



**AGENDA
DESTIN YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022
6:00 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARD ROOM**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) Approval of minutes of August 25, 2022**
 - B) Approval of minutes September 22, 2022**
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) Guest Speaker - Councilman Rodney Braden**
 - B) Beach Cleanup**
 - C) Prioritization of proposed projects/initiatives**
 - D) Florida League of Cities 2022 Youth Council Video Competition**
- 5. NEXT MEETING DATE:**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk at (850) 837-4242 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, such person will need a record of the proceeding and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Sec. 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

MINUTES
DESTIN YOUTH COUNCIL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Rey Bailey called the meeting to order on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the Destin City Hall Boardroom.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James Ball
Anna Marie Carroll
Grace Fountain
Charlie Frankfurt
Alaina Granier
Bianca Rodriguez
Mary Sexton
Alexis Ventimiglia
Annabelle Zielinski

Members Absent:

Gianna Jackson
Parker Sexton

Staff Present

Rey Bailey, City Clerk
Kyle Bauman, City Attorney

Visitor

Councilman Bobby Wagner

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

4. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The youth council appointed the following members as the chair and vice-chair of the council:

Grace Fountain - Chair
Annabelle Zielinski – Vice-Chair

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Group Photo - The students posed for a group photo for a newspaper article on the Destin Youth Council.

B) Briefing:

1) Sunshine Law

City Attorney Kyle Bauman provided a brief summary of the Florida Sunshine Law highlighting the following information:

- All youth council meetings will be open to the public.
- The group cannot discuss youth council's business with one another, which includes texting and emails to one another, outside of an official meeting
- Two or more members of the youth council can meet in a social setting so long as they do not discuss any matter which could foreseeably come before the council.
- Do not engage in any discussions or communications with other members of the youth council regarding pending matters before the council or any reasonably foreseeable matter that might come before the council
- Any member of the council can privately communicate with city staff and city attorney regarding any youth council business provided there are no other youth council members present or copied on the communication.

2) Mission Statement:

City Clerk Rey Bailey read the Destin Youth Council Mission Statement as follows:

“To provide Destin’s youth with the opportunity to participate in the City’s decision-making process, through recommendations to the City Council that address youth issues, promote existing positive programs, and develop programs, projects and activities for the young people in the City of Destin; thereby promoting and encouraging the youth to become effective leaders in the community by helping shape the future of Destin”

3) Code of Ethics

City Clerk Rey Bailey went over the Code of Ethics of each individual member of the youth council:

- To represent the interest of all citizens of the City of Destin
- Not use the City Council or my service on this youth council for my own personal advantage or for the individual advantage of my friends or supporters
- Approach all youth council issues with an open mind and prepare to make the best decision for the whole city.
- Do nothing to violate the trust of those who appointed me to the youth council or of those we serve.
- Focus my efforts on the mission of the youth council and not my personal goals.
- Never exercise authority as a youth council member except when acting in a meeting with the full youth council or as I am delegated by the City Council.

4) Youth Council ByLaws

City Clerk Rey Bailey discussed the Youth Council ByLaws highlighting the following information:

- A maximum of 14 members and a minimum of 7 members will serve on the Destin Youth Council.
- Members must live within the city limits of Destin and must be between the grades of 9 to 12. The Destin City Council may appoint up to three non-resident members who attend a local area high school (or home school). Members shall have at least a 2.25 GPA.
- Members will serve a one-year term equivalent to the respective school year. Terms of office will begin in August and end in July the following year.
- Members may re-apply every year provided they remain within the grade limits of the membership qualifications.
- The Destin Youth Council shall elect from its members a Chair and a Vice-Chair and shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting members present.
- Regular meetings of the Destin Youth Council shall be held at least one a month, on the fourth Thursday of the month, beginning at 4:00 PM. Meeting schedule may be adjusted from time to time at a regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present.
- A quorum is necessary to transact official business at any meeting. The presence of the majority of the entire membership of the Destin Youth Council shall constitute a quorum for a meeting.
- Attendance at regular Youth Council meetings is expected from all members. Any member of the Destin Youth Council who missed three consecutive meetings shall be reported to the Destin Youth Council.

