



1015 Cultural Park Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL

December 13, 2024

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

PLEDGE OF CIVILITY

We will be respectful of each other even when we disagree.
We will direct all comments to the issues. We will avoid personal attacks.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

A. Chair Garcia

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

A. Dupeyron, Feichthaler, Garcia, Halsey, Johnson, Lebid,
Mazurkiewicz, Mparaganda, Muncy, Ortiz-Rivera, Riley, Roman,
Salazar, Skorzak, Wydysh

4. GUEST SPEAKERS

5. CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. RECOGNITIONS/ACHIEVEMENTS

8. ADVISOR PRESENTATION (30 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

A. Upcoming Council Report - Advisor Mazurkiewicz

9. CITIZENS INPUT TIME

Input of citizens on matters concerning City Government; 3 minutes per individual.

10. QUARTERLY REPORTS

- A. Discussion

11. BUSINESS

- A. Cape Coral Charter Schools Meeting Questions Discussion
- B. Junior Project Continued Discussion
- C. Senior Project Continued Discussion
- D. Blessings in a Backpack Continued Discussion
- E. Love Locks Project Updates
- F. 2025 Meeting Calendar
- G. Holiday Festival of Lights Debrief
- H. Youth Council Application Discussion
- I. FLC Inaugural Youth Council Excellence Award
- J. FLC Youth Council Legislative Action Days

12. NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

13. REPORTS

14. REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

15. TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. Friday, January 10th, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

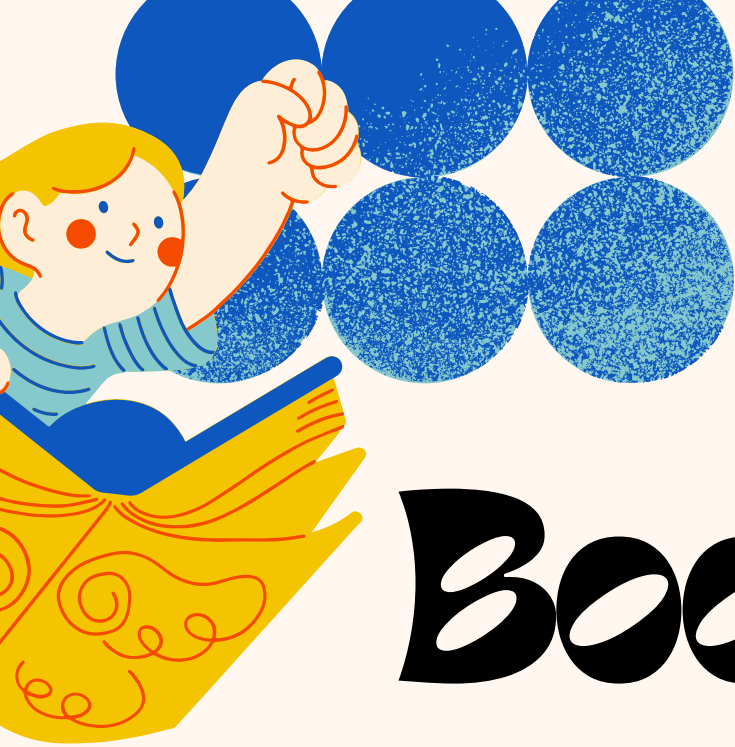
16. MOTION TO ADJOURN

GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and [Florida Statutes](#) 286.26, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk whose office is located at City Hall, 1015 Cultural Park Boulevard, Florida; telephone number is 1-239-574-0411, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting for assistance. If hearing impaired, telephone the Florida Relay Service Numbers, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8700 (v) for assistance.

Persons wishing to address the Youth Council under Citizens Input may do so during the designated times at each meeting. No prior scheduling is necessary. All speakers must have their presentations approved by the City Clerk's office no later than 11:00 AM the day of the meeting. Members of the audience who address the Youth Council shall step up to the speaker's lectern and give his or her full name, address, and whom he or she represents. Proper decorum shall be maintained at all times. Any audience member who is boisterous or disruptive in any manner to the conduct of this meeting shall be asked to leave or be escorted from the meeting room.

