City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: December 5, 2016

Item: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2016-293
Originating Department: PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Attachments: 1) Copy of Council Bill 2016-293
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: 11/14/2016

Recommended Action: Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval "6 in favor, 1 absent"

SUMMARY/REQUEST:
Case 050-16: 721 North Sergeant Avenue – A request to designate the property a Historic Landmark and include in a Historic Preservation Overlay District – Jill and Jason Sullivan.

STAFF SUMMARY:
This is a request by Jill and Jason Sullivan to nominate this historic home as a local historic landmark. The property is in the historic Roanoke neighborhood and is commonly known as the Jesse F. Osborne House. The home was constructed in 1910 and is in the American Foursquare/Prairie architectural style. It was built by former Joplin mayor Jesse F. Osborne who was elected as the City's mayor a record five times. Mayor Osborne died in office in 1926. The Osborne Memorial Cemetery in south Joplin was named after him. 721 North Sergeant features two limestone porches and a chimney, as well as three unoriginal sleeping porches that were added in the 1920s. The house was among the first homes built in Roanoke, which was Joplin's first planned subdivision.

According to the regulations of the historic preservation ordinance, the structure must meet one or more of the criteria for nomination as a local historic landmark.

The criteria include:

A. Its character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the community, county, state, or country;

B. Its location as a site of a significant local, county, state, or national event;

C. Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state, or country;

D. Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials;

E. Its identification as the work of a master builder, designer, architect, or landscape architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the community, county, state, or country;

F. Its embodiment of elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant;

G. Its embodiment of design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative;

H. Its unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature;

I. Its character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, including, but not limited to farmhouses, gas stations, or other commercial structures, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance; and/or

J. Its suitability for preservation or restoration.

Any structure, property, or area that meets one or more of the above criteria shall also have sufficient integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship to make it worthy of preservation or restoration. (Ord. No. 86-31, § 1, 3-17-86)

After review, staff believes the church nomination meets criteria (C) and (H).

The Historic Preservation Committee recommended approval of Case 050-16.

Staff recommends approval of Case 050-16.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:
Ms. Jill Sullivan, 721 North Sergeant Avenue, Joplin, MO, owns the property in Case 050-16. Ms. Sullivan explained she and her husband were the first to build in their sub-division which is in historic Roanoke neighborhood and the home is commonly known as the Jesse F. Osborne House. It meets two (2) of the requirements for Historic Preservation. The home has architectural value and resources due to the era it was built.

Mr. Smith asked for comments from the commissioners and the audience, and none were received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Gay Dust, 2818 East 18th Street. She thoroughly supports anyone that is trying to get those houses back in condition.