6. **DISCUSSION:**

Councilmember Bobby Wagner and City Clerk Rey Bailey advise the youth council to get ready to discuss their ideas and objectives at the next meeting and get ready to discuss those as well as the direction the group wants to go; heading towards the creation of work plans to be presented to the Destin City Council for approval.

7. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The youth council voted unanimously to schedule their next meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 5:30 PM.

Motion by Grace Fountain, seconded by Anna Marie Carroll, to schedule their next meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 5:30 PM passed 11-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2022

Grace Fountain, Chair

Rey Bailey, City Clerk

MINUTES
DESTIN YOUTH COUNCIL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James Ball
Anna Marie Carroll
Grace Fountain
Charlie Frankfurt
Alaina Granier
Bianca Rodriguez
Macy Sexton
Alexis Ventimiglia
Annabelle Zielinski
Gianna Jackson
Parker Sexton
Briar Ramswell
Jake Maher

Staff Present

Rey Bailey, City Clerk

Visitor

Councilman Bobby Wagner

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A) Objectives/Workplans

The Destin Youth Council members addressed the following initiatives/projects they would like to pursue during their term of office which expires in July 2023:

Anna Marie Carroll

- Support of food drive organizations (i.e., Destin Harvest House)
 - Place a box in school for people to place canned goods/non-perishable items

- Youth participation in beach cleanup efforts/pick up after tourists/show pride in the community/youth leadership
- Youth-sponsored community garden
 - Destin High School first graduating class – Incorporate “time capsules” in the garden

James Ball

- Youth host “Adopt-A-Pet” Day
 - Youth to meet with officials at Pet Smart for location
 - Pet Smart will supply the animals for adoption
 - Youth hosts a rally/select day
- Recommend construction of skate park/children’s playground
 - Possible location - next to Joe’s Bayou Boat Launch
 - Location currently being used for excess parking

Gianna Jackson

- Supports beach clean-up effort – there is so much trash on the beach

Alexis Ventimiglia

- Beach Cleanup
 - Designate certain sections of the beach to clean
 - Recommends the city places more signs on beach accesses
 - Beach etiquette/place trash in trash cans
- Mid-Bay Bridge- reduced/discounted toll cost for students driving to/from school

Briar Ramswell

- Destin Youth Council to host a youth council workshop (possibly in January 2023) – Invite other youth council groups to participate

Annabelle Zielinski

- Okaloosa Tax Collector’s Office – conduct on-road driving test in Destin
 - Youth had to travel outside the city (i.e., Niceville) to take the on-road driving test
 - Those who live in Destin need to learn the road on their own city
- Airport Road speed limit
 - No one pays attention to the 30 mph speed limit; everybody is speeding

- There is nothing on the road to obstruct or slow down traffic
- Need law enforcement to enforce the speed limit or recommend changing it back to 35 mph

Bianca Rodriguez

- Clothing Drive – warm clothes for the needy
 - Some people do not have appropriate clothing to keep warm in the winter

C. Frankfurt

- Supports having on-road drivers' testing site in Destin
 - Some students have to take time out of school to take the test outside of the city
- Canned drive for Thanksgiving for the needy

Jake Maher

- Bring back some of the teen activities at the Destin Library

Grace Fountain

- Recyclables – youth create some type of large structure (i.e., large fish, large turtle...)
 - Give people incentives to clean up and their kids to want to place recyclable materials in it.

Parker Sexton

- Regulate Crab Island and East Pass
 - People dumping carcasses right outside the Pass which attract sharks

The youth council will prioritize above items and create workplans at their October meeting and then present them to the Destin City Council for approval.

