

**REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** February 20, 2018

**ITEM:** Council Bill No. 2018-018, approves a Real Estate Exchange Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and the State of Missouri Office of Administration Division of Facilities Management, Design, and Construction relating to Memorial Hall.

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**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Legal

**ATTACHMENTS:** Council Bill No. 2018-018; Exhibit – Real Estate Exchange Agreement

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**INTRODUCTION:**

This Council Bill approves and authorizes the execution of a Real Estate Exchange Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and the State of Missouri Office of Administration Division of Facilities Management, Design, and Construction, for property situated near Memorial Hall.

**DISCUSSION:**

On May 1, 2017, Council passed Ordinance 2017-068, approving a Letter of Intent between the City of Joplin and State of Missouri for a proposed exchange of properties near Memorial Hall. The attached Real Estate Exchange Agreement incorporates the Letter of Intent into a formal contract.

The State of Missouri owns property in the City of Joplin that is located at the corner of S. Wall Avenue and W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and presently contains a parking lot for the Joplin Job Center (“the existing Job Center parking lot”). The City would like to acquire the existing Job Center parking lot for the purpose of building a performing arts center. The City currently owns property in the 700 block of South Wall Ave adjacent to the Joplin Job Center (“the property adjacent to the Job Center”). The City is willing to construct a paved parking lot on the property adjacent to the Job Center and exchange it with State for the existing Job Center parking lot. The State is willing to accept such an exchange. The exchange is a land swap; no money will be paid by either party, although the City is obligated to pave its property before transferring it to the State. The land swap must be completed by July 1, 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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