

**MINUTES  
EMERGING YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
HAINES CITY, FLORIDA**

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**March 7, 2017**

**6:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Emerging Youth Advisory Council (EYAC) was called to order by City Clerk Bourgeois at 6:06 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers located at 620 East Main Street in Haines City.

The staff member in attendance was City Clerk Linda Bourgeois. Commissioner H.L. Roy Tyler was also in attendance.

The Emerging Youth Advisory Council member in attendance was Fedana Dorceus.

Brayden Nelson, Christopher Congdon, Julianne Sernaque and Matthew Hopkins were absent.

Other guest attendance was Tyler Mathis and Tomaurice Tarver.

In addition, board volunteer Ms. Veronica Ogbeifun was in attendance.

There was not a quorum present of the board members so minutes for this meeting were not required.

**2. GUEST SPEAKER - COMMISSIONER ROY TYLER**

Guest Speaker Commissioner Roy Tyler spoke about education and choosing your own path in life. He went on to talk about the career path he had chosen and shared that the education system today is much different than when he was in High School. He encouraged the participants to be involved and thanked them for their attendance.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

City Clerk Bourgeois presented the January 3, 2017 and the February 7, 2017 Emerging Youth Advisory Board Minutes for approval.

Veronica Ogbeifun made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and the motion was seconded by Fedana Dorceus. The minutes were approved unanimously by the board members present.

**4. REVIEW RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS**

City Clerk Bourgeois presented changes to the Emerging Youth Advisory Council Ordinance.

Fedana Dorceus recommended having five boys and five girls on the Council. In addition, she recommended having the schools announce the recruitment of the EYAC during the morning announcements.

After further discussion, it was agreed that if the Council did not have a specific number, it would open the opportunity to more youth and we could cap the membership by internal policy if the Council got too big.

The Board agreed to the following:

1. Remove the number of participants and open to all
2. Remove the High School restrictions
3. Open the group to not less than 8<sup>th</sup> graders
4. Remove the restrictions on the adult volunteers
5. Create an internal policy on the amount of participants, and a waiting list if necessary
6. Present to the City Commission in a Workshop in April
7. Bring forward the recommended Ordinance amendments in May

City Clerk Bourgeois stated she would make an amended strike through and underline Ordinance and send it out to the members for approval.

**5. OPEN DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Bourgeois announced the Relay for Life event and encouraged participation on April 1, 2017 at Lake Eva Park.

A discussion ensued about the April and May meetings falling on the regular election and potential run-off election nights. It was agreed that the EYAC would meet on the third Tuesday in April and May.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall  
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall

City Clerk Bourgeois provided some background on the composting facility, and invited the group to join the educational workshop in the Library Community room.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:07 p.m., the Emerging Youth Advisory Board was adjourned.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Linda Bourgeois  
City Clerk