

RESOLUTION 2004-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PROCEED TO ORGANIZE AND IMPLEMENT A TARPON SPRINGS TEEN COUNCIL; ESTABLISHING THE TARPON SPRINGS TEEN COUNCIL AS A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND APPOINTMENT OF TEEN COUNCIL MEMBERS; DESCRIBING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TARPON SPRINGS TEEN COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs is desirous of organizing a Tarpon Springs Teen Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to proceed with organization and implementing a Tarpon Springs Teen Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tarpon Springs Teen Council is organized to be a productive and responsible advisory committee and youth service organization for the City of Tarpon Springs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioner wishes to establish the Tarpon Springs Teen Council as a standing committee of the City and;

WHEREAS, the Tarpon Springs Teen Council is made up of seven (7) active members, and one member of the Board of Commissioners serving as an ex-officio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSINERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to proceed with organizing and implementing a Tarpon Springs Teen Council.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the Tarpon Springs Teen Council as a standing committee of the City.

Section 3. The Committee shall consist of seven members from Tarpon Springs High School and appointees shall be residents of the City of Tarpon Springs.

Section 4. The terms of the Tarpon Springs Teen Council members shall be two (2) years. In order to provide for staggered terms of office, initially three (3) members will be appointed for terms of one year and the remaining members consisting of freshman, sophomores or juniors will be appointed for terms of two (2) years. The teen council shall select from its own membership a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary to carry out the terms assigned to it. A member of the Tarpon Springs Teen Council may be reappointed for additional terms. A teen council member's term shall end in August following completion of his or her senior year of high school. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Commissioners for the unexpired term from a list of applications submitted to the City Clerk with a letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal or counselor.

Section 5. The Tarpon Springs Teen Council shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To recommend equipment needs and budgetary consideration for the City's parks and recreation programs.
- (2) To provide recommendations, suggestions, and assistance with youth events for city-sponsored festivals and programs.
- (3) To organize and perform service projects which benefit the community of Tarpon Springs.
- (4) To serve as an advisory board for issues related to youth that the Board of Commissioners wishes to delegate to the Tarpon Springs Teen Council for its consideration.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.