Next, the youth council voted unanimously to authorize the chair to present the following initiatives to the Destin City Council at their October 3, 2022 meeting for their preliminary approval and/or direction.

- Beach Cleanup – seek council's approval to move forward with conducting a youth council-sponsored beach cleanup effort in October.

- Seek city council support/advise in establishing a local facility in Destin with experience, licensed instructors to administer on-road drivers' test.

B) 2022 Florida League of Cities Youth Council Video Competition

The Florida League of Cities is holding a 2022 Youth Council Video Competition. The goal of the competition is to provide a way for Florida's youth councils to showcase their ideas, creativity, and commitment to their communities.

The youth council will discuss this further at their next meeting in October.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The Youth Council voted unanimously to schedule their next meeting on Thursday, October 27th, at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2022

Grace Fountain, Chair

Rey Bailey, City Clerk

DESTIN YOUTH COUNCIL
PROPOSED PROJECTS/INITIATIVES (CY 22-23)

- **Support of food drive organizations** (i.e., Destin Harvest House)
 - ❖ Place a box in school for people to place canned goods/non-perishable items
- **Youth participation in beach cleanup efforts**
 - ❖ Pick up after tourists/show pride in the community/youth leadership
 - ❖ Designate certain sections of the beach to clean
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- **Destin Youth Council to host a youth council workshop (Target Date - January 2023) – Invite other youth council groups to participate**
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- **Have more teen activities at the Destin Library**
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2022 FLORIDA LEAGUE
OF CITIES
YOUTH COUNCIL
VIDEO
COMPETITION



OVERVIEW

The Florida League of Cities (FLC) is pleased to announce the 2022 Youth Council Video Competition! The goal of the competition is to provide a way for Florida's youth councils to showcase their ideas, creativity and commitment to their communities.

This year's video competition asks councils, **"How has your youth council made a positive impact on your city government and its residents?"** Within the video, answer the following questions:

- ▶ How has your youth council made a positive impact on your government and its residents?
- ▶ How does your youth council plan on continuing to implement positive change?
- ▶ How can other students in your community get involved in youth council programs or initiatives that positively impact your government and residents?

The nomination must include:

1. The YouTube link to your video, up to 5 minutes long, that the judges can view. (No other link will be accepted.)
2. A 150-word summary of your video.
3. A letter of recommendation from the Mayor, Manager, Clerk or a Council Member/ Commissioner.

The deadline for entries is **December 16, 2022**. Your nomination will **NOT** be scored if missing any of the above. The League is not looking for professional quality, just creativity and imagination!

APPLICATION RULES

- ▶ The Florida League of Cities video competition is open only to youth councils sponsored by a city, town or village government that is a member of the Florida League of Cities.
- ▶ Judging will be based entirely on the youth council's entry.
- ▶ The judges' decision is final, and all material received becomes the property of the Florida League of Cities, with permission to use it perpetually and universally, in any manner deemed appropriate by the League, with no additional compensation beyond the award money presented to the winner.
- ▶ The video should be **no more than 5 minutes long**.
- ▶ **If you use copyrighted music and cannot prove that you have received written permission from the artist, it will not be judged.**
- ▶ All materials must be received by the League no later than **December 16, 2022**.



SUBMISSION

All work must be submitted through an online form found at floridaleagueofcities.com/municipal-youth-councils. This form will allow you to upload all documentation. Please fill out all information fields.

Submissions that are emailed or mailed will **NOT** be judged.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Winners will be announced in January 2023, and three projects will be selected as winners. Winners will:

- ▶ Be showcased on the League's website and social media platforms
- ▶ Be recognized in press announcements and the League's Quality Cities magazine
- ▶ Be recognized at a local city council or commission meeting
- ▶ Receive a monetary award of \$250 and a trophy/plaque.

The League reserves the right not to award all prizes.

For more information, please contact Eryn Russell at 850.701.3616 or erussell@flcities.com.



