

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE**

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, Minnesota was duly held on the 22nd day of February, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Johnson, Pust, Roe and Klausing

and the following were absent: Ihlan

Mayor Klausing introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION No. 10790  
Support for Product Stewardship**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesotans produce an average of more than one ton of garbage per person each year – more than 6 million tons annually, a substantial amount of which is placed into landfills or incinerated resulting in wasted resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Local government in Minnesota is held responsible by the State for waste management outcomes, including assuring recycling opportunities, regulating and enforcing solid and hazardous waste laws, hazardous waste collection, and other costly waste management programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota cities and counties currently spend more than \$55 million annually on recycling and household hazardous waste programs and receive approximately \$14 million annually in funding from the State; and

**WHEREAS**, The way Americans produce, deliver, procure and dispose of goods and services accounts for 42% of the nation’s greenhouse gas emissions. However, those emissions can be greatly reduced through enhanced source reduction, reuse and recycling (*Opportunities to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Materials and Land Management Practices* U.S. EPA 2009); and

**WHEREAS**, Consumer products and packaging may contain materials that are difficult to recycle, toxins such as heavy metals, certain plastics, or harmful substances that pose a threat to human health and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Local governments do not design or market products and do not profit from their sale, but are spending public resources to deal with and manage the rising volume of discarded products; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturers and others along the product chain are able to reduce the environmental impact of their products and reduce the amount of trash directed to landfills and incinerators by creating and financing take-back programs, reducing packaging, designing products to be less toxic and easier to recycle, and providing consumers with the information they need to make responsible environmental purchasing, reuse, recycling, and disposal decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, When producers are responsible for ensuring their products are reused, recycled or otherwise managed responsibly, and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price, there is an incentive to design products that use fewer resources, reduce unnecessary product elements and/or packaging, are easier to repair or reuse, use recycled materials, are more durable, are easier to recycle, and are less toxic; and

**WHEREAS**, when end-of-life management costs are internalized in the price of a product, comprehensive market signals are provided to the consumer so they can make informed decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, State government has incorporated principles of product stewardship into agreements with the battery and electronics industries to arrange for collection and recycling of their products at the end of their useful lives thus reducing adverse health and environmental impacts from these consumer products; and

**WHEREAS**, Extended Producer Responsibility Framework approach is more efficient than trying to address individual products on a case-by-case basis because the framework establishes criteria, processes, and plans to provide a consistent yet flexible approach and a common set of expectations for identifying and evaluating products to be managed through EPR and for developing a stewardship program for those identified products; and

**WHEREAS**, the National League of Cities and the National Association of Counties have endorsed the product stewardship framework approach.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Roseville urges the Minnesota Legislature to enact the Minnesota Product Stewardship Act and urges Congress to enact nationwide producer responsibility legislation.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Johnson, and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Johnson, Pust, Roe and Klausning

and the following voted against the same: none.

WHEREUPON said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

