

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING  
OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL**

**Friday, May 5, 2017**

Assistant City Clerk Bruns called to order at 2:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Members Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, and Wilson were present.

Also in attendance: Council Liaison Williams  
Staff Advisor Cagle  
Staff Advisor Mazurkiewicz  
Council Assistant Pack

Assistant City Clerk Bruns administered the Oath of Office.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/AMENDED AGENDA**

***Member Slafer moved, seconded by Member Wilson to adopt the agenda, as presented.***

***Council polled as follows: Members Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, and Wilson voted "aye." Thirteen "ayes." Motion carried 13-0.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Liaison Williams reviewed with the Youth Council that meeting minutes are on file with the City and are a record of action at a meeting, please notify the Clerk's department of changes if the minutes are incorrect.

***Member Slafer moved, seconded by Member Troche to approve the revised Regular Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2017, as presented.***

***Voice poll, all ayes, motion carried.***

**ADVISOR PRESENTATIONS (30 Minutes maximum for each presentation)**

**Indoctrination – Council Liaison Williams**

Council Liaison Williams discussed the purpose of the Youth Council; the need to select a Chair and Vice Chair at today's meeting; and the need to get the word out to peers about the Youth Council for comments and ideas to be brought forward to City Council. He announced to members that the Youth Council is the channel by Ordinance to bring

matters to the City Council. He advised that discussion will be held today about social media and mentioned he would like to take the Youth Council on a tour of City Hall. Lastly, he requested that the Assistant City Clerk send a list of names to Human Resources for the identification cards to be produced.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns responded in the affirmative.

### **Sunshine Laws – City Attorney Menendez**

City Attorney Menendez declared that the Sunshine Laws presentation will be completed each time a new Council begins. She announced to members that they are not permitted to discuss topics that will come before the Council without it being at a public meeting. These meetings are noticed, televised, and the public can attend. Public meetings are when these discussions can occur. If you encounter each other outside of the meeting, be aware of the challenge you face because people discuss things they have in common. She encouraged members not to discuss things that will come forward to the Youth Council for a vote since as those discussions must be in compliance with the Sunshine Laws.

Member Saunders inquired about the usage of emails to discuss topics.

City Attorney Menendez responded that the Sunshine Law is not just specific to verbal communications. It includes all communications, in person, by telephone, texting, emails, etc. She continued by discussing the need for members to always feel free to voice their position at a meeting without a chilling effect. She continued by explaining an exception. Sending an email to the entire body to convey information that they feel passionate about with the addition of a statement that no reply is necessary, this scenario does not violate. She warned that one memo implicitly invites more memos from other members. This is discouraged. She continued by mentioning that it is the content not the device used that is public record. Next, she explained the concept of daisy chaining and expressed that is not allowed. Daisy chaining was the use of someone who is not on the board to communicate with fellow board members, ideas, questions and positions that you cannot communicate directly. City Attorney Menendez instructed the Youth Council to copy the clerk's office while using the personal email for the information to be captured on our server. She warned that the law struggles to keep track of all the means of communication with social media. Unintentional violations are curable by a do-over at a public meeting. Intentional violations are a misdemeanor.

### **Roberts Rules of Order – Advisor Mazurkiewicz**

Advisor Mazurkiewicz welcomed the new members of the Youth Council. He was present today to discuss Roberts Rules of Order and how to use them to run an efficient meeting. He explained that when making motions, be recognized by the Chair, then make the motion. Next, allow the Chair to recognize a second member, that person can second your motion. The philosophy that he exercised as former Mayor was to make all

members feel comfortable to discuss items and make their vote. When the decision of Chair and Vice Chair is made, he suggested selecting someone that will allow the members to feel comfortable before the votes are cast. He discussed issues that may go to Council for consideration; if there is a monetary value placed on the item, the materials such as the meeting minutes, back-up, and videos will be reviewed by the public.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns mentioned that we currently have 13 active members.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz continued by discussing treatment of your peers and warned against negative conduct that now reflects on the entire City and would be reported in the newspapers. He requested that members beware of all foreseeable topics that would require a discussion and vote by the Youth Council. He addressed the use of social media; Facebook, Tweets, etc., these can be seen forever.

