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5 **A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING**
6 **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2019 COUNCIL STUDY**
7 **COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE LEGACY**
8 **FUND**

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, after research and discussion four areas of concern and potential
24 improvement were identified; and

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

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

30 WHEREAS, it is in the purview of Council to modify the policies and procedures of the
31 Legacy Joint Funding Committee with concurrence from the Mayor.

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

34 **SECTION 1.** To ensure greater Community Engagement, all proposals for Legacy
35 funding shall be placed on the webpage dedicated to Legacy information by Community
36 Development staff at least four (4) weeks before any formal meeting of the initiating body where

1 the project may be discussed. The website on which the proposals are posted shall also have a
2 comments section, to ensure that community comments are collected. Community Development
3 shall also accept and distribute correspondence submitted through postal mail.

4 **SECTION 2.** To ensure more diverse LJFC membership, Common Council shall appoint
5 at least one (1) member of the body to serve on the committee and at least one (1) citizen
6 representative. The other two (2) members of the LJFC appointed by Council shall be at the
7 discretion of the body. As the other appointing body, the office of the Mayor shall appoint at
8 least one (1) administration official and at least one (1) citizen representative. The other two (2)
9 members of the LJFC appointed by the office of the Mayor shall be at the discretion of the
10 Mayor. The ninth member of the committee shall be selected by the Council and Mayoral
11 designees.

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

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

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28 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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32 Joseph G. Bonahoom, Attorney for Common Council