

1 **BILL NO. R-20-01-41 As Amended As Amended**

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3 **Resolution No _____**
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7 **A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING**
8 **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2019 COUNCIL STUDY**
9 **COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE LEGACY**
10 **FUND**

11 WHEREAS, on June 11, 2019 Fort Wayne Common Council passed Resolution R-22-19
12 requesting a comprehensive review by Council of policies and procedures related to the Legacy
13 Fund process; and

14 WHEREAS, a Council study committee, convened, discussed, and researched
15 community outlooks on the Legacy Fund (Fund) and the Joint Legacy Funding Committee
16 (LJFC); and

17 WHEREAS, questions that were addressed included, but were not limited to the role of
18 the status of the minimum balance in determining loans or grants, the role of the LJFC, the
19 structure of the committee, the role of staff in the process, and the relevance of the guidelines as
20 previously determined; and

21 WHEREAS, it is generally agreed that the LJFC process works well and vets funding
22 requests while providing an additional level of engagement and transparency, and should
23 continue to be the first point of contact for all projects with the exception of publically funded
24 projects and multi-sourced public-private development projects seeking funding; and

25 WHEREAS, after research and discussion four areas of concern and potential
26 improvement were identified; and

27 WHEREAS, the four (4) areas are Community Engagement, Committee Makeup,
28 Minimum Fund Balance, and Determination on Funding; and

29 WHEREAS, these recommendations were presented to Council on December 17, 2019
30 and was noted in the original resolution and at the meeting that recommendations would be
31 discussed and potentially adopted in 2020; and

32 WHEREAS, it is in the purview of Council to modify the policies and procedures of the
33 Legacy Joint Funding Committee with concurrence from the Mayor.
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1 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF**
2 **THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE INDIANA:**

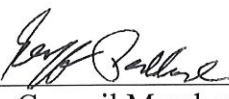
3 **SECTION 1.** To ensure greater Community Engagement, all proposals for Legacy
4 funding shall be placed on the webpage dedicated to Legacy information by Community
5 Development staff at least four (4) weeks before any formal meeting of the initiating body where
6 the project may be discussed. The website on which the proposals are posted shall also have a
7 comments section, to ensure that community comments are collected. Community Development
8 shall also accept and distribute correspondence submitted through postal mail.

9 **SECTION 2.** To ensure more diverse LJFC membership, Common Council shall appoint
10 four (4) representatives, to serve on the committee as follows: at least two (2) of the
11 representatives shall be members of Common Council and of different political parties, and at
12 least two (2) shall be citizen representatives. As the other appointing body, the office of the
13 Mayor shall appoint four (4) representatives to serve on the committee as follows: at least two
14 (2) of the representatives shall be administration officials and of different political parties and at
15 least two (2) shall be citizen representatives. The ninth member of the committee shall be
16 selected by the Council and Mayoral designees.

17 **SECTION 3.** To promote the longevity of the Fund, organizations requesting loans from
18 the Fund will be viewed more favorably than those requesting grants.

19 **SECTION 4.** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its
20 passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

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26 Paul Ensley, Council Member

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33 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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