Youth Council Task Force
Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers
214 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.A Sunshine Law Overview

3.B Overview: Duties, Responsibilities and Purpose

3.C Consider the appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair to serve during the 2025-2026 Academic School Year.

3.D Project Discussion

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.0105, if an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency or

commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record of the proceedings will be required and the individual will need to ensure that a verbatim transcript of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Such person must provide a method for recording the proceedings.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's office in person or by mail at 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168, (386) 410-2630, prior to the meeting.

THE CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH - CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

SUNSHINE LAW OVERVIEW

January 22, 2026

Background:

Grant Day, Assistant City Attorney, will provide a general overview of the Sunshine Laws.

Fiscal Analysis:

None.

Strategic Plan Item:

No

Staff Report Created By: Sharon Taylor-Harding

THE CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH - CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

OVERVIEW: DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND PURPOSE

January 22, 2026

Background:

The Youth Council Task Force was established on May 8, 2012, through the adoption of Resolution No. 13-12 and amended Resolution No. 16-23, and is composed of seven members who are students at New Smyrna Beach High School and are appointed by the City Commission.

The Youth Council Task Force shall review and evaluate problems facing youth in the City; facilitate neighborhood meetings with youth to discuss problems, needs, suggested improvements for our community; and will meet regularly with the Mayor and City Commission in order to share ideas and discuss issues, concerns and needed improvements.

The Youth Council Task Force will meet at least once per month and report its findings and recommendations to the City Commission at the first regular meeting in the month of May.

Findings:

The City Commission approved the re-appointments of two (2) and appointment of five (5) New Smyrna Beach High School Students to serve as members on the Youth Council Task Force for the 2025 - 2026 academic year during their December 9, 2025, regular meeting. The reappointed members are Jessica Purkiss and Mya Erwin. The newly appointed members are Nolan Cloer, Tucker Loyd, Kendall Kavanaugh, Lainey Choler, and Arabella Buksar.

Fiscal Analysis:

None.

Strategic Plan Item:

No

Staff Report Created By: Sharon Taylor-Harding

Attachments:

Resolution No. 13-12 Youth Council Task Force Creation.pdf
Resolution No. 16-23 Youth Council Task Force Amendment
2026 Youth Council Introduction.pptx

RESOLUTION NO. 13-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA CREATING A YOUTH COUNCIL TASK FORCE; PRESCRIBING QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 77, City Charter, authorizes the City Commission to appoint boards to act in an advisory capacity to the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Commission to solicit the assistance of a group of citizens regarding the City's Youth Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: There is hereby created a Youth Council Task Force.

SECTION 2: The Youth Council Task Force shall consist of five regular members. Task Force members shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 3: The City Commission shall appoint five members to serve beginning September, 2012.

SECTION 4: The five members of the Youth Council Task Force serve at the pleasure of the City Commission and may be removed from the Youth Council Task Force by the City Commission with or without cause. If the position of a member becomes vacant for any reason, the City Commission shall appoint another qualified person to serve the unexpired term of the vacated position. The Youth Council Task Force shall work with and report to the City Manager, and be supported by the City Recreation staff.

SECTION 5: Qualifications of members. Wherever possible the City Commission shall appoint members to the Youth Council Task Force who have demonstrated interest, commitment and education.

SECTION 6: Duties. The Youth Council Task Force shall review and evaluate problems facing youth in the City; facilitate neighborhood meetings with youth to discuss problems, needs, suggested improvements for our community; meet regularly with the Mayor and the City Commission to share ideas and discuss issues,

concerns, and needed improvements; attend City Commission meetings and participate in vision and goal sessions; present recommended improvements to the City Commission and City Manager of public projects and programs; assist in planning youth/recreation activities; evaluate and advise the City Commission and/or City Manager on issues forwarded to the City's Youth Council for advice; perform such other duties and assignments as requested by the City Manager.

SECTION 7: The Youth Council Task Force will meet at least once per month. The Youth Council Task Force shall elect a chair and a vice-chair. The Youth Council Task Force shall meet at such times and such places as requested by the City Manager after consultation with the Task Force, as may be necessary to accomplish the Task Force's duties.

A majority of the members of the Youth Council Task Force present at a meeting shall be necessary to make any determination required by the Task Force. Meetings shall be open to the public and minutes shall be kept. A public record of the Task Force's minutes shall be maintained and made available for inspection by the public.

SECTION 8: ***Conflicting Resolutions.*** That all resolutions or parts thereof that are in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded and repealed.

SECTION 9: ***Effective Date.*** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

FRANK B. GUMMEY, III
City Attorney

DATE: 5/1/12

Youth Council Task Force
Reading May 8, 2012
April 27, 2012
4:02 PM

The Within and Foregoing Resolution No. 13-12 as introduced and read before the City Commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, at its Regular Meeting held at City Hall in said City on May 8, 2012. Motion was made by Commissioner Plaskett, and seconded by Commissioner Hathaway, that said Resolution be adopted.

