



City of Largo Agenda Item 18

Meeting Date
08/07/18

Presenter: Laura Thomas, Sustainability Coordinator

Department: AD – Administration

TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2219 - READY FOR 100 PERCENT RENEWABLE ENERGY

The Ready for 100 percent renewable energy campaign, sponsored by the Sierra Club, recognizes a city's leadership role in establishing goals and transitioning the community to 100% clean, renewable energy. A community becomes 100% renewable when the amount of energy generated from renewable energy sources in the community (or brought into it) equals or exceeds 100% of the annual energy consumed within the community. Commitment to Ready for 100 allows Largo to join the growing crowd of over 100 other communities across the country who have pledged, including several local cities such as St. Petersburg, Safety Harbor, Dunedin, Tampa and Sarasota. Ready for 100 commits these communities to the goal of 100% clean energy and increases public engagement and promotion of local clean energy progress.

The City of Largo will incorporate the 100% renewable energy goal into the Largo Environmental Action Plan, LEAP, in order to highlight current strategies that address energy efficiency and sustainable financial strategies. Largo will set organizational and community-wide timelines to achieve this objective, including interim goals, and will collaborate with internal and community stakeholders to devise implementation strategies.

Budgeted Amount: \$0.00 **Budget Page No(s):** N/A **Available Amount:** \$0.00 **Expenditure Amount:** \$0.00

Additional Budgetary Information: N/A

Funding Source(s): N/A **Sufficient Funds Available:** Yes No **Budget Amendment Required:** Yes No **Source:** N/A

City Attorney Reviewed: Yes No N/A **Advisory Board Recommendation:** For Against N/A **Consistent With:** Yes No N/A Sustainability Plan

Potential Motion/ Direction Requested: I MOVE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2219.

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Attachments: Resolution No. 2219

RESOLUTION NO. 2219

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA, INITIATING A TRANSITION TO 100 PERCENT RENEWABLE, ZERO EMISSION ENERGY SOURCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 100 PERCENT RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Largo Strategic Plan provides a vision for the City to be the community of choice in Tampa Bay through long-term decision making that guides transformational initiatives and preserves long-term financial health; and

WHEREAS, the City of Largo seeks a healthy, sustainable future for its residents, businesses, and visitors with less pollution and more economic and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the transition to 100 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources, such as solar power will improve air and water quality and protect public health, particularly for the most vulnerable across our community; and

WHEREAS, 100 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources and energy efficiency now offer greater economic security, lower electricity costs, and affordable energy solutions for the City of Largo residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors supports the 100 Percent Renewable Energy Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Largo have begun entering into a co-op to use their buying power to secure discounted prices for solar panels.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LARGO HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The City of Largo hereby adopts an organizational target of powering the City with 100 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources no later than 2035, with a target of being at least 50 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources by 2030.

Section 2. The City of Largo hereby adopts a commitment to support the transition of our community to 100 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources.

Section 3. The 100 Percent Renewable Energy Initiative will be incorporated into the Largo Environmental Action Plan and efforts will be made to work with community stakeholders to devise implementation strategies.

Section 4. The progress towards reaching the goals set forth in this Resolution will be evaluated every three years in coordination with the Largo Environmental Action Plan, beginning in 2021.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018.

CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

City Attorney