



MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

THRU:

FROM:

DATE:

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Fayetteville Youth Advisory Council

RECOMMENDATION:

Council Member D'Andre Jones is sponsoring an ordinance to establish the Fayetteville Youth Advisory Council

BACKGROUND:

DISCUSSION:

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS: Agenda Request - Youth Advisory Council - Council Member Jones (#3), ARML - Establishing a Youth Council (3) (#4), Youth_Council_2023_06_WEB Arkansas Municipal League (#5)



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Legislation Text

File #: 2023-1134

Establishment of the Fayetteville Youth Advisory Council

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT ARTICLE XXVI FAYETTEVILLE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL IN §33 DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES OF THE FAYETTEVILLE CODE

WHEREAS, many municipalities use youth councils to inject fresh ideas and youth perspectives into local decision-making; and

WHEREAS, youth councils can promote community service and foster a better understanding among young people of how municipal government works; and

WHEREAS, youth councils are an excellent means of promoting regular and active civic engagement among young people, which is vitally important to provide the knowledge, skills and abilities to the next generation of local leaders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville desires to create a youth council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby enacts Article XXVI **Fayetteville Youth Advisory Council** in Chapter 33, **Departments, Boards, Commissions and Authorities** as shown below:

“33.380 Purpose

The purpose of the Fayetteville Youth Advisory Council is to advise and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council regarding issues of special interest to youths within the City.

33.381 Composition; Membership

(A) The Fayetteville Youth Advisory Council shall consist of eight members who are residents of the City of Fayetteville and are actively enrolled in a public or private high school in grades nine through twelve. One member shall be a City Council member appointed by the Mayor.

(B) The members shall be appointed by the City Council and each member appointed shall serve a term of two years, unless grade twelve is completed during the term, at which time the position shall be declared vacant.

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(C) Terms shall be staggered for the initial members appointed to the Fayetteville Youth Advisory Council and those initial terms shall end on either March 31, 2025 or March 31, 2026.

(D) Irregular vacancies shall be filled as they occur and regular vacancies shall be filled by appointment so that the new member's term begins on April 1 of each year.

33.382 Officers

The Fayetteville Youth Advisory Council shall elect a chairperson to conduct meetings and a vice chairperson to conduct meetings in the absence of the chairperson. The Fayetteville Youth Advisory Council may also elect a secretary to take minutes. Elections shall be held at the first regular meeting after annual appointments are made by the City Council.

33.383 Duties and Responsibilities

The Fayetteville Youth Advisory Council shall have the duties and responsibilities to:

(A) Evaluate and review problems facing youth in the city.

(B) Facilitate neighborhood meetings with youth to discuss problems, needs and suggested improvements for our community.

(C) Meet regularly with the Mayor's representative and the appointed City Council member to share ideas and discuss issues, concerns and needed improvements.

(D) Attend, if desired, City Council meetings and participate in vision and goal sessions.

(E) Present recommendations to the City Council and Mayor on important public projects and programs affecting the youth of Fayetteville.

(F) Assist in planning youth/recreation activities.

(G) Evaluate and advise the City Council and Mayor on issues forwarded to the Fayetteville Youth Advisory Council for advice.

33.384 Meetings

The Fayetteville Youth Advisory Council shall hold at least one regular meeting per month during the school year, with the option to meet more often as needed or desired. All meetings shall be public and public records of such meetings shall be kept by the office of the City Clerk."