

Member Schmidgall introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEPS CITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the GreenStep Cities Program aims to provide Minnesota cities a framework and pathway to greater resiliency and sustainability based upon implementing best practices; 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 provides cost-effective sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: (1) Buildings and Lighting; (2) Land Use; (3) Transportation; (4) Environmental Management; and (5) Economic and Community Development; and

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

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission, at its January 25, 2016, meeting, made a decision to include the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program in its 2016 work plan priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission, at its March 28, 2016, meeting, reviewed the draft resolution to participate in the program and recommend it be forwarded to the City Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, information on the program was presented by Diana McKeown on April 12, 2016, to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby authorize the City of Golden Valley (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. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints Eric Eckman, Public Works Specialist, to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation and will consider in the future, the formation of a team made up of city staff from various departments to serve as the City's GreenStep coordination team; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of the Environmental Commission, community members and other units of government in the planning, promoting and/or implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and

3. Grants to the GreenStep 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 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.


Shepard M. Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristine A. Luedke, City Clerk

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Member Snope and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Harris, Snope, Clausen, Fonnest and Schmidgall and the following voted against the same: none whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted, signed by the Mayor and his signature attested by the City Clerk.