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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-031

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION

1 AUTHORIZING the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City of Springfield,
2 Missouri, to apply for tax credits from the Missouri Development
3 Finance Board for contributions to benefit the Community Partnership
4 of the Ozarks.
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7 WHEREAS, the Missouri Development Finance Board (“MDFB”) operates a
8 program which provides 50 percent tax credits to individuals making donations for
9 certain qualified projects; and
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11 WHEREAS, the City has previously received approval from the MDFB tax credits
12 program for donations to local projects; and
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14 WHEREAS, examples of projects that received tax credits are the construction of
15 Founders Park, the renovation of the Creamery Arts Center, the construction of
16 improvements at the Discovery Center, the construction of the History Museum, and
17 facility expansion of Ozarks Food Harvest; and
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19 WHEREAS, funds raised through these credits will be used to renovate the
20 former Pepperdine School into a new location for the Springfield Affordable Housing
21 Center, repurposing a historic building and providing a neighborhood-based housing
22 center.
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24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
25 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:
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27 Section 1 – The City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City of
28 Springfield, Missouri, is hereby authorized to apply for tax credits for the benefit of the
29 CPO from the MDFB for the purpose of expanding the capacity of the existing CPO
30 facility and to take such actions as are reasonably necessary in connection with such
31 application.
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33 Section 2 - This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.
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35 Passed at meeting:

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_____ Mayor

Attest: _____, City Clerk

Filed as Resolution _____

Approved as to form: , Assistant City Attorney

Approved for Council action: , City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2018-031

FILED: 01-09-18

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development

PURPOSE: To authorize the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City of Springfield, Missouri, to apply for tax credits from the Missouri Development Finance Board for contributions to benefit the Community Partnership of the Ozarks.

BACKGROUND: The Missouri Development Finance Board (“MDFB”) operates a program that provides 50 percent tax credits to persons making donations for qualified projects. Contributions are made directly to the MDFB and the MDFB sends tax credit certificates to the donor. The funds remain at the MDFB until construction costs are incurred. The City then requests disbursement from the account on behalf of the project. This program requires that the grantee be a public entity, such as the City of Springfield. The City has previously received approval for MDFB projects that provided tax credits for donations for the construction of Founders Park, the renovation of the Creamery Arts Center, the construction of the new wing at the Discovery Center of Springfield, construction of the new History Museum, and two projects with Ozarks Food Harvest.

Community Partnership of the Ozarks (“CPO”) understands the urgent need for a collective community response to increase affordable housing and decrease homelessness. CPO, in partnership with the City of Springfield, launched the Springfield Affordable Housing Center in 2013, utilizing a building donated by the City. Since opening, the demands for services have increased significantly. The current facility has reached capacity and can no longer meet the needs of partners and clients. In 2016, the Center received 14,851 requests for service. In 2017, the Center received 36,844 requests for service, an increase of 148 percent. In addition, the facility is listed on the City’s demolition list and has structural issues.

Funds raised through the MDFB Tax Credits for Contributions program will be used to renovate the former Pepperdine School building into a new location for the Springfield Affordable Housing Center. The new location will increase the size of the Springfield Affordable Housing Center from 4,500 to 22,000 square feet, allowing for maximum growth and redevelopment of a historic, long-vacant property by turning it into a vibrant, neighborhood-based housing center focused on improving the lives of the under-resources in our community. CPO is currently in the process of purchasing Pepperdine School from Springfield Public Schools and will be ready to begin renovations in March 2018. Construction will be complete by September 2018, with an occupancy date of November 1, 2018.

This Resolution supports the following Field Guide 2030 goal: Chapter 7, Housing; Major Goal 1, Establish a Housing and Neighborhoods office; and Major Goal 7, Pursue

and expand assistance programs for residents to obtain and maintain housing that is affordable.

Submitted by:



Sarah Kerner, Economic Development Director

Recommended by:



Mary Lilly Smith, Planning Director

Approved by:



Greg Burris, City Manager