Copies of the agenda are available in the main lobby of Cape Coral City Hall and in the City Council Office, 1015 Cultural Park Boulevard. Copies of all back-up documentation are also available for review in the lobby of Council Chambers. You are asked to refrain from removing any documentation. If you desire copies, please request they be made for you. Copies are 15 cents per page. Agendas and back-up documentation are also available on-line on the City website (capecoral.net) after 4:00 PM on the Wednesday prior to the Youth Council Meeting.



CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL

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Book Drive:

January 14th - February 14th

Drop Off Date: January 13th

Oasis High School- Member Johnson

Bishop Verot High School - Member Mparaganda

Island Coast High School - Member Salazar

Cape Coral High School - Member Dupeyron

Ida Baker High School - Member Muncy

North Fort Myers High School - Member Mazurkiewicz

The Youth Center - Member Lebid

All Schools have been contacted about the new dates.

Sorting Date Ideas:

After we decide on a day, I will contact the Youth Center and see if the space is available.

I was thinking about asking about either the 17th or 18th. Does that work for everyone?

Check-Ins:

Members will be checking the schools whenever they can but will be going at least twice during the duration of the project. All drop off locations have their emails as well as mine just in case they need to come sooner than anticipated.

YOUTH COUNCIL

PROPOSED 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

(2nd Friday of each month)

Regular Meeting Dates

January 10

February 14 *** **Alternate Dates: February 7 or February 21**

March 4 *** **Joint Youth Council & City Council Workshop**

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12

Holiday Festival of Lights – Raffle Fundraiser

8 Raffle baskets:

- Chick-fil-A (Lebid/Wydysh)
- Coffee Basket (Feichthaler/Mazurkiewicz)
- Date Night (Johnson/Skorzak)
- Family Movie Night (Dupeyron/Feichthaler)
- Holiday Snack (Muncy)
- Pamper Yourself (Riley/Roman)
- Pampered Pooch (Mparaganda)
- Spa Day (Halsey/Salazar)

Volunteers:

- Member Lebid
- Member Mparaganda
- Member Skorzak
- Member Mazurkiewicz
- Member Ortiz-Rivera
- Chair Garcia

➤ Raised a total of \$382.00.



CITY OF CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

This Youth Council Application, when completed, signed and filed with school administration is a PUBLIC RECORD under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and, therefore, is open to public inspection by any person. Applications will be retained in accordance with State Records Retention laws.

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENT(S) FIRST AND LAST NAME: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN CAPE CORAL? _____

ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN? _____

SCHOOL: _____

CURRENT GRADE: _____ GPA: _____

1. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CITY'S YOUTH COUNCIL? _____

2. LIST YOUR INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES (HOBBIES, ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS, SPORTS, POSITIONS HELD, ETC.): _____

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO RETURN THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION TO THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL CLERK'S OFFICE BEFORE THE DEADLINE and OBTAIN A RECEIPT FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

3. LIST UP TO FIVE CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS OR SPORTS PROGRAMS IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS.

NAME OF SCHOOL, CLUB/ORGANIZATION/SPORT	WHEN INVOLVED	WHAT WAS YOUR ROLE IN THE ACTIVITY?
1) _____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____

4. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN OUR SOCIETY AND HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THAT TO CHANGE IN THE FUTURE?

5. LIST ANY SPECIAL RECOGNITION OR HONORS FOR ACADEMIC, SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS OR COMMUNITY RELATED ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE RECEIVED OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS.

6. WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER GOALS? _____

7. DESCRIBE A TIME WHEN YOUR ACTIONS POSITIVELY AFFECTED A PERSON, YOUR SCHOOL, OR YOUR COMMUNITY.

8. IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

9. WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE CITY’S YOUTH COUNCIL? (PLEASE BE SPECIFIC) _____

10. ARE YOU WILLING TO ATTEND YOUTH COUNCIL MEETINGS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH?

___ YES ___ NO

11. PLEASE PROVIDE TWO REFERENCES. PLEASE SEE PAGES 4 AND 5 OF THIS APPLICATION FOR REFERENCE INFORMATION.

REFERENCE #1

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

REFERENCE #2

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

I understand that if I am selected as a member of the City of Cape Coral Youth Council I will need to attend Youth Council meetings the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month (schedule to be approved every Fall) and participate in a manner that brings honor and respect to the citizens of the City of Cape Coral.

Signature

Date

I give permission for _____ to apply for the City of Cape Coral Youth Council. If selected, I will support him/her in attending meetings and functions related to the City’s Youth Council. PARENTAL CONSENT REQUIRED (unless the applicant has reached the age of majority).

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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- *Youth Council Applicant:* **Two** references must be completed by non-relatives.
- *Reference:* Please include the following information about yourself so that we may contact you if necessary

Youth Council Applicant's Name: _____

Reference's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

1. How long have you know the applicant? _____

2. What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

3. Is the applicant dependable? _____

4. Why would you recommend the applicant for this position? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Youth Council Application Timeline

- Monday, February 24, 2025 - Application available online
- Monday, March 24, 2025 - Application deadline
- Date TBD – Applicant interviews with the Mayor and Council Members
- Date TBD – Applicants are appointed at a Regular City Council Meeting
- Friday, May 9 – First meeting for the newly appointed members

From: [Eryn Russell](#)
To: [Eryn Russell](#)
Subject: Announcing the 2024-2025 Youth Council Excellence Award
Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 1:42:24 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[2024 Youth Council Excellence Award Brochure.pdf](#)
Importance: High

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Good afternoon,

The Florida League of Cities is excited to announce the inaugural **Youth Council Excellence Award**, celebrating exemplary youth council initiatives or projects that have made significant contributions to their municipalities. This award recognizes the innovation, leadership and excellence of municipal youth councils across Florida.

Please view the attached brochure for more information. The submission link can be found on the League's website [here](#). The deadline for entries is **March 7, 2025**.

*Please note: The **Youth Council Excellence Award** replaces the Video Contest & Community Service Competition and will be the sole FLC Youth Council award program each year.*

Save the date: The **Youth Council Legislative Action Days** in Tallahassee will take place on March 25-26, 2025. Program information coming soon!

Thank you,

Eryn Russell

Member Services Administrator

Florida League of Cities, Inc.

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YOUTH COUNCIL EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Florida League of Cities is excited to present the Youth Council Excellence Award, celebrating exemplary youth council initiatives or projects that have made significant contributions to their municipalities. This award recognizes the innovation, leadership and excellence of municipal youth councils across Florida.

OVERVIEW

Youth councils are invited to submit a current initiative or project. Initiatives may focus on community service, civic engagement or other topics.

APPLICATION RULES

The application packet must include:

- ▶ A written description of the project in **750 words or less** that answers the following questions:
 - What were the project's goals?
 - How were the project's goals accomplished?
 - Why was the project needed in your community?
- ▶ Letter of recommendation from the mayor, manager/clerk or a member of the council/commission
- ▶ Up to five photos depicting the event

Your nomination will NOT be scored if missing any of the above.

The Florida League of Cities Youth Council Excellence Award is open only to youth councils sponsored by a city, town or village government that is a member of the Florida League of Cities.

The deadline for entries is March 7, 2025.

Judging will be based entirely on the youth council's submitted 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.

SUBMISSION

All work must be submitted through an online form available at flcities.com/municipal-youth-councils.

Submissions that are emailed or mailed will not be judged.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Winners will be announced in April 2025. 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 online magazine



Receive a monetary award of \$500 and a trophy/plaque

The League reserves the right not to award all prizes in any category.

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

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