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BILL NO. G-26-06-31 **GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. _____**

**A RESOLUTION CREATING THE Data Center & Community Quality of Life+ Task
Force
FOR THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE**

WHEREAS, there are environmental factors that impact all levels of decision making;
and

WHEREAS, data centers have the potential for great economic community contributions
but can also be a tremendous strain on local resources; and

WHEREAS, many of those potential strains have been inquired about by constituents,
but very few of them have been answered despite being asked for months; and

WHEREAS, fair and meaningful involvement of residents and considering their
perspectives and being accountable to them when they have questions and concerns is
an extremely important aspect of serving in any decision-maker role and is critical to
overall community development; and

WHEREAS, recent development projects have shown a lack of stakeholder
engagement, both during the development phase, but also during implementation
phases where partners have not been responsive to the community questions, therefore
leaving residents unsatisfied and under-informed; and

WHEREAS, community vigilance will increase the likelihood of data centers fulfilling
their positive potential and decrease the likelihood of fulfilling their negative potential;
and

WHEREAS, Project Zodiac/Google has expressed multiple times its desire to be a
positive partner in the community but has been unable to so satisfactorily to many in
constituents; and

WHEREAS, having a single point of contact for all community projects that have some
sort of environmental impact will have a positive impact for all community members.

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

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SECTION 1. The Fort Wayne Common Council hereby creates the Data Center & Community Quality of Life+ Task Force (DCCQL+).

SECTION 2. The purpose of the DCCQL+ shall be to provide recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and City Departments on quality of life & environmental issues from local data center developments, as well as acting as a point of contact for residents to receive information regarding their data center related questions affecting safety, health, quality of life, the environment, and the effects on the Community in general. It is expected that any data center project in Fort Wayne shall be reviewed by the DCCQL+ for potential concerns before approvals, during development, during stabilization, and as-needed thereafter.

SECTION 3. The DCCQL+ shall be comprised of twelve (12) members as appointed for two (2) year terms. Seven members shall be appointed by the Mayor. They shall include a representative of Fort Wayne City Utilities, a representative of Fort Wayne City Utilities Stormwater Engineering, a representative from Fort Wayne Division of Community Development, and four (4) residents of the City of Fort Wayne representing or with knowledge of development or engineering, utilities, environmental resources, and community economic development. The Mayor shall make its appointments within 30 days of the adoption of this resolution. . If more than 30 days elapses without the Mayor appointing all 7 of it's the appointments, Common Council may make appointments to any unfilled slots unfilled.

Common Council shall appoint three (3) citizen members with interest and knowledge of utilities, development, data centers, Local/State Government, community advocacy, environmental remediation, and/or environmental protection. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Southeast Area Partnership, with preference given to members who live in close proximity to the Google campus.

SECTION 4. The DCCQL+ may create all by-laws, leadership structure, and any additional sub-committees as needed to accomplish the purpose of the DCCQL+. The DCCQL+ shall meet at least monthly for at least one year to review any immediate concerns for the ongoing data project, Project Zodiac/Google, and any new ones. It shall meet at least quarterly in the second year and shall continue thereafter at the Mayor's discretion. Meetings shall be publicly posted, open to the public, and include public comment. It shall respond to any citizen inquiry related to environmental concerns. If the information for these environmental concerns is not readily available, the DCCQL+ shall direct the staff liaison to research and report back said information. The DCCQL+ shall report to the Mayor and Common Council quarterly with a written summary of actions and activities.

1 **SECTION 5.** The DCCQL+ shall designate a staff member of the Mayor’s choosing from
2 within the Mayor’s Administration, to serve as the administration liaison to the DCCQL+.
3 This selection shall be reported to Common Council within 30 days of adoption of this
4 resolution and within 30 days of any change in staffing. If more than 30 days elapses
5 without a staff person being identified, Common Council may select a member of the
6 Mayor’s Administration to serve as the staff liaison.

7 **SECTION 6.** A representative from Project Zodiac/Google shall be invited to all relevant
8 DCCQL+ meetings.

9 **SECTION 7** The scope of the DCCQL+ shall include quality of life & environmental
10 issues from local data center developments. For clarification purposes, those include
11 but are not limited to water safety, water tables, CO2 pollution, wetland use, light
12 pollution, the data centers’ heating & cooling system effects on the environment, land
13 use pertaining land & building expansion, health, the environment, water usage and
14 effect on rates, electric usage and effect on rates, and the effects on the Community’s
15 quality of life in general.

16 **SECTION 8 Project** Zodiac/Google has repeatedly expressed its desire to become a
17 contributing part of the Fort Wayne community and a good neighbor. The DCCQL+
18 shall serve as a collaborative bridge between Project Zodiac/Google and the
19 community, and from time to time make philanthropic and community assistance
20 recommendations to Project Zodiac/Google as appropriate.

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22 Russ Jehl, Council Member
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25 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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