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FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ORDER NO. 2019-005-001
REQUEST OF THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

That the City Council adopt an ordinance creating a Youth Council; the full text of the ordinance follows at the end of this Order. Incumbent in this vote is the adoption of an amendment to Article I, Section 2.3 of the Framingham General Bylaws as follows:

- 2.3 All meetings of all boards and committees elected or appointed, except the Framingham Retirement Board, Council on Aging, Registrars of Voters, Cemetery Trustees, Veterans Council, Board of Assessors, Disability Commission, Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Committee, **Youth Council**, and any School Council, shall commence no earlier than 7:00 p.m., except in emergency situations and for executive sessions, and for such emergency meetings and executive sessions the first order of business shall be the recording of the nature of the meeting. This provision shall not apply to any subcommittee, task force, or working group of an elected or appointed board, so long as the subcommittee, task force, or working group is not comprised of a quorum of members of the elected or appointing board.

FIRST READING

YEAS: Cannon, Giombetti, Grove, King, Rossi, Richardson, Sisitsky, Steiner, Torres, Tully Stoll

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Shepard

PASSED IN COUNCIL: JANUARY 29, 2019

SECOND READING

YEAS: Cannon, Giombetti, Grove, King, Richardson, Shepard, Sisitsky, Steiner, Tully Stoll

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rossi, Torres

PASSED IN COUNCIL: FEBRUARY 19, 2019

A True Record, Attest:

02/25/2019
Date Approved

Lisa A. Ferguson
Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk

03/07/19
Date Approved

Yvonne M. Spicer
Yvonne M. Spicer, Mayor

Ordinance Establishing a Youth Council

1. Intent and Purpose

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Framingham, Massachusetts establishing the Framingham Youth Council, setting forth the duties of the Youth Council, the selection of Youth Council members, role, and meeting schedule of the Youth Council

2. Appointments and Membership

The City Council of the City of Framingham hereby creates the Framingham Youth Council.

It shall consist of thirteen (13) members between the ages of 13 and 22 who reside in Framingham.

3. District Appointees

The Eleven City Council nominees to the Youth Council will be appointed by a majority vote of the City Council.

Each of the 9 District Councilors shall nominate one candidate from their respective district.

Each member appointed by the District Councilors of the City Council shall serve a term of one year.

4. At-large Appointees

The remaining 4 members of the Youth Council will be appointed for two-year terms and represent the entire city. They shall be nominated by the At Large City Councilors and the Mayor as follows:

- a. Each At Large City Council Member shall nominate a candidate for approval by a majority vote of the City Council.
- b. The Mayor shall nominate two candidates for approval by a majority vote of the City Council.

The Framingham Youth Council will report directly to the Framingham City Council, but will advise the Mayor and school committee on issues upon the Mayor or School Committee's request.

The Framingham City Council shall nominate and vote up to 3 City Councilors to serve as advisors to the Youth Council. The Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall serve as ex-officio member of the Youth Council.

The first meeting of the Youth Council shall take place within 60 days of the appointment of eight members to the Youth Council.

The advertising for and nomination of the candidates for the Youth Council shall take place at the same time as all of the other annual appointments to City Boards, Committees and Commissions.

5. Selection of Officers

The Youth Council shall elect its own Chair to conduct meetings and a Vice Chair to conduct meetings in the absence of the Chair. These individuals shall serve one year terms as officers and be eligible for re-election to an officer position in a subsequent year. Agendas shall be prepared by the Chairperson in

response to the needs of the City's youth, upon request by fellow Youth Councilors, or upon request by the Framingham City Council as a whole.

Elections shall be held at the first meeting after appointments are made by the City Council and the Mayor, upon which there is a quorum.

6. Vacancies

Vacancies on the Youth Council will occur when a member(s) moves out of Framingham or registers to vote in another community, resigns or fails to attend three consecutive meetings except in the case of severe illness or injury.

Members of the Youth Council may be removed upon a vote of 9 members of the Youth Council and a majority vote of the City Council.

7. Duties

The Framingham Youth Council shall have the responsibility of

- a. Evaluating and reviewing issues facing youth in the City
- b. Representing youth in the City of Framingham, and advising elected officials and other policy makers regarding matters of interest or concern to young people
- c. Providing information to and advocating before public entities including the mayor, municipal government, state government, federal government, police, school districts, and high education institutions, in support of young people in the City of Framingham
- d. Providing a structure for all young people in Framingham to learn the value of civic participation and thereby encouraging lifelong participatory residents
- e. Offering policy recommendations on issues affecting and of interest to young people
- f. Engaging with young people in Framingham to informing them of opportunities and listening to their suggestions regarding how the community can better serve its residents

8. Reports

The Youth Council shall provide an oral or written report to the 11-member Framingham City Council on its activities in February, May, and October of each year.

9. Rules

The Youth Council will meet at least monthly in the City of Framingham and shall post notices of its meetings in accordance with the state's Open Meeting Law and the Framingham General Bylaws/Ordinances.

The members of the Youth Council with the exception of the Chair shall take turns recording minutes and submit such minutes to the City Clerk, after they are approved by a majority vote of the Youth Council. The timing of approval and filing of minutes shall be compliant within the guidelines of the State's Open Meeting Law and Framingham's General Bylaws/Ordinances.

The Youth Council may adopt such other rules consistent with the Uniform Rules Governing Multiple Member Bodies set forth at Article IX, Section 7 of the Charter.