City of Joplin City Council Agenda Item

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: December 4, 2017
ITEM: Council Bill No. 2017-012 approving a Donation Agreement between the City of Joplin and the Missouri Southern Foundation, dealing with the former Joplin Public Library and parking lot located at 3rd & Main Street.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legal Department
ATTACHMENTS: Council Bill No. 2017-012; Exhibit – Donation Agreement.

DEPARTMENT HEAD:	Peter C. Edwards	**DATE:**
FINANCE DEPARTMENT:	Leslie Haase	**DATE:**
CITY MANAGER:	Sam Anselm	**DATE:**

INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill authorizes and approves a Donation Agreement by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Missouri Southern Foundation, dealing generally with the transfer of the former Joplin Public Library and its parking lot, to the Missouri Southern Foundation.

DISCUSSION:

The City was contacted by the Missouri Southern Foundation with a proposal regarding the former Joplin Public Library. Missouri Southern Foundation is desirous of obtaining this property for the purpose of redeveloping it to utilize as an additional campus to conduct classes and educational activities for the Missouri Southern State University. The City desires to donate the former Joplin Public Library building and parking lot property to the Foundation for the purpose of its redevelopment.

Upon successful closing of the transaction, the Foundation would assume ownership of the former Joplin Public Library and parking lot. The Foundation would be required to maintain, pay utilities and pay casualty insurance and any taxes levied against the real estate. If the Foundation does not complete the renovation of the building and commence operations within six (6) years, the property will revert back to the City. If the Foundation does not move forward with their project, they are free to deed the real estate back to the City at any time. The Foundation unanimously approved this Agreement at its November 16th meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends this Council Bill be passed on an emergency basis.

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Attachments