

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

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**July 13, 2018**

**9:00 AM**

**Commission Chambers**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Emerging Youth Advisory Council Behind the Scenes Tour was commenced at 8:30a.m. at City Hall, located at 620 E. Main Street, Haines City FL.

In attendance: Adult Volunteers Veronica Ogbeifun and Nicholas Williams.

Also in attendance: Council Member Dorian McCollough, Hilton Butler, Makala James and Visitors Kito James, and Rijnaldo Euson.

Staff in attendance: City Clerk Linda Bourgeois, Deputy City Clerk Erica Anderson and City Clerk Secretary Grace Malpartida.

**2. BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR**

**2.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

At the police department, the Emerging Youth Advisory Council group toured the facility. Some of the activities experienced were dressing up in a bite suit, having the K-9 dog, Phoenix, find lost keys, touring of the evidence processing unit, and having a question / answer session.

**2.B. FINANCE**

The finance department taught the members about budgeting and daily processes. The council discussed homestead exemptions and how the city gets and uses its' funds. Further discussion on the drawbacks of non taxable properties. It was shared that most people pay more for their cell phones bill than municipal taxes, annually.

**2.C. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

During the Development Services presentation, the group designed a parcel of land for development. After planning the parcel on paper, they presented to the Planning Commission during a mock meeting.

**2.D. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The information technology department presentation surrounded the types of technology used everyday that they are in charge of in the city. This ranges from the phone systems, copiers, computers, all the way to the fiber optics in the ground. The group concluded the tour by learning how to fly a drone.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:07p.m., the Emerging Youth Advisory Council meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

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ATTEST:

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Linda Bourgeois  
City Clerk