

RESOLUTION 2019-128

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SOLAR GARDEN SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SUNRISE CSG, LLC AND THE CITY OF STILLWATER**

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Minnesota State Legislature directed Xcel Energy to create a program for community solar gardens; and

WHEREAS, a community solar garden is a centralized shared solar project connected to the energy grid that has multiple subscribers and each subscriber receives a credit on their Xcel energy bill based upon the production of the solar facility and their subscription share of that facility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stillwater believes that there is societal, financial and environmental value in participating in community solar gardens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously approved (September 2018) two 25-year Solar Garden Subscription Agreements with ReneSola, Inc. for the provision of 1,389,696 kWh of electric energy usage for the St. Croix Valley Recreation Center and the Lily Lake Ice Arena which consume approximately 2,100,000 kWh of electric energy annually, equivalent to approximately 1/3 of the City's annual electric energy consumption; and


WHEREAS, ReneSola Energy, Inc. and Sunrise CSG, LLC have submitted a proposal to provide the City of Stillwater with a 25- year solar garden subscription for the Sunrise Solar Garden replacing the previously approved subscription for the Lent Solar Garden (solar gardens located in Chisago County); and

WHEREAS, as a participant in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program, benchmarking energy usage in City facilities and identifying energy savings opportunities through solar garden subscriptions assist in the implementation of one of the GreenStep Cities Best Practices for the City of Stillwater.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Stillwater hereby approves the Solar Garden Subscription Agreement between the City of Stillwater and Sunrise CSG, LLC as hereby attached, and authorizes the Mayor of the City of Stillwater to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Stillwater.

Enacted by the City Council of the City of Stillwater, Minnesota this 15th day of October 2019.

CITY OF STILLWATER



Ted Kozlowski, Mayor

ATTEST:



Beth Wolf, City Clerk