

Member Blonigan moved and Member Backen seconded a motion that the following resolution be read and adopted this 20th day of August, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 7750

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. GreenStep is a free, continuous improvement program, managed by a State agency-non-profit partnership, and based upon 29 best practices; each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2 or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight actions; and these actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program provides cost-effective sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: (1) Buildings and Lighting; (2) Transportation; (3) Land Use; (4) Environmental Management; and (5) Economic and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, uncertainty in energy prices and the transition away from fossil fuel energy sources present new challenges and opportunities to both the City of Robbinsdale and to the economic health of its citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency and quality of life; provide environmentally healthy and cheaper-to-operate public buildings; encourage new economic development and local jobs; and support local food and renewable energy production; and

WHEREAS, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve both energy use and greenhouse gas reductions and cost savings through building and facilities management; land use and transportation planning; environmental management; and through economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, steps taken toward sustainable solutions aim to improve community quality of life, building community capital and increasing government efficiency, accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these sustainable development best practices; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of public and private stakeholders including the League of Minnesota Cities, the MPCA, Office of Energy Security and CERTs responded to the 2008 legislation by establishing the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program to provide a series of sustainable

development best practices focusing on local government opportunities to reduce energy use and greenhouse gases;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Robbinsdale does hereby authorize the City of Robbinsdale to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework.

Be it further resolved that the City of Robbinsdale:

1. Appoints Richard McCoy (rmccoy@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us) on behalf of the Engineering Department who will serve as the City's GreenStep coordination team for best practice documentation/implementation; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and/or implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Will provide feedback once a year on how well the GreenStep program is serving the city and on city needs from the program; and
4. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace toward implementing any 8 GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings, quality of life improvement, reduction in the City's greenhouse gas footprint, and recognition by the League of Minnesota Cities as a Step Two GreenStep City. An on-going summary of the City's implementation of best practices will be posted by the City on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

The question was on adoption of the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy

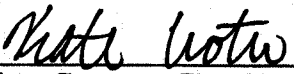
and the following voted against the same: None.

WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.

By:


Regan L. Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kate Croteau, City Clerk