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2 **RESOLUTION NO. 75-2021 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH,**
3 **FLORIDA, DIRECTING ITS MUNICIPALLY OWNED UTILITY TO IMPLEMENT**
4 **AN “IN COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM”;** AND PROVIDING FOR AN
5 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

6 **WHEREAS,** City of Lake Worth Beach residents are the owners of a municipal
7 Electric Utility that has been a source of community pride, and;

8 **WHEREAS,** the Electric Utility has initiated major steps toward increasing energy
9 production from renewable sources, including construction of a 1.7-megawatt solar field
10 on our former landfill and purchase power agreements for 37 megawatts of solar power
11 from fields outside of the city, and;

12 **WHEREAS,** these installations are important sources of clean energy, but ones that
13 are not visible to most city residents or businesses;

14 **WHEREAS,** the City of Lake Worth Beach seeks to visibly support and encourage
15 further energy production from renewable sources, and;

16 **WHEREAS,** rooftop solar on City-owned properties and solar shade structures over
17 parking lots offer highly visible ways to demonstrate clean energy production, as well as
18 new opportunities for pairing with battery storage, and;

19 **WHEREAS,** community solar programs are industry-recognized avenues for
20 providing utility customers of all incomes with a 100% solar option, and;

21 **WHEREAS,** the City Commission wishes to support the Electric Utility’s continued
22 adoption of industry-recognized “smart energy” best practices relating to energy
23 efficiency, distributed generation and renewable energy while still providing affordable
24 electric service, and;

25 **WHEREAS,** the City Commission believes that adoption of such best practices can
26 increase the utility’s eligibility for green bond market and philanthropic funding, and;

27 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY**
28 **OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, that:**

29 **SECTION 1:** The City Commission hereby directs its municipally owned Electric Utility
30 to issue the necessary procurement documentation for a competitive procurement
31 process to implement an In Community Solar program that will install visibly-sited, grid-
32 tied solar systems on City owned properties in prominent locations throughout the City.

33 **SECTION 2:** The City Commission further directs that said In Community Solar
34 competitive procurement process shall solicit, but not be limited to, rooftop, ground-

1 mounted, and parking lot shade structure solar installations; that the installations shall
2 include battery storage; and that integrated educational website interfaces shall be
3 included to showcase both existing and new in-city solar as well as battery storage.

4 **SECTION 3:** The City Commission also directs that said In Community Solar
5 competitive procurement process shall identify vendor(s) and program policies able to
6 offer utility ratepayers the option of sourcing one-hundred percent renewable energy from
7 locally sited renewable energy assets on City owned properties through a dedicated rate-
8 class or program subscription agreement.

9 **SECTION 4:** The City Commission emphasizes that the competitive process shall
10 prioritize vendors and program policies offering a neutral or positive financial impact to
11 the utility and program participants.

12 The passage of this resolution was moved by Commissioner 75 seconded by 75,
13 and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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- 15 Mayor Betty Resch
- 16 Vice Mayor Herman Robinson
- 17 Commissioner Sarah Malega
- 18 Commissioner Christopher McVoy
- 19 Commissioner Kim Stokes

20 The Mayor thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted on this
21 ____ day of _____, 2021.

22 LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

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26 By: _____
27 Betty Resch, Mayor

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29 ATTEST:

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33 Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk
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