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**REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2018**

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**ITEM:** Council Bill No. 2018-604 approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Joplin and the Rotary Sculpture Garden

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**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**ATTACHMENT:** Council Bill No. 2018-604; copy of Memorandum of Understanding

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**INTRODUCTION:**

This Council Bill approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Joplin and the Rotary Sculpture Garden dealing generally with the placement of sculptures in specified locations throughout the City owned Mercy Park.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Joplin Rotary Club and the Joplin Daybreak Rotary Club have joined together to help plan and establish a sculpture garden within Mercy Park. The purpose and mission of RSG is to enhance the quality of life for citizens and visitors to our community by establishing and maintaining a sculpture garden in an existing city park.

Rotary Sculpture Garden, Inc., a Missouri Not-for-profit Corporation, has been granted 501 ©3 status by the IRS. The Board of Rotary Sculpture Garden, Inc. will serve as the governing body for the garden. Two representatives from the City of Joplin will serve as permanent members of this board. One of these representatives is the Director of Parks and Recreation and the second will be another city employee of his choosing. The remaining members of the board of directors are members of the two Rotary clubs, the arts community, and the city at large.

It is anticipated that additions of sculpture to the park will be by donation of private individuals or corporations. All donations will be subject to approval first by the Board of RSG and final by the City Parks Department and Park Board. Prospective donors must secure written approval before donating or loaning a sculpture. The decisions of the board of RSG, Inc. and the City Parks and Recreation Department are final.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on first reading.