

TopCity Youth Council Minutes – July 18, 2019

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 214 SE 8th Street, Topeka, Kansas, Thursday, July 18, 2019. The TopCity Youth Council Members met at 6:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Isabel Hernandez, Kristen Hines, Thorne Osborne, Irene Caracioni, Aditi Malay -5. City of Topeka Mayor Michelle De La Isla presided. Absent: Councilmembers Jacob Gernon and Joseph Phillips -2.

APPROVAL of the March 26, 2019, meeting minutes was presented.

Councilmember Hines moved to approve the minutes. The motion seconded by Councilmember Malay carried unanimously. (5-0-0)

A PRESENTATION on Family Service and Guidance Center Programs was presented by Pam Evans, Director of Marketing and Development. The following items were highlighted:

- Receiving feedback from Youth Councilmembers on suicide prevention/services.
- Marketing outreach approaches towards youth and where to find information regarding services.

Councilmembers Caracioni and Hines inquired about alternate methods of sharing information with their youth peers.

Pam Evans, Family Service and Guidance Center, requested if the Council had additional questions to email her at pevans@fsgctopeka.com.

A PRESENTATION on Valeo Behavioral Health Programs was presented by Calvin Shope, Navigate Team Leader, and Bill Persinger, CEO. The following items were highlighted:

- Receiving feedback from Youth Councilmembers on suicide prevention/ mental health services.
- Receiving information on the Young Adults program through Valeo and various other groups that would benefit with youth involvement.

Councilmember Hines was provided a list of all Valeo funding sources per her inquire.

INTRODUCTION of High School representatives was presented.

Corey Hinton, Shawnee Heights School Social Worker, provided an overview of her role with students and the services offered to youth.

Danny Ackerman, Highland Park High School President, provided an overview of his role with students and reported teachers receive suicide prevention training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL;

Mayor De La Isla announced the TopCity Youth Council has openings in District No. 2 and District No. 3. Following consensus of the Council, Mayor De La Isla announced the agenda for the September meeting will include discussions on gun safety.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.