



CITY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The City Youth Council met virtually, in accordance with State and Federal guidelines designed to migrate the spread of COVID-19. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson Olivia Northrup.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Olivia Northrup, Kelli Higgins, Gray Connor, Blair Arkles, Brian Huynh, Chloe Chaparro, Victoria Uchendu, John Willis, and Bethsemene Williams.

Absent: Maya Saxton and Hayden Beatty.

Also Present: Mayor Derek Dobies and Maurice Imhoff.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A Motion was made by Councilmember Arkles and seconded by Councilmember Chapparo to adopt the agenda. Vote - Yeas: Councilmembers Northrup, Arkles, Chapparo, Higgins, Huynh, Uchendu, and Connor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. S.W.O.T Analysis Worksheet
 - Strengths
 - Weaknesses
 - Opportunities
 - Threats

II. Vision Statement

A motion to accept the vision statement as written was made by Councilmember Arkles and seconded by Councilmember Connor. Vote - Yeas: Councilmembers Northrup, Arkles, Chapparo, Higgins, Huynh, Uchendu, and Connor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

III. Mission Statement

A motion to accept the mission statement as written was made by Councilmember Arkles and seconded by Councilmember Chapparo. Vote - Yeas: Councilmembers Northrup, Arkles, Chapparo, Higgins, Huynh, Uchendu, and Connor. Motion carried.

IV. Critical Issues

The Councilmembers created a list of critical issues faced by youth. A poll was taken to rank the importance of each issue. Here are the results:

1. Racism
2. Equal Education
3. Mental health
4. Eco friendly environment
5. Internet access
6. Age discrimination

NEXT MEETING:

A motion was made by Councilmember Arkles and seconded by Councilmember Chapparo to call a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to complete strategic plan. Vote - Yeas: Councilmembers Northrup, Arkles, Chapparo, Higgins, Huynh, Uchendu, and Connor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

There were no commissioner comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Arkles and seconded by Councilmember Huynh. Vote – all in favor. Chairperson Olivia Northrup adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

City of Jackson Youth Council

Vision Statement

The vision of the City of Jackson Youth Council is to promote civic engagement among youth in the City of Jackson. The Youth Council will create opportunities for youth to cultivate valuable leadership skills and exercise them through a wide variety of youth-led community service, advocacy, and activism initiatives. The Youth Council is designed to empower and equip generations of young people to create positive change in their communities for the future of Jackson.

Mission Statement

Creating opportunities for youth to cultivate valuable leadership skills through youth-led advocacy, improving the quality of life for current and future young residents of Jackson and inspiring them to be involved in local government.