

FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, February 20, 2025 - 4:00 p.m. City Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Fort Pierce Youth Council was called to order on Thursday, February 20, at 4:00 PM by Chairperson Janessa Diaz.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Reese Adams; Chairperson Janessa Diaz; 2nd Vice Chair Naomi Hypolite; Elizabeth Outten

Absent: Emily Maldonado

Staff Present: Audria Moore, Special Projects Coordinator; Jennifer Robinson, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of January 16, 2025 minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Vice Chair Reese Adams and seconded by Elizabeth Outten.

Vice Chair Reese Adams, Elizabeth Outten

AYE: Elizabeth Outten, 2nd Vice Chair Naomi Hypolite, Chairperson Janessa Diaz, Vice Chair Reese Adams

4 - 0 Passed

4. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The motion was made by Elizabeth Outten and seconded by Vice Chair Reese Adams to approve the agenda for the meeting without any additions or deletions.

AYE: Elizabeth Outten, 2nd Vice Chair Naomi Hypolite, Chairperson Janessa Diaz, Vice Chair Reese Adams

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5. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to no more than five (5) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Youth Advisory Committee will not be able to take any official action under "Comments from the Public" section.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Empower Youth Labor of Love event

The primary discussion focused on the "Labor of Love" project, aimed at assisting senior citizens facing property maintenance challenges. The council reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and script outlining the project's objectives, target audience, and logistical details. The initiative seeks to provide lawn care and minor home maintenance for seniors, particularly those with disabilities or financial constraints, in collaboration with local organizations such as the Treasure Coast Food Bank, children's homeless services, and veteran assistance programs. A structured approach was proposed, including pairing volunteers with beneficiaries and coordinating with city code enforcement to identify eligible residents.

Council members contributed updates on their assigned tasks. A marketing plan was presented, emphasizing digital outreach through social media, partnerships with schools, and community engagement. Volunteer recruitment strategies were also discussed, including outreach to high school students for service hours and creating promotional materials such as flyers and signage. Additionally, logistical support from city departments, such as Parks and Grounds for landscaping and Solid Waste for debris removal, was noted.

It was decided that the project presentation would be formally prepared for city commission approval. A special meeting was scheduled for March 6 to finalize details and rehearse the presentation. Council members were commended for their contributions.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Council Training

This item was postponed.

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Vice Chair Reese Adams and seconded by 2nd Vice Chair Naomi Hypolite to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 PM.

Vice Chair Reese Adams, 2nd Vice Chair Naomi Hypolite

AYE: Elizabeth Outten, 2nd Vice Chair Naomi Hypolite, Chairperson Janessa Diaz,
Vice Chair Reese Adams

4 - 0 Passed

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