

RESOLUTION R2020-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE FORT MEADE YOUTH COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION, SELECTION OF MEMBERS, TERM LENGTH, RESPONSIBILITIES, & PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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, as such, the City Commission desires to create a Youth Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. CREATION, COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF YOUTH COUNCIL. The City Commission hereby creates and establishes the Fort Meade Youth Council ("Youth Council"). The Youth Council will consist of up to eight (8) members engaged in study in grades 8 through 12. Any middle school to high school aged student living in the City of Fort Meade will be eligible to serve on the Youth Council, and the Youth Council members shall be representative of the population of the City of Fort Meade. Applicants for appointment to the Youth Council shall submit an application form as provided by the City Manager, accompanied by written permission from a parent or legal guardian authorizing the applicant to attend the prescribed meetings and participate in the activities of the Youth Council.

SECTION 2. TERM OF OFFICE. Youth Council members shall serve for a term of one year (1), with appointments and reappointments to be made in January or as vacancies arise. A Youth Council member's final term of office shall coincide with school year calendar.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS; PROCEDURES. The Youth Council shall meet a minimum of one (1) time per month. The Youth Council shall select a presiding officer

who shall preserve order and decorum at all meetings. All other procedures shall be consistent with the procedures and policies of the City Commission.

SECTION 4. JURISDICTION; DUTIES. The following matters shall be within the advisory jurisdiction of the Youth Council:

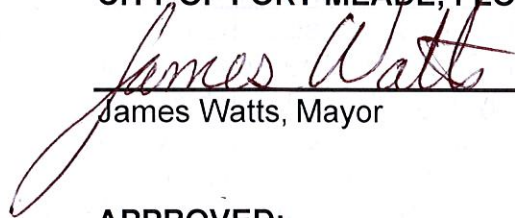
- (1) To make recommendations to the city council on matters affecting youth in the community.
- (2) To increase youth participation and involvement in local government.
- (3) To seek and recommend ways to improve communication with students in area schools.
- (4) To organize and perform service projects or functions that benefit the City of Fort Meade, subject to approval of the City Commission.
- (5) To recommend the creation of recognition programs for youth.
- (6) Any other matters assigned by the City Commission.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision or portion of this Resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

RESOLVED, PASSED, AND CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE THIS 14th DAY OF January, 2020.

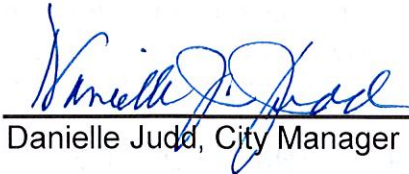
CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA


James Watts, Mayor

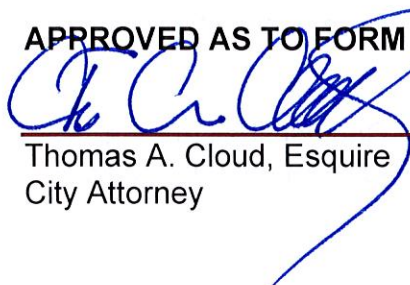
ATTEST:


Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:


Danielle Judd, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY


Thomas A. Cloud, Esquire
City Attorney