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**MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL  
AGENDA  
23718 W US HWY 27**

**JANUARY 16, 2024**

**5:30 PM**

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**MEMBER LEILA CEILLEY  
MEMBER CAMDEN TREESE  
MEMBER ANNA WEITZ  
MEMBER AIDEN BLOODSWORTH  
MEMBER SAMUEL NICHOL  
ALTERNATE MEMBER ELIJAH KELLUM**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**D. SWEARING IN OF NEW YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**E. MAYOR ACCEPTS NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR.**

**a. Newly Appointed Chairperson assumes their position**

**F. CHAIR ACCEPTS NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR**

**a. Newly Appointed Vice Chair assumes their position.**

**G. CITIZEN REQUESTS AND COMMENTS – FOR ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA (PLEASE  
STATE NAME FOR THE RECORD – LIMIT COMMENTS TO 5 MINUTES)**

**a. BOARD MEMBER RESPONSE:**

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. DISCUSS CONSIDER AND ACT ON FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR THE  
MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL.**

**b. DISCUSS IDEAS FOR POTENTIAL PROJECTS AND GOALS FOR THE  
MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL**

**I. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE**

**J. MAYOR REPORT/UPDATE**

**K. BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

**L. MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

PLEASE NOTE: PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.015, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED DURING THIS MEETING HE OR SHE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, A PERSON TH DISABILITIES NEEDING ANY SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER, 110 N.W. 1ST AVENUE, HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA 32643, TELEPHONE (386) 454-1416.



## Commission Agenda Item Request Form

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**MEETING DATE:** JANUARY 16, 2023 – 5:30PM

**SUBJECT:** SWEARING IN OF NEW YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS

**AGENDA SECTION:** NEW BUSINESS

**DEPARTMENT:** CITY CLERK/COMMISSION

**PREPARED BY:** JAMI ECHEVERRI

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** APPROVAL

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### Summary

**Youth Council Members to be sworn in and take the oath of office for  
their terms beginning December 2023**

**ATTACHMENT:** OATH OF OFFICE

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

January 16, 2023

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, honor, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State and under the Charter of the City of High Springs; and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of the Council on which I am now about to enter so help me God.”

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor's Youth Council Member

Attest:

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Jami Echeverri  
Assistant City Clerk

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**MEETING DATE:** JANUARY 16, 2023 – 5:30PM

**SUBJECT:** YOUTH COUNCIL FUTURE MEETING DATE OPTIONS

**AGENDA SECTION:** NEW BUSINESS

**DEPARTMENT:** CITY CLERK/COMMISSION

**PREPARED BY:** JAMI ECHEVERRI

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** APPROVAL

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### Summary

**Discuss and consider when and how often the High Springs Youth Council will meet. Per ordinance, the council must meet quarterly at minimum.**

**ATTACHMENT:** CALENDAR OF POTENTIAL DATES FOR THE YEAR



# 2024 CALENDAR

## JANUARY

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## Youth Council Agenda Item Request Form

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**AGENDA SECTION:** NEW BUSINESS

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**PREPARED BY:** JAMI ECHEVERRI

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** APPROVAL

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### Summary

**Begin discussion and research for future youth council community service projects, ideas, and concerns.**

**ATTACHMENT:** Florida League of Cities Community Service Contest winning projects for example and ideas.





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## **Alachua Named 2023 Municipal Youth Council Community Service Contest Winner**

*Youth Council recognized by Florida League of Cities for volunteer service projects*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** July 7, 2023

**CONTACT:** Kelli Gemmer

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**TALLAHASSEE, FL** – The **Florida League of Cities (FLC)**, the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, announced the **City of Alachua Youth Advisory Council** as one of three winners of the 2023 Municipal Youth Council Community Service Contest. The annual competition showcases community service projects performed by municipal youth councils that successfully address specific needs in their local communities.

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The Alachua Youth Advisory Council partnered with the Alachua County Quilt Remembrance Project through the Equal Justice Initiative to construct a publicly displayed quilt to remember lynching victims in the Alachua area. The victims were represented with embroidered name blocks and quotes, which gave a voice to those whose voices were taken. The Youth Council played a major role in the planning, embroidering and quilting process with guidance from well-established quilters in the area. The students designed several of the name blocks, and the color of the embroidery threads chosen by a Youth Council member are the colors in the City’s emblem. The quilt is currently displayed in the City Hall front lobby.

The **City of Fort Pierce Youth Council** and the **City of West Park Youth Council** were also named winners in the statewide competition. Contest winners will receive a trophy and be featured by the League’s award-winning magazine, *Quality Cities (QC)*, as well as on the League’s website and social media outlets.

For more information on the winning projects, visit [flcities.com/youthcouncils](http://flcities.com/youthcouncils).



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## **Fort Pierce Named 2023 Municipal Youth Council Community Service Contest Winner**

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**TALLAHASSEE, FL** – The **Florida League of Cities (FLC)**, the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, announced the **City of Fort Pierce Youth Council** as one of three winners of the 2023 Municipal Youth Council Community Service Contest. The annual competition showcases community service projects performed by municipal youth councils that successfully address specific needs in their local communities.

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The Fort Pierce Youth Council planned, coordinated and hosted the EMPOWER YOUTH! community event in partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, Indian River State College and the Children’s Services Council. The event aimed to empower and educate local youth about financial literacy, mental health, career development and future planning in a conference-like setting. It addressed issues and concerns encountered by their peers. Youth Council members worked diligently to promote the event, secure sponsorships, garner community support and engage youth from diverse backgrounds. Their efforts resulted in the event surpassing their goal of 100 attendees. The event provided an environment where youth were equipped with skills to help them advance. Parents/guardians were provided tools to help youth achieve their goals by introducing them to the wealth of resources available in the community.

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The **City of West Park Youth Council** hosted a hygiene product collection to assist youths experiencing homelessness in Broward County. Youth Council members collected items such as moist towelettes, feminine products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, face wipes, shampoo and body lotion. Each member contributed by donating at least five items and collecting items from family members, neighbors and friends. Youth Council members created and posted flyers throughout offices and city parks. They also placed several donation boxes at these sites. All donations are hand delivered to local shelters run by the Children’s Home Society of Florida – Broward. The Youth Council plans to continue the collection and make donations to other shelters in the area.

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