



# Meeting Minutes - Draft

## Youth Council

City Hall  
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**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

**3:30 PM**

**Room 207**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

**1.A ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 16 - Chair Nolan O'Connell, Treasurer Eric Zhang, Councilmember Gretchen Hillier, Councilmember Varshana Horback, Councilmember Shruthi Lingam-Nattamai, Councilmember Elizabeth Mendoza, Councilmember Pamela Palmerson, Councilmember Gian Pama, Councilmember Addy Pitman, Councilmember Kaelyn Velazquez, Councilmember Alania Wettstein, Councilmember Amelia Eslinger, Councilmember Amelia Leham, Councilmember Anika Prabakar, Councilmember Donovan Jojola and Councilmember Zian Zaho

**Excused:** 4 - Secretary Sophia Park, Councilmember Eman Haroon, Councilmember Demorie Joseph and Councilmember Toby Wilson

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.A** [26-0127](#) Approval of January 21, 2026 Youth Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**5. CHECK IN ACTIVITY**

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**6.A** [26-0122](#) Intercity Transit Bus System Briefing

Nick Demerice from Intercity Transit provided a briefing on the transit system and upcoming changes to transportation services.

Following the presentation, councilmembers asked questions and then broke into small groups to begin planning the developing a public service announcement (PSA) regarding public transportation.

**The discussion was completed.**

**7. REPORTS**

Subcommittees reported on their work. Staff Liaison Susan Grisham shared an update on the Youth Summit Planning.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.