JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
DECEMBER 5, 2022

Mayor Lawson called the December 5, 2022, Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Doug Lawson, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, Kate Spencer, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Homelessness Study Scope of Services Discussion

Tony Robyn, Assistant City Manager presented.

ACTION PLAN Homelessness Analysis Scope for RFP FINAL DRAFT 12/5/2022

The City of Joplin along with partners intend to better align and leverage resources toward solutions to address the most vulnerable homeless and at-risk individuals and households, along with associated impacts to our community. The successful respondent will be expected to develop and facilitate a process to obtain significant input from the Joplin region by engaging in a robust dialogue with citizens, community organizations, and Coalition service providers to better manage and address homelessness.

- Gather and analyze existing data and information from current Homeless Coalition partners and providers to identify system structure and service gaps
- Identify types of homelessness in our community (true homeless vs. transient); analyze the Coalition's Homeless Population Count for priority needs of the individuals
- Identify degree of coordination/collaboration currently in place between providers and among local government(s)
- Identify core capacities of each agency and organizations providing services; what are top priorities of each
- Identify provider capacity building and inhouse training needs
- Map and diagram Continuum of Care across and through various organizations
- Identify any unmet needs of homelessness population
- Identify barriers to access to needed services for upward mobility like:
    - Transportation
    - Licensed Childcare
    - Mental and medical health care
    - Food access
    - Coordinated entry/case management
    - Employment/skills training opportunities
    - Clothing

• Identify existing community educational efforts highlighting issues and services available

• Identify current state and local law enforcement statutes, ordinances, code enforcement, and zoning opportunities and gaps to better manage populations

• Identify current availability of housing types and related services for homelessness entry (rapid rehousing needs), upsizing, and growth; analyze 2022 Joplin Housing Study

• Convene and facilitate at least one townhall-type event among service providers with a SWOT analysis. Providers should include non-profits, business community, City of Joplin, Joplin Schools, Churches, and the Homeless Coalition members.

• Provide at least two in-person progress/status updates to Joplin City Council.

KEY OUTCOMES

• Provide an actionable plan of best practices to better provide coordinated services to reduce negative impacts of homelessness to our Joplin communities

• Identify public and private support funding sources

• Identify a menu of service-gap opportunities

• Identify city specific enforcement opportunities

• Identify public and organizational educational opportunities

• Identify public and private support funding sources

• Provide a communications framework that addresses public concerns and questions.

An RFP will be brought back to Council for review in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Holly Nagy, MRCC, City Clerk