

Member Lin Myszkowski introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-27

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROOKLYN CENTER 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. Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a free, continuous improvement program managed by a public-private partnership based upon 28 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 4 to 8 actions. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brooklyn Center has taken steps toward sustainable solutions aiming 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, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, that the City of Brooklyn Center (City) is hereby authorized 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. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints the Assistant City Engineer 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 Minnesota GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Grants the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program's buildings advisor read-only access to the City's B3 Benchmarking Database so as to facilitate analysis and cost-savings advice to the City regarding its buildings' energy use; and

4. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace toward implementing any eight (8) Minnesota 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 ongoing summary of the City's implementation of best practices will be posted by the City on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities' web site.

January 26, 2015

Date

Tim Willson

Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Knutson

City Clerk

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member

Kris Lawrence-Anderson

and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Tim Willson, April Graves, Kris Lawrence-Anderson, Lin Myszkowski, and Dan Ryan;
and the following voted against the same: none;

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.