

Requested Council Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Council Bill No. 2015-115

**Item: Acquisition by Condemnation Proceedings for
29th and Arizona Storm Water Detention Basin Project**

Originating Department: PUBLIC WORKS – ENGINEERING

Attachments: 1) Location Map
2) Council Bill No. 2015-115

Department Head: Nicholas A. Heatherly	Date:
Finance Department: Leslie Haase	Date:
City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards	Date:
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm	Date:

Recommended Action: Approval of an ordinance declaring a public necessity for the acquisition of real property and easements from Arizona Property LLC, by condemnation proceedings, for the 29th and Arizona Storm Water Detention Basin Project.

Background: In November 2013 the council approved a consulting agreement with Olsson Associates for design services for the 29th and Arizona Regional Detention Basin. The project is part of the 2012 to 2022 storm water sales tax project program. The project has now been included in the State of Missouri’s Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure program.

At this time the City has been unable to reach an agreement with Arizona Property LLC for the purchase of property and easements at 2902 Arizona Avenue.

Discussion:

Staff has presented a written offer to the listed property owners based on a professional appraisal prepared for the City of Joplin. At this time the offer of compensation has not been accepted. In order to comply with the restrictive timeline for funding dictated by the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development, City staff would like authorization to initiate condemnation proceedings.

Recommendation: Staff recommends this Council Bill be passed on an Emergency basis.