JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024
5TH FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
602 S. MAIN ST.
5:45 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, will hold a work session beginning at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2024, in the 5th Floor Council Chambers, 602 S. Main Street to discuss the topics below. This meeting can be view via livestream at http://www.joplinmo.org/182/Video-Multimedia

AGENDA

1. Memorial Hall Discussion
2. Homelessness Plan Best Practices and Recommendations
3. Vacant & Dangerous Buildings Discussion

Notice posted at 12:00 pm on this 6th day of June 2024. (RSMo 610.020)

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Memorial Hall Discussion

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Option 1: Demo Only

- Consultant estimated $5m for demolition costs
- Demolition option could result in either a grass lot or parking lot depending on Council's desire
- Staff will prepare an RFP
- Funding for demolition still needs to be identified
- Memorials will be removed and stored for safekeeping

Option 2: Demo and Create Memorial Park

- Staff will issue an RFP for the design of a Memorial Park
- The design process could involve different locations
- The design process could take 9 months
- The Council will be presented with design choices
- A bid for demolition and construction of a Memorial Park will be brought forward for Council's consideration
- Funding for both the demolition and creation of a new park will need to be identified after the design process is complete

Option 3: Sell Memorial Hall

- Process would be like the one used for the former Library
- An MOU exists offering Connect 2 Culture “first right of refusal”
- Staff has drafted a sample RFP
- The RFP would be advertised for 6 months
- Once responses are gathered those options will be presented to City Council
- The memorials would be removed for safe keeping.
- Staff will issue an RFP for design services to relocate the memorial to new location/park

Option 4: Stabilize Memorial Hall

- Consultant estimated approximately $8m in costs to stabilize Memorial Hall
- The work would prevent further deterioration but not make it accessible
- Funding for a stabilized Memorial Hall would require a General Obligation Bond Issue (election)
- An election can occur on April 1, 2025. City Council would need to approve an ordinance calling for an election by Dec/Jan.

Option 5: Renovate Memorial Hall

- Previous election efforts did not mention the possible demolition of Memorial Hall
- The current analysis estimated a renovation cost of $30m which did not include an expansion or annex
- City staff will need to prepare a debt schedule necessary for a $30m capital expenditure
- Funding for a renovated Memorial Hall would require a General Obligation Bond Issue (election)
- An election can occur on April 1, 2025. City Council would need to approve an ordinance calling for an election by Dec/Jan.

Direction needed:

- Which option does Council want to pursue?
- City staff will prepare a funding plan based on Council's preferred option


Questions?



Homelessness Plan Best Practices and Recommendations

Council Update and Proposed Next Steps

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Planning and Implementation Update

Since the March 2024 Council update:

- Leadership Commission is meeting monthly to determine next steps and identify Joplin best practices from the Community Plan
- Homeless Coalition holds monthly collaborative discussions and continues helping facilitate working groups:
    - Data Collection-Dashboard
    - System of Care Coordination
    - Community Education-Information
- City meets with both Coalition and Commission leaders monthly and reports out efforts and progress

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Community Plan Recommendations

The presented plan identified key priorities for future support and/or funding.

- Support and ratify the creation of the Regional Commission on Homelessness
- Support an independent homelessness program-dedicated paid leadership staff and resources to support the implementation of the Community Plan
- Support discussions with shelter service providers on opportunities and needs
- Support an RFP for the collaborative respondent/lead agency and resources that allows for expanded, dedicated capacity of the system of care.
- Assist in sourcing HMIS services locally

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Commission and Coalition Recommendations

In preparation for Council discussion, the Commission and Coalition compiled priorities from the plan for future support and/or funding of the partnership.

1) Support and ratify the creation of the Regional Commission on Homelessness
2) Opportunity for Council Liaison to the Commission
3) Support an independent program-dedicated paid staff and resources to support the implementation and coordination of the Community Plan
4) Paid staff provides technical support to service providers on priorities
5) Support an RFP for a collaborative respondent/lead agency and resources that builds expanded and dedicated capacity of the system of care.
6) Work with partners to identify and direct resources to agreed upon priorities and best practices

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Commission and Coalition Recommendations

Support an independent program-dedicated staff and resources to support the Homelessness Community Plan

- Position would be created and housed at the Collaborative Respondent through a cooperative agreement
- Position is responsible for:
  - ✓ Implementing the priority recommendations of the Community Homelessness Plan with Regional Commission support
  - ✓ Coordinating activity between the Homelessness Coalition Service Providers and the Regional Commission partners
  - ✓ Providing the partners with quarterly updates of progress and efforts; develop metrics for progress tracking; monthly reports to Commission; quarterly reports to City Council

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Next Steps

Continue discussions for program-dedicated paid staff and resources to support the Homelessness Community Plan priorities

1) Staff will work with the Commission and Coalition on a program budget and collaborative agreement (similar to Chamber of Commerce) to include:
   - Position funding and job description
   - Office and operational supplies
   - Rent to hosting agency
   - Meetings coordination and technical support
   - Educational materials
2) Present program to Council during FY 2025 Budget Issues and Options

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