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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the Youth Action Council to replace the previous Youth Advisory Commission, which expired in April 2007 per provisions of Ordinance 2904, adopted in April 2003. The Youth Action Council is hereby created to increase the number of high school students who have an opportunity to perform community service, gain first-hand experience in local government, and become informed stakeholders in the community. The further purpose of this policy is to set forth membership requirements, term requirements, meeting date and time, and possible activities for Youth Action Council members.

Policy

The City Council establishes the following policy and procedures for the organization and operations of the Youth Action Council,

1. Members shall be Chula Vista residents.
2. Members shall be high school students in grades 10, 11 or 12. The members' high school location is not limited to Chula Vista, as long as members are a resident of Chula Vista. Members may represent public or private high schools, or a home-schooled organization.
3. Members shall serve one-year, renewable terms from September 1 through June 30.
4. The selection process for members may be guided by the school's ASB, administrator or by open process. The Library staff liaison and Department of Mayor and Council representative shall conduct open-process interviews.
5. All members must complete an application as with the City's Boards and Commissions.
6. Unless the Youth Action Council otherwise establishes another regular meeting place, date, and time, and advises the city clerk accordingly, the Youth Action Council shall meet once a month, on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room in the Civic Center branch of the Chula Vista Public Library located at 365 F Street, Chula Vista. Meeting dates will coincide with the traditional school year calendar (10 meetings per year, September 1 – June 30).
7. The Youth Action Council program will focus on community service, such as Beautify Chula Vista, Christmas in October, the Starlight Parade, Day of the Child, tree planting and volunteering time at the Animal Shelter and Nature Center.

The Youth Action Council program will include city government education, such as attending City Council meetings and other Board and Commission meetings. Members will participate in various City activities, such as the historic home site survey, ride-a-longs with the Police Department and preparations for the Mayor's State of the City Address.