A roll-call vote of the City Commission on said motion to adopt the Resolution resulted as follows:

MAYOR ADAM BARRINGER	Yes
VICE MAYOR JUDY REIKER	Yes
COMMISSIONER J. S. GRASTY	Yes
COMMISSIONER JAMES W. HATHAWAY	Yes
COMMISSIONER LYNNE PLASKETT	Yes

Whereupon, the Mayor of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, has hereunto set his official signature, duly attested by the City Clerk, and has caused the Official Seal of said City to be hereunto affixed for the purpose of authenticity and as is required by law.

Adam Barringer

As Mayor of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

As City Clerk of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida

RESOLUTION NO. 13-12

RESOLUTION NO. 16-23

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 13-12, AMENDING THE MEMBER SIZE AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 7.01, City Charter, authorizes the City Commission to appoint boards to act in an advisory capacity to the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Commission to expand the membership of the City's Youth Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the City of New Smyrna Beach, FL, Resolution No. 13-12 (May 8, 2012), is hereby amended to read as follows: **(Note: Omissions from text are indicated by [...], deletions from text are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~, and additions to text are indicated by underline.)**

SECTION 2: The Youth Council Task Force shall consist of ~~five~~ seven regular members. Task Force members shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 3: The City Commission shall appoint ~~five~~ seven members to serve beginning September ~~2012~~2023.

SECTION 4: The ~~five~~ seven members of the Youth Council Task Force serve at the pleasure of the City Commission and may be removed from the Youth Council Task Force by the City Commission with or without cause. If the position of a member becomes vacant for any reason, the City Commission shall appoint another qualified person to serve the unexpired term of the vacated position. The Youth Council Task Force shall work with and report to the City Manager, and be supported by the City Recreation staff.

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in planning youth/recreation activities; evaluate and advise the City Commission and/or City Manager on issues forwarded to the City's Youth Council for advise; perform such other duties and assignments as requested by the City Manager.

SECTION 7: The Youth Council Task Force will meet at least once per month. The Youth Council Task Force shall elect a chair and a vice-chair. The chair of the Youth Council Task Force must have served as a member of the board for at least one year prior, unless waived by the New Smyrna Beach High School liaison. The Youth Council Task Force shall meet at such times and such places as requested by the City Manager after consultation with the Task Force, as may be necessary to accomplish the Task Force's duties.

SECTION 8: ***Conflicting Resolutions.*** That any and all resolutions that are in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded and repealed.

SECTION 9: ***Effective Date.*** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

Carrie Avallone

CARRIE AVALLONE
City Attorney

Dated: 5/1/2023

2026 Youth Council Task Force

Mission

- Review and evaluate problems facing youth in the City; facilitate neighborhood meetings with youth to discuss problems, needs, suggested improvements for our community.
- Meet with the Mayor and the City Commission to share ideas, discuss issues, concerns and needed improvements.
- Present recommended improvements to the City Commission and City Manager.

2026 Youth Council Task Force Members

- Mya Erwin
- Jessica Purkiss
- Nolan Cloer
- Tucker Loyd
- Kendal Kavanaugh
- Lainey Choler
- Arabella Buksar

2023 Sharks











Final Project

2025 Youth Council Task Force



National Safe Boating Week

The Youth Council partnered with the Coast Guard Auxiliary to attend the Proclamation for Boater’s Safety Day.

Lending Libraries

The YCTF met with Public Works Director David Ray who agreed to have his dept construct 3 lending reading libraries.

Also, we met with Leisure Services Director Rob Salazar to set up a date to meet with the kids at the Babe James Center to decorate the lending libraries on May 21st.







Lending Libraries







- Locations: Riverside Park, 27th Avenue Park, Mary Tot Lot

Youth Council Achievements

Selected five new Shark Statue Locations and Artists at

- Riverside Park
- Municipal Airport
- North Causeway Boat Ramp
- Sports Complex
- Municipal Golf Course



Manatee Park

New Smyrna Beach Airport





North Causeway Boat Ramp

Golf Course



Thank you

THE CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH - CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO SERVE DURING THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR.

January 22, 2026

Background:

A Chair and Vice Chair will be selected. As adopted in Resolution No. 16-23: The chair of the Youth Council Task Force must have served as a member of the board for at lease one year prior, unless waived by the New Smyrna Beach High School liaison.

Fiscal Analysis:

N/A

Strategic Plan Item:

No

Staff Report Created By: Sharon Taylor-Harding

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PROJECT DISCUSSION

January 22, 2026

Background:

The Youth Task for will discuss project ideas set forth in Resolution No. 13-12.

Fiscal Analysis:

N/A

Strategic Plan Item:

No

Staff Report Created By: Sharon Taylor-Harding