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2 **BILL NO. R-17-08-09**

3 **RESOLUTION NO. R-19-17**

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5 **A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE AMENDMENT OF**  
6 **FORT WAYNE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PLAN-IT-**  
7 **ALLEN, TO ADOPT THE BLUFFTON/LOWER**  
8 **HUNTINGTON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PLAN.**

9 **WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Wayne, through its Common Council, desires  
10 to implement the goals, policies, and recommendations of the Community Identity  
11 and Appearance chapter of its Comprehensive Plan, Plan-It-Allen, in order to  
12 promote: "An attractive, vibrant community with a positive image and physical  
13 appearance in its rural areas, small towns, neighborhoods and downtowns that  
14 celebrates heritage, diversity and waterways through ongoing quality development,  
15 historic preservation and neighborhood revitalization."

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

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

23 **SECTION 1.** To initiate the amending of the City of Fort Wayne's  
24 Comprehensive Plan, Plan-It-Allen, to include the goals and policies of the  
25 Bluffton/Lower Huntington Corridor Improvement Plan and for the Plan  
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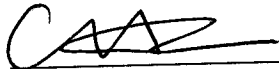
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Commission to prepare and submit the amendment within 60 days after the formal written request by the legislative body.

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Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

  
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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 goals and policies of the Bluffton/Lower Huntington Corridor Improvement Plan.

**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 goals and policies of the Bluffton/Lower Huntington Corridor Improvement Plan.

**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 goals and policies of the Bluffton/Lower Huntington Corridor Improvement Plan, thus lessening the plan's ability to impact decision making and resource allocation with respect to development and right of way improvements along these important commercial corridors.

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



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## Memo

**To:** Common Council Members  
**From:** Pam Holocher, Deputy Director, Community Development  
**Date:** August 3, 2017  
**Re:** Adoption of the Bluffton/Lower Huntington Corridor Improvement Plan

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The Bluffton and Lower Huntington corridors serve as the center of Fort Wayne's Waynedale business community with a variety of long-term local businesses and an increasing number of national chain businesses. These corridors also serve as major thoroughfares for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic as residents travel to local destinations and throughout the community. The Bluffton/Lower Huntington Corridor Improvement Plan is a 5-10 year plan that provides a roadmap for enhancing and maintaining these important corridors to ensure they continue to serve the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses in a way that promotes positive economic growth and accessibility to all.

The goals, policies and action steps presented in the plan provide short and long-term recommendations to improve transportation, streetscapes, zoning and community branding and identity. Examples of recommendations include:

- Improving the sidewalk connectivity so that businesses are more accessible to patrons;
- Installing new decorative street lighting to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety while providing a visual cue that visitors are entering a destination;
- Working with property and business owners to encourage reinvestment and development that complements locally owned and community focused establishments; and
- Implementing streetscape designs that provide amenities for pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders as well as enhancing the visual appearance of the corridors.

The recommendations of the plan allow for flexibility in implementation so that improvements can be made incrementally based on funding availability and community priorities. Together these recommendations support the objective of enhancing the corridors and creating people-centered destinations while supporting the needs of area residents by providing guidance for future development and infrastructure improvements that will improve the function, accessibility and economic vitality of the corridors.

The adoption of the goals and policies of the plan 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 goals and policies, are not formally adopted as they are intended to remain flexible and may change over time. Adoption of the goals 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.

**BILL NO. R-17-08-09**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS**

**August 15, 2017**

***Michael Barranda Chair***

***John Crawford Co-Chair***

***All Council Members***

A Resolution initiating the Amendment of Fort Wayne's Comprehensive Plan, Plan-It-Allen, to adopt the Bluffton/Lower Huntington Corridor Improvement Plan




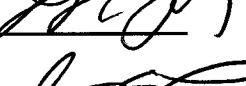

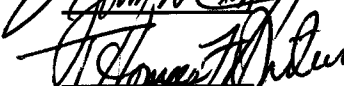

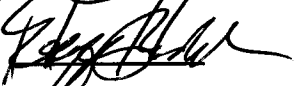
**COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS HAVE HAD SAID Ordinance under consideration and beg leave to report back to the Common Council that said Ordinance**

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DO NOT PASS

ABSTAIN

NO REC

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**LANA R. KEESLING  
CITY CLERK**



Public Hearing Date: N/A


Read the first time in full and on motion by Councilman Barranda.

Read the second time by title and referred to the Regulations Committee.

Read the third time in full and on motion by Councilman Barranda, placed on passage by the following vote:

<u>TOTAL VOTES</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAINED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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DATED: August 22, 2017

  
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 LANA R. KEESLING, CITY CLERK

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as

Resolution No. R-17-08-09 on the 22nd day of August, 2017

ATTEST:


  
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 LANA R. KEESLING  
 CITY CLERK

  
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 PRESIDING OFFICER

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 23rd of August 2017, at the hour of 10:25 o'clock A.M. E.S.T.

  
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 LANA R. KEESLING, CITY CLERK

Approved and signed by me this 28<sup>TH</sup> day of August 2017, at the hour of 10:00 O'clock AM E.S.T.

  
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 THOMAS C. HENRY, MAYOR