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BILL NO. G-12-04-06

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. G-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.07 OF
CHAPTER 153 "PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT" OF
THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, CODE OF
ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne adopted a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Fort Wayne (Plan-it Allen), in accordance with the statutes of the State of Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2012, the Common Council adopted Resolution No. R-13-12, which initiated the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to include the goals and objectives of the Front Door Fort Wayne Plan, to be adopted; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to amend Section 153.07 to recognize the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission in accordance with the Planning Statutes of the State of Indiana held a public hearing on the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is to establish an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to include the goals and objectives of the Front Door Fort Wayne Plan to be adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. Section 153.07 of Chapter 153 (Planning & Development) of the Code of the City of Fort Wayne is amended by adding the following subsection (C):

(C) Front Door Fort Wayne Plan. The Comprehensive Plan (Plan-it Allen) is amended by adding the goals and objectives of the "Front Door Fort Wayne Plan" as set forth in that plan.

SECTION 2. The subsections (C) through (G) shall now be identified as (D) through (H) respectively.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Carol T. Helton, City Attorney

City of Fort Wayne Common Council
DIGEST SHEET

Department of Planning Services

Title of Ordinance: Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan
Case Number: 1277/12
Bill Number: G-12-04-06
Council District: all

Introduction Date: April 24, 2012

Plan Commission
Public Hearing Date: May 14, 2012

Next Council Action: Ordinance will return to Council after recommendation by the
Plan Commission

Synopsis of Ordinance: A request to amend the City of Fort Wayne Comprehensive Plan to add the goals and objectives of the Front Door Fort Wayne Plan, also known as the "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: Incorporation of the goals and objectives of the Front Door Fort Wayne Plan will strengthen the ability to implement the recommendations in the plan. Approval of this ordinance will add the goals and objectives to the City Code, thereby completing and clarifying the Comprehensive Plan amendment process. A planned, comprehensive and coordinated approach is essential to the transformation of our gateways into a mechanism for attracting investment into our community.

Effect of Non-Passage: Prevents the amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the goals and objectives of the Front Door Fort Wayne 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.

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.

Goals and Objectives being considered for adoption as an amendment to Plan-it Allen.

Maintenance and Sustainability of Publicly Owned Property

GOAL 1: Gateway Corridors should be exceptionally built and maintained - receiving the highest level of available service; integrating environmentally and fiscally responsible methods.

Objective 1: Establish appropriate levels of maintenance for public areas along Gateway Corridors identified on Map #1.

Objective 2: Ensure the maintenance of City-owned non-standard infrastructure such as landmark features, public art, and signs.

Objective 3: When applicable, integrate into the design of Gateway Corridors sustainable materials and methods that minimize both lifecycle costs and adverse impacts to the environment.

Community Identity, Culture, and Heritage

GOAL 1: Gateway Corridors should incorporate elements that promote Fort Wayne's identity and celebrate its pride in community.

Objective 1: Where appropriate, integrate public art into improvements to create a distinctive appearance.

Objective 2: Integrate design concepts, materials, and other elements that are characteristic of the Fort Wayne region.

Objective 3: Support efforts to incorporate messaging -through signage or other means that celebrates Fort Wayne's heritage and culture.

GOAL 2: Landmark features that are well designed with quality materials are supported and encouraged along Gateway Corridors.

Objective 1: Promote the preservation and enhancement of existing signature community landmarks. (MAP #2)

Objective 2: Where appropriate, support the introduction of new landmark features that are designed with quality materials and methods.

Corridor Design

GOAL 1: Context-Sensitive Solutions and Complete Streets design should be incorporated in the development of gateway improvement projects.

Objective 1: Adopt Context Sensitive Solutions approach for design of principal arterial roadways.

Objective 2: Gateway Corridors should be designed using Complete Streets concepts.

GOAL 2: Multiple modes of transportation should be considered and appropriately integrated in the design of Gateway Corridors.

Objective 1: Pedestrian facilities along Gateway Corridors should be coordinated with public transit facilities to ensure that transit stop locations are safe and accessible.

Objective 2: Ensure that sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities are considered in the design and development of all public street improvement projects.

Objective 3: Ensure that bikeway facilities are integrated into the development of all public street improvements per the recommendations of the Bike Fort Wayne Plan; and that bikeway facilities are *considered* in all other gateway corridors not identified in the Bike Fort Wayne Plan.

GOAL 3: A unified and comprehensive wayfinding system should be developed for Fort Wayne's Gateway Corridors.

Objective 1: A wayfinding signage system should be used along gateway corridors to identify major attractions and destinations.

Private Property Maintenance and Design Standards

GOAL: Properties within Gateway Corridors should be of the highest quality and should have a clean and orderly appearance.

Objective 1: Residential and commercial property maintenance codes should be actively enforced along Gateway Corridors identified in this plan.

Objective 2: Overlay Districts or other zoning tools should be explored in order to enhance the appearance of properties along Gateway Corridors identified in this plan.

Objective 3: Provide incentives to property owners to improve the appearance of their property along Gateway Corridors identified in this plan.

