

## MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

A Regular Mayor's Youth Council Meeting was held on February 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Youth Council Chair Mathew Goldfarb called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Roll call was taken. Present were members Matthew Goldfarb, Lydia Ragsdale, Janelle Lewis, Na-Kowa Ryals, Catherine Shell and Hailey Dester. Lakshmi Nooka and Noah Ringeisen were not present.

Youth Mentors Present: Mayor Melonie Bahr Monson and Sam Abrahani.

Staff present: City Manager William Poe and City Clerk Ricardo Quiñones.

The Invocation was led by Brody Bishop.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### 1. BUSINESS ITEMS

#### 1.1 Approval of January 06, 2025 Mayor's Youth Council Minutes

***Brody Bishop motioned to approve the January 06, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Na-Kowa Ryals. Motion passed unanimously.***

#### 1.2 Discussion/Next Steps: Positive Message Project

Na-Kowa Ryals gave an update on the status of the Positive Message Project.

Discussion followed regarding communication and additional points of outreach. City Manager William Poe noted regarding social media, the City funnels all communication through the Public Information Officer. Mr. Poe then commended the Youth Council for dedicating their time to the City. Mayor Monson shared City Council's suggestion to the Youth Council of partnering with Meals on Wheels.

***Mathew Goldfarb took a vote to include trailer parks as collection sites in the positive message project. The vote was unanimously in favor.***

Mayor Monson offered to email all trailer parks and report responses. Discussion followed regarding acceptable types of cards.

Matthew Goldfarb shared he would like to begin discussing their next project on the next meeting. Mayor Monson shared City Council's suggestion of the Youth Council having an event at Veterans Park to promote it. Discussion followed regarding type of events.

***Mathew Goldfarb motioned to end the discussion on the Positive Message Project and move on to the next item. Seconded by Na-Kowa Ryals. Motion passed unanimously.***

#### 1.3 Discussion of Volunteer Opportunities

Mayor Monson reminded the Youth Council of the upcoming events, Founders Day Parade on March 8th and the Hercules Park Grand Opening on February 13th from 12:00pm-2:00pm. She also suggested a cemetery clean-up of headstones.

Discussion followed. Mayor Monson reported that Noah Ringeson volunteered for Pigs in Z'hills and asked the Youth Council to have their parents reach out to East Pasco Chamber of Commerce if they are interested in volunteering as well.

Mentor Sam Abrahani suggested the Youth Council participate in a modified form of Toast Masters to strengthen their public speaking skills. Discussion followed.

***Mathew Goldfarb took a vote to take 30 minutes for the next 3 to 4 meetings dedicated to improving public speaking using Toast Masters. The vote was unanimously in favor.***

Discussion followed regarding participation in the County Fair which concluded that at this time it is too late to participate but could be planned for next year.

***Mathew Goldfarb motioned to end the discussion on volunteer opportunities and move on to the next item. Seconded by Hailey Dester.***

#### 1.4 Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items: March 3rd @ 6:00pm - Items TBD

Mathew Goldfarb recapped the action items and said, now is the time to move forward with the positive message program and would like to see progress by the next meeting.

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Submitted by Ricardo Quiñones