

RESOLUTION #2020-67

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK
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 is based upon 29 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, these actions that are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation; 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, 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, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these best practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park does hereby authorize the City of Brooklyn Park (the City) to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Passage of this participation resolution allows the City to be recognized as a Step One GreenStep City by the League of Minnesota Cities. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints Recycling Manager Tim Pratt to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator 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 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 foregoing resolution was introduced by Mayor Lunde and duly seconded by Council Member Jacobson.

The following voted in favor of the resolution: Pha, West-Hafner, Russell, Jacobson, Parks, Mata, Lunde.

The following voted against: None.

The following was absent: None.

Where upon the resolution was adopted.

ADOPTED: April 27, 2020



JEFFREY JONEAL LUNDE, MAYOR

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution as adopted by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park on April 27, 2020.

WITNESS my hand officially as such Clerk and the corporate seal of the City this 28th day of April 2020.



DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK

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