

BILL NO. R-20-09-32

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE AMENDMENT
OF FORT WAYNE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN,
PLAN-IT-ALLEN, TO ADOPT THE SOUTHEAST
STRATEGY UPDATE.**

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 the City of Fort Wayne, through its Common Council, desires to implement the goals, policies, and recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan, Plan-It-Allen; and,

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

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

SECTION 1. To initiate the amending of the City of Fort Wayne's Comprehensive Plan, Plan-It-Allen, to include the guiding principles and policies of the Southeast Strategy Update and for the Plan Commission to prepare and submit the amendment within 60 days after the formal written request by the legislative body.

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Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Carol T. Helton, City Attorney

DIGEST SHEET

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: A Resolution initiating an amendment of the City of Fort Wayne Comprehensive Plan, Plan-It-Allen, to adopt the guiding principles and policies of the Southeast Strategy Update.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTING RESOLUTION: City of Fort Wayne Community Development Division.

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 guiding principles and policies of the Southeast Strategy Update.

EFFECT OF PASSAGE: The initiation of the required process for amending the City's Comprehensive Plan. After Resolution passage, the Plan Commission will then prepare the amendment, conduct a public hearing, and upon recommendation for 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 guiding principles and policies of the Southeast Strategy Update, thus lessening the plan's ability to impact decision making and resource allocation with respect to development and re-investment southeast.

MONEY INVOLVED (DIRECT COSTS, EXPENDITURES, SAVINGS): Not applicable

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE (PRESIDENT):



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING & POLICY

Thomas C. Henry, Mayor

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Memo

To: Common Council Members
From: Paul Spoelhof, Director, Planning & Policy
Date: September 17, 2020
Re: Adoption of the Southeast Strategy Update

The Southeast Strategy Update is a subarea plan that builds on the successes from the 2007 Southeast Area Development Strategy and takes a fresh approach to identifying opportunities for commercial and residential investment.

The update originated through a request from the Southeast Area Neighborhood Partnership. The original strategy plan was developed with an emphasis on residential re-investment with many recommendations focused in the Hanna and Creighton area (Census Tract 17). These housing related recommendations resulted in projects that increased investment in the Renaissance Pointe Neighborhood.

The Southeast Strategy Update continues to look at housing needs, but places more emphasis on economic development. The update provides recommendations for strengthening small businesses and revitalization of several key corridors and areas southeast.

Similar to the 2007 Southeast Strategy, the Strategy Update is a 10 year plan that includes guiding principles and policy recommendations which provide guidance and direction to various city boards, commissions, and other decision makers. The plan also includes specific action steps for each policy; which identify projects and initiatives.

The policies and action steps presented in the plan provide short and long-term recommendations to improve economic development, transportation, community pride, zoning and public spaces. Examples of recommendations include:

- Focus investment in four key Southeast locations. Calhoun Street, Pontiac Street, McKinnie Ave / S. Anthony, and Southtown Area;
- Improve access to health and wellness services and fresh food options within Southeast Fort Wayne;

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- Promote Southeast Fort Wayne through a coordinated communication / marketing strategy;
- Create more housing options - infuse more market rate while satisfying need for quality affordable housing;
- Leverage existing economic development resources and create new mechanisms to support small retail businesses in Southeast Fort Wayne; and
- A proposal to explore rezoning four Southeast locations: Calhoun Street, Pontiac Street, Southgate and Decatur Road, Southtown Area.

The adoption of the guiding principles and policies of the strategy as an amendment to the Plan-it Allen Comprehensive Plan will ensure that the needs of the community are considered during infrastructure planning and in the review of new development. The action steps, which provide specific tasks to implement the policies, are not formally adopted as they are intended to remain flexible and may change over time. Adoption of the guiding principles and policies does not prioritize projects or secure funding for implementation.

I.C. 36-7-4-511 allows the legislative body to initiate an amendment of the Comprehensive Plan by adopting a resolution to amend it, and directing the Plan Commission to prepare the amendment and submit it in the same manner as any other amendment to the comprehensive plan. Upon passage of the initiating resolution, the Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the amendment and return a recommendation to Common Council for final action in the form of an adopting resolution and an ordinance which will amend Section 153.07 of Chapter 153 (Planning and Development) of City Code.

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