

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:**

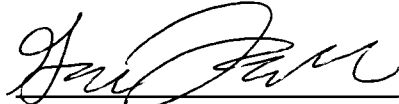
The youth council voted unanimously to schedule their next meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 5:30 PM.

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

