

YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 14, 2020

Call to Order

Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson, and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith. City Attorney Phil Noblett and Council Staff Lydia Christoph were also present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan, Director of Operations; Public Arts: Katelyn Kirnie, Director; Information Technology: Brent Messer, Chief Information Officer; Youth and Family Development: Lurone "Coach" Jennings, Administrator; Human Resources: Beverly Moultrie, Chief HR Officer

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (December 10, 2019) were approved as published.

Presentation: College Guide Program

Mr. Jennings presented a Power Point on the YFD's new guide to college funding and resources pamphlet. Slide titles were as follows:

- Guide to Funding and Resources
- Why Do You Need More Education?
- What You Need to Apply
- Keeping it Local
- Let's Define Scholarships, Grants
- Step by Step [FAFSA]
- What to Look for In an Award Letter
- Finding it Fast
- Let's Talk Apprenticeship

Mr. Jennings answered questions from the Council on the following topics:

- If the program could emphasize to students how important it is to hold onto communication from colleges (Councilman Gilbert).
- How available the guide was, and how it was dispersed (Councilman Smith).

- If guidance counselors were simply given the pamphlet, or if staff was also sitting down with students and helping students fill out applications, and how many staff members were involved (Councilman Henderson).
- If the program could begin sooner in the schools and could include juniors as well as seniors (Vice-Chairman Henderson).
- Whether or not parental consent was involved, security of student information, and dates of ACT fairs (Councilwoman Coonrod).
- Copy of brochure for Council and nature of relationship with the schools (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Process for getting bills paid if someone visits Office of Family Empowerment (Councilwoman Coonrod).

Councilwoman Coonrod also asked if all the planned security cameras had been installed at YFD centers, and Mr. Messer replied in the affirmative.

Board Appointment

Councilman Mitchell appointed Stephanie Rogers to the YFD Board for District 2.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilwoman Coonrod adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.