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2 **BILL NO. R-12-03-12**

3 **RESOLUTION NO. _____**

4 **A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE**
5 **AMENDMENT OF FORT WAYNE'S**
6 **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PLAN-IT-ALLEN,**
7 **TO ADOPT THE FRONT DOOR FORT**
8 **WAYNE (GATEWAY) PLAN.**

9 **WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Wayne, through its Common Council,
10 desires the development of Transportation and Economic Development
11 plans to implement the goals, policies, and recommendations of its
12 Comprehensive Plan, Plan-It-Allen, in order to: Encourage and plan for
13 context-sensitive design to enhance local character and ensure that new
14 development, redevelopment and roadway improvements are integrated;
15 design understandable and attractive gateway enhancements that promotes
16 continued investment; provide the community with fully accessible, multi-
17 modal transportation options and infrastructure; Develop methods and
18 procedures for maintaining current and future gateway area improvements;
19 promote and market Fort Wayne to support tourism and attract investment
20 into the community;

21 **WHEREAS**, I.C. 36-7-4-511 allows the legislative body to initiate an
22 amendment of the Comprehensive Plan by adopting a resolution to amend it,
23 and direct the Plan Commission to prepare the amendment and submit it in
24 the same manner as any other amendment to the comprehensive plan.

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON**
26 **COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:**
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1 **SECTION 1.** To initiate the amending of the City of Fort Wayne's
2 Comprehensive Plan, Plan-It-Allen, to include the Front Door Fort Wayne
3 Plan and for the Plan Commission to prepare and submit the amendment
4 within ninety (90) days after the formal written request by the legislative body.
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11 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY.
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City of Fort Wayne Common Council
DIGEST SHEET

Department of Planning Services

Title of Resolution: A Resolution initiating an amendment of the City of Fort Wayne Comprehensive Plan, Plan-It Allen, to adopt the Front Door Fort Wayne Plan's goals and objectives.
Bill Number: R-12-03-12
Council District: all

Introduction Date: March 27, 2012

Council Discussion Date: April 03, 2012

Council Pass/Fail: April 10, 2012

Synopsis of Resolution: This resolution initiates (per I.C. 36-7-4-511) an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan, Plan-It Allen, to incorporate the goals and objectives of the Front Door Fort Wayne Gateway Plan.

Location: Within the jurisdiction of the City of Fort Wayne.

Applicant: City of Fort Wayne Community Development Division

Related Petitions: none

Effect of Passage: The initiation of the required process for amending the City's Comprehensive Plan. After Resolution passage, Community Development staff will prepare the amendment, and Plan Commission will hold a public hearing, and upon approval, certify the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to Common Council for final consideration.

Effect of Non-Passage: Prevents the initiation of an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the goals and policies of the Front Door Fort Wayne (Gateway) Plan, thus lessening of the plan's ability to impact decision making and resource allocation, with respect to improving the function and aesthetic of Fort Wayne's major gateways. A planned, comprehensive and coordinated approach is essential to the transformation of our gateways into a mechanism for attracting investment into our community.

Front Door Fort Wayne (Gateway) Plan

Executive Summary

Front Door Fort Wayne is a comprehensive strategy to enhance Fort Wayne's major points of entry into the City. Developed over the past two years by the City of Fort Wayne's Community Development Division with the assistance of a Mayoral appointed advisory committee, the strategy is a framework for improving the appearance, efficiency, and economic potential of these major gateways. The strategy also provides recommendations which increase the ease and understandability for visitors navigating the city. These improvements will assist with marketing and promoting the city, enhance public pride, and foster continued investment in our local economy. This will be achieved through the implementation of dozens of policy recommendations and projects that will transform and improve how we design and maintain our major corridors and points of entry into the community.

This plan is the culmination of two years of study and input from community leaders, stakeholders, and the general public. Review and analysis of existing conditions coupled with input from the business community and investigation of best practice standards in other cities has shown us that Fort Wayne can do more to create a positive experience for visitors to our community. This plan begins to move us in a direction of improved roadway design, greater accessibility for all modes of transportation, more intuitive wayfinding, better maintenance, and pride in our local identity.

Front Door Fort Wayne includes both long range and short-term recommendations to improve the function and aesthetics of existing and future points of entry and gateway corridors into the city and downtown. Policy recommendations, developed with the assistance of the advisory committee, discuss the need for a comprehensive maintenance policy for new and existing public infrastructure. These policies also provide a framework for how our gateway areas can be better designed to accommodate all modes of transportation.

Specific short and long-term project recommendations developed for each gateway corridor and interchange provide solutions to aesthetic and functional design issues. Examples of the types of enhancements being considered include: improvements to roadway design to accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users as well as automobiles; encouraging and supporting public art; improved directional signage to major attractions; and aesthetic improvements such as landscape treatments, pavement design, and lighting that celebrates and promotes the City of Fort Wayne.

The recommendations in this plan set the stage for creating an attractive, dynamic, and inviting environment for visitors to Fort Wayne. The plan relies on the support and perseverance of multiple City departments and governmental agencies, along with involvement from non-profit groups and the private sector to work together in transforming our gateways to better attract investment into our community.