He continued with a review of the rules of order. The Chair controls the floor, items need a motion and a second, discuss items, the Chair may allow questions before we have a motion, and he or she can use that method to solicit additional information. He suggested motions be made in the positive to create action. When you make a motion in the negative and it passes, you have to make a motion in the positive in order for it to be defeated.

### **Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

The floor was opened for Nominations for Chair.

**Nominations for Chair were received for Member Slafer and Member Wilson. Council was polled as follows: Baxter – Slafer, Bernau – Slafer, Bevan – Slafer, Cerretani – Slafer, Dunkle – Slafer, Hare – Slafer, Molfino – Wilson, Reid – Slafer, Saunders – Slafer, Shawver – Slafer, Troche – Wilson and Wilson – Wilson. Ten tallies for Slafer, three for Wilson.**

***Member Wilson moved, seconded by Member Saunders to select Member Slafer as Chair.***

***Council polled as follows: Members Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, and Wilson voted “aye.” Thirteen “ayes.” Motion carried.***

The floor was opened for Nominations for Vice Chair.

**A nomination for Vice Chair was received for Member Wilson.**

Advisor Mazurkiewicz announced that a motion was needed to select Member Wilson as Vice Chair by acclamation.

***Member Slafer moved, seconded by Member Cerretani to select Member Wilson as Vice***

***Chair by acclamation.***

***Council polled as follows: Members Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, and Wilson voted "aye." Thirteen "ayes." Motion carried.***

Advisor Mazurkiewicz discussed the interaction with citizen's input participants. He advised that Council statements shall occur after all of the Citizen's input has been received.

## **CITIZENS INPUT TIME**

Chair Slafer read the Pledge of Civility.

Javier Diaz, former member and former Chair of the Youth Council appeared to congratulate the new members of the Youth Council and expressed his pride for the group. He congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Slafer commended Javier Diaz for his service on the Council.

## **Use of Social Media continuation**

Council Liaison Williams mentioned that he was working on the application for the social media volunteer position. He was working on the Facebook page and assigned Connie Barron as the administrator.

Chair Slafer opened the floor for Council discussion, if any.

Member Wilson inquired about the knowledge of the new members about the topic of social media.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns noted that an assignment would be given to the new members to review the topic of Use of Social Media from prior meetings.

Member Wilson provided a synopsis of the topic of from past meetings.

Chair Slafer explained that the last meeting dated 4/21/2017 had an in-depth discussion on this topic. He recommended that new members concentrate on that recording.

## **NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS**

***Member Troche moved, seconded by Member Wilson to add the Oasis Boardwalk.***

***Council polled as follows: Members Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, and Wilson voted "aye." Cerretani voted "nay." Twelve***

***"ayes." One "nay." Motion carried 12-1.***

Council Liaison Williams reviewed two other items that would appear at the next meeting for the Youth Council: email access with security training and the application for the social media volunteer.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns reviewed that the email access and security training would be made available to the Youth Council immediately after the meeting was over as the content involved security training that cannot be captured on video.

### **REPORTS**

Member Baxter: Topic: No Report  
Member Bernau: Topic: No Report  
Member Bevan: Topic: No Report  
Member Cerretani: Topic: No Report  
Member Dunkle: Topic: No Report  
Member Hare: Topic: No Report  
Member Molfino: Topic: No Report  
Member Reid: Topic: No Report  
Member Saunders: Topic: No Report  
Member Shawver: Topic: No Report  
Member Slafer: Topic: No Report  
Member Troche: Topic: No Report  
Member Wilson: Topic: No Report

### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

None.

### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS**

Council Liaison Williams explained the purpose of the reports was to express what has been accomplished on behalf of the Youth Council, such as attendance at an event or discussion.

### **TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council was scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2017, at 2:45 p.m. in Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Submitted by,



Kimberly Bruns  
Assistant City Clerk