

WEST LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ANNEXATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Mayor's requested revisions focus on City's economic development future, U.S. 231 Corridor

West Lafayette, IN – July 5, 2013 – With a unanimous 7-0 vote, City Councilors approved a revised map along with Mayor John Dennis' requested annexation ordinance amendment to focus the U.S. 231 Corridor as the core of the community's annexation plans to strengthen West Lafayette's economic development future and success in the 21st Century.

The revised map and approved amendment eliminated the following neighborhoods from the annexation area: The Greens, Green Meadows, Huntington Farms, McQuinn Estates, The Orchards, Sherwood Forest, and Wake Robin.

“From the beginning of this process, our Councilors joined me in saying we would listen to our residents' views on the original annexation plans and respect community members' wishes. The Council's vote tonight confirmed City leadership's commitment to listening and acting accordingly and allows us to focus solely on the U.S. 231 Corridor as the key ingredient to our community's economic development future,” Dennis said.

West Lafayette's annexation goals still include promoting private investment on the west side that fits the personality of the community while capturing the intellectual capital found at Purdue University and Purdue Research Foundation, giving those ideas room to grow and enhancing West Lafayette's attractiveness as a home for Purdue graduates and entrepreneurs.

“Working to transform Indiana from a manufacturing economy to an idea economy where 21st Century careers are born is a long-term goal. We want to provide a distinct gateway via U.S. 231 to West Lafayette and Purdue University for significant growth opportunities,” Dennis said.

Partnerships resulting from annexation are intended to elevate the local, regional, national and international brand of West Lafayette, Purdue University and Purdue Research Foundation, including improved identity along I-65 where more than 20 million people pass the current Exit 178 each year and see the misnomer “Purdue Stadium.”

With the amended ordinance approval and many neighborhoods removed from the plans, the City's U.S. 231 Corridor Annexation Fiscal Plan will be revised accordingly with a recalculation of anticipated expenses and revenue projections for the revised annexation area.

Next steps call for a public hearing notice to be sent certified mail to remaining property owners in the reconfigured annexation area at least 60 days prior to a public hearing date. The public hearing is residents' opportunity to hold public discussion about the City's plans.

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