

# MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

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A Regular Mayor's Youth Council Meeting was held on January 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Youth Council Chair Na-Kowa Ryals called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Roll call was taken. Present were members, Na-Kowa Ryals, Janelle Lewis, Mahi Nooka, Brody Bishop, Sarah Dorough, Noah Ringeisen, Rayland Milligan, and Haripriya (Priya) Anand Sowmya.

The Invocation was led by Brody Bishop.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

## MINUTES

1 Approval of December 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes

*Mahi Nooka motioned to approve the December 1, 2025, meeting minutes. Seconded by Noah Ringeisen. Motion passed unanimously.*

### 1. BUSINESS ITEMS

#### 1.1 Trip to Tallahassee January 26-28, 2026

Mayor Monson reviewed details for the Youth Council trip to Tallahassee scheduled for January 26–28, 2026, including confirmation that six hotel rooms have been reserved, with room assignments to be determined. Youth Council members attending include Na-Kowa, Janelle, Mahi, Priya, Lindsay, Brody, and Noah. Permission slips were distributed and will be submitted to the City Clerk once completed.

Transportation plans include a 1:30 p.m. departure from City Hall on January 26 and a return in the early evening of January 28. Mayor Monson stated that the finalized itinerary will be shared once available and noted opportunities to attend legislative meetings, shadow City Council, or participate in Florida League of Cities programming. Council Chair Na-Kowa Ryals initiated discussion on how the Youth Council should represent the City, including selecting a topic and spokesperson for meetings with legislators. Suggested topics included vaping and the cost of college, with members encouraged to research legislative committees and prepare accordingly.

#### 1.2 Volunteer Opportunities

Suggestions were made with a decision to be finalized at the next meeting in February. Suggestions included: Teaching online safety practices, Mayor for a day, Animal Shelters, Volunteering at the Library, Wheelchair Tune ups at Senior Centers, Play music at Senior Centers and Participating with Habitat of Humanity. Mayor Monson stated that she is the Chair for Habitat and they are still helping hurricane victims.

#### 1.3 Founders Day

Founders Day is March 28, 2026. Current plans include a Parade at 10am. The Founders Day 5k Run/Walk is on March 14, 2026 at 8am at Hercules Park. Sign-up is required.

#### 1.4 Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items: February 2, 2026 @6:00pm

*Date and Time Confirmed.*

ADJOURN 7:12 PM

Submitted by Ricardo Quiñones (not present)