

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS

Issue Group Meeting
26 November 2018 at 6:00 PM

City of Wichita City Hall
455 N. Main St.

OPENING OF THE REGULAR MEETING

The Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) met in a Council Meeting with Amarah Gilmore, Priscila Castaneda, Masha Yakubovich, Maitri Ajmera, Sabrina Bui, Jarod Hudson, Meredith Herter, Julia Cox, Amanda Branom, Caitlin Matar, Seenu Madhavan, Javante Ewing, Kieler Christophersen, Kayla Nguyen, Lex Dallas, Jonathan Esquina, Kristin Woodruff, Natalie Behzadpour, Aenya Richards, Hannah Piros, Bria Webb, and Malachi Watson.

The following members were absent: Caroline Duarte, Dominic Bann, Hannah Harpel, Ben Brake, and Isabella Do.

Staff members present: Tavon Watkins

- Call to Order: The meeting began at 6:17 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes: Motioned by Bria Webb. Seconded by Lex Dallas. Motion passes.

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Birthdays
 - o Caroline Duarte - January 14th
- Kudos
 - o Amanda Branom received 3rd place at the 5A State Debate tournament
 - o The Diversity & Inclusion Issue Group had their DiverCity event last Saturday

PUBLIC AGENDA

- Poverty and Homelessness Issue Group presentation
 - o Homelessness and Poverty within Wichita
 - o Poverty and its main causes within Wichita
 - o Poverty on a broader level
 - o Poverty Activity
 - Scenario simulation
 - What would you take with you in the case that you had to vacate your home?
 - How would you get the necessary resources without money?

UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

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- The project planning packet's final deadline is February 2nd

NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

- Bylaw amendments
 - Add "and work with" the city government.
 - Vote passed 19:3
 - Vote to change the interview process to narrow the decision between
 - This year's executive council
 - Next year's executive council (3)
 - Seniors (9)
 - Coordinator, Vice Mayor, and Fellow/small group (8)
 - Vote between the top two options
 - Seniors (6)
 - Coordinator, Vice Mayor, and Fellow/small group (16)
 - Vote passes on the 16:9 for Coordinator, Vice Mayor, and Fellow/small group
 - Vote to add more people to the interview process
 - More People
 - Only three people
 - Vote passes 19:3 for only three people in the interview process
 - Rephrase "work is not an excused absence" to "work is an unexcused absence"
 - Vote passes 17:5
 - Add the requirement that "The Vice Mayor is also to lead the council project and serve as the coordinator for group functions"
 - Vote passes 18:4
 - "The Mayor will be the previous year's Mayor" should be changed to "The previous years Vice Mayor will be the next years Mayor."
 - Vote is tabled to further discuss the Vice Mayor's procession of the Mayor.
 - Elections should be moved from August to late April.
 - Vote passes 22:0
 - The Vice Mayor should no longer be guaranteed the position of Mayor the next year.
 - Vote passes 22:0
 - Vote that the Mayor should be required to have the following experience on the council
 - Just juniors and seniors (7)
 - Executive experience (1)
 - Executive experience/junior and senior (10)

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- Narrowed down to executive experience and executive experience/junior and senior.
 - Narrowed down vote for requirements for Mayor
 - Just junior senior (6)
 - Executive experience/junior and senior (12)
 - Term limit of one year for Mayor
 - Vote passes 16:6
 - Vote that the Vice Mayor should be required to have the following experience on the council
 - Just Junior or Senior (6)
 - Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors (16)
 - Vote passes 16:6 for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
 - Term limit of one year for Mayor
 - Vote passes 19:3
 - Executive excused absences are set per semester.
 - Vote passes 20:2
- Council project
 - Lowering the minimum voting age to 16.
 - Lowering the minimum voting age to 16 in school board elections.

LOCAL ISSUES/DEBATE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A letter of recommendation from the Mayor, Allie, or Tavon Watkins is available to all members who have met the requirements in the fall semester
- Meeting change from March 11 to March 4
- Kick Butts Day March 6 & 7
- New volunteer announcement method
- Tobacco Compliance checks through the City of Wichita at a scheduled time. Contact Thomas Vanatta at TVanatta@wichita.gov or 316-268-8369 if you are interested

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

Maitri Ajmera motions to adjourn the meeting. Malachi Watson seconds.

Motion carried 22 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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