



Orange City Youth Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 04 2019, 8:30 a.m.

Council Chambers

201 N. Holly Drive

Orange City, FL 32763

Present: Chair Braeden McCann; Vice Chair Raiden Williams; Council Members Arianna Pearsall, Hannah Costello, Madison Clymer, Tammy Nguyen, Kenneth Victoria. Staff Members Dale Arrington, City Manager, Gloria Thomas, City Clerk.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Each council member stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Excuse Absences from prior meetings

None at this time.

5. Public Comments

Council Member Martin Harper, 970 Citrus Street Drive came forward and suggested that plastic straws is an issue for the Youth Council to discuss.

6. Old Business

What would you like to work on?

The Council discussed various projects including a social media page that would inform the public about the Youth Advisory Council's activities. Ms. Arrington reminded Council they are subject to Sunshine Laws and that posting to a social media web page must be captured and saved as a public record. She suggested that the city public information coordinator and IT could assist with this project.

The group discussed setting up a Twitter or Instagram account. Council Member Pearsall will prepare a proposal and meet with city staff to discuss the possibilities.

Council Member Nguyen moved to postpone discussions about setting up a social media account and to authorize Ms. Pearsall to meet with city staff to discuss same and bring

back a report at the next meeting, seconded by Council Member Pearsall, the motion passed by a 7/0 voice vote.

A "Back to School Bash" to distribute school supplies to students was discussed. Ms. Arrington advised that a project of this nature would take approximately six months to plan. She explained the matters to consider such as sponsors, layout, special event permits, and funding. Ms. Arrington said she would bring back information about the items to be considered when planning such an event.

Don Sarro, 807 Gardenia Ct, DeLand, Teacher, University High School came forward. He cautioned the Council to be conscious of staff time. Mr. Sarro advised the Council not to be stressed and feel they have to do several projects right away.

It was the consensus of the Council to table to this item for a future agenda.

Other projects suggested included a school survey inquiring about what the youth desire; collecting clothes for people in need, and a shop squad. It was suggested and agreed that the Council start small to build a foundation.

B. Meeting Schedule

Mr. Sarro advised that he spoke with the coach and school administration about the council member's extracurricular activities. Everyone has agreed to work with the students, and there would not be any disciplinary action for missing a meeting. He stated that he is the point person with administration and will assist the students in resolving scheduling conflicts.

Council Member Pearsall recalled the meeting schedule discussion from the last meeting. Council Member Nguyen suggested a monthly meeting schedule, the first Tuesday or Thursday of the month.

A lengthy discussion about the best day and time of the month to meet ensued. The Council agreed to meet the first Tuesday of the month though out the summer.

Council Member Pearsall mentioned that she would not be able to attend the July 2 meeting. She asked whether someone would handle the social media proposal and present it at that meeting, Council Member Nguyen advised that she would.

Chair McCann recapped the discussion. The next meetings will be held on July 2, and August 6, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Staff will bring forward a calendar for the second Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for discussion at the next meeting.

Council Member Pearsall moved to hold the next two Youth Advisory Council meetings on July 2, 2019 and August 6, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. and to authorize staff to bring back a schedule for discussion at the next meeting, seconded by Council Member Nguyen, the motion passed by a 7/0 voice vote of the Youth Advisory Council.

7. New Business

Council Member Nguyen noted that several ideas were presented to the Council at the last meeting. She suggested that the group create a mission statement and logo. It was noted that the mission statement is already in the enacting resolution.

Council Member Clymer suggested a possible tag line, "Your city, your voice."

Ms. Arrington suggested the group work on the social media platform and conduct a school survey to receive focal points. This would give the Council a starting point for goals, objects and a tag line.

8. Advisor Comments

Mr. Sarro made comments about the purpose of the Council. He suggested Council allow matters to evolve in terms of the group goals. The Orange City Council does not have good access to the opinions of the youth, and that is what they are looking for the Youth Council to do. Mr. Sarro stated, "Your job does not end right here on the dais. It goes beyond this meeting for you to reach out to other city youth to ask them questions about what they might need." He also suggested council members make sure their ideas are well vetted before presenting. He concluded by stating that the Youth Advisory Council should be "feet on the ground" trying to figure out whether young people are satisfied with city government and if not how to improve it.

Ms. Arrington agreed. She said that the City Council tasked the Youth Council with evaluation and review of problems facing city youth and informing them about those issues. Establishing the media policy would be an excellent beginning.

9. Member Comment

Council Member Williams suggested that the Council consider projects that help people be more environmentally conscious.

Council Member Pearsall felt it is really important to be conscious about the environment and the effect on the public. She also noted that it is important to realize that there are people who have disabilities and cannot use paper straws. Council member Williams suggested that the social media platform be used for that purpose.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chair McCann advised that he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Pearsall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Nguyen, the motion passed by a 7/0 voice vote of the Youth Advisory Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.