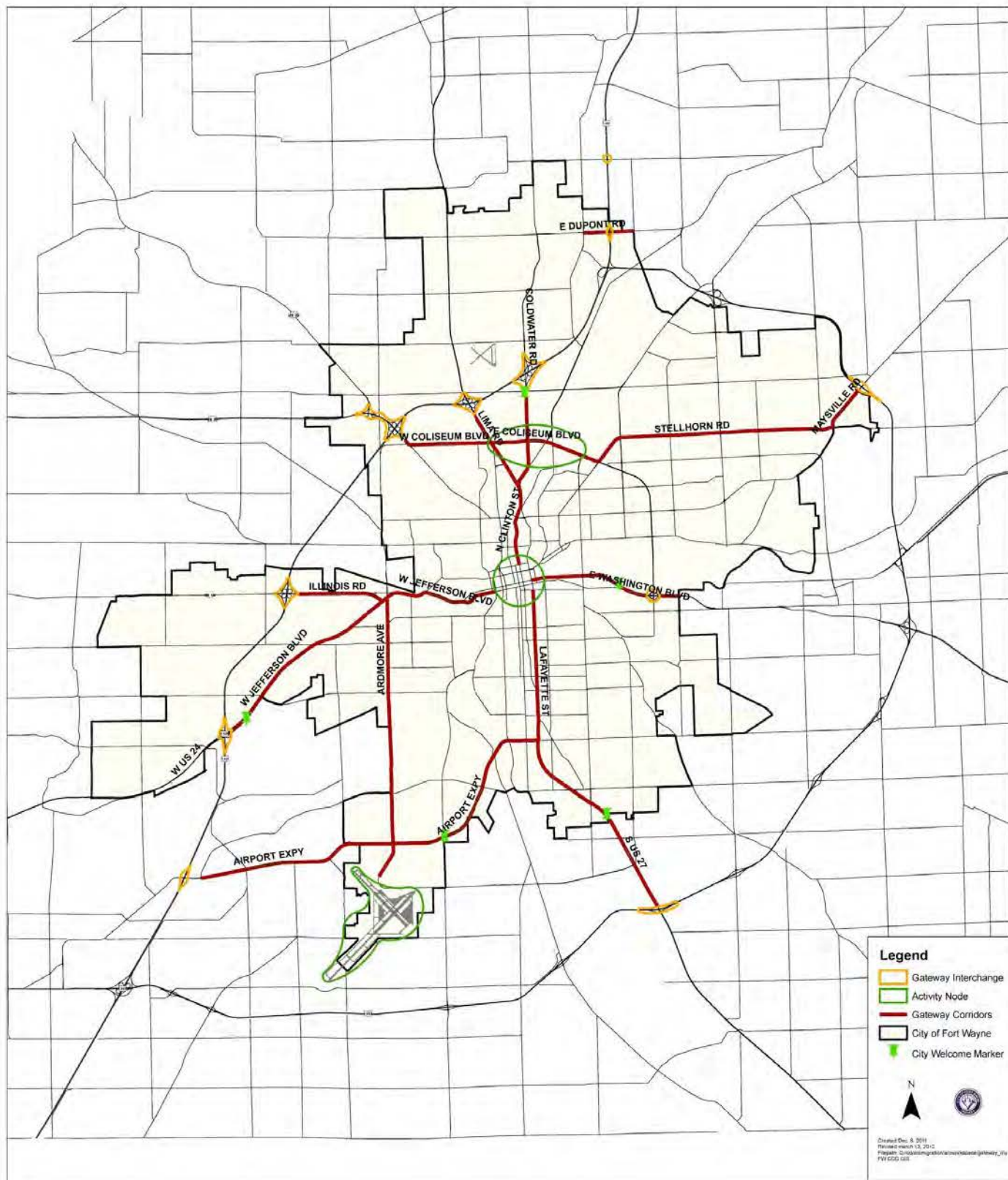
Adoption and Implementation

GOAL: Implement Gateway Corridor enhancements and projects by utilizing the Gateway Projects (MAP #1) and incorporate the recommendations into local and regional transportation plans.

Objective 1: Incorporate project recommendations into NIRCC 2030 II Plan, Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and City of Fort Wayne Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Objective 2: Work with transportation agencies to establish priorities and identify funding opportunities.

Map 1: Gateway Corridors and Interchanges



Map 2: Gateway Landmarks

KEY

JEFFERSON BOULEVARD

- 1 City Welcome Marker
- 2 Jefferson Pointe Clock Tower
- 3 RR Overpass
- 4 St. Mary's Bridge
- 5 Swinney Park

ARDMORE

- 6 Elmhurst High School

US 27 (Lafayette and Clinton South)

- 7 City Welcome Marker
- 8 Scotts Cornucopia
- 9 Reservoir Park
- 10 St. Peter Catholic Church
- 11 RR Overpass
- 12 RR Overpass
- 13 Faith United Methodist Church
- 14 Southside High School

AIRPORT EXPRESSWAY

- 15 City Welcome Marker

WASHINGTON BOULEVARD

- 16 City Welcome Marker
- 17 Memorial Park
- 18 Bergstaff Place
- 19 Indiana Tech

MAYSVILLE/STELLHORN/CRESCENT

- 20 Arlington Park (subdivision sign)
- 21 Imperial Gardens (subdivision sign)
- 22 NE Indiana Innovation Center
- 23 IPFW pedestrian bridge (Willis Bridge)
- 24 WFWA (Dr. Rudy & Rhonda Kachmann Teleplex)

COLISEUM BOULEVARD

- 25 Ivy Tech
- 26 IPFW
- 27 War Memorial Coliseum
- 28 Water Works Facility
- 29 Johnny Appleseed Bridge
- 30 IPFW Venderly Family Bridge
- 31 Roller Dome

COLDWATER AND N. CLINTON

- 32 City Welcome Marker
- 33 Halls Factory
- 34 Science Central
- 35 MLK Bridge
- 36 Headwaters Park
- 37 RR Overpass (Downtown Sign)

LIMA ROAD

- 38 Raytheon Building
- 39 Prairie Farms Facility

DUPONT

- 40 Parkview Regional Medical Center

